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## THE WALL OF DEATH COMES HOME TO BOXFORD



*'The Smiths'* Back left, Brother John, Right George (Tornado), Front: Father George, Brother Stan, Mother Liz and Baby Basil

The Wall of Death returned to Boxford during the weekend 21/23 September, four and a half years after it's last visit.

A record number of villagers and visitors, estimated to have been in excess of 3000, enjoyed the thrills, the roar of the bikes engines and the smell of the fuel just as they would have done 80 years ago when Tornado Smith (George William Smith), his wife Marjorie 'Dare' and their Lioness, Briton first introduced the wall to Boxford.

Known as 'Tornado' he was the first man to perform the motorcycle wall of death in Britain in 1929 His parents were publicans of The White Hart. When the lioness died she was buried in the forecourt of the pub.

The Ken Fox Group entertained everyone in the yard of the White Hart and for some of the stunts, used Indian Scout machines as used by Tornado. The troupe was started by Ken's grandparents in 1931, two years after Tornado introduced the wall, and his sons Luke Fox, and Alex Fox, are riders in the show.

A film of the troupe was shortlisted for the best documentary in 2012 Vimeo Awards. The Ken Fox Troupe is one of the last remaining traditional family of daredevil wall riders to travel Europe and the British Isles. A video of the troupe is used by the BBC as a programme link on National TV.

Sophie Segger, the White Hart bar manager had an unforgettable experience riding on the handlebars of one of the bikes for about ten circuits, something, it seems she had always wanted to do! Sophie is no stranger to danger as she recently completed a 10,000ft parachute jump with friends and regulars from the Boxford pubs raising more than £1000 for the three parishes response team.



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## THE BLACK DEATH IN A SUFFOLK VILLAGE

Boxford Society enjoyed a most fascinating talk on Saturday 6th October about the Black Death in Little Cornard. Our speaker, Dr Jonathan Belsey, has spent considerable time studying and translating the near complete village documents for the 14th Century which were kept for the Overlord of Walsingham in Norfolk. (It is rare for such documentation to exist). Over time Dr Belsey has come to know and understand a great deal about certain individuals whose names frequently appear in the documents. He readjusted some of the ideas about medieval life and hierarchies that we might have had from school and painted a picture of an organised community living in a more enlightened social situation than serfdom. It was interesting to note though that for most people diet and living conditions may have resulted in them not feeling too well most of the time. Another interesting fact in setting the scene was that one third of those renting land in their own name were women.

The population had grown for several centuries during a period of warmer climate and growing sea trade. It never reached these levels again for more than 300 years. The whole nation was ravaged by what became known as the Great Pestilence in 1349 and further epidemics over the centuries that followed. The population in Britain was halved as 75% of those catching the disease died. The Manor Courts spent much time reassigning lands as people died and in some cases ran out of relatives or applicants to pass land on to. The key outcome of all this was that the Feudal system was damaged and workers were a desirable commodity. For the first time they could choose to move to other villages on good farmland like Little Cornard, where their prospects and living standards were better. This movement of people may have been more significant in completely depopulating certain villages than the Plague itself. The people defied the long held traditions of dress and servitude and began to be more independent. The time had come when the aristocracy and the King were unable to keep the people where they wanted them. The effects of the Black Death probably contributed more to this than the Peasants' Revolt in 1381. This intriguing, superbly constructed and illustrated talk by Dr Belsey enlightened us all and left us with much to ponder.

The meeting ended with a brief input by a Society member on what we know about the Black Death in Boxford in the 1600s from the Society Archive. Boxford suffered most in the 1626 epidemic and had the tenth worst plague death rate of Suffolk parishes in the three seventeenth

century outbreaks. Sadly we do not have such excellent 14th century documents as Little Cornard to call upon, so we know little about the first epidemic in 1349.



Above: Our speaker, Dr Jonathan Belsey

**Friday, 16 November, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### **Tim Whitehead**

With Tim Whitehead sax, John Turville piano, Oli Hayhurst bass and Winston Clifford drums. Tim is a jazz pianist and composer, and is currently artist in residence at Tate Britain. Tim is a committed and passionate player who is concerned with melody and lyricism. He brings a very fine rhythm section to a gig you must not miss. "Whitehead has a highly personal, always gorgeous sound on tenor and an infinite vocabulary - in a country of fine saxophonists he is one of the finest." Peter Bacon "Whitehead glides ethereally into his phrases like a jazzier Jan Garbarek at times, although the playing is often stronger." - John Fordham.

**Friday, 23 November, 8.00, £17**

### **Kate Williams**

With Kate Williams piano, Gareth Lockrane flutes, Oli Hayhurst bass and Tristan Maillot drums. "Lucid and inventive" are the adjectives applied by the late Humphrey Lyttelton to the pianist/composer Kate Williams. Gareth Lockrane co-founded the band "Grooveyard", which won the Best European Jazz Group award at the 2003 Granada Jazz Festival. These two are joined by old friends Oli and Tristan, whose skills we know well. Do come along

**Friday, 30 November, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### **Christine Tobin**

With Christine Tobin vocals, Phil Robson guitar and Dave Whitford drums. Christine was named best vocalist at the 2008 BBC jazz awards, which is no surprise to anyone who has heard her. Her style, while rooted in jazz, is steeped in the singer-songwriter tradition. She draws on a broad range of influences



**Friday, 2 November, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### **Tim Laphorn with Bobby Wellins**

With Tim Laphorn piano, Bobby Wellins sax, Arnie Somogyi bass and Stephen Keogh drums. Tim can really execute some tough and virtuosic shapes and ideas on the piano - in short the guy can play. Bobby has, in my mind, the word "great" in front of his name. It takes two bars on the radio to know it is him: that is how individual his tone and thought on the sax is. With fine drumming and bass playing to boot, it would be a pity to miss this gig..

**Friday, 9 November, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### **Asaf Sirkis Trio**

With Asaf Sirkis drums, Tassos Spiliotopoulos guitar and Yaron Stavi bass. Asaf formed the Asaf Sirkis Trio with Tassos and Yaron in 2007. They released their first album "The Monk" in 2008. They are currently preparing a new release - "Letting Go". Asaf is simply among the most accomplished percussionists about.

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# THE OCTOBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

The November Letter (The Revd Judith is on Holiday)

Dear Friends,

The Box River News is a wonderful resource isn't it? So many times when I've been searching for the details of a local firm, tradesman or finding what's on, it's to this magazine that I've turned.

Whatever papers, journals or magazines we read, I guess there are bits we read assiduously, bits we really value, and bits to which we do not give a second glance. For some it may be that the notice on the Church services rota page in the newsletter, which concerns the Revd Judith's daily prayer in our village churches during each month, may fall into the latter category.

Yet those times set aside by the Revd Judith, are important to those of us who try to focus our hearts and minds on others in the times we pray. We try to widen our focus of concern at those times rather than just holding out to God our personal concerns or those of close family or friends. It is said "Prayer changes things" and the first thing it often changes is our attitude to situations we find ourselves considering. I knew one elderly lady who told me how she always prayed after the news as she sat in her chair and entered some of the remote, troubled places in our world by following the stories on her TV screen.

It's impossible to explain to anyone what the efficacy of prayer is, or how it works. But for many (churchgoers or not) a regular time of stillness and reflection enables us to try to attune our wills to God's. It is a vital component of our daily life. Many of you reading this, will know how it has felt to know you are upheld by the prayers of others during tough times.

Maybe you do your reflecting over the ironing, or when walking the dog, or when having a long soak in the bath. Prayer does not have to fit any formula and the old adage is valuable, "pray as you can and not as you can't".

What I am sure of, is that all of us need some "down time". It's during the times when we've stopped rushing about and let our minds be still that we will often become aware of new possibilities and opportunities on our journey. Some would say it's only then that God can get a word in edgewise!

So maybe you could hold a particular part of your village in your thoughts this week; or a particular person or situation. How about trying to take 5 minutes each day doing absolutely nothing. Remember our village churches are open each day for anyone and everyone to use (Do look at the times the Revd Judith has specially set aside).

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see notices concerning special services in November & December- you are all most welcome to come along.

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# THE LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

The Little Waldingfield History Society held its first and very successful public talk on Wednesday 3rd October at the Parish Room.

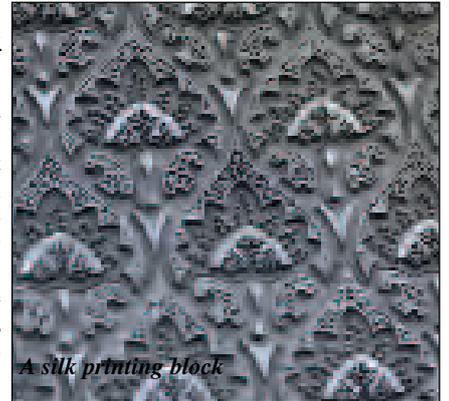
Keith Parker, a longstanding village resident who has spent his entire career involved in the Silk Industry, gave us a fascinating insight into the world of silk weaving and production and into the life of the domesticated silkworm, Bombyx Mori, which in latin means "the silkworm of the mulberry tree; apparently this tiny animal is the most genetically altered of all domesticated species and is now totally dependent on man for survival!

Keith brought with him a selection of the most wonderful silk pictures, fabrics, weaving shuttles and antique printing blocks for us all to touch and feel, which was a great hands on experience.

To the untrained eye the silk pictures looked like photographs, which he had personally designed on a computer system whose fore-runner he was the first to establish in this country back in the 80's when working at Vanners, who he also advised moved their silk yarn processing and weaving operations to Sudbury and Haverhill after the passing of the Spitalfields Act of 1774.

Finally Keith also brought with him a huge selection of silk offcuts and cones containing silk threads that he had collected over many years which he then kindly put up for sale to raise much needed funds for the newly established society - there was quite a rush forward by the ladies of Little Waldingfield at this stage keen to grab a bargain.

Everyone had a most enjoyable evening which the Society aims to replicate at our forthcoming talk on Suffolk Witches, by Pip Wright, to be held at the Parish Room on Oct 31st, or All Hallows Eve (Halloween).



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# NEVER FORGOTTEN

The following can be found on the RAF Lakenheath Web site under 'Lest We Forget'. Reproduced here with minor amendments only:

**ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, 20/09/2012** - England -- The Liberty Wing of RAF Lakenheath recognized Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Remembrance week with events Sept. 17 - 21, sponsored by Chapter 1669 of the Air Force Sergeants' Association.

The theme, "Never Forgotten," referred to not only the hardships and sacrifices former POWs made, but also served as a reminder of those who are still waiting to come home.

The week began with a luncheon that honored fallen and missing comrades. Harry Buckledee, a British Army POW during WWII from 1939 to 1945 who as Guest of Honour, spoke at the event.

"It's not everyday you get to hear a 93-year-old war hero talk, and he was amazing," said Master Sgt. Donald Jost, 48th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "He had the crowd laughing one minute and crying the next. It was a chance of a lifetime that I will never forget...it definitely made the day and set the tone for the entire week."

Harry was a Corporal of the 11th Hussars regiment in North Africa, which was an armored car reconnaissance unit known as the "Cherry-pickers," and he served there until his capture by German forces in 1942. He talked about his appreciation of the partnership between U.S. and U.K. forces during the war and his gratitude to an American doctor who helped him when he was liberated as a POW.

"I realized then I was one of the lucky ones to have been somewhere where I got medical attention because I couldn't last much longer and there were lots of others who were dying," said Buckledee. "Nobody is more grateful and thankful than me that I'm still around."

For Harry POW/MIA week is a reminder of the trying times as a former POW and being grateful for what you have, but for Jost it was a time to connect with warriors from the past.

"To me it goes back to our military heritage as a whole," said Jost. "It's a way to connect and remember what our U.S. and U.K. POWs/MIAs went through and have done for us. It makes any issues I have to deal with daily minuscule in comparison."

The goal for the week was education, to get the word out that we still remember and recognize the POWs/MIAs not only for the U.S., but for our allies as well," said Lawson. "The attendance in this year's events

compared to last year is higher, so it looks like we've accomplished our goal."

Written by Senior Airman Connor Estes, 48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Following his talk Harry received a standing ovation after which he received a presentation from Master Sergeant Lawson.

Revenue from the reprint of Harry's book "For you the war is over" has enabled him to send in excess of £1200.00 to the Alzheimer's Society.

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# JAN OF WINDMILL LAND 1930



**Jan of Windmill Land**, a stage presentation by the pupils of Boxford school in the village hall Boxford 1930.

The above photograph was found in Percy Fletcher's loft and dusted down for all to see. Not only that but Percy can name all but three of the children who took part in the performance.

**Back Row left to right:** Albie Tricker, Arnold Beer, Geoffrey Elmer, Fussey Beer, Aubrey Smith, Roy Hamblin, Stanley Smith.

**Second from Back, Left to Right:** Tommy Skinner, Edie Meekings, Una Tricker, Violet Whymark, Joyce Day, Vernon Tricker, Rowland King,

Alan Hamblin, Dennis Skinner, Ada Hills, Tissy Carpenter, Unknown, Stan Giggs, Mary Ruke.

**Second row from the front, left to right:** Dorothy Fletcher, Biddy Smith, Barbara Raynham, Vivien Claydon, Peggy Smith, Jean Clarke, Evie Grimwood, Sammy Fletcher.

**Front row, left to right:** Unknown, Vida Claydon, Margaret Simpson, unknown, Doris McKie

The photograph was taken by a Mr T W C Archer of Nayland.

Percy would be very pleased if any of our readers could name any of the three children that He was unable to name.

## NOVEMBER BOOK REVIEW BY JO MARCHANT

### The Slaves of Solitude by Patrick Hamilton

Patrick Hamilton was already famous for his novels and plays by 1947 when this book was published. His name is not so well known today, a pity, as his books give vivid insights into the pre-war years. They describe the London of the 1930s and 1940s through the eyes of ordinary working men and women, not those glamorous people who inhabit Evelyn Waugh's books written about the same time.

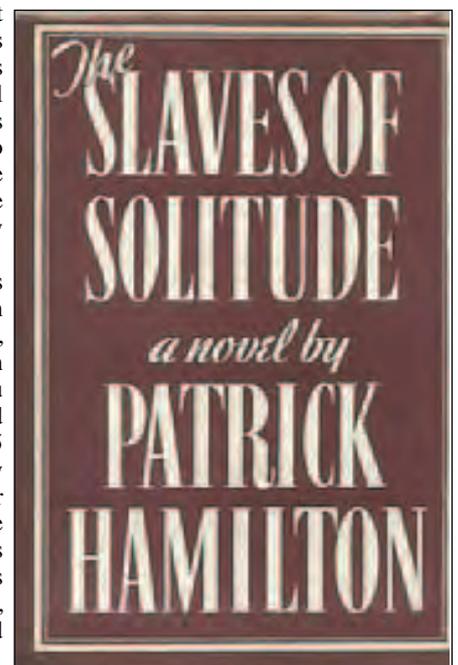
It is 1943 and Miss Roach, a thirty-nine year old spinster, has escaped the bombs of London. She moves into the Rosamund Tea Rooms, a dismal and dreary lodging house in Thames Lockden, thinly disguised as Henley. The story is told by her, and it is heart-breaking from the start. She is bullied and tormented relentlessly by Mr Thwaites, a fellow resident at the tea rooms, and she suffers deeply. Then the American Lieutenant fills her heart with joy for a while and she imagines a marriage proposal which comes to nothing. Vicki, a friend, betrays her too, only adding to the cold oppressive cruelty she has to endure every day. She has become a slave of solitude with no one to turn to. It is an all-time



low for Miss Roach and things can only get better, and they do.

Patrick Hamilton was, apparently, drinking three bottles of whisky a day when he was writing this dark novel and he was close to death. He certainly knows all about pink gins and double whiskies and much of this book is actually set in pubs. He also knows all about bullies as his father was one. We feel that this is a world he has inhabited himself, so well does he empathise with real people struggling through empty lives.

For all the gloom, this is a moving read with unforgettable characters, a novel with great depth and humanity. If you enjoy this, you should also read his 1935 masterpiece, 'Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky'. You will see the Hamilton characters in this book too, the spivs and the tarts, in pubs, drinking their gins and whiskies!



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The menu was based on the Harvest Supper of 1952 with a modern twist and the meat roll and baked root vegetables followed by a variety of trifles each with a liquor or fortified wine base went down a treat although it did take two helpings to be sure it was so good!

It was the church fund-raising committee who mainly did the work, with some help from a few others, including 2 people who cooked roast vegetables in spite of not being able to come! The team are always short on cooks so how about lending a hand next year for this great annual occasion, The event raised about £700 for church funds. Well done Groton for another great Harvest Supper.,



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## PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE OPEN DAY

Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre is holding an open day on Saturday 17th November, for anyone with any questions about physiotherapy (for adults and children), podiatry, clinical hypnosis or homeopathy to come along for an informal chat with their team of therapists.

Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre is a private physiotherapy clinic, run by founding partner Uschi Grounds and Leon Stephens, based in Sudbury town centre. Since 2001, the clinic has provided physiotherapy to the general public, offering a comprehensive physiotherapy service including assessment, diagnosis and treatment for people of all ages and from all walks of life. Whether you are suffering from mild back pain, need pain relief for a long standing condition or rehabilitation from a sports related injury, our professional team of physiotherapists can help you on the road to recovery and optimise your health and quality of life. It also offers Pilates classes on site, and individual tuition is also available.

Having recently moved from Gaol Lane, to bigger and better premises in Cornard Road, the team has expanded and now offers more services than ever before, including a dedicated Paediatric physiotherapy service for children and our new Podiatry clinic for assessment of any problems people may be having with their feet or ankles, be they sport or 'wear & tear' related.

Following on from the highly successful complementary therapies open day earlier in the year, Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre will be holding a therapist open day on Saturday 17th November, 9am to 2pm. The open day will give people the opportunity to meet some of the team of therapists on-site, and to find out more about the services on offer by speaking directly to the therapists involved.

### On hand on the day will be:

*Uschi Grounds & Leon Stephens* – To discuss any aspects of physiotherapy treatment, sports injuries, Pilates and injury prevention.

*Claire Rumble* – Senior Physiotherapist specialising in chronic pain and rheumatology, as well as back and neck pain.

*Sarah Blake* – Senior Physiotherapist, sports injuries, neck and back injuries.

*Vicky Leonard* – Paediatric Physiotherapist – To discuss physiotherapy for those from birth to 18 years (in education), for injuries, developmental problems, and physiotherapy for young M.E. sufferers.

*Dr M. Chambers* – Clinical Hypnosis/ Neuro-Linguistic Programming – With over 16 years' experience using these techniques to help people overcome phobias and anxiety, improve relaxation or professional/ sporting performance, give up smoking or change eating habits.

*Paul Donnelly* – Podiatrist – Our new podiatry service offers gait analysis and prescription of orthotics for foot and ankle problems relating to sport, arthritic changes or injury.

*Marlow Purves* – Healer & Homeopath with over 20 years' experience.

No appointments are required for the open day. Light refreshments will be provided, so why don't you come down for a coffee, cake and a chat!

Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre, 8 Cornard Road, Sudbury, Suffolk  
CO10 0NT Tel: 01787 378 178,

email: sudburyphysio@hotmail.co.uk, www.sudburyphysio.co.uk

# Wedding Receptions at the FLEECE HOTEL

Are you looking for a venue of character and tradition, offering you great food and the flexibility needed to make your Wedding Reception the perfect celebration?

The Fleece Hotel's romantic Guild Room is Grade II listed Fleece Hotel bursting with character and charm in Boxford offers you Large tapestries, pre-Raphaelite pictures & exactly that medieval décor give the venue great uniqueness & atmosphere. Please contact us for a viewing.



[www.boxfordfleece.com](http://www.boxfordfleece.com) 01787 211183

## OPEN DAY

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
9am – 2pm

The opportunity to discover more about  
what we offer at

## SUDBURY PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE

Our therapists will be on hand to discuss  
Physiotherapy (including Paediatric),  
Pilates, Podiatry & Homeopathy

Uschi Grounds – Physiotherapist

Leon Stephens – Physiotherapist & Pilates

Claire Rumble – Physiotherapist (Rheumatology)

Sarah Mortimer – Physiotherapist

Vicky Leonard – Paediatric Physiotherapist

Paul Donnelly – Podiatrist

Marlow Purves – Homeopath

Join us for coffee, cake & a chat!

If you would like further information,  
call us on 01787 378178 or visit our website –  
[www.sudburyphysio.co.uk](http://www.sudburyphysio.co.uk)  
8 Cornard Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2XA

# 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

Women and Racing Cars was the title of this month's talk. The speaker Celia Stevans, came dressed in the suit she wears to race in and was obviously very enthusiastic about her sport.

She races classic cars in many countries and has raced a variety of cars from BMW's to a very rare Warwick. Her interest in racing started because her partner restores classic cars and he took her to watch the racing at Brands Hatch. Celia decided she would like to race and after the necessary training joined the Women's British Racing Drivers Club.

She has raced in the Classic Le Mans and in 2010 was one half of an women's team in a 1932 Citroen. They didn't win but were given a special prize of Richard Mille's watches for upholding the spirit of Le Mans. They had not only driven the car but were also their own mechanics. Celia is an official racing driver instructor and she is involved in experience days. She provided us with an entertaining afternoon.

The craft club made 3D Christmas Cards with a robin theme.

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.

## Friends of Boxford School - PLEA FOR HELP

As most of you are aware, each year the Friends of Boxford School help Santa with his visit to our village. To enable us to take Santa and his elves around to see the local people and their children, we need help with his Road Sleigh. Does anyone have a vehicle that can be used for such a purpose? In the past we have used a flatbed truck which has been kindly donated to us. We then fix Santa's Sleigh on the back. Can you help? I know everyone who loves and enjoys Santa's visit each year will be very grateful.

Please contact *Sharon Whittaker*, FOBS Co-Chairman on 01787 210302

## GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

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

Applications can be from individuals or from locally based community services which could provide services for Groton residents.

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

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

Jeremy Osborne, Clerk to the Trustees  
Groton United Charities, Waterside Barn, Groton Street  
Groton, Sudbury CO10 5EE

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

## Craft and Chat club

Would anybody would be interested in a Craft and Chat club in Little Waldingfield (near Lavenham) Parish room?

Maybe on a weekend afternoon once a month.

Victoria - vkhf1978@gmail.com Phone/Text 07950 436584

## Suffolk Car Share

Suffolk Car Share encourages drivers to pull together and help each other out Drivers in Suffolk are being encouraged to save money by sharing their journeys rather than driving alone. This is particularly relevant right now as fuel prices are high and those in rural areas are struggling to meet the costs of motoring but depend on a car due to lack of rural bus services. To mark National liftshare Week, Suffolk Car Share is running a campaign to make Suffolk residents aware of their free-to-use lift-share

scheme, which typically saves commuters about £1,000 a year.

To find someone to share with, just go to [www.SuffolkCarShare.com](http://www.SuffolkCarShare.com) and register. See who's going your way at the same time and start saving. See website for details..

## Team NG does it again

Many thanks for your donations to the Newton Green McMillan Coffee Morning on September 29th. With your help we raised £1203 this year. Thanks to all the wonderful folk in Newton Village. Elsa

## Flu Vaccinations 2012

A flu vaccination session will be held in Boxford Village Hall on Tuesday 13th November 9am p 12 noon and 2pm - 4pm. No appointment is necessary. For patients registered at the Hadleigh and Boxford Surgeries only.

## TAKE AWAY CONTAINERS

Please keep these, and your fruit and veg: plastic carriers, for drop off (washed!) at Close Cottage, 1 Broad

Steeet. We can re-use them, at our cake stalls. All in aid of charity (and recycling!) Thankyou.

## Boxford Cyclists Do It Again

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride was a great success once more raising £641 in sponsorship - our second highest total ever! The flourishing Boxford Bike Club led from the front visiting twenty churches on their forty five mile ride raising money for other parishes as well as Boxford. As always, the money will be divided equally between the Trust and St Mary's Church to help keep the building in good order. Very many thanks to everyone who rode and sponsored us so generously and to all who helped - *Barrie Thorpe*.

## Barbara Riddleston

Barbara Riddleston's family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, letters and very kind words on her passing away. She loved to be involved in the local community and was a member of numerous organisations and enjoyed meeting people through them all. Of course she was widely known as a flower arranger and loved to demonstrate her skills around East Anglia. The family will miss her very much but have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by all. Thank you. *Sue, Tony, Philip and Jayne*.

St Mary's Parish Church Boxford  
Christmas Tree Festival  
December 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Admission £1.00

( Children under 12 free)



Come & see the church all lit up  
Refreshments also available

# Wot's On

## GROTON FOOD MARKET

**Saturday, November 3rd 10.30 – 2.30 at Groton Village Hall.**

Those of you who came to our last Food Market, in June 2011, will remember that it was a great success, and I hope that many of you will visit us again this time, and perhaps you will be able to pick up some Christmas presents there. See the poster for the various food and drink that will be on offer from our visiting stall-holders. Come and have coffee and cupcake, lunch snacks, or a cup of tea in the afternoon, as well as doing your shopping. We are very grateful to Morton Dawson Girling for help with publicity. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton. Enquiries to Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

## Stoke by Nayland Christmas Fair in aid of St Helena Hospice

Saturday 17th November 2012

Stoke by Nayland Village Hall Church Street CO6 4QP  
10.00am-3.00pm

Quality presents and great ideas for Christmas

Ceramics, Wooden toys, Upholstered furniture,

Christmas wreaths and flowers, Soaps, Art, Hand dyed woollen and cotton garments, Jewellery, Cards,

Ethnic art, Textiles, Christmas cakes, puddings, smoked fish, cheese, confectionery and more.

Entry £1. Home made refreshments

## THE BOXFORD PANTO

**Our story this year is in no book It's the tale of what happened to Captain Hook'**

Over the years much has been written about Captain Hook and his relationship with Peter Pan, in most of the stories, his fate is left to the reader with no defining 'end', this is mainly due to the lack of reliable evidence as to whether Hook and Peter Pan ever existed.

Most scholars agree that in the late 19th century there was a family by the name of Darling and that one of their three children was called Wendy, as

to the introduction of a Captain Hook, this is generally thought to come from tales related by Wendy to her own children.

There is a substantiated record of a Captain Hook about this time whose main port was Felixstowe, the Darlings home town.

Reports say he was a 'fearsome sight' and would have frightened anyone who crossed him.

In 2009 in the village of Edwardstone, a new document was discovered showing conclusively that these people did in fact exist, this document mainly details the story of Hook after his meeting with Peter Pan. This record has been met with some scepticism by many; it undoubtedly contains much circumstantial, but compelling evidence of their existence. It has now been arranged into a Pantomime that will take place on the 28th November 2012 for four nights - Come and judge for yourselves.

Tickets will be on sale outside the shops in Boxford in the usual place from 9am till approx 10am on Saturday October 27th. After that in Boxford news

There will be a licensed bar and a raffle every night.

Dates and ticket prices:

Wednesday 28th November FAMILY NIGHT. Curtain up at 7pm.

Tickets: £6.00 Adult and £3.00 Child (No supper)

Thursday November 29th to Saturday December 1st Curtain up at 7.30pm with a traditional Christmas dinner served during the interval. Tickets £13.00.

Tickets are non refundable and restricted to a maximum of 8 per person. Seats in the Village Hall are on a first come, first served basis, so please don't try to reserve tables or seats as this is not fair on others.

## 'Cakes 'R' Us'!

**Friday November 9th**

South Porch, Boxford Church 2.30-3.45 pm

Buy early to avoid disappointment! (All proceeds to charity.)

## Shopping at Kersey Mill

**25th November, 7.00pm - 9.30pm**

**Saturday, 26th November 10.00am - 3.30pm**

at The Venue, Kersey Mill, courtesy of Jill and John Kerry in aid of St Mary's Church, Kersey School & Teenage Cancer Trust. Entrance: £5 for Fri (inc. mulled wine and mince pies) and Sat OR £2 for Saturday only, ALL PROCEEDS TO CHARITY

## EDWARDSTONE

### WINTER WARMER!

In aid of Edwardstone Church & Parish Hall

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

at Edwardstone Village Hall

9am - 1pm



Coffee, Tea & Cakes

Variety of Stalls

Raffle & Tombola

Children's Play Area

Free Entry & Ample Parking

*If you would like to order one of the*

**FAMOUS Edwardstone Christmas Puddings**

*please call Sally Hoskyns on 01787 211 266*



Please come along and support this community event.

## The Boxford Study Centre presents

A course of five morning lectures by  
Dr Simon Doney

# The Wars of the Roses

The Wars of the Roses threw England into terrible disorder for almost thirty years. This course will endeavour to trace the origins of the conflict and shed light on how it developed into a complex civil war of feuds, invasions, usurpations, coups, and the reign of five kings. It is an age that saw the end of the House of Plantagenet and the birth of the Tudor dynasty.

**Starts: Tues 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Ends: Tues 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Time: 10:30am - 12 noon**

**Place: Groton Village Hall**

**Cost: £40 for the course**

**Contact: 01787 210149**



# Wot's On

## FunDancing

FunDancing will be demo-ing at the Let's Dance section of Sunday's (7th October) ShowDown Festival 2012. Brantham's Leisure Centre, New Village, Brantham CO11 1RZ. Day starts at 12pm ends at 9pm Lots of fun for the whole family see you there

FunDancing classes in Gt Waldingfield Village Hall every Tuesday at 6:15 and 7:20pm (see ad for further details) FunDancing classes in Nayland Village Hall every Wednesday at 10am (see ad for further details)

## But You Don't Look Ill

Cheerful, Chatty Support Thursday 15th November  
1-3pm - drop in any time. Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard £1

Saturday 24th November, 7.30 pm

## Sudbury Symphony Orchestra

Autumn Concert St Peter's Market Hill Sudbury, CO10 1TL

Conductor: Matthew Andrews - [www.matthewandrews.net](http://www.matthewandrews.net)

Leader: Christina Everson

Brahms: Academic Festival Overture, Op 80

Mozart: Piano Concerto No 21, K467, C major - soloist Jill Morton ([www.jillmorton.com](http://www.jillmorton.com))

Dvorak: Symphony No 9, Op 95, E minor (From the New World)

Tickets £10 (children £2)

available from Mon. 29th October from [www.sudburysymphonyorchestra.com](http://www.sudburysymphonyorchestra.com);

Compact Music, North Street, Sudbury;

Tourist Information Centre at Sudbury Library, Market Hill, Sudbury and from 52 Friars Street, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2AG - 01787 375099 (send cheque payable to Sudbury Symphony Orchestra and sae)  
A limited number of tickets will be available on the door.

## FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Stoke by Nayland Village Hall Entertainments Committee Presents:

## "THE CAVERNERS" DUO

Live at the Village Hall  
Saturday 24th November 2012 Playing popular 60's music from the great rock and roll era. An evening not to be missed.  
Tickets £10.00 including supper, Doors Open 7.15 pm  
Tickets now on sale at Stoke by Nayland Post Office or Telephone 01206 265172

## 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](mailto:rosie.osborne@btinternet.com) Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Wagener 01787210223 e-mail: [elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com](mailto:elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com)

## WEA

Christmas Party 13th December

Spring 2013 course - The 20th Century Social Cartoon by Roger Simpson

## The Bounty Hunters

Present the 10th and final **Snail Race** at the Leavenheath Village Hall Saturday 10th November at 7.00pm

Licensed Bar and Raffle, Help for Heroes Chavasse VC House

Tickets £10.50 including supper, Phone 01206 263997

## POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 17 November 7-00pm

## "The Art of Matching Food and Wine"

Presented by Stéphane

Tasting of white, red and sweet wine, with nibbles, to learn the art of matching food with wine

Buffet supper included

Tickets, £15-00, available in advance from

Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

Proceeds for Polstead Village Hall Funds

## Celebrate Christmas and New Year in Style

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa  
and bring your party to our party!



There's a warm welcome awaiting you at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa this Christmas!

Christmas Party Nights  
Tickets from £29.95

New Year's Eve Gala Ball  
Tickets £85 (members £75)

New Year's Eve Supper and Disco  
Tickets £48 (members £38)

Three and Four Night Christmas Breaks  
From £399 per person

New Year's Eve Two Night Party Break  
£195 per person

Additional offers include...  
including Christmas Day Lunch, Festive Dinners, Festive Lunches and Boxing Day Brunch.

Download our online Festival brochure at [www.stokebynayland.com](http://www.stokebynayland.com)

The Wedding and Reception Unit 01206 265172

Stoke by Nayland

01206 265172

01206 265172 Stoke by Nayland Golf & Spa, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk CO10 4PL  
[www.stokebynayland.com](http://www.stokebynayland.com) [www.stokebynaylandfodges.com](http://www.stokebynaylandfodges.com)

**CRUTON FOOD MARKET**  
SATURDAY 3rd November 2012  
Cruton Village Hall  
10:30 - 2:30  
Admission £1

# Wot's On

## The Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2012 - 2013

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

**SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2012**, 6.00 p.m. St Peter's, Sudbury  
Essex Baroque Orchestra directed by Peter Holman (harpsichord)

The Ceremonial Handel: The Fireworks Music, The Water Music,  
Concerto Grosso in A minor, op. 6, no. 4

**SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2012**, 6.00 p.m. St James's Church, Nayland  
Claire Tomlin (soprano), Tom Stapleton (tenor), Psalmody members of  
QuintEssential Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble & Essex Baroque  
Orchestra directed by Peter Holman

Schütz: The Christmas Story with seasonal music by Giovanni Gabrieli,  
Michael Praetorius, Johann Hermann Schein, Samuel Scheidt and others  
**SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2013**, 6.00 p.m. St Mary's Church, Boxford  
Anneke Scott (natural horn), Matthew Truscott (violin), Steven Devine  
(Broadwood pianoforte), Brahms: Horn Trio in E flat, op. 40

plus Schubert Sonatina in D major D 384 for violin & piano, Schubert  
Ave Maria arr. J.F. Gallay for horn & piano  
Schumann Adagio and Allegro in A flat, op. 70 for horn & piano, Brahms  
Scherzo from the F-A-E Sonata for violin & piano, Herzogenberg Horn  
Trio in D, op. 61

**SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2013**, 6.00 p.m. St Mary's Church, Boxford  
Fred Jacobs (lute), The Golden Age of the Lute

Early seventeenth-century music by John Dowland and his  
contemporaries

**MONDAY 27 MAY 2013**, 6.00 p.m. St Mary's Church, Stoke by  
Nayland

Philippa Hyde & Claire Tomlin (soprano), Timothy Travers-Brown  
(countertenor), Tom Raskin (tenor), Giles Davies (baritone), Psalmody,  
Essex Baroque Orchestra directed by Peter Holman (harpsichord)  
Handel: Susanna

Box office & further information:

01206 366603

box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com

www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

## 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

Friday 9th NOVEMBER 7pm for 7.30 Supper

This popular and fun quiz, to include a fish & chip supper with a licensed bar will be held at Mildren Pavilion. Teams of 6 per table. Tickets £10 per person to book please call Pearl on 01449 741876.

## MILDEN PAVILION & PLAYING FIELDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Mildren 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.

## Mildren Singers Christmas Concert

Friday 14th 7.30pm and Saturday 15th December 1.30pm

Enjoy these festive concerts with the songs of Cole Porter and Irvine Berlin performed by the Mildren Singers. Tickets £5 to include buffet on Friday and afternoon tea on Saturday, with licensed bar on both days.

Please call Pearl for tickets on Tel no 01449 741876

## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND Charity Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards can be purchased at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford on Weekday mornings (except Wednesdays) between 9.30 and 12 noon. They will be available from Monday 15th October.

THE VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENT...

# Fire AND ICE

A frosty musical fantasy for all the family...

FRI NOV 30<sup>TH</sup>  
SAT DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>  
FRI DEC 7<sup>TH</sup>  
SAT DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>

7:30PM

PLUS MATINÉES  
SATURDAYS 2.30PM



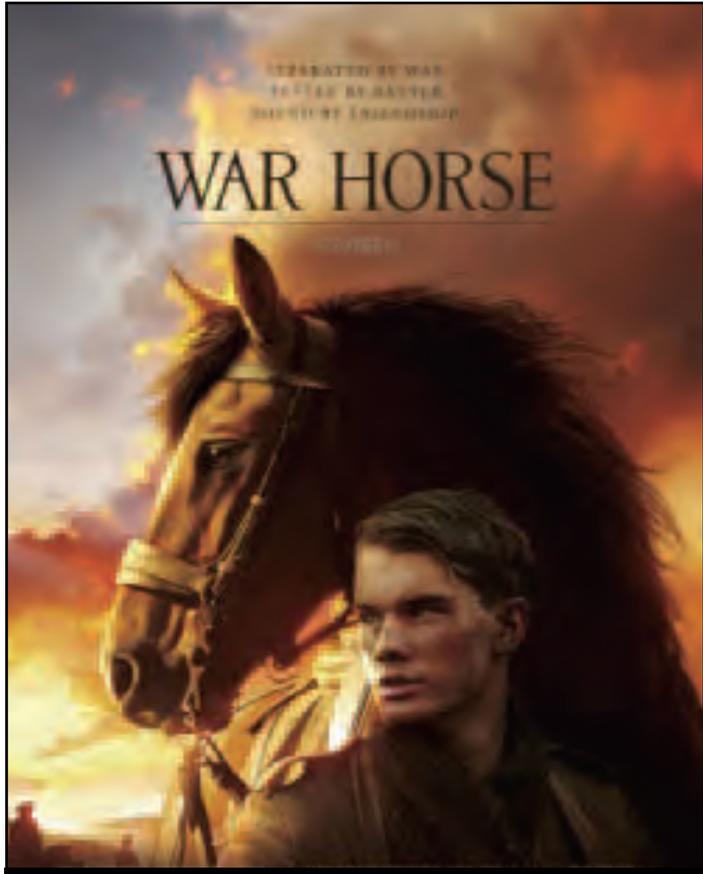
Nayland Village Hall  
Church Lane, CO64 1JH

Adults £6  
Children £4

Tickets available from Oct 2012  
Nayland Post Office (pm only)  
Or Tel. 01206 263808

CREATED BY WAR  
TITLED BY MAYER  
DIRECTED BY ZEMEK

# WAR HORSE



Polstead Digital Cinema  
Friday 9th November  
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

## Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks

Monday 5th November

At 6.45 for 7pm at the Village Hall Playing Field, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4JH. Hot Dogs, Sparklers, Luminous Necklaces, Soft Drinks & Adult Drinks. Adults £4, Children £1.

## Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

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

## FOBS Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1st December, Boxford School PM

## A HARVEST CONCERT

Stour Winds, conducted by Charlotte Robertson and Duncan Young, piano

Magic moments from Mozart to "The Mission"

Sunday 4th November, 3 pm

St Andrew's Church Belchamp St Paul CO10 7AT

Refreshments – Admission Free

Donations to St Andrew's Church

## CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER 3.00pm

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, St Catherine's Road, LONG MELFORD

SONG CYCLE Vocal Group presents

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS, Followed by Sherry & Mince Pies

In Aid of ST CATHERINES PORCH TICKETS £10.00 from

Landers Book Shop, Long Melford, Compact Music, Sudbury

And on the Door or Tel: 01787-281836

## Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Proceeds towards LVH Capital Project Fund (Charity No 262816)

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

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

**31st Oct Pip Wright Suffolk Witches**, How superstition has haunted Suffolk & surrounding counties, and the persecution it lead to.

**21st Nov Paddy Heazell Bombs, Beams and Boffins** The mystery of Orford Ness

**5th Dec Peter Batty Punch & Judy** A light hearted look at its history and traditions with a show

All talks will be in the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp. Please book and pay in advance to guarantee your place, as seats are limited.

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage, Little Waldingfield  
Phone: 01787 248298, Tickets Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

With grateful thanks to a grant from our sponsor, Councillor Colin Spence, from his Suffolk County Council Locality Budget.

## Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages)

Meetings in the village hall, starting at 2.30pm

**Monday 12th November**, An Ambassador from the children's Hospices is coming to talk to us about their work. Non members of the club will be most welcome to join us

**Monday 26th November** Our last meeting for the year

**December 3rd**, Our Christmas Lunch will be at the Fox and Hounds.

Shirley Watling 01787 210024

## Leavenheath Christmas and Craft Fayre

Saturday 24th November, 11am 3pm in the Village Hall

Over 20 great stalls, something for everyone

Refreshments and light lunches available, Grand raffle draw

Charities to benefit from this event:

Sy Helenas Hospice • East Anglian Childrens Hospice • Lupus UK

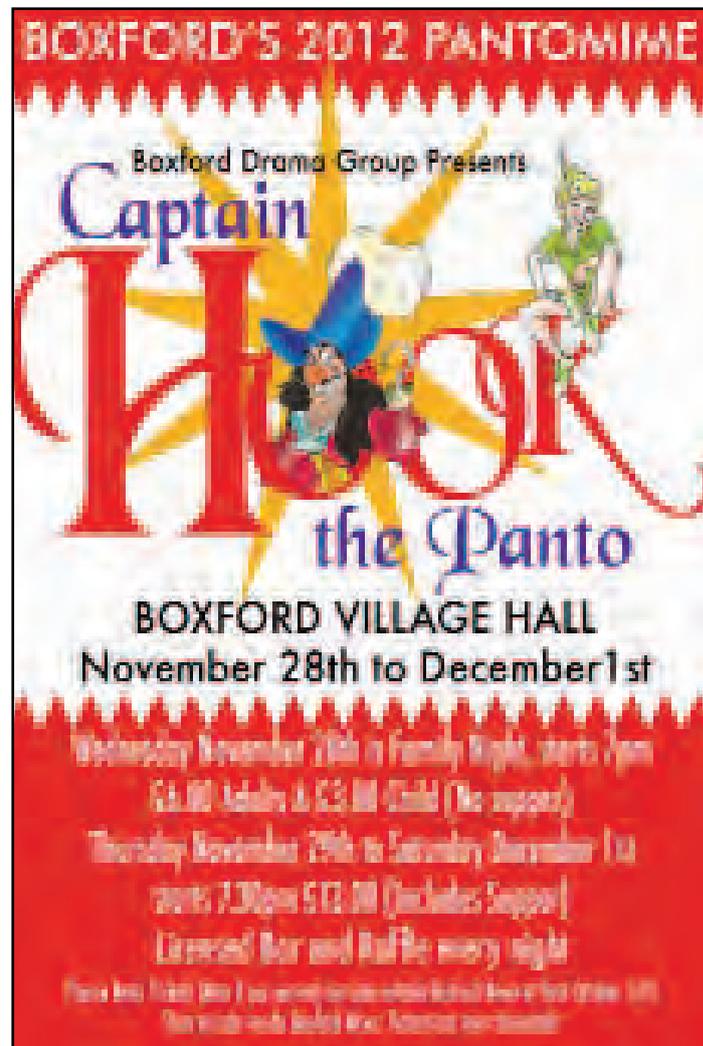
Come and join us, parking at Village Hall. Entrance by donation.



**SALMON FISHING**  
IN THE YEMEN

"A FANTASTIC FEEL-GOOD CHARMER"  
"THE BRITISH COMEDY OF THE YEAR!"

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema 3rd November  
Tickets £3.50 Phone 01206 262505 Or 01206 263266  
Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm



BOXFORD'S 2012 PANTOMIME

Boxford Drama Group Presents  
**Captain Jack**  
the Panto

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL  
November 28th to December 1st

Wednesday November 28th is Family Night, starts 6pm  
£3.00 Adults & £3.00 Child (No support)

Thursday November 29th to Saturday December 1st  
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# Wot's On

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We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas and, if you are not in a team but would like to help, please also let us know. It is never too early to book your place, so book it now!

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# Forthcoming Events Diary

## October

27 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
27 Boxford Community Council	Halloween Spectracula	The Boxford Spinney	6.00pm
31 Ltl Waldingfield Historical Soc	Pip Wright Suffolk Witches	Ltl W Parish Room	7.30pm

## November

3 Groton Food Market	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	10.30-2.30pm
3 Coffee Morning	Newton PCC	Newton Village hall	10.00-12noon
4 Pets Service		Boxford St Mary's	11.00am
5 Boxford Village Hall AGM		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Milden Pavilion & Playing Fields	AGM	The Pavilion Milden	8.00pm
7 Boxford WI	Annual Meeting and Wolsey Theatre Talk	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
7/8/9 Xmas Tree Festival	Boxford PCC	Boxford St Mary's	
8 Boxford WI	Christmas Card	Mary's House	2.00pm
9 Cakes R Us		South Porch, Boxford St Mary's	2.30-3.45pm
9 Fun Quiz Night		Milden Pavilion	7-730pm
11 Boxford WI	Christmas Tree Decorations	Mary's House	2.15pm
12 Boxford Over 60's Club	Childrens Hospice	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
17 Festive Fair	Boxford Village Hall	Boxford Village Hall	TBA
21 Ltl Waldingfield Historical Soc	Paddy Heazell Bombs, Beams and Boffins	Ltl W Parish Room	7.30pm
26 Boxford Over 60's Club	Last Meeting of 2012	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
28/Dec 1st Boxford Drama Group	Captain Hook	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

## December

1 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
1 FOB's Christmas Fayre	FOB's	School Hall	TBA
3 Boxford Community Council	Executive Meeting	White Hart	8.00pm
3 Boxford Over 60's Club	Christmas Lunch	Fox and Hounds, Groton	
5 Ltl Waldingfield Historical Soc	Peter Batty Punch & Judy	Ltl W Parish Room	7.30pm
6 Christmas Tree Festival	Boxford St Mary's PCC	St Mary's Church	TBA
14/15 Milden Singers Christmas Concert		Milden Pavilion	1.30pm
15 Boxford Community Council	Christmas Fayer and Carols	White Hart	TBA

## January

26 Boxford Community Council	Fun and Games Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30 for 8pm
17 Suffolk Village Featival	Witer Concert	Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm

## February

3 Valentines Dance	Boxford Village Hall Committee	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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## April

28 Suffolk Village Featival	Witer Concert	Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm
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*Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.*

**Benefice house:**

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

## STICKS AND STONES

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words (or names) will never hurt me." We have all heard those words, perhaps in response to children's taunts in the playground. But are they true?

The law of defamation recognises that someone's reputation may be damaged by untrue words, written or spoken, and provides a remedy in damages for the injured party, while providing a defence of 'honest opinion.' But is there a right not to be offended? And how does this square with the principles of freedom of speech and religious liberty, enshrined in the Human Rights Act 1998?

This issue has been much in the news lately. People have been prosecuted, and sent to prison, for sending offensive 'tweets' or publishing offensive comments on Facebook. Others argue that Andrew Mitchell ought to have been arrested for (allegedly) swearing at the police officer who refused to let him ride his bicycle through the main gate at the entrance to Downing Street. Of greater concern, perhaps, is that the existing law has been used to stifle people seeking to preach the Christian gospel in the street, or protesting on moral issues, such as abortion.

For this reason, what some might think to be an unholy alliance of the Christian Institute, Peter Tatchell and Rowan Atkinson (among others) are campaigning to remove the word "insulting" from section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986. It would still be an offence to cause someone harassment, alarm, or distress by threatening or abusive words or behaviour, but not by words just perceived to be offensive. As Lord Justice Sedley said in a case in 1999, allowing the appeal of a Christian fundamentalist prosecuted for obstructing the police when she refused to stop preaching on the steps of Wakefield Cathedral when some members of the listening crowd started to show their hostility: "*Free speech includes not only the offensive but the irritating, the contentious, the eccentric, the heretical, the unwelcome and the provocative provided it does not tend to provoke violence.*" He went on to refer to the "*tolerance which is both extended by the law to opinion of every kind and expected by the law in the conduct of those who disagree, even strongly, with what they hear.*"

Wise words, but as Christians we do well also to bear mind what Paul said in his letter to the Ephesians: "*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*" (Ephesians 5 v. 29)

David Lamming



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,  
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236  
Peter Patrick, Amberley,  
White Street Green. tel 210346

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

**A Christmas Tree Festival-** We are holding a "Christmas Tree Festival" in St. Mary's Church from Friday 7th - Sunday 9th December inclusive. Entry is £1.00. Lots of imaginatively decorated trees by village organisations & families - there will be refreshments available as well. (If you would like to have a tree to decorate there are still some available. Price is £10.00 for the tree (you can keep it afterwards if you wish!) All funds raised for the upkeep of the Parish Church. Please contact Ruth Kingsbury or Pauline Lamming for further details.

**"Cakes are us": cakes & bread stalls** will be held the last Friday each month in the South Porch from 2.30pm. Lots of delicious cakes & bread available.

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

**Church Calendar:** We are hoping the 2013 calendar will be available for sale in village shops in November.

**Church Choir:** Have you sung in a choir before or do you just enjoy singing. Either way we would love you to join us. Practices are Thursday evenings from 7.00pm for an hour or so - do come along - no auditions - do drop in & give it a try.

**Musicians-** Do you play an instrument? Whatever you play we would love to hear from you as we would like to set up a music group to play at some of our more informal services. If you feel you can help or know someone who could, please speak to a churchwarden or the Revd Judith.

**Volunteers & Help needed:** As mentioned last month- Please do consider if you can help out - even for an hour or two - with any of the following: secretarial work, church cleaning, fundraising events. If you can please contact a church warden.

**Special Services:**

**Pets Service 2012:** We are holding our "**Pets Service**" this year on **Sunday 4th November at 11.00 am**. Make a note to come! Bring along you pet/s - 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

**"An Advent Celebration"** Saturday December 1st:- To celebrate the start of Advent - in music & readings specially selected for the occasion - at 6.30pm (Entry is of course free) followed by a Supper for which a charge will be made. (Tickets for the supper will be available from the newsagents or in church)

**"Christingle" Service - 4.00pm on Sunday December 2nd** - A special service for children & families where we raise funds for **The Children's Society**

**The Bible Study Group:** The Bible study group meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd & 4th Monday each month at 47 Swan Street. Please do come along, you will be made most welcome.

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

**Smile Lines:** Things you'll never hear said in church: "I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before."

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

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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone Tel: 210972  
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Tel: 211161



### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

The Edwardstone Remembrance Day Service will be held at the War Memorial on 11th November and will start at 10:50 a.m.; it will be led by Antony Dodd. *David Saddleton*

### ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
<b>Nov 4:</b>	Mrs Dodd	Mrs Paul	Mrs Richardson	Mrs Clark
<b>Nov 11:</b>	<i>Remembrance Service at War Memorial</i>			
<b>Nov 11:</b>	Mrs Paul			
<b>Nov 18:</b>	Mrs Dodd	Mr & Mrs Saddleton		
<b>Nov 25:</b>	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton		
<b>Informal Daily Prayer:</b>	9.00 a.m. every Tuesday			



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Jayne Foster:*

*Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360*

*Sue Edwards:*

*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### FUNERAL AND BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD:

28th September 2012 – Barbara Joyce Riddleston, aged 88 years.

#### GROTON FOOD MARKET

**Saturday, November 3rd 10.30 – 2.30 at Groton Village Hall.**

Those of you who came to our last Food Market, in June 2011, will remember that it was a great success, and I hope that many of you will visit us again this time, and perhaps you will be able to pick up some Christmas presents there. See the poster for the various food and drink that will be on offer from our visiting stall-holders. Come and have coffee and cupcake, lunch snacks, or a cup of tea in the afternoon, as well as doing your shopping. We are very grateful to Morton Dawson Girling for help with publicity. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton. Enquiries to *Pat Kennedy Scott* [210319]

**PCC MEETING:** The PCC will meet at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 14th November 2012. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e-mail: [djlamming@hotmail.com](mailto:djlamming@hotmail.com)) by Sunday 4th November.

#### Rota

<b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b>	Mr Lamming
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Mrs Smith
<b>Flowers:</b>	Mrs Lethbridge



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwarden:**

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,

Tel: 370331

**21st September :** The Harvest Supper took place in our Village Hall. Although numbers were down, this was certainly made up for that with the excellence of the food and the interesting talk given by the guest speaker Tony Moore on Reflections on the life in Newton when he lived there.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to this a happy occasion.

**23rd September :** Our Harvest Festival Service took place in a church aglow with Autumnal colours from the many lovely floral displays and the produce given by many members of our church. The Revd. Judith took the service and spoke of the phrase, so commonly used today of "no worry". Adding to this, she reminded us of a reggae song "don't worry be happy" and used a flexible toy fish 'singing' this phrase. The world is full of worries about finding food for its population, which might be difficult

for us to appreciate, seeing the abundance of fruit and vegetables before us in our church. The hymns conveyed the guiding hand of God to help us to use our energies and resources to bring about a world with enough food for all, then we may sing 'Don't worry be happy'. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ. In these days of a lack of organists, we had the luxury of two appearing, but all was solved---with no worries.

Thank you to Sue Presland and her team for providing and arranging the floral and horticultural display and to the refreshment team.

**30th September:** The Five Villages Service was held at St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield to celebrate St Michael and All Angels. This was combined with "Back to Church Sunday". Revd Judith led the service with prayers read by Reader Christopher Kingsbury. The Address was given by The Right Reverend Clive Young, Bishop of Dunwich. He had all ages captivated by saying that by looking up in a church one can see cobwebs but also angels. A short and simple Communion service was taken by the bishop. The hymns reflected the theme of Angels, ending the service with 'Ye holy angels bright'. A happy cafe atmosphere followed with great refreshments provided. A special Thank You to Bishop Clive and to all who helped to make a wonderful service and hopefully a real welcome to anyone who decided to join in 'Back to Church Sunday'.

**30th September :** An informal Concert in Church was held in the afternoon. Anyone attending this event given by Millwheel, a small group of a Capella singers and the Sudbury Recorder Consort, will have thoroughly enjoyed an atmospheric concert from the 6th century to the present day. Thank you to all concerned and to those who provided refreshments making this a delightful occasion.

**14th October:** On a beautiful bright Autumn morning, our Holy Communion Service was led by Revd. David Stranack. His sermon told us of the value put on 'things' today giving us plenty to think about. Thank you to Michael Colleer for accompanying us on the organ and to all who helped with refreshments and who made our church a welcoming place to everyone, especially members from other churches.

**Notices:** 8th December : Newton Church Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. All welcome.

#### Flowers :

**10th November :**

Mrs. Margaret Lowe.

**24th November :**

Mrs. Jean Charity.

**Cleaning :**

Mrs. Chris Cornell.



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

#### Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
<b>Nov 4:</b>	Mr Squirrel	Mrs Gregor Smith
<b>Nov 11:</b>	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Harbord
<b>Nov 18:</b>	Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington	Mrs Roser
<b>Nov 25:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Ewen

## General Church News

**DIOCESAN SYNOD:** The synod meets at the St Nicholas Centre in Ipswich at 9.00 am on Saturday 10th November 2012. This will be the first meeting of the newly-elected synod and will begin with a Eucharist. Among items to be considered are Disability Inclusion Guidelines, drafted recently to indicate how the church should respond to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 to treat everyone with disability of any kind without discrimination, and the 2013 diocesan budget. Synod will be asked to approve expenditure of £8,167,000 (2012: £7,997,552) and to confirm the decision in June to increase the Parish Share by 2.5% to £6,910,292 after a nil increase in 2012. The bulk of this supports stipendiary ministry in the parishes, including housing and pension costs and the training of future priests. Stipends are set to rise by 2.6% in April 2013 (2.1% for curates).

**WOMEN BISHOPS:** Should the Church of England enable women to become bishops and, if so, what provision should be made for those people and parishes that have theological objections? Following the synod meeting in July in York, the House of Bishops have reconsidered their controversial amendment ("clause 5(1)(c)") that led to the debate being adjourned. It is hoped that a special meeting of the General Synod in London from 19th-21st November 2012 will finally resolve this question and enable the legislation to proceed. Our cathedral Dean,

Frances Ward, has written about the issue in the November East Anglican. She concludes: "The consecration of women as bishops is not about rights or feminism... It is about our response as Anglicans as we listen to the Holy Spirit, mindful of our past and able to change when our traditional church—episcopally-led, synodically-governed—discerns that the time is right. That time has come."

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING:** The Ministry Team meets at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 21st November 2012.**

**DEANERY SYNOD:** Sudbury Deanery Synod will meet at St Gregory's Church Hall, Sudbury, at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 28th November 2011.** The meeting will determine the apportionment of the deanery Parish Share for 2013 among the benefices in the deanery. Our deanery is being asked to pay £418,480, an increase of £21,387 (5.4%) on 2012. The recommended apportionment would see the Box River Benefice rising to £53,638, a slightly lower increase of 4.48%

## Box River Benefice The Church At Worship NOVEMBER 2012

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

### Thursday 1st

Lt Waldingfield                      19.00    Holy Communion, Newmans Hall  
(Reserved Sacrament)                      Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>4th before Advent</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Little Waldingfield	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
<b>Edwardstone</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Boxford	11.00	A "Pets Service" (all age service)	Revd Judith
	16.00	A service for "Remembering our Loved Ones"	Revd Judith
		A special service for everyone in the benefice	

Wednesday 7th

Boxford                                      10.30    Holy Communion, Mary's House                      The Revd David Abel

<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>(R)</b>	
Groton	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Groton                      1	0.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial.	David Lamming
Edwardstone	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Antony Dodd
Little Waldingfield	10.45	Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord
Newton	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
	11.00	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Chris Cornell and team
Boxford	10.50	Remembrance Service	Revd Judith & Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 14th

Boxford                                      10.30    Holy Communion, Mary's House  
(Reserved Sacrament)                      Antony Dodd

Thursday 15th

Little Waldingfield                      19.00    Compline                      Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>2nd before Advent</b>	<b>(G)</b>	
Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
<b>Little Waldingfield</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 21st

Boxford                                      10.30    Holy Communion, Mary's House                      Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<b>(W)</b>	
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
<b>Groton</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Newton	11.00	Family Service	Chris Cornell and Team
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 28th

Boxford                                      10.30    Holy Communion Mary's House                      The Revd David Abel

## Soap Box

I read recently, with some alarm it has to be said, that we are becoming more insular as a society, preferring to interact through networks, such as those now available through the world wide web. I have embraced these social networks – after a fashion. My “friends” on Facebook will be only too aware that I am not very active in keeping in touch or responding to their “pokes”.

Linked-in garners a little more support from me, but I confess to never having tweeted – or even visited Twitter. I prefer my interaction to be of a more personal, up front kind – perhaps with a bottle of wine involved too. But then I’m of the generation that has had to accept computers as part of life, not having been brought up with them. For my children and others of their age and younger, computers, tablets and smart phones are simply part of the fabric of life.

Perhaps the reason this piece of news caught my attention was that it came as I was writing some articles to commemorate the stock market crash of 1987 and the hurricane that preceded it. I even recorded a piece for Radio Suffolk on the very subject, though as I promptly departed for Spain once the recording was in the bag, I have no idea if it was, indeed, used.

The hurricane left the shores of this country through Suffolk. Devastation was widespread throughout south east England, but the effects in the City of London were particularly dramatic. It happened that I had stayed in town the night of the hurricane in preparation for an early morning meeting. Waking to an apparent power cut, I had no idea of the extent of the chaos until I stepped out of the house where I was staying.

In a scene reminiscent of 28 Days Later or The Day of the Triffids, I emerged into a London street littered with debris, with no traffic moving and with shop fronts shattered by falling branches. My early morning meeting never happened and I struggled back to Suffolk later that morning with difficulty, all trains out of Liverpool Street having been cancelled.

The power outage was widespread and continued in our village for a week. With no gas available on which to cook, several families

gathered at the house of a neighbour fortunate enough to have an Aga still operating to cook their evening meals on a regular basis. Indeed, it was while a number of us were gathered there that the power returned one evening. We all felt a little sad in a way that this adventure had come to an end.

The camaraderie and degree of clubbing together in adversity was enough to restore even a lifelong cynic’s faith in human nature. No Facebook or Twitter then. What would we do today? Send each other texts to commiserate over a breakdown in the social order?

Don’t get me wrong – I’m not a technophobe and fully accept that the clock cannot be turned back. But I do worry that, with all our personal entertainment devices (the number of people either listening to music or watching films on the journey into London must surely outnumber those who, like me, read) and our web assisted networks, the ability to interact directly with people is declining. Perhaps you don’t agree. I’d be interested to know.

*Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.*

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# GARDENING IN NOVEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

An unusual hardy deciduous shrub or tree is Halesia Carolina (snowdrop tree), native to china and North America. It has pale green pointed leaves and the wide spreading branches are clothed in pendant bunches of glistening white bell shaped flowers during April and May, similar to small snow drops. It likes a slightly sheltered position in soil that is not too alkaline and a minimum amount of pruning is necessary.

Another fairly unusual shrub of Chinese origin is the Sarcococca. The most common varieties as S. Hookeriana digyna and S. Hookeriana humilis. Both are evergreen with slender pointed leaves and have small, sweet smelling, white or pink tinted flowers during the winter months. An ideal shrub for small gardens as it rarely exceeds a height and spread of more than two feet. Plant in a shady position where the soil is not too dry and it will remain trouble free for several years. Choisya ternata (Mexican orange blossom) a hardy evergreen shrub which will quickly grow to a height of five feet and a similar spread. The trifoliate glossy green leaves are aromatic when crushed and large clusters of fragrant orange blossom like white flowers appear in May and intermittently throughout the year. Like its companion, Choisya Sundance, they prefer full sun -jin any well drained garden soil, although they will tolerate partial shade. No regular pruning is required but they can be cut back quite hard if they become overgrown.

November is usually the best month to plant roses and deciduous trees and shrubs, The soil is still dry enough to work on and is warm enough for the roots to become established before winter. However, they can be planted at any time between leaf fall and bud burst in spring provided the ground is workable and not frost hard. If it is not possible to plant immediately, trees can be stored in a frost free shed, after covering the roots with moist sacks to stop them drying out or becoming frozen. If the roots are dry, soak them for a few hours before planting and cut off any damaged roots with secateurs. Make sure there is some fine soil packed round the roots when planting, to encourage the formation of a fibrous root system. The large roots are the anchor roots, it is the fine fibrous roots on which the tree depends to take up food and water.

When planting fruit trees which are grafted on to root stock, make sure that you do not plant the point of union below soil level so that the scion makes its own roots to spoil the effect of the root stock. As a general rule all trees should be planted at the same depth as they were on the nursery.

Where a tree is a bit lopsided the best side should be planted towards the prevailing wind, This will assist in the formation of a better shaped tree. Keep a circle free of grass around newly planted trees. Young trees suffer badly from the competition from grass for food and water.

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

This month is perfect for planting new fruit trees and bushes, but only if the ground is not frosted or too wet. Dig over, and weed, vacant areas of the vegetable plot incorporating well-rotted organic matter.

## Top 10 jobs this month

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
10. Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

## Rakes Progress

Only collect leaves where absolutely necessary. Don't leave them too long on the lawns or they will kill the grass underneath. Where they have fallen in the beds and have not drifted too deeply, leave the earthworms to pull them into their burrows and to rot on the surface. This is not laziness but necessary to keep the cycle replenished. However, where leaves have drifted deeply or are smothering smaller plants or silver Mediterranean herbs and perennials, clear to keep the plants dry and airy. Sweeping leaves off paths and terraces is all you need to keep the garden looking cared for and covers for a wealth of disorder in the beds.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Newton Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th September 2012

**Present:** Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman arrived late), Roy Gardner, Philip Taylor, Alan Vince and Deborah Williams.

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

*Cllr Gardner took the Chair until Cllr Presland arrived.*

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Parker and Schwenk sent their apologies as well as PCSO Hemmett.

**Declaration of Interests:** None were declared.

**Councillors' request for Dispensation:** None were received.

**Minutes of meeting held on the 22nd August 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.

*Cllr Presland arrived and took the Chair.*

**BDC's Community Engagement 2012:** Peter Holbrook outlined the aims and objectives of the consultation and there will be a public meeting of Parish Councils, organisations and individuals on either the 9th or 11th October at Assington Village Hall starting at 7pm or 7.30pm. Peter will update council on the precise details as soon as possible.

**Correspondence (Appendix B):** Following a review of the Correspondence there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

**Clerks Report (Appendix C):** Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors agreed that Cllrs Taylor and Parker repair the play equipment tunnel with protection at the top of each entrance.

### Finance:

a. The councillors resolved to approve and accept the Annual Return from BDO LLP for the year ended 31st March 2012 and to publicise the results to the residents.

b. The councillors reviewed the asset register against the insurance cover and agreed that it met the council's requirements. The councillors also resolved to take a further 3 year Long Term Agreement with Aviva as the relationship over the previous 3 years had been very beneficial in terms of premiums paid.

c. 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.

d. The councillors resolved to donate £375 towards the Churchyard maintenance costs.

e. The councillors resolved to donate £40 to the Poppy Appeal.

### Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed BDC's response to NPC's Freedom of Information request for further information on the background to the granting of a Certificate of Lawful Use for Lilleyfields in Planning Application B/12/00234. The councillors felt that BDC's refusal to give NPC the background to the decision did not enhance the transparency of such decisions by a Local Planning Authority.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/12/00706 Lilleyfields, Sackers Green - Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of a mobile home to be used as a permanent residential pitch by a single gypsy family. Erection of ancillary store and construction of hardstanding. The councillors resolved that the following response be sent to Babergh District Council.

"With BDC's Planning Policy HS42 not being carried forward in the current Local Plan, it appears to NPC that the Planning Policy for traveller sites issued by the DCLG in March 2012 is the policy applicable to this application. In highlighting the following extracts from the Planning Policy, NPC questions how this application meets the criteria.

Policy A Using evidence to plan positively and manage development:

- 6a pay particular attention to early and effective community engagement with both settled and traveller communities.....
- 6b.. maintain an up-to-date understanding of the likely permanent and transit accommodation needs of their areas over the lifespan of their development plan.....
- 6c use a robust evidence base to establish accommodation needs to inform the preparation of local plans and make planning decisions.

Policy B: Planning for traveller sites

- 8 LPA's should set pitch targets for gypsies and travellers and plot targets for traveller show people which address the likely permanent and transit site accommodation needs of travellers in their area.....
- 9a LPA's should in producing their local plan identify and update annually, a supply of specific deliverable sites
- 11a promote peaceful and integrated co-existence between the site and the local community.

Policy F Mixed planning use traveller sites

- 18 LPA's should not permit mixed use on rural exception sites.

The councillors resolved to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds: Planning Policy

i. What evidence base has been produced to establish the gypsy and traveller accommodation need in Babergh?

ii. What sites have been reviewed by BDC in order to draw up list of potential sites?

iii. What engagement with the settled community has been undertaken by BDC regarding the location of proposed sites?

iv. Is Mr Street the only gypsy requiring a permanent pitch in Babergh? Unauthorised traveller encampments and evictions over the past 18 months

suggests that there are potentially more permanent and transit pitches required in the Sudbury area - has this been reviewed by BDC?

v. The establishment of a road surface business adjoining the proposed pitch could be viewed as mixed use on a rural exception site.

### Content of Planning Application:

vi. The Planning Application is from Mr D Wilson not from Mr F Street who was the bone fide gypsy who received temporary planning permission to live at Lilleyfields up until November 2011 and is still living there. Nowhere in the application is Mr Street mentioned as the person moving to the proposed location.

vii. The mobile home is being proposed to be moved to a field that measures approximately 1.33ha without any other use being specified for the field except for the residential gypsy pitch.

viii. What will stop the applicant from submitting further applications for pitches on the field?

ix. Who will oversee the usage of the site by other travellers either visiting the family, or using the site? Lack of effective enforcement action by BDC against breaches of permitted use on the Lilleyfields site over the past 10 years does not instil confidence in the settle community.

**Related Planning Applications for Lilleyfields:** With the LPA granting a Certificate for Lawful Use of the contractor's yard at Lilleyfields, as the business was judged to have been in operation for over 10 years, NPC cannot understand why the mobile home is now required to be moved. To the best of NPC's knowledge the mobile home has been in the contractor's yard for a similar number of years as the business without any issues being raised by authorities or agencies.

**Conclusion:** NPC does not have an issue with Mr Street living in a mobile home at Lilleyfields but it does object to this application as outlined above. Should the LPA be minded to grant permission for Mr Street to continue to reside at Lilleyfields, NPC would support temporary planning permission being given to Mr Street with the permission being made subject to the specific conditions as to occupation of the site, e.g. number of static and mobile trailers, laundry facilities etc, to ensure the nature of the site is preserved in its current state."

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

d. The councillors requested the Clerk to refer the non completion of the building works at Motts Farm back to BDC as this has been uncompleted for around 10 years. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

**Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:** The councillors agreed that a glyphosphate weed killer be used around the fencing as strimming was not clearing the grass due to fencing being very close to the ground.

**Local Housing Needs Survey:** The councillors were given the questionnaires for distribution to Newton's residents over the coming weekend. All the publicity regarding the survey has now been published.

**Footpaths in Newton:** The councillors resolved that the Clerk formally request for NPC to be awarded the contract for cutting the Priority 1 footpaths in the parish. The Clerk will arrange a quote for the footpaths to be cut by a contractor.

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

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 has now confirmed its ownership of the layby with the Land Registry. Process to remove cars for sale from layby now being considered by the Trust.

**Youth Engagement** 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** Cllr Parker to liaise with Book Club in order to make contact with Sue Wigglesworth who runs a scheme in Polstead.

**Recycling** Paper and textile banks are now being located in Village Hall car park.

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

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

**Councillor Training:** Planning training will be presented by SALC on Wednesday 10th October 2012 starting at 6pm in the Village Hall.

**Welcome to Newton booklet:** The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Vince on generating a short section on the history of Newton in the revised Welcome booklet. The publication date of the booklet will be January 2013.

**Autumn Clean:** The Autumn Clean will be held on Saturday 3rd November 2012 starting at 9.30am from the Village Hall. Bacon sandwiches will be prepared for those taking part.

**BDC's meeting with Parish Councils':** The Clerk will circulate the invitation as soon as it is received from BDC and if convenient Cllrs Presland and Williams will attend on NPC's behalf.

**Village Hall and Trust representative updates:** The Village Hall is "ticking over nicely". The NGT is currently having a top surface laid over the track across the Green and will be planting additional hedging.

**Questions to the Chair:** The hearing loop will be used at council meetings when required by the members of public present.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The next scheduled will be held on Wednesday 14th November 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

**Appendix A Public Forum:** James Finch updated councillors on Schools, Waste, National Grid and Broadband.

Peter Holbrook updated councillors on pressure that he is applying to make trespass a criminal offence.

The Clerk read the Police Report: "This report covers the period from 10/7/12 to 08/9/2012. During this time there has been 0 crimes recorded relevant to the parish of Newton, this compares to 4 crimes for the same period last year."

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### Readers Letters

*Sir,*

Having lived in the village a year now. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank the good people of Little Waldingfield for the very warm welcome they have given us.

We look forward to many more happy years here.

*Jill and Dennis Duffy*, Harvest Barn, Little Waldingfield

*Sir*

**70th birthday**

I would like to thank my family for giving me a wonderful party for my 70th birthday on 15th September

I would also like to thank everyone who helped that day.

Thank you everyone for my cards and beautiful presents. It was a night I shall always remember and treasure, thanks to my family

*Tessa King*

*Sir*

Well done and thank you to Veronica and Robert for organising the Dance, on Saturday 13 October in aid of Boxford Village Hall.

Few tickets were sold, but we had a great night out, dancing to 60's and 70's music performed by Martin Weavers.

Martin is a very good vocalist and we look forward to his return to Boxford in 2013. Don't forget to buy your tickets then and support our village. Enjoy yourselves - you won't be disappointed!

*Wendy, Neil & friends*

*Sir*

**White Hart**

I would like to thank everyone who came and supported the McMillan Coffee Morning held here at the White Hart on Friday 28th September.

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*No confirmation of make up of new council yet*

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# THE LADIES AUTUMN MEETING

The Ladies Autumn Meeting was held at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club on Thursday 27th September. The Specialist Shield was presented by Joan Fry to Mandy Byham, the winner of the 18 hole stableford competition held in the morning. The close runner up was Elaine Davidson followed by Jude Hanner on countback from Suzanne Shaw-Smith with 5th prize going to Susan Swan. In the afternoon two nine hole Greensomes competitions were won by Barbara Rowe and Catriona Chaplin on the front nine and Ann Major and Gillian Gray on the back nine.

## COURSE RECORDS TUMBLE AT NEWTON GREEN

The record books are being re-written at Newton Green Golf Club for both the male and female course amateur honours.

Within the space of a few days the course records in both categories have been smashed – and in one case by a 14-year-old girl.

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She was playing the competition with fellow England schoolgirl squad

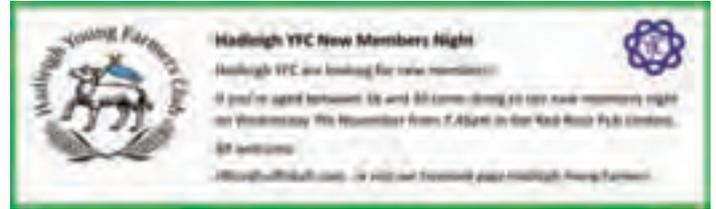
trainee Alice Barlow, and the total for Eloise was made up of five birdies, six pars, six bogeys and a double bogey.

The new ladies' record slices three shots off the previous best set by Laura Lowe just over a year ago.

Newton has a par of 69 for men, and former professional Russell Oakey, who switched back to amateur status two years ago – becoming club champion in the recent summer - has now set a new, four-under-par record of 65.

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## BOXFORD'S HELP FOR HEROES GALA EVENING



Well it's all over now but what a great evening. Saturday 8th September, and a beautiful late summers evening. With clear sky and fading sunshine our patrons arrived at the Village Hall to be greeted by the Suffolk Army Cadet Force Corps of Drums. (visit You Tube, Boxford Help for Heroes)

This was the Corps first public performance and they did not disappoint. Our guests were played in and could then enjoy the sterling performance with a glass of champagne on the halls newly opened veranda. For a finale the Corps marched in to the hall and performed a five minute drum display.

The evening was up and running.

Talking of Champagne, It's not the best medium to use for cleaning the floor but is certainly the most expensive. Especially when it happens three times!

Having had their appetites whetted everyone sat down to a superb three course dinner. Courtesy of Ollie Macmillan, from the Swan, Long Melford and Geoff Phillips of the Crown, Woodbridge. Not only did Ollie provide his services free gratis but also persuaded his suppliers to do the same. Making our fund raising efforts even more successful for which we are very grateful.

During dinner each table was visited by David Marks who amazed us all with his Table Magic. Then it fell to the Drama Group to maintain the quality and enjoyment of the evening. A short Review of songs and sketches with a military theme saw the show rattle along at a good pace. The audience joined in, Derek Butler didn't have any lines to forget, but he did turn in a splendid rendition of Lilly Marlene.

At every rehearsal the group had got better and better, in fact they were almost a match for the Military Wives, almost? The finale was a new song written and composed for the evening by Ward Baker, 'Hands for Heroes'. (Also viewable on You Tube)

Having taken our bows and applause the main entertainment of the evening was Mike Long, who gave an incredibly, laid back, professional, rendition of Frank Sinatra numbers. For an hour he had the audience swaying, then dancing along. Without doubt this was the highlight of the evening and everyone thoroughly enjoyed his performance.

The Drama Group then did a rousing Jerusalem followed by Land of Hope and Glory, then a reprieve of Hands for Heroes, which had lots of them in tears let alone the audience.

To round the night off we had a short disco session to keep the dancers on their feet and at 1.00am everyone started wending their way home.

A lot of effort and a huge amount of support from individuals and

businesses who gave their time and produce have resulted in the Grand total of £ 2 2 4 4 . 4 9 being raised for 'Help for Heroes'.

A full list of Prize Winners and a copy of the Accounts can be

viewed on Boxford Village Halls notice board or on the Drama Groups web site. [www.boxforddramagroup.com](http://www.boxforddramagroup.com) A very big thank you to everyone, audience and supporters.



## LIVE MUSIC IS BACK AT THE FLEECE!



The Fleece music revival comes less than a year after the new Landlords re-opened the doors of this historic Inn. The Fleece was made famous over the past two decades for regular Jazz nights in the pubs function room. However, following some problems with previous landlords the venue changed, leaving the Fleece without the heart of what made this pub so popular... until now that is. On 2nd November the Fleece's 'Guild Room' hosts an evening of folk, with the nationally acclaimed and BBC Folk Awards nominees 'Mawkin' headlining. Supporting Mawkin will be some of the best the region has to offer, with Colchester based 'The Medlars' and our very own Boxford band 'The Comfortable Strangers'. The evening, which is being called Fleece Folk or Folk at the Fleece to mirror the success of Fleece Jazz or Jazz at the fleece, is the first of many events that the pub is looking to put on. They are hoping this will be just the start of a variety of music over the coming months and years, from Folk and Jazz to Classical and Ska, placing The Fleece firmly back on the map. Landlady Clare said that she hopes that events like this can bring the community together, at a venue that deserves to be utilised to its full potential.

Folk at the Fleece on Friday 2nd November starts from 7.30pm and costs just £10. Tickets can be bought online, behind the bar, or on the door.



The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride was a great success once more raising £641 in sponsorship - our second highest total ever! The flourishing Boxford Bike Club led from the front visiting twenty churches on their forty five mile ride raising money for other parishes as well as Boxford.

### Boxford Bounty Winners July August 2012

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank members of the Community Council for drawing the following numbers on 1st October 2012

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