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RAIN DID NOT STOP PLAY AT NEWTON



Above: You can not dampen the spirits of a Trad Jazz Band

As we awoke to pouring rain on Saturday 14th July, the day of our 'Summer' Fete and assembled in the Village Hall at 6.00am, inevitably spirits were a little low. An inspection of the playing fields confirmed our worst fears – there was no way we could use it as it was water-logged.

With a quick brainstorm (appropriate under the circumstances) it was decided to downsize using only the Village Hall and the Memorial Gardens. Gazebos were erected in the gardens and tables set out in the hall, whilst some of the bigger attractions were phoned and cancelled. It was gratifying that a number of trade stalls still wanted to attend and some of these had to be located in the car park.

Helpers appreciated the great fry up, provided by Roy and Ann, even more than usual, and this set us up to continue with the preparations. By 11.00 stall holders started to arrive, some wanting to be inside, but others happy to be outside. As the Victory Jazz Band struck up at midday we were happy to see our first visitors arrive and we were off and running. Despite the miserable weather, there was a great atmosphere and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the dance displays by the enthusiastic girls for Capel Dance School and cheered when the torch relay began. The burgers, beer and refreshments ensured all were well fed and watered and the range of stalls and activities kept everybody entertained. Several people commented that the cosy format of the afternoon worked really well and we will bear that in mind for next year.

We are very pleased to report that, thanks to the stoic efforts of the helpers and the support of our intrepid visitors, we still managed to raise £1400. Obviously this is much less than usual, but excellent under the circumstances.

As a result of this, we have decided to enlarge the AUTUMN SHOW on SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER to try to add to the funds. There's lots more information on the centre pages. If you don't usually come to the show, please do put it in your diary and support the event. We are sure that you will thoroughly enjoy the afternoon and it will be a great opportunity to see what goes on. If you don't feel able to make any entries this year, hopefully you will see that there is something for every interest and every ability.

Once again, we'd like to say a big THANKYOU to everybody that donated items, helped with the organisation, attended the fete and braved the weather.

More pics on page 2

REVISED PLANS FOR Paddock



Paul Sims, who operates Simbo's Gun Dogs and Grooming at the paddocks in Stone Street Hamlet has, as expected, submitted revised plans for his development. He maintains that he has addressed concerns about his business in the second application by offering to sound-proof dog kennels and by spending £1,600 on quieter hairdryers for grooming animals at the Stone Street site. His new plans include a log cabin, to be painted black to blend in with his barn, to replace the mobile home as well as the change of use from existing stables to dog kennels, with another kennel block to be built, and use of the ground for training, breeding and grooming dogs. All of this was anticipated by the villagers who were made aware of his long term intentions at the time of his original application.

The first application was refused by Babergh District Council in March and the council issued an enforcement order against him. The council said it had been made aware that some of the works had occurred during the process of the application being determined.

An enforcement notice was issued, which took effect on June 4, which said that, within a period of six months, the use was to cease and the mobile home was to be removed from the land.

Councillors refused Mr Sim's previous plan saying the proposed use was not "an essential need" in the countryside and was contrary to the local plan. The changes to the plans do not seem to alter this situation.

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NEWTONS DAMP FETE



Dancing in the rain

Photos David Lamming



Strawberries - £1 a punnet!

Fleece Jazz
at Stoke by Nayland Club

Friday, 7 September, 8.00, Ticket £17

Matt Wates Sextet

With Matt Wates alto, Steve Main tenor, Martin Shaw trumpet, Leon Greening piano, Malcolm Creese bass and Matt Home drums. We begin our new season with the cream of British musicians in a band lead by altoist Matt Wates. Matt's compositions can be tender or dramatic, but always, always swing. Do join us. "[Wates is] an incredibly talented musician and composer" - John Dankworth

"A seriously good band containing six of Britain's finest jazz musicians, regardless of age or style" - Dave Gelly

Friday, 14 September, 8.00, Ticket £23

Sarah Jane Morris

With Sarah Jane Morris vocals, Michael Rosen sax, Alastair Gavin piano and Henry Thomas bass. It is such a pleasure to welcome back Sarah Jane and her musicians to Fleece Jazz. For those who don't know her, this is a voice once heard, never forgotten. She uses her three and a half octave range with both power and delicacy. The band has a discography as long as your arm. Don't miss this one if you love the blues.

Friday, 21 September, 8.00, £17

Trudy Kerr and Geoff Gascoyne

With Trudy Kerr vocals, Geoff Gascoyne bass, Andrea Vicari piano and Sebastiaan de Krom drums. Trudy and Geoff will be playing music from their new album, "The Rhythm of Life", their first collaborative project. Trudy has style which moves between swing, subtlety and seduction, with all moods fully evident. Geoff we know as one of the country's finest bassists. When two musicians of this standard and standing write and play together, we are in for a real treat.

Friday, 28 September, 8.00, Ticket £17

Spike Robinson Tribute

With John Pearce piano, Paul Morgan bass, Bobby Worth drums, Derek Nash sax, Robert Fowler sax and Vasilis Xenopoulos sax. Three brilliant tenorists and a great rhythm section celebrate the music of saxophonist Spike Robinson. Spike's last recording was made with a band organized by Derek. Do come and join the celebration.

Friday, 5 October, 8.00, Ticket £15

John Turville Trio

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THE AGUST LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

“Say one for me.....” - a Book for Your Prayer Requests

Dear friends,

Many people today would describe themselves as having no faith or religious belief, or as being uncertain as to whether or not God really exists. And yet, when things happen in our lives, the urge to pray persists. When a child or grandchild is born, there is a natural desire to say thank you; when we feel sad or anxious or lonely, there is an instinctive need to cry out to someone for help. Recently when a footballer collapsed on a pitch in front of thousands, people in the stands began to pray; when in the past weeks the wife of a celebrity tragically lost the child she had been carrying for eight months, the Facebook and Twitter messages were immediately filled with promises of prayer.

Sometimes, though, we feel we want to ask for help with our prayers - to ask someone else to pray for us, or to pray for our loved one.

In each of our five churches now, in a quiet corner, you will find a new book for your prayer requests. It is a book is for you – and for church visitors - to write down your requests for prayer. It could be a prayer for yourself or for someone in your family, for something that’s going on in the world or for anything else you are concerned about. It might be a simple thank you to God, for example for the birth of a child or on a special wedding anniversary. Your prayers can be anonymous or you can include your name or first name if you wish.

All the prayers will be offered to God at the next service of Daily Prayer said in that church. Once we have prayed for you, your prayer will be ticked and dated in the book so that you know when your prayer has been offered.

We hope you will find it a comfort to know that we are supporting you in prayer, and above all to know that God really does care about, and shares, your joys and sorrows.

Blessings, *Revd Judith*



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The walking quiz on 28th July in Little Waldingfield was a great success. Participants were given questions about various objects around the village ending with a selection of photos to guess what they were. This one asking the names of the dogs and an extra half point for the name of the owner. They were Boris and Bruno Tora, who are very well known around the village. The winners were Coleen Hamblett and Mary Thorogood and the Booby prize was won by the Revell family. The event ended with an enjoyable social evening and a two course meal, well deserved after the gruelling quiz!!

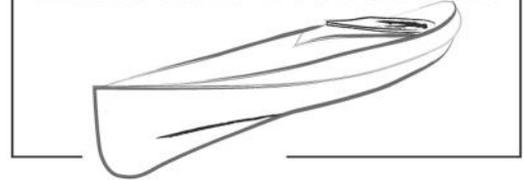
STEAM ENGINES

Little Waldingfield residents were treated to a great display of wonderful old steam engines and cars on Sunday when they stopped for refreshments at the Swan. The Landlady did them proud with platefuls of sandwiches, baguettes and chips. The photo shows one of many which filled The Street.



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Boxford School News

What a year we have had with many highlights, not least the visit from John Regis earlier this term and the recent Early Years Camp, which I am informed was a great success. Add to this the unexpected, but highly successful, visit from OFSTED and I feel it is a year that will live long in our memories.

FOBS held their annual Summer Fete on 7th July and I have to say what a fantastic afternoon. The weather was, for once, kind to us and we were able to enjoy a relaxing and fun afternoon. I personally felt there was a wonderful atmosphere amongst all those that came and as always it was good to catch up with yourselves and a number of ex pupils and parents. A huge thankyou to Justine and the team for the amazing effort that was put into the day and to everyone who supported us.

Whilst on the subject of FOBS you may have noticed that we have put a new tv screen up in our library area. This is linked into two cameras in the wildlife area, one on a feeder, the other in a nest box. We hope to get some residents soon. This is one of a number of FOBS projects supporting the school and as always I am very grateful for the continued hard work and support.

We recently held our transfer day where children spend time with their new class teacher. As you will be aware we are expecting delivery of an extra classroom to accommodate the increase in pupil numbers. We have decided that it will be class 4/MS (Miss Mitson and Mrs Spall) who will be in the new room. However planning regulations mean that it is unlikely that the room will be ready for the start of term. I have been assured by the Local Authority that everything is being done to install the classroom as soon as possible after the beginning of term. Therefore Class 4/MS will start the term by using the hall as their classroom. We are fully prepared for this and I am sure that Miss Mitson and Mrs Spall will be fine and that the children will not be disadvantaged in any way. I will keep you fully informed of development as soon as I have any further news.

With the extra class in September we will need to increase the number of midday supervisors. If you are interested please contact Mrs Clarke in the office.

Thankyou to everyone who took part in the Parent Governor election. Unfortunately things became very confused over the issue of whether it was one vote per family or one per parent and a number of parents contacted the office to say they had not received any form at all. Therefore we have decided to re-run the election at the start of next term. If anyone has an automatic numbering machine we would be very grateful if we could borrow it so that we can ensure absolute fairness.

Congratulations to Madalene Howard and Natalie Betts, both in Year 2, who decided they wanted to raise money on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund. They cycled four miles along the old railway line in Sudbury and raised £112. It was very muddy but they completed the course in around 1 hour 30 minutes.

I hope that you enjoyed the sports days and swimming galas. As always they were very well supported and it was good to see so many parents there. My thanks to everyone who organised and helped with the various events.

One of the highlights of the year for me is our end of year Music Evening and this year's event certainly didn't disappoint. I thought the children were fantastic and the standard of musicianship first class. When I reflect that the advanced recorder, brass and guitar groups have at least another two years with us I am really looking forward to watching them as they improve. If the music night was anything to go by we are in for a real treat.

At the end of yet another exciting and rewarding year I would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who over the year has worked in and supported our school. I myself feel very lucky and indeed privileged to be the Head of Boxford School and to be able to work alongside such a talented and dedicated group of people.

Finally all it remains for me to do is to hope that you enjoyed a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the Autumn Term which begins on Tuesday 4th of September.

SEPTEMBER BOOK REVIEW BY JO MARCHANT

A Woman in Berlin - Anonymous

In May 1945 the bells were ringing out across Europe celebrating the end of the war. But in Berlin the war continued. Here the German soldiers were either young boys or old men, neither of whom could stand up to the approaching onslaught of Stalin's Red Army. The Battle of Berlin was destined to be a walk over.

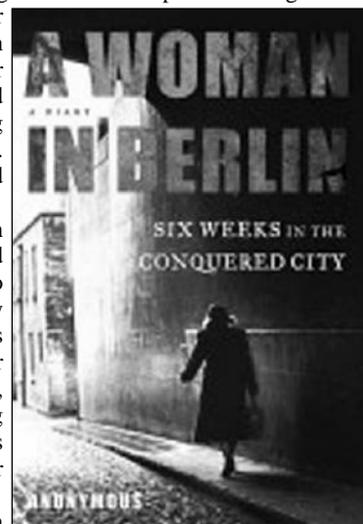
The women of Berlin were on their own; they were lonely and terrified and chose not to listen to stories of rape and pillage. They huddled together in airless basements like rats with their black humour to keep them going, listening to the approaching Russian guns. This anonymous diary is a testament to their bravery and survival.

Hitler had committed suicide in April 1945 and by the end of July the city was carved up by the allies. For two months the women of Berlin had to support themselves as best they could. They had no food, no protection and no plans. Time was spent cleaning and scrubbing and waiting, waiting to see what was going to happen next. At least the guns had stopped. The Russians wanted reprisals for what their own kind at suffered at the hands of the Germans. They were encouraged by Stalin to take revenge, make the women pay.

The unknown diarist is clever and cultured. She is a journalist and observes and records everything around her in a dispassionate and detached way. We can hardly imagine her intense suffering and her starvation as she fills her three notebooks. If she is to stay alive she must use her body to augment her larder. On his return her boyfriend reads the diary with disgust, and rejects her. And so she chooses to keep her anonymity from the world.

After some doubts over its authenticity the diary has been verified by Antony Beevor. And the diarist herself has recently been identified as Marta Hillers. Her calmly written accounts do not make comfortable reading, but I do believe they are an important historical document.

I am pleased I have read A Woman in Berlin, and it is good to know that she reached the age of ninety. I am now searching my bookshelves for a lighter readnothing to do with war!



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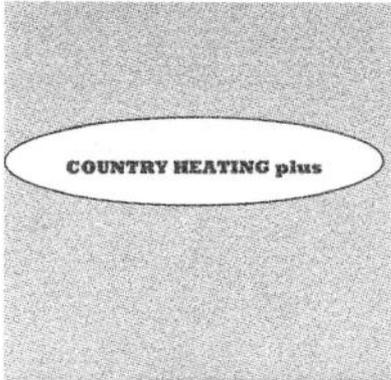
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BOXFORD SPINNEY ANNUAL REPORT

The following Report was to have been read out at the Scout AGM in May following a very successful family camp. Unfortunately parents did not feel the leaders deserved the respect to stay for a half hour and cheerfully waved goodbye to the committee as they sat down for the AGM.

In order to meet our obligation to publish the annual report I have asked for it to be included in the Newsletter.

Gordon Edgar, Boxford Spinney Management Committee

Report 2010-2011

Yet again the Spinney is proving very popular with Scout, Guide and youth Groups from all over East Anglia and other parts of the country.

In the period April 2011 to March 2012 we had 42 bookings, the same as last year, providing activity and fun for over 1200 young people and their leaders. This again is in addition to the weekly meetings of the Guides and Scouts of Boxford which take place every Monday to Thursday evenings, and the keep fit class on Friday mornings.

Whilst we are very proud of these figures and of the compliments freely given by our users it must again be realised that it is only by regular maintenance and commitment of those involved in running the Spinney that this accolade can be preserved.

Already this current year we are fully booked at weekends to the end of September with camps during the holiday periods as well.

I must as usual thank the small team who ensure this standard is maintained. Denzil Smith leads many of the activities which require qualified instructors particularly the climbing orientated activities, abseil, tree climb and crate stacking. He is also a qualified canoeist and enthusiastically drives us to provide more equipment for the enjoyment of the youngsters. Denzil is supported with the climbing by Mark Miller the Boxford Scout leader and other colleagues from the Sudbury District Scout team. The canoeing is also supported by Dave Southgate, Jeremy Morgan and Phil King as well as again other leaders from the surrounding scout groups. I again thank the respective wives for donating their husbands to the Spinney for so many weekends and evenings!

As always we must thank Charlie Partridge for the continued use of his lake which is a big attraction to Groups booking the Spinney and the forbearance of the Sudbury Angling Club who are most co-operative in the shared use of the lake..

Our other neighbour, John Burdall, continues to allow us to use his 4acre field at the top of the Spinney for larger camps. This is an invaluable asset and enables us to take bookings which we would otherwise have to turn down. Many thanks John & Charlie.

Sarah Kingsbury remains as our cleaner for the hall and kitchen and toilets and Paul Rose has taken on the role of trundling out the bins for us and to chase up the bin men when they forget us due to health problems. Many thanks to both.

Mike Hammond continues to keep the books for us this year and is actively ensuring his treasurer role keeps our financial activities under control, many thanks to Mike for his work.

Mike suffered a nasty accident at home recently, breaking his leg, we wish him a speedy recovery.

There are many tasks involved in running the Spinney for the benefit of the Boxford Scouts & Guides. General domestic duties such as grass cutting, weeding (particularly around the Main Building and Car Park), painting and cleaning the exterior need constant attention. In addition we are always striving to improve the activities on offer together with the storage and security required. We would welcome any offers of help to join our team to assist in the maintenance work and servicing of the site for users.

Ivan Lindsell, Assistant Warden, has been most helpful throughout the year and in particular his building expertise has been invaluable over the winter period with the projects which have been carried out. We have a lot of fun working on the site in our retirement years. My grateful thanks to Ivan and please if there are any other willing helpers out there come and join us, it

really is great fun.

The projects referred to are the construction of a canoe store near the lake gate to store the canoes nearer to the water and save time and effort when doing canoeing with the youngsters. This led to the conversion of the old canoe container into a better workshop which led to the refurbishment of the old workshop to become a store for the Brownie section.

We also with initial help from the explorer scouts refurbished the Vulpine Hut which had become pretty tatty and is now a presentable facility for meetings etc.

We are about to embark on reconstructing the caving simulator and improving the roof to the boulder wall. Also planned for this summer are the painting of the exterior of the main hut and Vulpine hut. It is planned to convert the disabled toilet into a wet room for both disabled and able use. The outside of the toilet block requires attention to the rendering and the chair store is to be renovated including constructing a concrete base under it.

The Spinney belongs to the Scouts and Guides of Boxford and I appeal to the parents and friends of the youngsters to come forward and offer to assist in running the facility. It would be nice to have a service crew who could operate on a rota basis. It is good fun really, particularly when you see the youngsters enjoying the activities.

Any offers of help will be well received.

Many thanks Gordon Edgar, Spinney Warden / Chairman
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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/12

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME
Advance Deposits	£989.00	£1,349.00
Badges	£0.00	£195.00
Camp Activities	£1,473.82	£8,346.25
Cleaning Costs	£1,434.49	£0.00
Council Tax	£28.39	£0.00
Health & Safety	£403.54	£0.00
Insurance	£992.80	£0.00
Levies	£0.00	£1,300.00
Miscellaneous	£182.07	£312.00
Paper Bank	£0.00	£131.56
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Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis are both bone-related conditions which people do not generally associate with exercise. Individuals will often cease sport and exercise because their arthritis is causing pain or may not commence exercise because of an osteoporosis or arthritis diagnosis.

Osteoporosis is a condition associated with the gradual thinning of bones. It most commonly affects women, but men can also develop the condition. Risk factors include the menopause, low calcium diet and reduced exercise as well as the lack of other healthy lifestyle practices. It can be prevented by building or maintaining bone mass and this can be achieved by leading a healthy lifestyle with a balanced calcium-rich diet and by performing weight-bearing exercises. This will also help to reduce the progression of osteoporosis after diagnosis, so it is important to take up the right activities and diet once you discover that your bones have begun to thin. Weight training can also help with the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis because it stresses the muscles which pull on the bones, stimulating a bone-building response. Essentially any activity which stresses the bones will promote an increased bone density.

Osteoarthritis is a condition which occurs due to the breakdown of cartilage within the joint. As the cartilage is broken down, the bones begin to contract inside the joint, causing them to rub against each other. This often results in stiffness, pain and a reduced range of motion. When the pain begins to develop and a diagnosis of osteoarthritis is found, many will stop exercising due to discomfort. Despite what you may think, exercise is actually one of the best ways to prevent and manage osteoarthritis. Regular, moderate exercise has been shown to reduce pain, increase joint range of motion and strengthen the muscles around a joint to protect it from further damage.

At Peake Fitness, we are making the month of September our "Skeletal Awareness Month" during which we will be advising members about how to proactively maintain and improve their bone health. We will assist them with the management and prevention of both osteoarthritis and osteoporosis. Peake Fitness members can benefit from a tailor made exercise program which may initially include use of our indoor pool facilities to relieve pressure on painful joints.

So if you are tired of suffering with the pain associated with these conditions why not take advantage of a free 15 minute consultation with

Dan Coughlan, our experienced Physiotherapist at Peake Fitness and allow him and his team to put together an action plan to improve your quality of life. Simply email peake.therapy@stokebynayland.com or call 01206 2565820 to book your appointment.

You can also come along to our Open Weekend on 29th & 30th September to see for yourself what we have to offer and save £150 off the joining fee!



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Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September
10:00am to 6:00pm

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 12th November 2012 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.

BOXFORD WI

This month's speaker, Jillian Macready, gave us a fascinating talk about growing vines at Ickworth. She had been inspired by her father who had decided to plant a vineyard in England in the 1970's, a project that was unheard of at the time. Nowadays there are several hundred vineyards in the country and they are not unusual.

After planting Wykham Vineyard in the early 1990's Jillian and her husband visited Ickworth and approached the National Trust with the idea of planting a vineyard in the walled garden there. Permission was granted and the work started in 1995. The ground was rough pasture and a lot of work had to be done before the vines could be planted.

The plants were bought from Germany and the vineyard was underway. The grapes are sent to a winery to be turned into wine and then returned to Ickworth to be sold. From the two and a half acres about 3 thousand bottles of wine can be produced, red, white and sparkling.

This will be the last year of wine production for this vineyard because the National Trust now has a policy of restoring walled gardens to their original planting. The plans for the Ickworth garden have been found, so the vineyard will be grubbed up at the end of this season. Some of the vines will be retained, but Jillian is looking for homes for the rest of them. So if you have a large garden or allotment and would like a vine from the Ickworth vineyard please get in touch with house.

The craft club made tissue box covers.

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.

Forthcoming Events

5th Sept. – A Picture History of Margaret Catchpole – Village Hall 2.00pm

13th Sept. – DIY Terracotta Pots – Mary's House 2.15pm

3rd October – Women and Racing Cars – Village Hall 2.00pm

11th October – Christmas Cards – Mary's House 2.15pm

Rotary Club of Hadleigh

We are pleased to announce a new way of finding out about becoming involved with Hadleigh Rotary Club without any long-term commitment.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

This is now available for a modest joining fee of £25. You may become an associate for up to 12 months and all that is required is that you try to attend at least one meeting of the main Club each month.

You will have the opportunity of meeting the existing members, learning about Rotary and what it does, both locally and internationally, and if time permits attend social occasions and help with fundraising activities. At any time during the 12 month period you may leave, if it is not for you, or join if you like what you see.

Full details of the scheme are on the Rotary Club of Hadleigh website – please have a look and if you would like to try it, leave your contact details and we will respond to you.

You will always be assured of a warm welcome.

The Rotary Club of Hadleigh meets at The Eight Bells in Angel Street, at 7.00 for 7.30 pm, each Thursday. It is dual gender, and is proud to have its first lady President this year. She would welcome more female company!

Cecil's Hughes retires from Boxford Soc Committee

Cecil Hughes has been a committee member of the Boxford Society since its formation over 40 years ago. He decided to resign this year as he is cutting down on his commitments. Our thanks go to Cecil for all the hours of work put in, for his feedback from the Parish Council, Community Council and his knowledgeable input on building matters and the occasional relevant history of previous building and planning. He will be greatly missed. We are celebrating his contribution to the Boxford Society at a meal at The Fleece after Clive Paine's talk on September 5th.

The Benefice and Mildens in 1972

In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's *Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales* described our Benefice villages like this:

BOXFORD, a village and a parish in Gosford district, Suffolk. The village stands on an affluent of the river Stour, 4½ miles WSW of Hadleigh r. station, and 6 ESE of Sudbury; and has a post office† under Colchester, and fairs on Easter Monday and 21 Dec.—The parish includes also the hamlet of Hadleigh. Acres, 1,820. Real property, £4,174. Pop., 986. Houses, 236. The property is subdivided. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Ely. Value, £710.* Patron, the Crown. The church is good; and there are an Independent chapel, an endowed grammar school, and charities £58.

EDWARDSTONE, a parish in Cosford district, Suffolk; on an affluent of the river Stour, 4½ miles E of Sudbury r. station, and 5½ W of Hadleigh. Post town, Waldingfield, under Sudbury. Acres, 1,872. Real property, £3,851. Pop., 462. Houses, 103. The manor belongs to the Bishop of Ely. A cell to Abingdon abbey was founded here, in 1114, by the Munchenses; and given, in 1160, to Colne priory. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Ely. Value, £203.* Patron, Hon. H. Corry. The church has an ancient brass; and there are an Independent chapel, and charities £45.

GROTON, a parish in Cosford district, Suffolk; 4½ miles W of Hadleigh r. station, and 6 E of Sudbury Post town, Boxford, under Colchester. Acres, 1,517. Real property, £3,540. Pop., 554. House, 123. The manor belonged to the abbey of Bury St. Edmunds; and passed, at the dissolution, to the Winthorpes. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Ely. Value, £449. Patrons, J. W. Willett, Esq., and others. The church is ancient.

NEWTON-NEAR-SUDBURY, a parish in Sudbury district, Suffolk; 3½ miles E of Sudbury r. station. Post-town, Sudbury. Acres, 2,197. Real property, £3,561. Pop., 529. Houses, 102. The manor of Newton Hall belongs to Earl Howe; and the manor of Botelers, to the Rev. T. H. Causton. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Ely. Value, £597.* Patron, St. Peter's College Cambridge. The church is ancient; retains a Norman arch, which was formerly a doorway; and comprises nave and chancel, with S porch and a tower. There are a Primitive Methodist chapel and a national school.

WALDINGFIELD (Little), a parish in Sudbury district, Suffolk; 4½ miles NE of Sudbury r. station. Post town, Sudbury. Acres, 1,574. Real property, £2,595. Pop., 412. Houses, 91. The manor belongs to D. R. Hodgson, Esq. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Ely. Value, £112. Patron, Miss Hanmer. The church is old. Charities, £42.

Not to forget:

MILDEN, a parish in Cosford district, Suffolk; on the river Brett, 4 miles SE of Lavenham r. station, and 5½ NW of Hadleigh. Post town, Monks-Eleigh, under Ipswich. Acres, 1,339. Real property, £1,985. Pop., 159. Houses, 36. The property is divided among a few. The living is a rectory in the diocese of Ely. Value, £340.* Patron, J. Gurdon, Esq. The church is Norman; was recently restored; has a new bell-turret; and contains an ancient monument to J. Allington. Charities, £10.

BOXFORD A MISCELLANY

Jenny Robinson (1916-2010) lived in Boxford for more than forty years. In 1998 the Boxford Society published this fascinating, quirky journey through the history of her beloved village, the result of years of enthusiastic research. The second edition is now available and dedicated to her memory. It is newly edited and typeset, with corrections to the text and improved photographic reproduction, incorporating newly drawn maps and thirteen new illustrations from the Boxford Society Archive of the village's history. Our thanks should go to Maggie and Barry Thorpe who initially helped pull all Jenny's work together in order that the first edition could be published and Peter Newble (Orphean Press) who did all the hard work of modifying and producing the current improved version. The book is available from us on 01787 210538 and The Boxford Stores (PO) for £10. It would make an excellent Christmas present.

THE BOXFORD ARCHIVE

As a result of the Heritage Exhibition, we have been offered many more photographs of the village and people from the past. They came from within the village and as far away as Ingatstone and Ipswich.

Prior to the exhibition we were offered excellent local contributions by Kenny King, Fon Whymark, Percy Fletcher and Vic Rice. Other members of the community have asked me to call and collect their contributions so the archive continues to grow. The villagers who helped name the group photos on the day of the exhibition have made a tremendous contribution to the records. Thank you to you all.

Wot's On

Boxford Church and Little Cornard 's Black Death

The Boxford Society are hosting two interesting events in the Autumn. Clive Paine the well know Suffolk historian, who specialises in Church buildings and their history, will give a guided tour of St Mary's Church describing its architecture, history and special features. He is well known for his exuberance (never a dull moment) and vast knowledge. This event is on Wednesday 5th September at 6.00 pm at St Mary's Church. This event is for members only, but you can join the Society for two pounds if you telephone 210538 in advance and book a place.

The second event is a talk by Dr Jonathan Belsey on the Black Death in a Suffolk Village. Jonathan's talk is based on the Manorial Court Rolls of Little Cornard which, unusually, are almost complete for this period. He featured on BBC 2's 'The Great British Story' with Michael Wood in June talking about this very subject. This event is on Saturday 6th October at 7.30 pm at Boxford School Hall. Members are free and non-members £2.

Both speakers have been to talk to us before and we know that they will be stimulating and informative. Tina Loose

Suffolk Art Society

Suffolk Art Society returns to the Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford for its late summer exhibition in September. Times are Saturday 1 September to Thursday 13 September, 10am to 5:30pm daily.

This popular venue makes an elegant setting for the work of some of Suffolk's finest artists. A wide spectrum of subjects and styles will give everyone something to enjoy, from popular local scenes to more exotic landscapes; skilfully executed animal and botanical studies, portraits, figure studies and still life. Standard of work remains high and the membership has several internationally well-known artists.

The Society has a selling policy for purchasers to take their pictures away with them directly they have paid. The artist concerned is asked to replace the picture with a new one. This always keeps the exhibition fresh, alive and vibrant with no gaps. This also avoids people rushing in at the end of the exhibition to collect their purchases

The Society is non-profit-making and it donates substantial sums of money to charities, in this case, Holy Trinity Church

Admission is free and visitors will be assured of a warm welcome.

Further details: Chairman 01284 789556 clarepowell9@btinternet.com

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Enjoy a Sunday afternoon walk?

Lavenham Rambling Club is a small, informal and independent group meeting on alternate Sundays. Walks are generally 4 to 5 miles lasting 2 to 2½ hours (shorter in mid-winter) and start at 2 pm from Lavenham, Sudbury or nearby villages. New members are welcome. The first walk after the August break is on 9th September meeting at the public car park adjoining The Cock, Lavenham, with an opportunity to climb the church tower afterwards. No need to 'book'; just come along (suitably equipped for the weather conditions) and content to walk at your own risk.

For more information contact Graham Patrick, grahampatrick@btinternet.com or 01787 248128.

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

September 14th "Albert Nobbs" (15)

Followed by October 19th "Midnight in Paris" (12a)

November 9 "War Horse" (12a)

December 14 "Meet me in St Louis" (U)

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

A 10 week course on Monday evenings 7.30-9.30 pm Meeting in the Fleece Hotel, Boxford, Starting on Monday 8th October 2012

Tutor: Steven Trerise

FROM SOUL TO PSYCHE

The Notion of Evil in some English and American novels

Billy Budd. Herman Melville (1888)

The Real Charlotte. Somerville and Ross (1894)

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. R.L. Stevenson (1886)

Brighton Rock. Graham Greene (1938)

The Lord of the Flies. William Golding (1956)

By examining the villains we encounter in these five fictions we may find ourselves questioning whether we can retain the term 'evil' for sober use or whether the concept is a social fossil, the relic of an archaic religious standpoint, now translated from the Soul to the Psyche, from the confessional to the couch. Is the concept now radically altered? In a more secular age have psychiatrists become our substitute priests?

Course Fee: £50 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting.

Further information from: Mrs. Etain Todds. Moat Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PY. Tel: 01787 210344

ANDREA & LAURIE'S

FUN QUIZ NIGHT

IN AID OF MILDEN PAVILION FUND

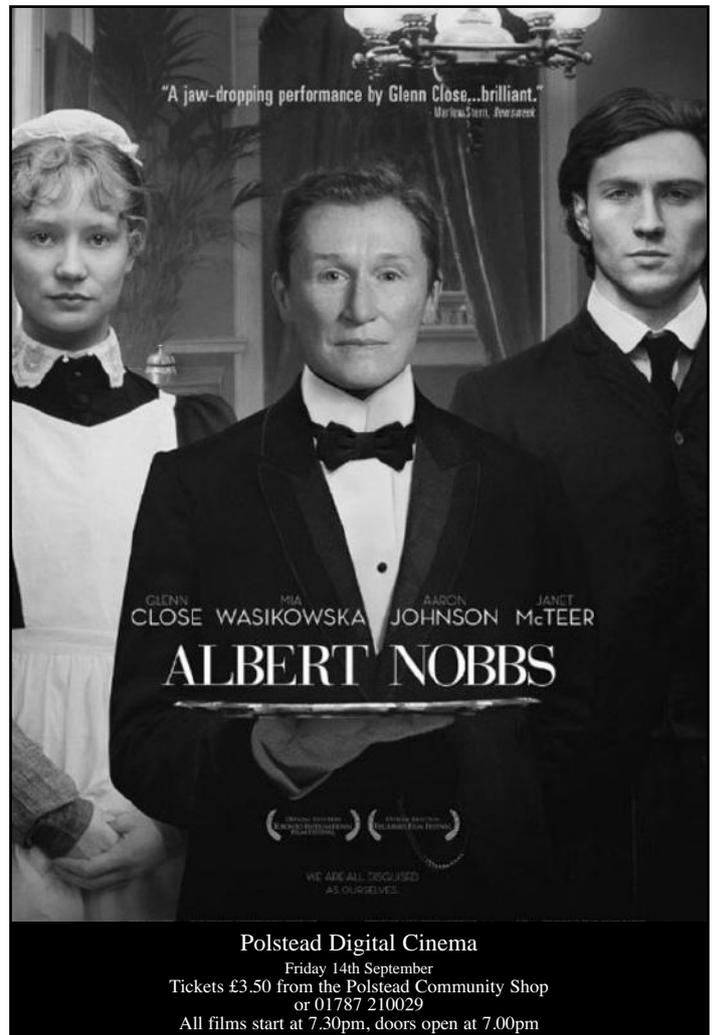
This popular and fun quiz, to include a fish & chip supper with a licensed bar will be held on a Friday during October at Milden Pavilion. The date and price to be confirmed but if you would like more details or wish to book a table please call Pearl on 01449 741876.

MILDEN PAVILION & PLAYING FIELDS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Milden Pavilion on Tuesday 6th November at 8pm.

If you would like to become involved in running this great facility in our village as a committee member or to simply offer your help occasionally then please come along or call Justine on 01787 248145.



Polstead Digital Cinema

Friday 14th September

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop

or 01787 210029

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

Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Dates for your Diary

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

We are holding a coffee morning, including a display of village memorabilia provided by the new History Society and others, in the Parish Room on Saturday 8th September from 10.30am. Do come along

Cooking Demonstration

"Come to a Sainsbury's "Try Team" Cooking Demonstration Evening:

This exciting event will be held in Boxford Village Hall on Friday 7th September at 7.00pm. Sian Fox, who has cooked alongside Jamie Oliver, and on several TV shows, leads Sainsbury's Try Team who are a group of self confessed foodies whose mission is to inspire the nation to get cooking. Tickets will be £6.00 to include a glass of wine. A bar will be open during the evening. Tickets are available in the paper shop or in church."

BOXFORD FUN DOG SHOW

15TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Boxford Rovers Youth FC and Boxford Playing Fields Committee are once again holding the Boxford Fun Dog Show on 15th September 2012. Registration will begin at 1pm so come along with your lovely dogs and enter our many, varied classes for just £1 per class.

Judging begins at 2pm so plenty of time to ensure your dogs are all looking their best for the judges.

We look forward to welcoming you all to a fun afternoon with your dogs, whether pedigree, '57' varieties, big, small, tidy, scruffy we love them all. Put the date in your diaries and we will see you there.

"DITCH THE SOFA AND GET MOVING!"

Keep your post-Olympic good intentions and set yourself on the path to becoming more physically healthy and put yourself into a professional class where a healthy heart, strength and overall physical fitness are addressed. Starting from scratch? Then join the Friday morning group at the Boxford Spinney, 9.15 am from 14 September. Higher up the active scale? Then join on Wednesday evening at the Primary School,

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

THE ARTIST

SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

The most successful of film of 2011, Oscars aplenty for this silent film, depicting the arrival of talking pictures in Hollywood during 1927. Don't worry there is music, dancing and laughter throughout this wonderfully entertaining film experience

Starring Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo and John Goodman

Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (12A 100 mins with 20mins interval)

Please book early to avoid being disappointed

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person

Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets

Refreshments (wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee, tea and ice creams) will be available before the film starts and during the interval.

Why not reserve your seat for

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER – HUGO (U) Family Drama/Adventure

Proceeds towards LVH Capital Project Fund (Charity No 262816)

Help for Heroes Gala Evening

We are nearly there!

Boxford Drama Group are now just sorting out the nitty gritty detail to make sure that Ninety very lucky ticket holders enjoy a great night out.

Suffolk Army Cadets will play you in to Boxford Village Hall for a reception from 7.30 – 8.00pm with glass of Bubbly Wine and Canapés

Our Quest chefs have finalized their Three Course Dinner and members of the drama group will soon be rehearsing for their roles as waiting staff.

During dinner David Marks will amaze with his close up table magic and sleight of hand.

Sales of tickets for the Grand Draw are progressing well but we could still do with selling another thousand.

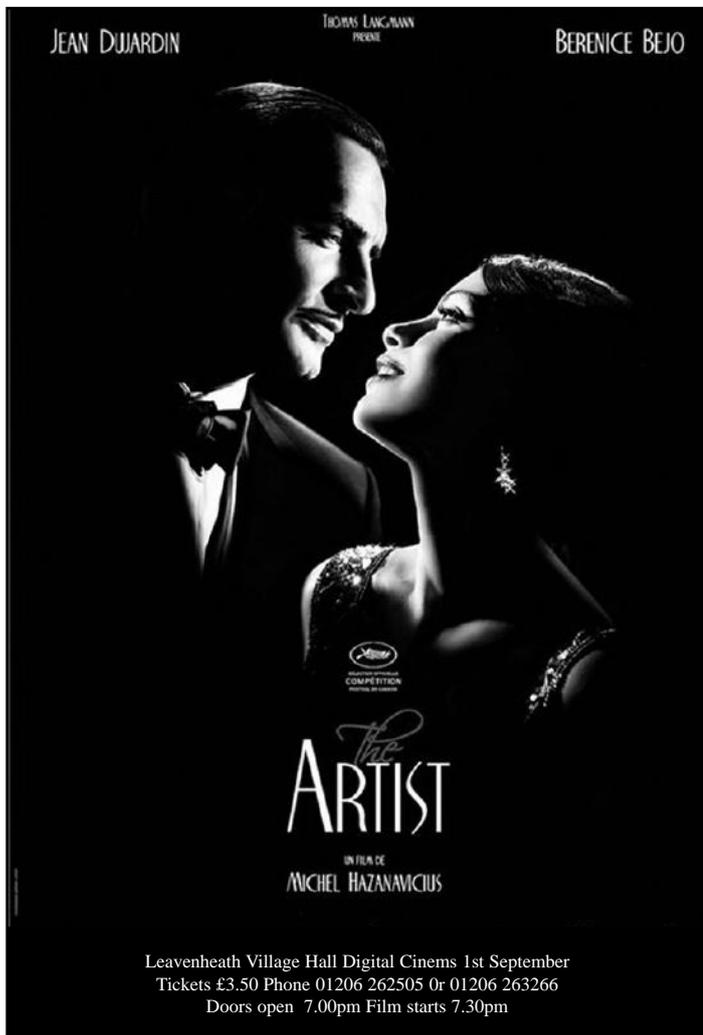
First prize a £400 Holiday Voucher, and runners up prizes include Meals out and a River Cruise or day Sailing, well worth you investing a pound.

Tickets are available at Boxford Newsagents.

We have finalized the format for our Military Themed Review. All we need now are some good rehearsals to make sure it produces the laughter and fun we have promised.

Tickets Available Saturday 28th July From Boxford Newsagents

£25 each.



Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema 1st September
Tickets £3.50 Phone 01206 262505 Or 01206 263266
Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm

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Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

PROGRAMME for first half of 2012

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@btinternet.com Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Wagener 01787210223 e-mail: elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored Cycle Ride Saturday 8 September 2012:

With members of the thriving Boxford Bike Club supporting us this year we are hoping for a big turnout and some record fundraising to help keep the roofs on the Benefice churches. It's great fun to do and you will visit some beautiful buildings where you'll find refreshments.

Half the money you raise goes to help maintain the church of your choice and the rest to the Trust to fund much needed church repairs throughout Suffolk. So, if you are not already one of the sixty members of the Bike Club, gather your tribe together, dust off your bikes and join us for a great day out. Details are on the Boxford Bike Club website (www.boxfordbikeclub.co.uk) and sponsorship forms are available from the Club, your parish representative, or from me. -Barrie Thorpe 211346

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We invite you to join us on Tuesday 2nd October at Mary's house to wrap the boxes ready for filling them on Tuesday 16th October.

We will be there from 2.00pm on both days.

Please bring your empty boxes and/or wrapping paper on Tuesday 2nd.

If you don't want to wrap them yourself we will gladly do it for you.

We will then be back on Tuesday 16th to fill them with the usual toys, pens, pencils, toiletries, sweets etc. We welcome any contributions and if you would like to help on either or both of these dates you will be most welcome.

The leaflets will be in the shops nearer the date giving the age groups

Boxford Study Centre presents

Three lectures by Mark Mitchels:

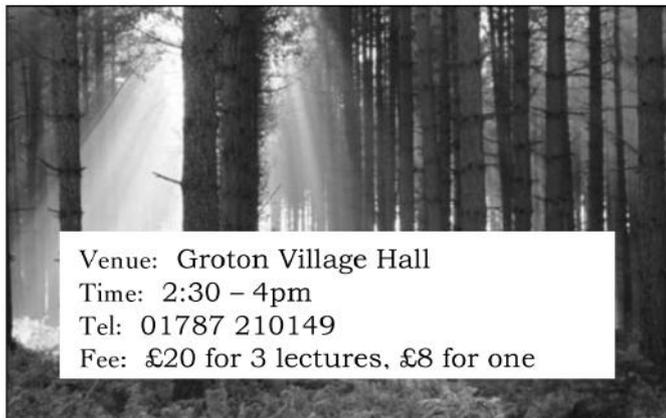
Aspects of

Suffolk History

Tuesday 25th September: Suffolk Landscapes

Tuesday 2nd October: The Lost City of Dunwich

Tuesday 9th October: Elizabeth Garrett Anderson



Venue: Groton Village Hall
Time: 2:30 - 4pm
Tel: 01787 210149
Fee: £20 for 3 lectures, £8 for one

and ideas for the boxes.

For any further information please contact: Ann Porter on 210581
Shirley Watling on 210024 Jennie Lindsley on 210520

Trinity Singers Autumn Concert,

Saturday 13th October 7.30 pm

Christ Church URC Sudbury

A programme of music including The Choral Suite from the Armed Man by Karl Jenkins and pieces by Bruckner, Britten and Vaughan Williams. Tickets £8. Children under 16 free available from Landers Bookshop, Long Melford and Sudbury Tourist Office and on the door on the night.

Groton Church Harvest Supper

Saturday 29th September 7:30

We are holding a special Harvest Supper to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 29th September starting at 7:30pm. The menu will take you back to the Harvest Supper of 1952 {with a modern twist}. There will be entertainment reflecting the year. Tickets at £10 each will be limited so get yours quickly from Pat Kennedy-Scott (tel. 210319) or any member of Groton PCC.

THE BOUNTY HUNTERS PRESENT

THE 10TH AND FINAL SNAIL RACE AT LEAVENHEATH VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2012

7.00 PM

LICENCED BAR AND RAFFLE

HELP FOR HEROES CHAVASSE VC HOUSE

TICKETS £10.50 INCLUDING SUPPER

PHONE 01206 263997

NEWTON GREEN AUTUMN SHOW

SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2012

12.00PM-4.00PM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

SCARECROW COMPETITION

(CHILDREN'S & ADULTS' SECTION - PLEASE BRING YOUR SCARECROW TO THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 12.00PM)

REFRESHMENTS

BAR

BBQ

RAFFLE

BOOK STALL

PLANT SALE

CAKE STALL

BOUNCY CASTLE AND MORE

Due to the bad weather in July, the number of attractions at the Summer Fete had to be reduced. So there will be MORE things to do this year. The AUTUMN SHOW has proved to be a great success over the last few years, but with even more to do this year, it's a great time to come along to see what the show is all about and to help to raise more funds for village organisations. More CHILDREN'S EXHIBITS would be very welcome so get drawing, cooking etc. There is NO ENTRY FEE for these classes.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM SUE_PRESLAND@HOTMAIL.COM/01787379204

Wot's On

ANIMAL FETE SUCCESS DESPITE RAINING CATS AND DOGS

Despite the weather, the Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare Fete was a great success last month. Two outbreaks of heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of visitors and volunteers who carried on regardless. Hundreds of people enjoyed a fun-packed afternoon and many entered their pets into the fun dog show and agility course. A total of £4055 was raised on the day, including over £1000 from Barclays Bank, thanks to their £ for £ match funding scheme.

SESAW would like to thank everyone who attended the Fete and helped achieve such a wonderful result. The next event will be a Book and Toy Sale, 12 to 3pm, Saturday 25th August at Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, CO6 4NW.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN BAZAAR, Saturday 8th September, 12-3pm at Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, CO6 4NW in aid of Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare. Good quality items, refreshments, adults 50p admission. Further details: 01206 799424.

GIANT JUMBLE SALE, Saturday 22nd September, 10.30am to 2pm at Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Free admission, all proceeds to SESA. Contact 01206 851339

CALENDAR GIRLS AT THE QUAY THEATRE

The hit play Calendar Girls, by Tim Firth and based on the Miramax motion picture, is presented by Sudbury Dramatic Society at the Quay Theatre, Sudbury from Friday 12th October to Saturday 20th October at 7.45pm, with Saturday Matinees at 2.00pm (no performance Sunday 14th October.). Inspired by actual events, Calendar Girls is the moving but often hilarious story of some WI members who pose nude for a calendar to raise funds to buy a sofa at the local hospital after one of their number, Annie, loses her husband to cancer. News of the women's charitable venture spreads like wildfire, and hordes of press soon descend on the small village of Knapeley in the Yorkshire Dales. The play was described by the Mail on Sunday as "marvelous theatre, guaranteed to make you laugh, cry and come out singing Jerusalem." The play contains nudity. Tickets can be booked by calling the Quay box office on 01787 374745

BOXFORD ROVERS F.C. **THE GREAT Boxford RUN** **29/09/2012**

Starts 9:30

10km Official Race starts at 11:30am

5km Fun Run / Walk starts at 11:00am

1 km Fun / Walk starts at 1:00pm

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Forthcoming Events Diary

September

4 Boxford WI Quiz		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
4 Boxford Community Council	Executive Committee Meeting	White Hart	8.00pm
5 Boxford Society open event	Clive Paine on the architecture and history of St Mary's	The Chusrch	6.00pm
7 Cooking demonstration evening	Boxford PCC	Boxford Village Hall	7.00pm
8 SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride	Benefice Parishes		9am-5pm
8 Coffee Morning	Village History Display & Produce Stall	Parish Room	10.00am
8 Newton Green Autumn Show		Village Hall	12-4.00pm
8 Help for Heroes Gala Evening	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
15 Boxford Fun Dog Show		Boxford Playing Field	2.00pm
25 Boxford Study Centre	Talk on Suffolk Landscapes by Mark Mitchels	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
29 Quiz Night		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
29 The Great Boxford Run	Boxford Rovers	Boxford Playing Fields	9.30am
29 Harvest Supper	GrotonPCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm

October

2 Shoebox Wrap		Mary's House	2.00pm
6 Boxford Society open event	Dr Jonathan Belsey on the Black Death	Boxford School Hall	7.30pm
16 Shoebox filling		Mary's House	2.00pm
27 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm

November

17 Festive Fair	Boxford Village Hall	Boxford Village Hall	TBA
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December

1 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
31 New Years Eve party	Boxford Village Hall	Boxford Village Hall	TBA

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in

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Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.

A matter of life and death

The 17 days of the London Olympics dominating our television schedules and the news are over. As I write this, we are in the two-week lull before the Paralympics, so normality has been restored to the news media. Two contrasting stories in particular have been in the headlines. One concerns Tony Nicklinson, the 58-year old man, severely paralysed after a stroke in 2005 and unable even to speak. On 16th August the High Court refused to grant a declaration that it would not be unlawful, on the grounds of necessity, for Mr Nicklinson's GP, or another doctor, to terminate or to assist the termination of Mr Nicklinson's life. The court was sympathetic to the tragic predicament of Mr Nicklinson and another man, Martin (not his real name), also suffering from 'locked-in syndrome', but ruled that any change in the law was a matter for Parliament, not the judges. Mr Justice Royce said, "*No one could fail to be deeply moved by the terrible predicament faced by these men struck down in their prime and facing a future bereft of hope. Each case gives rise to most profound ethical, moral, religious and social issues.*"

The second report concerns Fabrice Muamba, the Bolton Wanderers footballer who suffered a cardiac arrest on the pitch during an FA cup tie against Spurs in March and who was revived after his heart had been stopped for 78 minutes. The day before the Nicklinson judgment, Muamba announced his retirement from professional football on medical advice. He said: "*While the news is devastating, I have much to be thankful for. I thank God that I am alive and I pay tribute once again to the members of the medical team who never gave up on me.*"

Unlike earlier high-profile cases, Tony Nicklinson's case is not one of proposed assisted suicide. In effect, he was asking the court to legalise voluntary euthanasia. Christians have a duty to engage in the debate that will undoubtedly follow the judgment, which looks likely to be appealed. Should he be granted, as he seeks, "the right to die with dignity at a time of his choosing"? As Fabrice Muamba acknowledged, life is a gift from God, which we should treasure.

Words spoken by Moses to the Israelites come to mind "... *I have set before you life and death. Now choose life that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.*" (Deuteronomy 30, vv 19-20, NIV)

David Lamming.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Though for the Month: When did you last sit down to write a letter? When did you last receive a hand-written letter? The future of letter writing sometimes seems uncertain as most of us often favour electronic formats for our correspondence. Although some fear that paper letters will soon be objects only found in a museum, it seems that the aesthetic value of a well-written letter continues to appeal even to our technology driven generations. Letter writing has been a defining aspect of our cultures. For historians, they are priceless documents revealing glimpses of life in a past era.

At a time when communication and travelling were slow, letter writing was the favoured method of communication used by the early Christians. The New Testament itself is essentially made of letters (21 out of 27 books). In those letters, Christians would share news with each other, encourage one another, admonish and rebuke those who strayed from the right path, etc. The essence of Christian teaching was, in fact, drawn from those letters and their experience has become normative for what it means to be a Christian. St Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians writes: "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." Perhaps, we might translate Paul's analogy into our own context and live lives that would be, to others, like a letter displaying God's love for all.

Volunteers & Help needed: Can you spare a few hours occasionally- we need help with church cleaning, secretarial work, help with fundraising events. If you can help please contact a churchwarden.

Choir & music: We are looking for new members to join our choir. Practices are Thursday evenings from 7.00pm for an hour or so - do come & join - give it a try.

Musicians- We would like to form a music group to play at All Age Worship & other events. If you feel you can help or know someone who could again please speak to a churchwarden or the Revd Judith.

Fundraising activities for the care & upkeep of St. Mary's Parish

Church: Come to a Sainsbury's "Try Team" Cooking Demonstration Evening: This exciting event will be held in Boxford Village Hall on Friday 7th September at 7.00pm. Sian Fox, who has cooked alongside Jamie Oliver, and on several TV shows, leads Sainsbury's Try Team who are a group of self confessed foodies whose mission is to inspire the nation to get cooking. Healthy recipes using simple ingredients will be demonstrated, with tasting opportunities .Learn how to eat well without spending a fortune. Tickets will be £6.00 to include a glass of wine. There will be a raffle & the bar will be open during the evening. Tickets are available in the paper shop or in church. Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church

"Boxford Church" Tea Towels - are available to purchase in village shops & in church. They are £5.00 each, or two for £8.00.

Boxford Calendar- 2013: Our fundraising team are planning to produce a Calendar for 2013 so lots of new photos are needed please.

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Special Services:

Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 16th September at 11.00 am. Everyone is most welcome.

Pets Service 2012: Our Pets Service this year will be held On Sunday 4th November at 11.00 am. Make a note to come! Bring along you pet - doesn't matter what it is!

Remembering our Loved ones: A special service to remember our loved ones, will be held in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 4th November at 4.00pm

**THE PARISH OF
ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
EDWARDSTONE**

Churchwarden:

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YOUR CHURCH STILL NEEDS YOU!: A huge thank you to those who so generously responded to the appeal for help, both financially and in the running of the church. To those who have yet to respond - we still need more help! Please consider what it would mean to the village if we no longer had a 'active' church!

HARVEST FESTIVAL 23RD SEPTEMBER: Our Harvest Festival service will be held at 3 p.m. on 23rd September. Our friends from Morden College have been invited to join us and the service will be followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall. Harvest gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers and any other form of produce will be very welcomed. The church will be decorated mainly on the 21st and 22nd - please come and help. Please make an effort to come and join us.

GARDENING DAY - 27TH OCTOBER: The annual tidying up around the church is provisionally planned for 27th October. Please try to set aside a couple of hours in the morning to help trim up hedges, remove weeds and generally tidy up the church and churchyard. *David Saddleton*

CLEANER NEEDED FOR PARISH HAL: We urgently require a cleaner for one hour per week at Edwardstone Parish Hall.

Please contact Daphne Clark on 210698 for details if you are interested.

Rota

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Sept 2:	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Paul	Mrs Paddon	Mrs Saddleton
Sept 9:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"	
Sept 16:	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"	
Sept 23:	Harvest - All	Mr & Mrs Dodd	All help	
Sept 30:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd		
Informal 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

Groton Church Harvest Supper Saturday 29th September 7:30

We are holding a special Harvest Supper to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 29th September starting at 7:30pm. The menu will take you back to the Harvest Supper of 1952 {with a modern twist}. There will be entertainment reflecting the year. Tickets at £10 each will be limited so get yours quickly from Pat Kennedy-Scott (tel. 210319) or any member of Groton PCC.

"MAYHEW FAMILY IN GROTON" A word of explanation about the two photographs that appeared under this heading on page 7 of the August Box River News: The Mayhew family (Brad and Carrie, their four daughters Amanda, Lauren, Rebecca and Caroline, plus cousin 'JJ' Willems), from Lawrence, Kansas, USA, gave an impromptu concert of Gospel and spiritual songs at Groton church on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th July. They delighted a small but appreciative audience with their four part harmony, accompanied by guitar and drum. Brad had e-mailed me on 30th June (via the 'achurchnearyou' website) to say that they were visiting England and would like to sing at St Bartholomew's Church before returning to the USA. At home in the USA, the family provide music at a worship service at St. Margaret's

Episcopal Church in Lawrence. The second photograph shows the Mayhew family standing by the ancient mulberry tree on Groton Croft.

Brad is a descendant of John Winthrop's sister, who founded a Quaker church in New York City. Brad explained: "Her house built in 1660 in Flushing in Queens is now a museum. The Quaker meetings she held in her kitchen led to her husband's exile to Holland. While there he successfully lobbied for freedom of conscience in the colony. When the English captured the colony shortly after his return, they agreed to honor the agreement. Known as the "Flushing Remonstrance" it became a foundational document for the American Bill of Rights." Wikipedia explains it thus: The Flushing Remonstrance was a 1657 petition to Director-General of New Netherland Peter Stuyvesant, in which several citizens requested an exemption to his ban on Quaker worship. It is considered a precursor to the United States Constitution's provision on freedom of religion in the Bill of Rights.

Watch this space, too, for news of a TV documentary to be made later this year about John and Margaret Winthrop. *David Lamming.*

PCC MEETING: Wednesday 26th September, 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail djlamming@hotmail.com) by 16th September.

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Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr & Mrs Smith
Flowers: Valerie Riddleston/ Festival Arrangements
Cleaning: Valerie Riddleston



**THE PARISH OF
ST LAWRENCE,
LITTLE WALDINGFIELD**

Churchwardens

Vacant

Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
Sept 2:	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Squirrell
Sept 9:	Visiting	Mrs Eddington
Sept 16:	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Harvest - All
Sept 23:	Visiting	Mrs Gregor Smith
Sept 30:	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Harbord

Apologies for the lack of rota last month - my E-mail to Eddie somehow got lost!



**THE PARISH OF
ALL SAINTS, NEWTON**

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,

Tel; 370331

22nd July: Our Family

Service for All Ages had the theme of "The King of Love my Shepherd is". The Revd Judith read the beautiful words of Psalm 23 from the King James Bible. Children illustrated the story of the "Good Shepherd" which resulted in a wonderful picture of a variety of sheep on a green hillside. The Revd Judith showed thought provoking photos of sheep, five which were lost in different ways and five being rescued by caring shepherds. This reflected on our lives as we get lonely, isolated or entangled in life's problems. Equally we can be rescued from our predicaments. Guitar and organ provided us with music to conclude a great family service. Our thanks to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to Pauline Lamming and Judith Smalley for preparing the materials and encouraging the children. We welcomed members of other churches in our Benefice and visitors. Thank you to all for refreshments and help in any way to make a happy service.

27th July: As in the words of the hymn 'Let the bells peal forth', people all over the country were ringing bells to celebrate the start of the Olympics. Our Church bells were rung by Wendy Turner, Captain of the Bell Tower, giving a wonderful sound in the still morning air.

29th July: The Five Villages Service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton was based on the story of the 'Gift'. The Revd Judith read the story of the boy offering his humble gift of three fish and five loaves to feed the multitudes. Members of the congregation were given two similar or two different objects to guess which was the more valuable. The silver Chalice and the old key shown by the children showed that the valuable Chalice could only be reached from the safe by the humble key. Within the service we witnessed a special part of the Re-Commissioning of a Lay Elder. David Lamming was given a Certificate to confirm his

commitment to continue the work that he has done so successfully, offering his gift to the church.

We enjoyed refreshments and a chat and the chance to see another gift of the wonderful Banner produced for the Diamond Jubilee, now touring the Benefice. Thanks to all for helping to make the service special.

12th August: We celebrated our Holy Communion Service and the Revd Judith gave a sermon based on the image we see when looking in the mirror. This made us think of the reflection we actually see or maybe what we wish to see and within ourselves we need strength to face the facts we see in life. We are pleased to welcome Michael Colleer to play the organ and thank you to all supporting helpers.

A 'Special Offer' September offers a special chance to 'Come and See' all that is going on in our five churches. Bring a friend or two to experience a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

30th September: An afternoon concert 4-5 p.m. given by Millwheel - donations only.

Flowers:

8th September: Mrs Jean Adams. 22nd September: to be arranged.

Cleaning: Mrs Sue Pratt. Mrs Carol Langley

General Church News

"Come & See" During September why not visit come & see activities in our churches- from bible study & home groups, "All age" services at Boxford & Newton, informal Wednesdays at 10.30 in Mary's House - daily coffee is also available in Mary's House. Sunday services are held in all our benefice churches to suit everyone. On Sunday 30th September Bishop Clive will be presiding at St. Lawrence, Lt. Waldingfield at 10.00am on "Back to Church" Sunday. Do come & see, you will be made very welcome.

'Churches together' prayer breakfasts: Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.

CTiS&D prayer breakfasts in September, to which all are welcome, will be held at the following venues:

1st All Saints' Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury.

8th St Gregory's Church Hall, Prince Street, Sudbury.

15th St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Bulmer.

22nd Cornard Christian Fellowship, 1 Broom Street, Great Cornard.

29th Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship September 2012

Daily Prayer	A 30 minute informal said service with Revd Judith		All welcome
Tuesdays	9.00	Edwardstone	
	17.00	Little Waldingfield	
Wednesdays	9.00	Groton	
Thursdays	9.00	Newton	
	17.00	Boxford	

Sunday 2nd	13th Sunday after Trinity (G)		
Lt Waldingfield	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	9.30	Morning Prayer	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	All Age Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 5th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 6th
Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion (Reserved Sacrament) Tim Harbord

Sunday 9th	14th Sunday after Trinity (G)		
Groton	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 12th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 16th	15th Sunday after Trinity (G)		
Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	<u>Harvest Festival</u>	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	15.00	<u>Harvest Festival</u>	Revd Judith

Wednesday 19th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 20th
Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Newmans Hall Tim Harbord

Sunday 23rd	16th Sunday after Trinity (G)		
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd David Abel
Newton Green	11.00	<u>Harvest Festival</u>	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Edwardstone	15.00	<u>Harvest Festival</u>	Revd Judith
Groton	18.30	<u>Harvest Festival</u>	Revd Judith

Wednesday 26th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House (Reserved Sacrament) Antony Dodd with Revd Judith

Sunday 30th	17th Sunday After Trinity (Back to Church Sunday) (G)		
Lt Waldingfield	10.00	Five Villages Service	The Rt Revd Bishop Clive
		Holy Communion	

Soap Box

It was my idea to call this column in the Box River News "Soap Box", so I only have myself to blame. My intentions were of the highest – to establish a regular corner of this estimable journal which could be written by anyone on any subject. But the trouble with such a title is that it suggests the contents will constitute some sort of a moan. How nice, then, to be able to devote Soap Box to a positive topic.

While I am not much of a sports fan, even I took pride in the impressive performance of Team GB at last month's Olympics. It wasn't just the medal haul that made me rejoice in being British. We organized it well. As the Games unfolded, you could feel a nation with a little more spring in its step. And everyone associated with the event had fun, including the competitors – so much so that a number of them have apparently gone missing, preferring to remain in this sceptred isle rather than return home.

But quirky incidents like this aside, there does seem to be a moral in the way in which we view and execute such important occasions as the London Olympics. By and large we do grand events well. The Changing of the Guard is a spectacle that other nations can only envy. All three Queen's Jubilee celebrations have been thoroughly impressive – and enjoyable – occasions. Yet we so often talk down our expectations of what we can achieve at big sporting events.

To some extent this happened this time. The debacle over G4S and its ability to provide adequate staffing levels to ensure security was perhaps the only real negative, though. The advance publicity this generated did add weight to the nay sayers, so it is most fortunate that the final outcome so far exceeded expectations that even this sorry episode appears to have been consigned to history. To come third after the super powers of the US and China was truly remarkable.

It is interesting to apply the same philosophy to the economy. Much of the news emerging is downbeat, but we do run the risk

of talking ourselves down into the next recession. While it is certainly true that, in the global village in which we now all operate, many of the influences on how our economy behaves are outside domestic control, the application of a similar positive attitude to that applied to the Games could work wonders.

Some business leaders obviously believe this to be true. Aside from the boost that the Olympics have delivered to certain sectors of our economy (John Lewis, with its flagship store at the entrance to the Olympic Park, recently reported a 15% jump in sales), there is anecdotal evidence that some companies are using the example of Team GB to try to stimulate a more positive approach from their workforce.

Certainly, listening to some interviews with those that run the great companies in this country with which we are all familiar, I gain the impression that corporate Britain feels things are not as bad as the politicians would have us believe. There are clouds on the horizon. Europe remains a worry, while inflation does look as though it has not yet been kicked into touch, but life goes on and for many of us conditions are really not too bad.

So let's rejoice in our success and look forward to the future with enthusiasm rather than concern. The Paralympics will be starting soon and there are high hopes that Team GB will have a similarly positive performance. If they do, then this should underscore the feelgood factor that the first round of the Games engendered. If this can translate into better business practice and a stronger economic performance, then we will have even more to celebrate.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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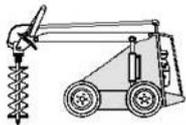
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GARDENING IN SEPTEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

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Penstemon tend to get woody at the base after a few years resulting in a lack of vigor and fewer flowers. Now is the time to renew your stock by taking three inch long softwood cuttings and inserting them round the edge of a pot filled with a mixture of 50-50 compost and grit, sand or vermiculate. Keep the compost moist, cover with a polythene bag and keep out of direct sunshine. They root very quickly and will need frost protection throughout the winter before planting out next April.

If the lower leaves of tomatoes have turned yellow, they should be removed. Healthy green leaves should never be removed as they are necessary to supply food needed to swell the fruits.

Christmas is only four months away and if you need Hyacinths in flower for the festive season now is the time to plant. You must buy prepared hyacinth bulbs. These bulbs have been given special treatment in store to encourage them to flower a few months earlier than normal. If you are planting several bulbs in a bowl it is best to keep to one variety in each bowl to ensure they are all in flowers at the same time. Rather than plant them directly into the bowl it is best to plant them individually in small pots which can be planted into the bulb bowl later, this will ensure that all bulbs in the bowl are at the same stage of growth. In bowls that have no drainage holes you must use special bulb fibre which has oyster shell and charcoal to prevent the moisture turning stagnant. Place the bulbs in a cool dark place until well rooted.

In the vegetable garden a sowing of white turnips can be made for winter use and early in the month sowings of Japanese type of onion such as Senshyu Yellow or Exprese Yellow can be made to overwinter and supply an early crop in May - June next year.

Later in the month plant out spring cabbage plants, a good idea is to draw out a V shaped drill 6" deep and plant the cabbage at the bottom. Later as the plants get established soil can be drawn into the drill to give added support and protection.

Finish clipping of evergreen hedges such as conifer, yew and laurel as soon as possible, they will not make any more growth this year.

Keep up the fortnightly spraying of roses against rust, black spot and mildew right up until leaf fall. Remove faded bloom: regularly to encourage longer flowering. To assist new wood to ripen and withstand winter frosts, scatter a little sulphate o potash around each bush and hoe it lightly into the soil.

September is generally a cooler, gustier month than August and the days are noticeably shorter. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest. It's also time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can!

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Divide herbaceous perennials
2. Pick autumn raspberries
3. Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
4. Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
5. Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
6. Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
7. Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
8. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
9. Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
10. Plant spring flowering bulbs

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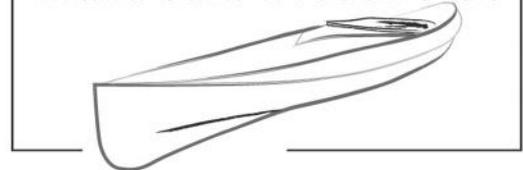
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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 4th July 2012 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: D Elliott, C Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice-Chairman) & G Smith.

In attendance: B Hurren (District Councillor), S Gray (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Mark Mayhew the Councillors consented to this absence. J Finch (County Councillor), S Hemmit.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 2nd May 2012 & 14th June 2012

The Minutes of AGM & APM of the 2nd May 2012 and 14th June 2012 were approved; proposed by, David Elliott, seconded by Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne.

To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: In the absence of Siobhan Hemmit, the Clerk reported that there had been one incident of 'Vehicle Crime' reported in the period from 2nd April 2012 to 1st July 2012. This compares to no crimes for the same period last year.

To receive a report from Suffolk County Council: James Finch was on annual leave

To receive a report from District Council: Bryn Hurren reported to the Council that Babergh had to save £3.5 million over the next three years, which would prove a hard task.

In relation to the recent dwelling allocations at Homefield Court, some of the earlier problems were being resolved and one resident is being asked to leave, thus creating a vacancy. Bryn acknowledged that lessons had been learnt and that local knowledge was required in relation to allocation.

Councillor Vacancy: The Clerk reported that she had received notification from Ray Amesbury that no requests for an election to take place had been received within the prescribed period. It therefore falls to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy by co-option.

Footpath and Highway Matters: Babergh District Council (Parish of Groton Footpath 9) Public Footpath Diversion Order 2012

The Clerk reported that Babergh District Council has confirmed the above Public Footpath Diversion Order. David Elliott reported that he had met with Paul Gant regarding the local flooding. However at the next large rainfall the problem had returned and David personally went and cleared the ditch causing the problem. The Council thanked David for all his efforts in this matter.

Groton Village Hall: David Elliott reported that, at the Annual General Meeting, Brian Jones said that the response to the questionnaires had been good and that support had been offered to help retain the Village Hall.

Suffolk Local Code of Conduct: In relation to S 26 to S 37 of the Localism Act 2011 the Councillors expressed concerns about the required Declarations of Interests and that partner assets had to be declared. However, the Council agreed to accept the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct, proposed by Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Gerald Smith.

Local Housing Needs: Chairman Carey Fraulo had asked Bryn to clarify the process by which the Council could discuss and, possibly, pursue local housing needs within the Parish of Groton. Bryn suggested that the Local Housing Officer Tracey Brinkley attend a Parish council Meeting to outline the procedures. The Council supported this.

2011/2012 Audit: The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) reported that she had received the audit for the year ended 31st March 2012 from BDO Stoy.

Future Agenda Items

- Co-option of Members • Local Housing Needs • Website
- Village Hall • Members Interests

Dates of Next Meetings:

- 4th July 2012 • 5th September 2012 • 7th November 2012
- 16th January 2013 • 6th March 2013

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Newton Parish Council Meeting, 11th July 2012

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

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk), Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor), James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and PC Garrod.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Taylor sent his apologies (holiday).

Code of Conduct: The councillors resolved to adopt the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct, as issued by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, from the 1st July

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

General Power of Competence: The councillors resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence as NPC met the criteria set out in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. Localism Act 2011 s 1-8.

Minutes of meeting held on the 9th May 2012: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct

record.

Public Forum: The reports are contained in Appendix A.

Correspondence (Appendix B): Following a review of the Correspondence the Clerk raised a communication received on the 11th July from Orwell Housing regarding an empty dwelling in Alston Close. After advertising the vacancy no application had been received from a resident of Newton. If this situation remains the same on Monday 16th July then Orwell will consider an application made from 2 residents in Boxford.

Clerks Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors requested that the Clerk writes to James Finch requesting an update on the 4 issues that he is currently undertaking on Newton's behalf.

Finance: 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.

Planning: a. The councillors considered Planning Application B/12/00707 Lilleyfields, Sackers Green - Change of use of agricultural land to an area for external storage (Class B8). Construction of earth bund (retention of). The councillors resolved to object to the application as they could not:

i. see why the area required a bund when a hedge would be more appropriate

ii. support yet another retrospective planning application for this property.

b. No further planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted.

c. The councillors reviewed NPC's request for supporting information relating to BDC's approval of Planning Application B/12/00234 Lilleyfields, Sackers Green - Continued use of land as contractor's yard for plant and lorry maintenance and storage of road maintenance materials. They councillors expressed their deep concerns to Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor) on:

i. How this application had been determined by BDC despite discrepancies with previous applications by the applicant and documentation from BDC for the property.

ii. The fact that BDC had requested NPC to make a Freedom of Information request in order to see the documentation relating to 2002 which weighed heavily in the final determination of the application. The councillors were concerned over this lack of transparency by BDC which to date remained unexplained. (NPC has raised a FoI request to BDC on the 26th June 2012).

iii. The total lack of action by BDC Enforcement over a 10 year period despite receiving 3 statutory notices from the VOSA agency which contradicted the permitted use of the property.

Peter Holbrook confirmed that he would investigate NPC's concerns and would meet with the council following his return from holiday on the 20th August.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: No issues were raised.

Local Housing Needs Survey: The councillors reviewed the plan (Appendix E) in order to conduct a LHNS survey in Newton between the 15th September and the 1st October 2012 and agreed the milestones. The councillors reviewed the pack of information to be sent to each household and asked that the leaflet explaining the LHNS should be in an Ariel 12 font.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations: The councillors were very pleased with the QDJ events held and the help and support from residents was greatly appreciated. The councillors wished to record their thanks to Dawn Bridge for arranging the picnic in the park, Teresa Symonds for the events at the pub and to Michael Oliver for the use of the barn and his facilities for the barn dance. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the three residents.

BDC's Core Strategy consultation: With the documents regarding the consultation only being received on the 9th July the councillors resolved to hold an extra meeting on Wednesday 22nd August 2012 to consider a response.

Councillor Training: The councillors reviewed the training programme developed with SALC and agreed to hold a weekday evening training session on a Wednesday in October and if feasible to share the event with another parish council.

Parish Survey: The councillors reviewed the 6 issues and agreed the following actions and review date:

Housing: Local Housing Needs Survey to be conducted between 15th September and 1st October. Results of Survey expected in November.

Layby on A134 (1) Newton Green Trust is reviewing ownership of layby in relation to cars for sale.

Youth Engagement (2) Cllrs Presland and Parker looking at ways in which all the youth of the village will be willing to take part in an engagement programme.

Village Cinema (3) Cllr Parker to liaise with Book Club in order to make contact with Sue Wigglesworth who runs a scheme in Polstead.

Recycling (4) Clerk to contact Village Hall Management Committee to see if further recycling bin(s) can be sited in VH Car Park. September:

A134 Safe Haven (5) James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) reviewing funding options.

Playing field (6) Newton Green Trust has reviewed usage of playing field and do not see any reason to change current arrangements. CLOSED

Annual Parish Assemblies: The only issue in relation to the Young Persons Annual Assembly will be included in the Youth Engagement in Item 12/094.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: The Village Hall lettings are

Parish Council Matters

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: The Village Hall lettings are satisfactory with the committee now embarking on projects to redecorate the committee room and the outside of the extension. A Jazz evening is to be held on the 10th November. NGT are still progressing the reclamation of the A134 layby and the plans for repairing the track across the Green are finalized, with work to start shortly. The allotment boundary is to be formally registered as an interest of the NGT, thus forcing a resolution if the old allotments are put up for sale.

Questions to the Chair: Cllr Schwenk updated councillors on the apparent lack of maintenance on the Priority 1 footpaths in the village. The Clerk to write to SCC to see if NPC can take over the responsibility of these footpaths, subject to NPC receiving the standard contractor's rate for the work. The Clerk was asked to report the damaged drain opposite the Saracens Head to SCC Highways. The Clerk was also asked to approach SCC Highways to see if a "Community Speed Watch" sign can be included on the Village entrance signs.

Meeting dates in 2013: The councillors agreed the following dates for meetings in 2013:

- 9th January
- 6th March
- 8th May
- 17th July
- 11th September
- 13th November

The Annual Parish Assembly is scheduled for the 24th April.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd August 2012 followed by the scheduled meeting on Wednesday 12th September 2012. Both meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 10.27pm.

Appendix A Public Forum: PC Garrod gave the following Police Report "This report covers the period from Friday 4th May 2012 to Monday 9th July 2012. During this time there has been 1 crime recorded within the parish, this compares to 1 crime for the same period last year. Theft Between 1700hrs on Tuesday 19th June 2012 and 1030hrs on Wednesday 20th June 2012 and a property on Sudbury Road

an insecure house in the process of being demolished was entered and 3 black plastic bins containing stripped domestic wire were stolen from inside". James Finch updated councillors on care homes, the Fire Service, replacement Explorer card, the Bramford to Twinstead power line project and that the first group of villages to be upgraded in the Suffolk Broadband project will be completed by March 2013. Peter Holbrook updated councillors on BDC's Core Strategy consultation, the restructuring programme at BDC, a new community engagement programme to be undertaken by BDC to find out what is important to its residents. Village Halls will be required to pay for refuse collections from April 2013.

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The sum raised was £78.45. This is remarkable, following so soon after the generous support shown for SSAFA.

In all, the collections in Hadleigh, Groton and Boxford raised £870.91.

Thank you
John Hart

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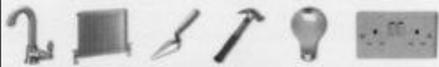
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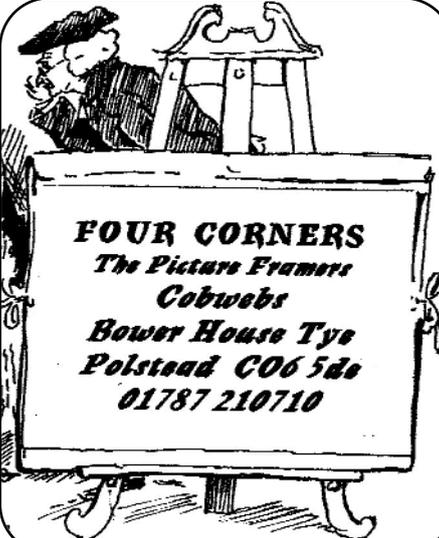
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NEWTON YOUNGSTERS SHOW POTENTIAL

Two Newton Green Golf Club girls performed well enough in the English Girls' Under 15s Championship to suggest they could make an impact on the tournament's leader board in the next couple of years. Alice Barlow and Eloise Aldous both made the cut for the final two rounds of the four round championship held at Delamere Forest Golf Club - and both qualify to play in the competition for a further two years. Alice Barlow finished 15th and Eloise, who recovered after a nightmare third round, was placed 35th.

With the tournament winner scoring a nine over par gross 297 for the four rounds, Alice was on 326, one of the best net scores in the championship, and Eloise 355.

Eloise shot two respectable opening rounds of 83 and 86, but the very demanding Delamere course reduced her to total of 103 for the third round, before she made a recovery for a commendable 83 in the fourth outing.

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As a result of carding the best score of her career in the England Girls Under 15s championship, 13-year-old Newton Green golfer Alice Barlow has had her handicap reduced from nine to six. She shot a one over par 73 in the third of the four round competition, in which she finished 15th.

4 STROKE CUT FOR LAMBERT SALVER WINNER



Jan Doe faces a four stroke cut in her handicap after winning the Jonathan Lambert Centenary Silver Salver in the annual Newton Green Golf Club festival week.

The 36-handicapper, who joined the club only a few months ago, came out top of the pile in a record 128-strong field in the main event of the week.

She registered 41 points, leading home Chris Stebbing, who edged out third place Guy Holliday on count back. Both were both on 39 points. The two leading men have also joined Newton in recent months, with Holliday being the first pay and play Davey member to register a top three position in a golf week event.

The leading junior in the salver was Suffolk age group player 12-year-old Harvey Watts, who recorded 37 points off a handicap of 18. Overall, he was fifth, having a week earlier led home the field in the Kelvin Sansum Memorial Trophy with a tally of 43 points.

In addition to Jan Doe, another successful women competitor during the week was Sheila Walter, who won the Kiskadee Trophy with partner Nick Smith, and also featured in the second place team in the Delaney Scramble. This event also featured Nick Smith in the winning four.

Jonathan Lambert presented the main prizes of the week at a sell-out presentation evening on Saturday.

The festival broke all previous records, with 480 entries spread across seven different format competitions, and raised in excess of £1,000 for club funds.

BOXFORD ROVERS U11S

Boxford Rovers U11s have a pre-season to look forward to with an away friendly against an Ipswich Town team at the Playford Road Academy on Monday 3rd September at 6pm.



Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club