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## THE RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS



Above: Members of the Boxford Gardening Society puzzle through a cross word.  
Below BRN Distributors and guests at their annual social evening



Above: Shoppers enjoying the Boxford Village Hall Festive Fair on November 17th

## Box River News

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**January 17th at noon**



## Fleece Jazz

At the Stoke by Nayland Club

**Friday, 18 January, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### John Law

With John Law piano, Yuri Golubev bass, Asaf Sirkis drums John has been a Fleece Jazz favourite for many years. It is such a pleasure to welcome this hugely inventive trio to entertain and amaze us."so full of joy that it can renew your faith not just in jazz, but music itself" - Phil Johnson, Independent on Sunday

**Friday, 25 January, 8.00, Ticket £18**

### Renato D'Aiello Quartet

With Renato D'Aiello sax, Nicola Muresu bass, Ross Stanley piano, Enzo Zirilli drums. Renato plays with a lyricism, line and invention that is rare, and not to be missed. John Fordam says that he shows how a poetic imagination can rekindle a long-gone style without nostalgia. Nicola, Ross and Enzo, players of the highest class, complement his playing perfectly.  
"Italian saxophonist Renato D'Aiello oozes class. When he plays quietly the effect is like hearing an old friend" - James Griffith (he is an old friend)

**Friday, 1 February, 8.00, £22**

### OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY with the Orient House Ensemble

With Gilad Atzmon sax, Frank Harrison piano, Yaron Stavi bass, Eddie Hicks drums. Our 20th Birthday Celebration should be something special, and with Gilad Atzmon leading the Orient House Ensemble it is certain to be very special indeed. Fronting an incredibly talented band Gilad always excites and amazes whether on saxes or clarinet. Come and join our party and be "bowed over with Atzmon's whirlwind approach... dynamic, charismatic and ...exasperating!" - Brian Blain, Jazz UK.

**Friday, 4 January, 8.00, Ticket £20**

### Liane Carroll

With Liane Carroll piano & vocals, Roger Carey bass, Mark Fletcher drums. What a wonderful way to start the year! The one and only Liane will delight us with her amazing vocal interpretations and fine piano playing. The quotes below include her excellent band.

"Deeply soulful, wonderfully honest" - The Times

"Highly Recommended--I love it" - Michael Parkinson

"The real thing." - Sholto Byrnes, Independent on Sunday

"Utterly brilliant." - Time Out.

**Friday, 11 January, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### Martin Speake

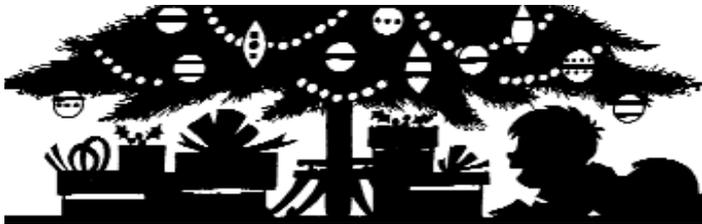
With Martin Speake sax, Mike Outram guitar, Jeff Williams drums, Martin is a lucid, adventurous and inventive alto player who has just completed a new CD "Always A First Time". Expect meditative ballads, trance like grooves, free improvisation, minimalism, jazz standard songs, Arabic influenced music, heavy metal guitar, unaccompanied solos from each player and more...  
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## THE CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

A sudden need to fit in a Christmas shopping day meant that Rufus and I found ourselves in Cambridge recently. Having parked in the multi-storey closest to the John Lewis store, we came out into the huge shopping mall, the "Grand Arcade". Our ears were immediately assaulted (my apologies to the recorded artist, but it was an assault !) by piped music and looking down from the bridge leading into the store, we could see the constant streams of people in both directions.

I have nothing against shopping, in fact I have been known to do a bit of retail therapy every now and then, but this felt somehow like madness. Each shop we passed added its own loud music to the background noise and our eyes were bombarded by window after window of Christmas lights and glitter. The whole experience was overwhelming and somehow made you question, more than ever, where our society is going.

Of course, we all like to give our families and friends presents, and shopping in big malls is part of that, for some people. But I do wonder if we are losing sight of the simplicity that lies, or should lie, at the heart of Christmas. Perhaps I am being sentimental, but I have a recollection of reading "Little Women" and being moved by the account of their Christmas. A family with very little money, each person still managed to give something special to each of the others, just a single present and usually something they had made themselves, but something that they knew would make the other person really happy.

Surely this is what we need to get back to. It isn't the cost of the present that matters, it is the care with which it is chosen and the love which it is given.

After our shopping expedition, we decided to restore our spirits by walking in the Cambridge Botanical Gardens. All the noise and frantic bustle of the shopping mall fell away, as we drank in the peace of the winter gardens. The highlight was the glasshouses, and above all the Alpine House. Here we found the breathtaking simplicity and beauty that lies at the heart of all things, in the perfect tiny flowers of miniature cyclamens, narcissi and crocuses.

The Christmas Tree Festival at Boxford Church somehow seemed to capture the best of both worlds. It was wonderful to witness its happy mingling of people of all ages and all backgrounds from the community, and yet with focus on the simplicity of a natural Christmas tree, decorated not with expensive trimmings, but with items chosen with care and placed with love.

It is my prayer that the simplicity and beauty of a Baby, given at Christmas by God to the earth and its people, with care and love, will give meaning and joy to all your celebrations and to the year to come. Blessings, Revd. Judith.



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# HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND SUCCESS

## Waldingfield Local History Society celebrates £9,800 Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

Little Waldingfield Local History society is one of the first groups in the UK to receive a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) All Our Stories grant, it was announced today.

This exciting project 'Little Waldingfield into the 21st Century', led by the local history society' has been given £9,800 to research the story of Little Waldingfield village from 1840 to present day.

All Our Stories, a brand new small grant programme, launched earlier this year in support of BBC Two's The Great British Story – has been designed as an opportunity for everyone to get involved in their heritage. With HLF funding and support, community groups will carry out activities that help people explore and share and celebrate their local heritage.

The popular series presented by historian Michael Wood and supported by a programme of BBC Learning activities and events got thousands of us asking questions about our history and inspired us to look at our history in a different way through the eyes of ordinary people

The programme and HLF All Our Stories has proved a real hit and now 'Little Waldingfield into the future' is one of hundreds of successful projects around the UK to receive a grant. 'Little Waldingfield into the future' will research the history and heritage of its local village through conversations and reminiscences of residents, current and former, as well as encouraging people to share photographs, maps, artefacts and publications

TV presenter and historian Michael Wood said: 'We British love our history and no wonder: few nations in the world, if any, have such riches on their doorstep, and so much of it accessible to all of us. It is really tremendous that the people of Little Waldingfield have been inspired to get involved to tell their story and to dig deeper into their own past. It's brilliant that so many people have been given the chance to get involved through the All Our Stories grants. Having travelled the length and breadth of the British Isles this last year filming The Great British Story, I am certain that fascinating and moving stories will be uncovered which will not only bring to life the excitement of local history, but will illuminate and enrich every community's connection with the national narrative.'

Commenting on the award, project spokesperson Vic Flute said: We are really surprised and delighted to receive this award and we can't wait to get started on our research. Like all the villagers, we love living in this community and we are keen to discover more about the past. We look forward to getting other people involved in this project and to learn lots about our heritage and to strengthen the village connections.

Robin Llwellyn, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund East of England, said: 'Clearly the success of All Our Stories has reinforced the fact that we are indeed a nation of storytellers and that we want to explore and dig deeper into our past and discover more about what really matters to us. This is exactly what the grant will do for the Little Waldingfield into the future' project as they embark on a real journey of discovery.

Waldingfield History Society was Recently formed with the intention of sharing our love for the village history we are a small group of 6 residents with diverse and varied backgrounds and experience. 'Our project is inspired by a previous local historian who documented village history from 1300 to 1840.

We will bring the story up to date by writing a sequel to his 1959 book, incorporating memories of elder long-standing residents / ex-residents to stimulate an interest in local history by:

- Researching historical records from County, Church and other sources;
- Recording personal village histories through targeted interviews;
- Holding discussion meetings with villagers / others to make our history accessible.

We believe the fruits of our research will help the community to link back to their own heritage'

All our stories is a new simple funding programme for 2012 with grants available ranging from £3000 - £10,000 developed so everyone can get involved in their heritage. From researching local historic landmarks, learning more about customs and traditions, to delving into archives and find out the origins of street and place names. All Our Stories will give everyone the chance to explore their heritage and share what they learn with others.

This programme is now closed to new applications and decisions were made in October 20112

<b>This</b> <b>Dec / Jan</b> <b>Pub Quiz</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">The Edwardstone</h1> <h1 style="margin: 0;">White Horse</h1>	<b>Burger, Chips &amp; Pint Night</b> Every Tuesday For just £6.50
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## ASH DIE BACK DISEASE



Above: a healthy Ash twig in Primrose Wood

By now everyone will have heard of this devastating tree disease which is particularly bad in Suffolk.

It is now confirmed at Arger Fen, near Assington, Bull's Wood in Cockfield, Bonny Wood, near Needham Market, and Comb's Wood, near Stowmarket, so cases are not far away. Suffolk has nearly a quarter of the UK's confirmed cases of ash dieback with one expert claiming the county is on the frontline of the disease's onslaught.

With this in mind a number of local people have been surveying the trees in Boxford and in Primrose Wood. At this stage they are pleased to report that no cases have been found although the disease may lie dormant and emerge in the Spring.

Now that most of the leaves have fallen it will be increasingly difficult to recognise the disease. The following list of features of the disease may help you in keeping a watchful eye on our Ash trees as you go about your daily lives.

### Tell tale signs of Ash Die back disease:

- Blackened, dead leaves on the tree (though most have now fallen as they died naturally)
- Dark lesions – often long, thin and diamond-shaped – appear on the trunk around the base of dead shoots
- The tips of shoots become black and shrivelled
- The veins of leaves, normally pale in colour, turn brown
- In mature trees, dieback of twigs and branches in the crown, often with bushy growth further down the branches where new shoots have been produced.

Tina Loose

## JANUARY BOOK REVIEW BY JO MARCHANT

### A Spell of Winter by Helen Dunmore

This is a brave novel by Helen Dunmore about subjects that are taboo and best left alone as they stir you up and make you shiver with distaste. A Spell of Winter was published in 1996, and it won the very first Orange Prize for fiction. This new award, along with £30000, was inaugurated by the mobile telecoms company to promote female writers.

Helen Dunmore is a poet and her exquisite language draws us further and further into the story of two siblings, Rob and Catherine.

It is narrated by Catherine and opens at the turn of the century. Catherine is a young toddler and her brother is two years older. Kate, a young Irish servant loves and nurtures them in the absence of their parents. Their mother has bolted to the Continent. Their father is in a sanatorium where he eventually dies; we know little else about them. The focus of the story is on the two young children growing up on their own in the big empty rooms of a cold, decaying home surrounded by untamed countryside. Kindly Kate looks after them and malicious Miss Gallagher tutors them while their elderly and eccentric grandfather is closeted in his study.

Rob and Catherine grow up in their own world with few rules and



## THE OVER 60'S CLUB



Above and Below: Over 60's Club at their annual Christmas Lunch

The Over 60's Club will be starting its 2013 season on 14th January. The club meets every other Monday throughout the year, in Boxford Village Hall at 2.00pm in the afternoon.

The club needs new members and would welcome anyone who would like to come along and join them. They are a small and very friendly group who enjoy the many and varied activities that are organised including table top sales, raffles, games including cards, draughts, and dominoes etc. Tea and coffee are always on tap and the group occasionally enjoy a meal out at a pub or restaurant.

If you would like more information about the group and it's activities please telephone Shirley Watling on 01787 210024



boundaries to contain them. There is no one to set good examples and explain. So they cling to each other for affection and security: after all, no one else understands their passions, their secrets. As their sibling love disintegrates into something else, the world erupts into the Great War.

Rob goes to France and Catherine learns to fix fences and plough the land. The story loses its intensity now that they are apart, and we can breathe freely. We watch Catherine find a new inner strength and determination as she shakes off the Spell of Winter. She is a survivor and the story ends on a high note when she is reunited with her mother. Perhaps this disturbing book is about the absence of good parenting?

A Spell of Winter is a dark and gruesome story but the stunning language keeps us going while we take on the horrors of this novel. It reminds me of Lord of the Flies where children run riot inventing their own rules, of the darkness of Wuthering Heights, of the secrets of Jane Eyre. This is not a book for the faint hearted!



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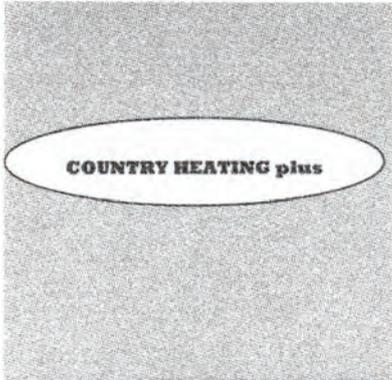


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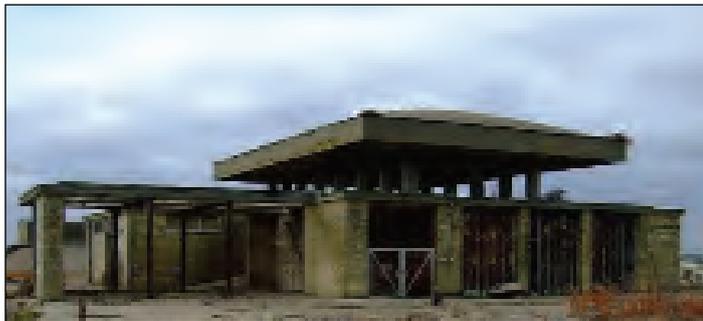
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**21 November 2012, The secret site at Orford Ness by Paddy Heazell.**

Orford Ness is so secret a place that most people have never even heard of it. Yet, the role it played in inventing and testing weapons over the course of the twentieth century was far more significant and much longer than that of Bletchley Park. Nestled on a remote part of the Suffolk coast, Orford Ness operated for over eighty years as a highly classified research and testing site for the British military, the Atomic Research Establishment and, at one point, even the US Department of Defence. The work conducted here by some of the greatest 'boffins' of past generations played a crucial role in winning the three great wars of the twentieth century - the First, Second and the Cold.

During another great presentation, Paddy shed some much needed light on the mysterious and most secret goings on at this haunting strip of marshland off the Suffolk coast, used by the army to test bombs and to spy on the Soviets, and on which enigmatic structures jut from the shingle: barracks, armouries, listening stations, beacons, watchtowers, bunkers, and two huge blast-chambers nicknamed the pagodas, Nissen huts and a lollipop lighthouse.

In the Middle Ages Orford Ness was used for grazing, though the RAF drained it to make it suitable for their use; however, since purchasing it, the National Trust has now returned some of the land back to grazing.

During World War I the RAF station had some 600 personnel and operated two grass airfields, whilst from 1914 to 1993 it was used by the Ministry of Defence, originally as an airfield and later for weapons research.

After World War I, Orford Ness tested parachutes, armaments, bomb designs and aircraft bombing formations, though Paddy advised us that the parachutes "were not intended for aircrew" but simply for use in dropping flares to permit aerial photography - aircrew were not issued with parachutes until 1925!

In 1935 work began on radar design and development, which was subsequently moved to Bawdsey after proving at Orford Ness; Paddy noted that airborne radar was developed which was so successful that, to hide this success from the Germans, the RAF announced that pilots were eating carrots to improve their eyesight - it seems the Germans might even have bought this subterfuge!

During World War II captured enemy guns were fired at our aircraft to find out how their defences could be improved whilst captured aircraft were also shot at with our guns to determine what changes were needed to inflict the greatest damage upon them.

In the mid 1950's a test range was constructed to test the Bluestreak missile, whose flight was monitored on cameras after firing in order to perfect the trajectory.

Many of the buildings standing today were built for the testing of atomic bomb triggering mechanisms. Paddy advised these tests were to perfect safety features and to guard against false detonation of the bombs, which came as some comfort to those old enough to remember going through the cold war; apparently such environmental testing included heating, freezing, vibrating, accelerating and decelerating to a high 'G' force in order to check that the firing mechanism did not malfunction. This testing finished in 1967.

The National Trust site is now open to visitors under the careful guidance of Paddy and other colleagues who ensure that potential dangers are avoided.

After another great evening, Little Waldingfield is now looking forward to the next LWHS talk on "Punch and Judy" in their 350th anniversary year, and will take a light hearted look at its history and traditions, including a show, though this is intended for adults only, on December 5th at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. This much loved puppet show has its roots in 16th century Italian commedia dell'arte, with the figure of the Neapolitan character Pulcinella anglicised to Punchinello (a manifestation of the Lord of Misrule); later this became Mr. Punch, who made his first recorded appearance in England on 9 May 1662, which is traditionally reckoned to be his UK birthday.

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# THE BDG ARE OFF THE HOOK. WHAT A PANTO!!!



Joe Barrett proved to be a barrel of laughs as the villainous Hook's shipmate, 'Sweetheart' whilst trying to keep everyone ship-shape and sea worthy! Camping it up as only Joe can do, he set the scene that was going to prove to be one of the best panto's yet.

David Phillips as the aforementioned villainous 'Capt Hook' was born or should I say 'built' for the part. Sporting a magnificent black beard and in a resplendent captain's uniform he must have presented a frightening character for some of the younger members of the audience who attended on Wednesdays first night, or was theirs an expurgated version??

The Plot!!!! I have been having some problems actually working out what the plot was. We did not have a Peter Pan or a Tinkerbell, these being replaced by 'Fairy Tail', a rather larger and aged version of the original fairy, played by Margaret Clapp who was word perfect with the longest speech of the panto, and a somewhat older relative of Peter called 'Marci Pan' played by Coralie Marshall who mysteriously floated around

the crows nest without any wires!!

Well here goes. Sweetheart recruits a new crew for a short voyage. The crew contains two thigh slapping principle boys, Charming Magoo (Georgie Watson) and Hugh Pugh (Cheryl Johnson) Magoo is searching for a magic necklace and if found the secret password will give you all the riches you wish for. Eventually the necklace is found and the villainous Hook grabs it and upon saying the secret password is instantly gobbled up by Tic Tock the crocodile. Did I get that right Bill? sorry I was enjoying myself too much to be able to follow it.

I still can not quite work out how the romance worked into the plot resulting in the traditional last act marriage?

With a cast of thousands it is difficult to pick anyone out for special praise so I won't, except, Derek (I can't remember my lines) Butler who let me down by being word perfect,

A special word however for the musical direction. This was probably the best yet but having only seen 17 panto's I can not confirm it. Gareth Price and Ward Baker did a brilliant job, almost as if Gareth Malone had been in charge! and how could I possibly forget the great performance of Hannah Murphy who played Crustation, one of the fish wives

As always a great feast during the interval prepared by the now famous Di and Jan and their team.

Last but not least, Bill Horne the author and one half of the talented Horne duo, who has come up trumps once again, Watch this space for the new season of Boxford Drama Group productions.



*Left Charming Magoo and his (her) bride with Sweetheart in the background.*

*Right David Phillips as Captain Hook.*

*Top Some of the cast in a sing along.*



# AN OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE – PART THREE

Sue Presland

With training complete and uniform at the ready, I thought it was just a case of waiting for the start of the Games, but looking on the 2012 website, I noticed that the Ceremonies Team were still looking for volunteers for the Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games. Once again, I thought 'Why not' and pinged off an email.

This time I heard very quickly and within the week, I was off to 3Mills Studios in Barking for an audition. We had been told that no specific skills were required- which was just as well as I am certainly no dancer. The floor had a grid marked on it and we were required to find and get to certain points as quickly as possible. This was not too hard but, imagine my horror when there followed 2 hours of dancing!! Naturally, I wanted to make an impression so I gave it my heart and soul and, at one point, thought I was going to die. I survived the day, but could barely walk for the next week. Once again, I was lucky enough to be selected for Reader 98 group – but had no idea what that involved. I was given a list of 11 dates for rehearsals, but soon after this was notified that I had a 'dual role' and the rehearsals leapt to 23! This was another huge commitment but I thought this once in a lifetime experience was worth it.

Rehearsals began in June at 3 Mills Studio and I discovered that my original role was quite a sedate section and the group consisted of a slightly more 'mature' clientele. If you saw the Opening Ceremony, this was the section after the oaths etc and included groups of children as well as our group with books as a prelude to the opera singer. The additional section was entirely different as it was the 'rave' section that concluded the ceremony. We decided that they thought it would be funny to have some oldies trying to manage the moves. These rehearsals were exhausting, but great fun. For this section we were in groups of 4 and there was much hilarity when we discovered that all of the ladies in my group were all called Sue.

Rehearsals eased off as the Games started and I was then able to concentrate on my Gamesmaker role, but once the Games concluded there were rehearsals nearly every day – at first still at 3 Mills where we concentrated on learning the moves and then in a car park at the old Dagenham Ford factory. Here two areas were marked out to the exact dimensions of the stadium with all of the same grids etc. The time here was very much about getting everybody in the right place at the right time and practising the moves took second place. This was just as well as, for one week, temperatures soared into the 30s. There was no let up – we were provided with more water and sun screen and had to work on the boiling tarmac for hours at a time.

Each section of the ceremony was rehearsed at different times and it was unfortunate that our sections were at the beginning and the end so we often had to stay at rehearsals all day but were only really needed for a couple of hours at the start and the finish of the proceedings. This often made the day seem very long as there were long periods where we were just hanging around.

The mechanics of organising such a big performance was fascinating. We all had bibs with numbers on and our positions for each section were marked on a master plan. There was a tall tower at the side of the area and the choreographer would be able to see what everything looked like from above. He and his team would look at this overnight and amend the plans. As a result, at each rehearsal positioning and content were often changed. (In fact we were even called in early on the day of the performance to be given further changes.)

Just over a week before the Opening Ceremony came the excitement of moving into the stadium for rehearsals. On the first morning when I looked up at the banks of seats and saw the size of the actual performance area, I began to wonder what on earth I was doing. However, once we got started, the familiarity of the grid on the floor calmed my nerves. For the first time we started to see some of the other sections of the ceremony and watched as the stage and scenery were set up. We also began to realise the number of performers involved. Many of these had a range of disabilities of differing degrees. They participated in every section of the ceremony, some with carers or guide dogs (the guide dog in our group was even kitted out with a costume) and it was humbling to see their effort and commitment to the performance.

As the opening day drew nearer, we had costume fittings and began to use our props. The books in the first section were quite large and difficult to manoeuvre, especially as we were all expected to turn pages at the same time. We all had ear pieces and were given instructions throughout. We were identified by bib number – mine was Reader 52 – so I definitely didn't want to hear 'Bib 52 you are out of line!'

Over the last few days we all began to feel very tired and as things were changed and we were called upon to stay longer or sections we had rehearsed for weeks were cut spirits did fall. However, on the day of the Opening Ceremony, all was forgotten. As we were getting ready, we

popped our heads into the arena to watch the crowds arriving. The stadium looked magnificent and we could tell that the crowd would be as enthusiastic as they had been at the other events.

Our first section came just after the athletes' parade which overran considerably. We were kept informed and every time we had a ten minute warning a girl had to do what a girl has to do – hopefully without dropping her radio down the toilet. After 4 false starts we were taken to our vomitory, the technical term for the entrance, to await our big entrance. We heard 'Readers go!' and we were off. The roar of the crowd was amazing and as we walked through the athletes they cheered and applauded us. I don't think I have ever experienced anything quite like it. Too soon we had finished and had to get to the right place for the second section. As I have said, this was much more of a dance routine and very energetic but, once again, adrenalin kicked in and we could have danced all night.

There only remained a quick dash to get ready for the finale whilst the cauldron was being lit. The whole cast entered the stadium to sing 'I am Somebody, I am What I Am' and in that moment we all felt that we really understood what the Paralympic Games stood for and felt so proud and privileged to have been part of the whole experience.



# THE HISTORY OF PUNCH & JUDY

## A Talk by Peter Batty

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Peter Batty to the Parish Room where he regaled us with a host of stories collected over many years as a Punch & Judy man, both from presenting the shows and from close association with other Punch men, or Professors.

- The character of Punch is believed to have originated in India, and was spread by gypsies who took it into Europe; many countries such as Russia, Turkey Thailand have similar grotesque characters.



- Between the 10th and 13th centuries, drama was expressed in religious cycles of miracle plays that swept across medieval Europe.

- By the end of the 15th century in Italy, an impromptu form of drama appeared known as the Commedia dell'Arte; from which Mr Punch is generally believed to have developed;

- Soon thereafter, companies of players travelled beyond Italy, taking their lively comedies to France, Spain, Holland, Germany, where he is known as Kasperl, and England.

- Mr. Punch made his first recorded appearance in England on 9 May 1662, now traditionally reckoned to be his birthday; Samuel Pepys observed a marionette show in Covent Garden, performed by an Italian puppet showman, which Pepys described as "very pretty".

Peter demonstrated how the puppets are traditionally made, then assembled his trademark stripey seaside booth before introducing the many characters one by one, showing us where each was placed in the booth before unleashing a great traditional show which took everyone present back to their happy childhood roots amid fits of laughter and audience participation.

He then mentioned some of the daft comments made by the politically correct brigade and how this has changed over time, noting that Punch performers adapted shows to the spirit of their age:

- Celebrated Victorian showmen lamented that audiences had become genteel and wanted the Ghost and the Coffin dropped from the show, though this is now much less likely today.

- Simplistic arguments that Punch and Judy promoted domestic violence were akin to saying that Tom and Jerry promote cruelty to animals. Luckily for us, Mr. Punch has a keen nose for spotting humourless and flawed logic, and his opinion of them is as low as theirs is of him!

Peter wryly observed that Mr. Punch reminds critics slapstick is the weapon that gave its name to physical comedy; it is the clown's weapon used to assault each other and the dignity of opponents.

Everyone agreed this was our most entertaining evening to date, with an action-packed story following the antics of Mr Punch, Judy and the baby, Joey the clown, the policeman, the sausage-eating crocodile, the hangman (aka Jack Ketch), the devil and many more; all in all, a rare treat, as the following comment demonstrates: Dear Hon Sec: Just to say how much we enjoyed last night. Best so far. Keep up the good work.

The subject of our next talk will be Suffolk Poachers and Smugglers, at 7.30 pm on February 13th at the LW Parish Room, which will be presented by William Tyler. Additionally, and as a special treat for LWHS members only, there will be a free craft event, with cheese and wine, on January 16th, again at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room.



# BOXFORD SCHOOL NEWS

At the end of yet another year in the life of Boxford School it is an opportunity for us all to reflect on what has been a momentous year for us in so many ways. At the beginning of this year we were subjected to, what was for us, a wholly unexpected OFSTED inspection. The inspection coincided with a planned experience day with John Regis, the Olympic and world class sprinter, which we had all been looking forward to greatly. Despite the best efforts of OFSTED we had one of the most memorable days that I can remember during my time at Boxford and one that will live long in the memory of all those who were present. As it turned out OFSTED were hugely impressed with the school and gave us one of the best reports I have ever seen. When I look back on the two days it fills me with huge pride and gratitude to all those people who go into making our school such a special place. I include in this the pupils who responded to the challenge with their usual enthusiasm and were a real credit to us all.



After the summer break we, for the first time in my stay at Boxford, kept our children into Year 5. As a result of this we were to get additional accommodation which for one reason or another was not immediately available. A quick solution was to educate one of our classes in the school hall whilst the new classroom was being erected and once again the staff and pupils did their very best to make the best of the situation. As it turned out I think they quite enjoyed the experience! The good news is that after months of inconvenience the classroom is now in place and despite looking a bit temporary the inside is very nice. With a state of the art air conditioning system and a brand new ICT whiteboard and projector the room is very spacious and there has been a few envious glances from those staff who are not working in there.

On Saturday 1st December we held our annual Christmas Fayre which as always was a huge success. There was a wide range of stalls and activities which everyone seemed to enjoy and I had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon chatting with parents and pupils. It was especially nice to see some ex-families and people from the village. As always a huge thankyou to everyone who helped make the day such a success especially Tina who worked tirelessly up to and during the event. We collected over £2,000, which is a fantastic effort considering the times in which we live.

We are now busy preparing for this year's Christmas activities which with the number of pupils now in school are steadily increasing. We have had to plan extra events so this year we will be having two nativities and a concert for the older pupils. I am sure it will all go well and will be a great success.

Finally at the end of a very eventful year all it remains for me to do is to thank everyone who has contributed so much to yet another highly successful year at Boxford School and to wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.





### Boxford School 1929

**Above:** *Back Row*, 3rd from the right, R Kingsbury *Middle row*, Joyce King 2nd left, Evie Grimwood 6th from the left, Queenie King 7th from the left and Dennis Skinner end of middle group. Joan Martin 2nd left seated

**Below:** *Back Row*, 3rd left Harry Grimwood, 5th left Archie Rule, 2nd from the right David Hughes.  
*2nd row from the back*, Gordon Tricker 3rd from the left, Vera Claydon 6th from the left, Arthur Smith 3rd from the right and Kingsbury 2nd from the right  
*2nd row from the front* Bessie Ward 3rd Right.

*Please let us know the names of any others you might know.*



# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## ANNUAL PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Les Snell organised the annual pumpkin competition, this year raising £435 to go towards a Braille machine for a young local girl, Amelie, born with a rare condition that makes her profoundly deaf and progressively blind. We would like to thank the staff at the Groton Fox and Hounds for hosting the event and everyone that donated prizes, money and grew pumpkins.



Gordon Williams took the trophy for the heaviest pumpkin, a massive – 5 st 8 ? lbs. Photo courtesy of *Charli Watson*. Pumpkin on the right!

## Milden Cricket Club

### End of Season Dinner

Milden and District Cricket Club held its annual end of season awards dinner dance at the Edwardstone Village Hall on Saturday 17th November. Sixty eight players, friends and supporters enjoyed an excellent evening to celebrate the end of another good season and to raise funds for the development of the club. Over £650 was raised at our largest ever annual dinner, many thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes. Club Chairman David Porteous-Butler and Skipper Richard Robinson compèred the prize giving, with sponsor James Harding of Ingestone Garden Centre awarding the prizes to the following; Young Player of the Year – Liam Tosbell, Duck Award – Andrew Simmons, Fielding Award – Chris Cherrington, Most Improved Player & Cow Corner Award – Tim Lucas, Bowling Award – Richard Robinson, Batting Award – Alex Cunningham, Dow Biggin Player of the Year – Tom Konopka and Matthew Jossy, and the Chairman's Award – Graham Masters.

Special thanks for helping with the evening must go to Scott Hurrell and Denise for running the bar, to the caterers Smugglers of Hadleigh who provided another excellent supper and to all those who attended to help support the Club.

Most importantly we must all thank Richard Robinson, not only for his efforts on the night but for his hard work and dedication to the Club over the season. Pre-season nets will be starting in the New Year and further information about the Club, contact details and future events can be found on our new website [www.mildence.com](http://www.mildence.com)

*Graeme Ferguson*

## Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust

**The Seventh Triennial Public Meeting was held at Groton Village Hall on Wednesday 14th November 2012**

The Chairman, Mr. Bob Bowdidge, gave the following report:

'The Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust, having been in existence since 1994 is now a well-established part of the fabric of Groton.

During the past three years The Croft has matured in every respect. The trees, hedges and wild flowers flourish. The whole area of The Croft is well maintained.

A number of events have taken place. In 2010 a village picnic was held to mark 21 years since the idea was first mooted to purchase The Croft. This included an exhibition of the history, a jazz band, a scarecrow competition, Punch and Judy, free strawberries and cream This event was well attended and the sun shone.

On November 30th 2011, three Elm trees, resistant to Dutch Elm disease, were planted to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II and are growing well. On the 15th July 2012, another village picnic was held for the Jubilee with a theme 'How the West was Won'; wigwams, 'Fort Worthless', covered wagons and totem poles. The children were

dressed as cowboys and Indians. The whole event was completed with a group photograph. Fortunately the sun shone for this event between 2 days of rain.

Later, the Trustees had a request from John Winthrop and family for a tree to be planted in memory of departed friends in Groton. A 12 foot claret Ash tree has been planted with a suitable plaque.

Hedge cutting. There have been a number of problems with boundary hedges but having met with Miss Charlotte Curtis of Natural England, these have now been overcome.

Suitable protection has been installed at the entrance gate to deter the invasion of travellers.

Our finances are in good order but our bank balance would be sadly depleted if we had to pay for all that is needed to be done i.e. hedge cutting, path cutting, replacing locks and general maintenance. All these jobs are carried out by courtesy of the Trustees and members of our community for which we are very grateful.'

## Friends of Boxford Rovers Youth FC.

Boxford Rovers Youth FC is a club that provides football for more than 150 local boys and girls across a wide range of age groups from Under-7 (the Minis) to Under-18. The club prides itself on keeping its registration fees low in order to encourage as many children as possible to enjoy themselves playing competitive football in a friendly and well-organised environment. However, as a result of this policy the club also relies on other forms of external funding to maintain its facilities and to provide free kit for all the children.

Becoming a Friend of Boxford Rovers YFC is one way of helping to fund the on-going expenses of the club. As an example of how a donation could be spent:

£10 would buy a set of marker cones for training

£20 would buy a First and on match days

£50 would buy around 10 training balls

£100 would buy a new training goal

If you would like to become a Friend of Boxford Rovers YFC and to make a donation of your choice please fill out the form which can be downloaded from our website and return to your child's team manager with a cheque payable to Boxford Rovers YFC.

We will post a list of the Friends on the website <http://boxfordroversyfc.co.uk> under Club Info -> Friends of Boxford Rovers Youth FC

Thank you for your support

## Boots arrive in Kenya

Our U18s Manager Melvyn Eke has been collecting old Football Boots and sent them into the Sunderland Samba FC Kenya Project. The boots have arrived!



One of the project team has blogged about his trip, which includes photos of the girls and the boots spelling out "Boxford Rovers".

"Then we looked at the suitcase of boots which were donated by Boxford Rovers FC from near Ipswich and kindly delivered to us in Sunderland by Melvyn Eke. Melvyn had suggested we make a photo with the boots writing 'Boxford Rovers'. The girls were quick to try it out and it worked really well."

<http://samba-kenya.blogspot.co.uk/>

## News from clubs and organisations

### Groton Local Poppy Appeal

Thanks once again to the generosity of people in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton, the recent local poppy collections have generated nearly £2,300 to help the Royal British Legion in its vital work. This is slightly above last year's total. On behalf of the Legion, I would like to thank all the house-to-house collectors for their hard work and dedication.

Thanks also to the various local organisations who purchased wreaths or made space for collecting boxes, and to Boxford School whose staff and pupils have given their usual support at Remembrancetide. The donations at the special service in Boxford Church made a significant contribution to the above sum.

Brian Jones, Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

### The British Legion Poppy Appeal, Newton

House collection	£650.76
All Saints	£35.00
Saracens Head	£30.28
Golf Club	£49.15
Parish Council	£40.00
Newton Village Green Trust	£100.00
Golf Club competition	£145.00
Total	£1050.19

Thanks to all who gave so generously. Thanks to Lisa and Marilyn who helped with the collecting and to Newton Green Golf Club for such a magnificent effort. Harry Buckledee, Local Poppy Appeal Organiser.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

The lorry arrived on 6th December to take all our shoeboxes to the children in Belarus. We checked and packed 11005 boxes this year at the Sudbury warehouse. We can't thank you enough for your generosity once again. Not only do we get such good support from Boxford village but the surrounding villages contribute with fillers and filled boxes too.

Visitors are always welcome at the warehouse to see how it all works so if anyone would like to come along next year then you will be very welcome.

For any further information or if you want knitting patterns please contact:

Ann Porter 210581 Shirley Watling 210024 Jennie Lindsley 210520

### Boxford Rovers Youth FC Kit Amnesty

Some of our teams are short of kit, so we are launching a kit amnesty for any Boxford Rovers Youth kit and Jackets which people have and no longer require.

This helps us save the costs of buying new kit. If you do have anything please return to Kara Ives:

Address: 1 Hadleigh Road, Boxford, CO10 5JH

Home Tel: 01787 210190 Mobile: 07703 984411

Email: karaives@yahoo.co.uk

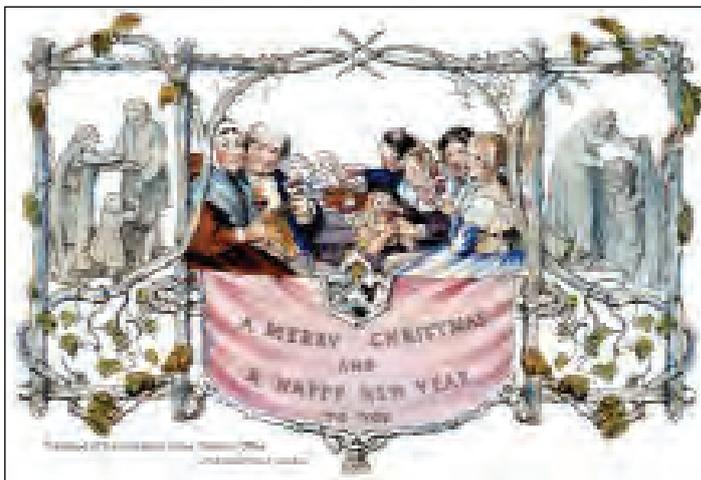
## MISSING



Shelly, a brindle greyhound (pictured above) is missing from Polstead Heath but by now could be anywhere. She is very shy and could be in hiding or may even have been taken in by a kindly dog lover. If you should see her alone or out walking please call 01473 827462 or 07969983554 or 07886389995

A reward is offered for a safe return

## BIRTH OF THE CHRISTMAS CARD



Above: The world's first commercially produced Christmas card, designed by John Callcott Horsley for Henry Cole

The first Christmas cards were illustrated by John Callcott Horsley in London on the 1st of May 1843. The picture, of a family with a small child drinking wine together, proved controversial, but the idea was shrewd: Cole had helped introduce the Penny Post three years earlier and was the chief organiser of the Great Exhibition and founder of the V&A Museum. Two batches totaling 2,050 cards were printed and sold that year for a shilling each.

Early English cards rarely showed winter or religious themes, instead favouring flowers, fairies and other fanciful designs that reminded the recipient of the approach of spring. Humorous and sentimental images of children and animals were popular, as were increasingly elaborate shapes, decorations and materials.

In 1875 Louis Prang became the first printer to offer cards in America, though the popularity of his cards led to cheap imitations that eventually drove him from the market. The advent of the postcard spelled the end for elaborate Victorian-style cards, but by the 1920s, cards with envelopes had returned.

The production of Christmas cards was, throughout the 20th century, a profitable business for many stationery manufacturers, with the design of cards continually evolving with changing tastes and printing techniques. The World Wars brought cards with patriotic themes. Idiosyncratic "studio cards" with cartoon illustrations and sometimes risqué humor caught on in the 1950s. Nostalgic, sentimental, and religious images have continued in popularity, and, in the 21st century, reproductions of Victorian and Edwardian cards are easy to obtain.

In recent decades changes in technology may be responsible for the decline of the Christmas card. Email and telephones allow for more frequent contact and are easier for generations raised without handwritten letters - especially given the availability of websites offering free email Christmas cards. Despite the decline, in the UK, Christmas cards account for almost half of the volume of greeting card sales, with over 600 million Christmas cards sold during the festive period

Below: An early Christmas post card



## Wot's On

### BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

PROGRAMME for first 4 months of 2013

#### BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2013

**15th January**, Gardeners' Question Time

With Graeme Proctor, Crown Nursery, Rupert Eley, Place for Plants and Sarah Cook, former Head Gardener at Sissinghurst Castle and iris expert

**5th February** Peter Morris, FNVS and RHS Judge

"Deep bed and traditional Vegetable Growing"

**5th March** Richard Ford, Former owner of Park Green Nurseries

"Water in the Garden"

**2nd April**, Julian Ives, Pest Control Consultant ([www.dragonfli.co.uk](http://www.dragonfli.co.uk))

"Best use of natural pest control"

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)

### FUN & GAMES NIGHT

#### BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Boxford Fun and Games Night Sat 26 Jan 2013**

We will once again be holding our Annual Fun and Games Night in Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 26th January 2013.

Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various indoor games and quizzes to claim the prestigious title. A fun night is promised for all with a licensed bar, raffle and refreshments.

The evening will commence at 7:30 with registration and the first round of games at 7:50 prompt. Tickets are £48 per Team of 8.

If you are not in a team but would like to help run one of the events please let us know Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or email Mark Miller [mark.miller@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.miller@talktalk.net).

### NEW SCHOOL OPENING 2013

Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts first opened its doors at Chamberlin Hall in Bildeston in May 2011. The Bildeston school has gone from strength to strength, now with over 65 children, (both boys and girls), ranging in ages from 4 through to 16.

Following the success of the Bildeston School, Miss Lesley is excited to announce the opening of a further school in Suffolk. The new school will

open in the picturesque village of Boxford in Spring 2013 and hopes to give children in Boxford and the surrounding villages a local opportunity to gain experience in the core elements of performing arts (dance, singing, drama and musical theatre) as well as confidence building, fun and so much more, all at an affordable cost. Miss Lesley has over 30 years of experience as an actress, presenter and dancer and is also a fully qualified teacher who has passion, enthusiasm and above all a love for teaching performing arts. Prior to setting up MLSPA she taught at the famous Italia Conti Stage School in London and has now brought her knowledge, experience and passion to rural Suffolk.

If you are interested in finding out more about the new school, there will be an open day at Boxford Village Hall on Saturday, 19th January 2013 from 11.00am – 1.00pm – so please come along and meet Miss Lesley and some of the existing students from Bildeston who will showcase their skills with a live demonstration at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for those who are willing to join in and experience some of the elements of the school.

Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts' mission is to have fun and create a new generation of talented, confident, young performers in rural Suffolk!

To find out more or to register your interest please call Miss Lesley on 07957 351941 or email [Lesley@misslesleysperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:Lesley@misslesleysperformingarts.co.uk).



Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts

OPEN DAY  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Boxford Village Hall  
11.00am - 1.00pm

**NEW SCHOOL OPENING  
SPRING 2013 IN BOXFORD**

Come along and meet Miss Lesley at the Open Day  
on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at **Boxford Village Hall**

A live demonstration of dance, drama and singing  
with existing students from Bildeston School will take place at **11.30am**  
and for those who are willing an opportunity to join in the fun too!

To find out more: **07957 351941**  
**[lesley@misslesleyspeformingarts.co.uk](mailto:lesley@misslesleyspeformingarts.co.uk)**

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# Wot's On

## The Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2012 - 2013

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

**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

## Boxing Day Evening entertainment

Boxing Day Evening entertainment at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa with a dazzling Frank Sinatra Tribute performance from Ian Gallagher. From 8.00pm to 10.00pm and tickets just £5 - please call 01206 265837 and speak to Charlotte for tickets.

## But You Don't Look Ill -

Cheerful support for hidden illnesses

Thursday 10th January. 1-3pm - drop in any time

The Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard£1 Info: 07950 436584

## Big Boxford Christmas Quiz

Following the success of the inter-pub Jubilee Quizzes held during May of this year, a Christmas Quiz is being held on Monday 17th December starting at 7.30 pm at the White Hart, Boxford. The format is as before, teams of four with an entry cost of £8.00 per team. The entry fee includes yummy Thai nibbles and there will be prizes! All proceeds to Boxford Community Council. If you participated in and enjoyed the Jubilee Quizzes, be sure to come along for another evening of mind stretching fun. If you missed the Jubilee events, it's not too late to join in now. Sign up sheet is in the White Hart, or call Elaine on 01787 210112 to book a place, or just turn up on the night!

## "SONGS OF LOVE"

**SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY 3.00pm**

**CAVENDISH MEMORIAL HALL**

Performed by the

**BEL CANTO BUSKERS**

In celebration of Valentines Day

We are raising funds to support Cavendish Care a charity which supports the elderly of the village. Tickets £7.00 to include light refreshments available from Landers Bookshop Long Melford Compact Music Sudbury or on the door.

THREE PARISHES RESPONSE

**3PR NEEDS**

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Polstead Digital Cinema  
Friday 25th January  
Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop  
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All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

# Wot's On

## Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

January 25 "The Deep Blue Sea" by Terence Rattigan  
Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029  
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

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### Boxford Village Hall

Starting January 10th 2013, Thursdays 9.00-10.00am  
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Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets  
5th January 'Hope Springs' Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (12A) 124 mins with 20mins interval)  
Refreshments (wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee, tea and ice creams) will be available.

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

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  
First meeting of 2013, 14th January at 2.30pm  
Shirley Watling 01787 210024

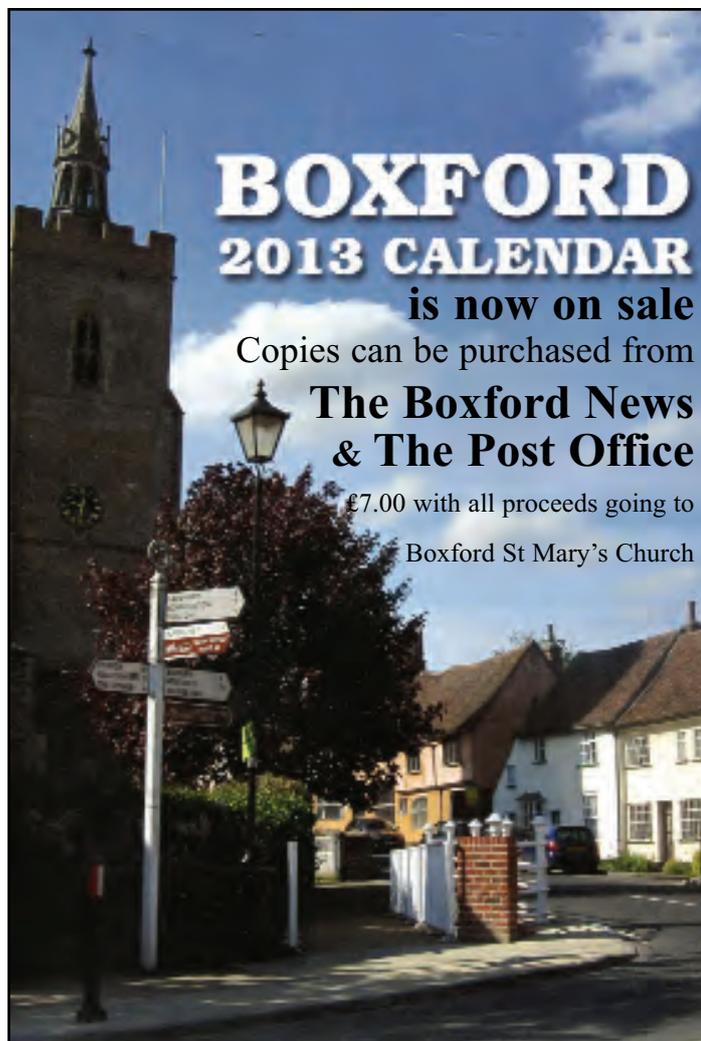
## The Suffolk Villages Festival

### SCHÜTZ: THE CHRISTMAS STORY

with seasonal music by Giovanni Gabrieli, Michael Praetorius, Johann Hermann Schein, Samuel Scheidt and others  
Sunday 9 December 2012 • 6pm • St James's Church, Nayland  
Claire Tomlin (soprano), Tom Stapleton (tenor)  
Psalmody: members of QuintEssential Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble  
members of Essex Baroque Orchestra, directed by Peter Holman  
The Christmas Story is one of the masterpieces of Heinrich Schütz's old age: it was probably first performed on Christmas Day 1660 at the Dresden court, where the composer had been working for more than 40 years. It tells the familiar Nativity story in a colourful, modern idiom, inspired by Carissimi's oratorios. The Evangelist sings in recitative and the various characters are accompanied by appropriate instruments, violas for the angel, rustic recorders and a dulcian (early bassoon) for the shepherds, majestic trombones for the high priests, and regal cornetts for King Herod. The first half of the concert is an anthology of seasonal music by Schütz's German contemporaries, including settings of Lutheran chorales by Michael Praetorius and Samuel Scheidt for divided choirs of voices and instruments, a virtuoso duet by Schütz's friend Johann Hermann Schein, and instrumental canzonas for cornetts, trombones, dulcian, strings and organ by Schütz's teacher Giovanni Gabrieli. QuintEssential, one of the leading British cornett and sackbut ensembles, joins the home team of performers for what promises to be an exciting and memorable concert.

Tickets: £17, £13 & £11 (half-price to those in full-time education)  
Box office: 01206 366603, box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com,  
www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

The director of the Festival, musicologist-performer Peter Holman, plans concerts that mix familiar masterpieces such as Monteverdi's Orfeo, J. S. Bach's B minor Mass, Handel's Messiah and Haydn's Creation, with the unfamiliar, including Heinrich Biber's monumental Missa Salisburgensis. The Festival has two resident ensembles, the chamber choir Psalmody and the period-instrument Essex Baroque Orchestra.  
For further information about this concert please contact:  
Louise Jameson, Administrator, Suffolk Villages Festival, 01206 366603



## Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

A 10 week course on Monday evenings 7.30 - 9.30 pm  
Meeting in Groton Village Hall, CO10 5EL  
Starting on Monday 14th January 2013

Tutor: Hugh Black-Hawkins, Chairman of the T.S.Eliot Society

## BETWEEN THE WARS

English Literature 1919 - 1939

For T.S.Eliot the time between the wars was 'twenty years largely wasted', yet his poem 'The Waste Land' vividly registers the shock of the aftermath of the Great War. D.H.Lawrence, Virginia Woolf and Evelyn Waugh deepen our understanding of the 1920s, while George Orwell, W.B.Yeats and W.H.Auden convey eerie premonitions of the war that was to come. We shall explore how, in these times of ideological conflict and economic austerity, these writers confronted the national identity. We shall be considering the following:

Virginia Woolf: Mrs Dalloway (1925)

T.S.Eliot: The Waste Land (1922)

D.H.Lawrence: Tickets Please, Samson & Delilah and The Horse Dealer's, Daughter (three short stories from the collection 'England my England', 1923)

Evelyn Waugh: Vile Bodies (1930)

George Orwell: The Road to Wigan Pier (1937) Poems by W.B.Yeats and W.H.Auden will be provided.

Course Fee: £60 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

Please contact Etain if you are interested in attending, by 8 Jan if possible.

# Wot's On

## Cinderella at The Quay

Hot on the heels of the unprecedented sell-out run of its production of Calendar Girls, which brought audiences to Sudbury's Quay Theatre from all over the area; some of whom were paying their first visit to Sudbury's little theatre, Sudbury Dramatic Society is now deep in preparations for its next and annual seasonal production, the traditional pantomime CINDERELLA with a script written by well-known local author Michael Munn.

The story of Cinderella never fails to delight audiences of all ages. The SDS version contains all the usual suspects from two despicable Ugly Sisters to the lovesick Buttons and a whimsical Fairy Godmother, plus a whole lot of fun, music and magic thrown in!

Cinderella is on at The Quay Theatre from Friday 14th December to Sunday 30th December with a variety of performance times and prices. (There are no performances on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th and Tuesday 25th December). Tickets are available now from The Quay Theatre Box Office on 01787 374745 with online booking available at [www.quaytheatre.org.uk](http://www.quaytheatre.org.uk).

## St. Matthew's Great British Quiz

Leavenheath Village Hall, 19th January 7.30 start. Prompt.

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All proceeds to St. Matthew's Stained Glass Window Appeal.

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

We have made our plans for 2013 and you will find the dates in the Events Diary. We are including two new events which we hope you will support and enjoy. In April we will hold a Themed Supper Night. And on a date yet to be arranged (perhaps in March) we will have a very special treat. More about these later.

Celebrate Valentine's at  
Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa

## Valentine's Ball

Saturday 16th February • 7pm - 12.30am

Tickets £39.50 (members £35)

To include a welcome glass of Buck's Fizz  
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(Based on 2 sharing twin/double room. Offer applies to 16th February only).

## Valentine's Candlelit Dinner

Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th February

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# Forthcoming Events Diary

## December

14/15 Milden Singers Christmas Concert		Milden Pavilion	1.30pm
15 Boxford Community Council	Christmas Fayer and Carols	White Hart	TBA
17 Big Boxford Quiz		White Hart	7.30pm

## January

12 Pancake Lunch	Groton PCC	Mary's House	12.20 -2.30
14 Over 60's Club	First meeting of 2013	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
15 Boxford Gardening Society	Gardeners Question Time	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
16 Little Waldingfield History Society	Craft Event, Free members only with Cheese and Wine	Parish Room	7.30pm
19 School of Performing Arts	Open Day	Boxford Village Hall	11.00am-1pm
26 Boxford Community Council	Fun and Games Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30 for 8pm

## February

3 Valentines Dance	Boxford Village Hall Committee	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
5 Boxford Gardening Society	Deep bed and traditional veg growing	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
9 Quiz Night	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
13 Little Waldingfield History Society	William Tyler Suffolk Poachers and Smugglers	Parish Room	7.30pm
17 Suffolk Village Feastival Concert		Boxford St Mary's	5.00pm

## March

5 Boxford Gardening Society	Water in the Garden	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
16 Little Waldingfield History Society	Malcolm Osborn The 486th Bombardment Group (H) 8th USAAF	Parish Room	7.30pm

## April

2 Boxford Gardening Society	Best of Natural Pest Control	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
9 Quiz Night	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
10 Little Waldingfield History Society	Jo Caruth Time Flyers	Parish room	7.30pm
28 Suffolk Village Featival	Witer Concert	Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm

## May

11 Family Fun Day	1st Boxford Scouts	The Spinney	11-4pm
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## August

3 Walking Quiz	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	5.00pm
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## October

26 Quiz Night	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
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First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm



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## Boxford Community Council

# BOXFORD TEA TOWELS



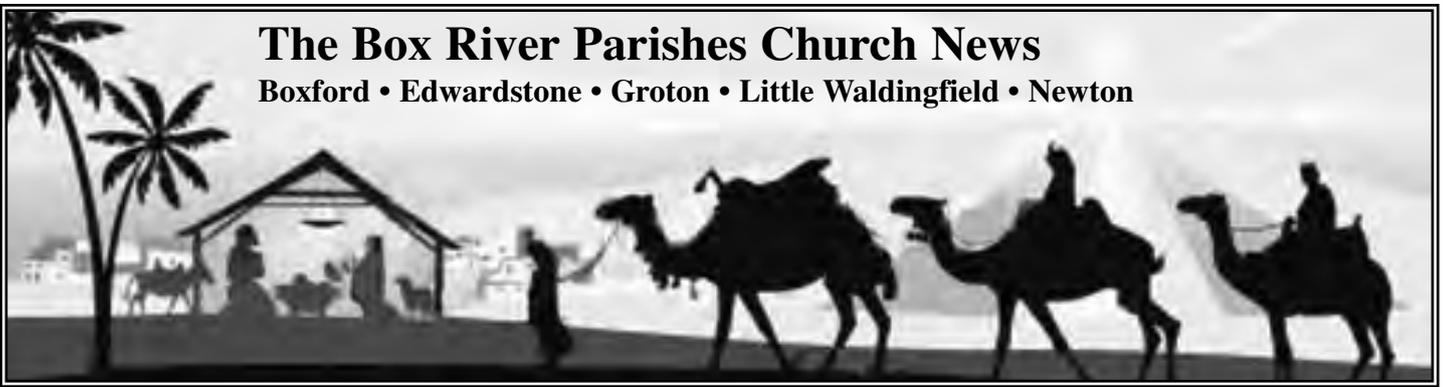
With Christmas upon us what would be a better present or accompaniment to a present than a Boxford Tea Towel. These are nicely manufactured from top linen quality and printed with scenes from Boxford village together with the Boxford village sign. They sell at £3.50 each or 3 for £10 and are on sale at

**Boxford News &  
Boxford Post office.**

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

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“SEE, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW!” (Revelation 21 v 5)

On 2nd December I attended, for the first time, *Messiah from Scratch* at the Royal Albert Hall in London. There cannot be many concerts where there are fewer members of the audience than singers but this annual performance, started in 1974, of Handel's well-known oratorio, is one. No fewer than 3,854 singers from all parts of the country, Pauline being one (the total number verified by scanning the bar codes on the tickets!), filled the huge circular hall with a wall of sound in such well-known choruses as 'Glory to God', 'Hallelujah!' and 'Worthy is the Lamb.'

While not succeeding in raising the roof (happily, perhaps, on a very cold evening!), this was a fitting reminder at the beginning of Advent—the start of the Church's year—of what the familiar bidding prayer at services of lessons and carols calls “the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child.” Or, as the hymn more simply puts it, “Tell me the old, old story of Jesus and his love”.

Old and new

An old story, yes—2,000 years old, as our calendar reminds us as 2012 ends and a new year begins—but still relevant to, and desperately needed by, today's stressed secular and consumer society: a story for the church 'to proclaim afresh to each generation.'

Advent is a season of expectation, as the church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ as a baby, and also looks ahead to his coming again as judge at the end of time. As the apocalyptic Book of Revelation tells us, there will then be “a new heaven and a new earth” when the dwelling of God will be with men: “They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God... There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21, 1-4) So, at the start of a new year and as we “look for his coming in glory,” let us worship and celebrate the God who “makes all things new”.

May we all have a truly happy and peaceful Christmas.

David Lamming

*Below: The Church News Editor, Sue Edwards at her recent marriage to Howard Knight*



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

### Churchwardens:

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

**Christmas Tree Festival 2012-** Very many thanks to all the organisations & families who decorated their trees in such imaginative and attractive ways, special thanks also to Pauline, Rachel & Veronica & to all who served refreshments or helped in any way, all of which contributed in making the event one which was much enjoyed by everyone who visited the church - look out for news for "Tree Festival 2013"

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

**Boxford Calendar:** The 2013 Boxford calendar is still available in or village shops or in church in Boxford, as well as in Keith Avis, Hadleigh,- £7.00 each. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars is for the upkeep of the Parish Church.

**Volunteers & Help needed:** 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.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** -This year will be held at 12.15pm after morning worship on Sunday 30th March 2013.

**New Electoral Roll 2013.** The New Electoral Roll is to be prepared this year - the old Electoral Roll cannot be carried forward - An official notice regarding this process will be put on notice boards & announced in Church in January. Everyone on the present roll will need to complete a new form. Please contact a member of PCC or a Churchwarden or The Revd Judith for an application form.

**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: "Since we're all here, let's start the service early".

## MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2012 diary in Mary's House for making bookings.

When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of every booking, as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.

Please also note that the suggested donation is now £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings.

For inquiries about bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 210360.

zzCopy Date for Church News section in the February 2013 Box River News:

**Please, NO LATER THAN 15th January. Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included**

Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone Tel: 210972  
David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone  
Tel: 211161

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS:

Members of the Edwardstone PCC wish all supporters of the church a very happy and blessed Christmas.

### TREASURER:

After a number of years of excellent service, Peter Dawson has decided the time has come for him to resign his appointment as treasurer. We all join in thanking Peter for his work and support and wish him a more relaxing time free from the worries of church finances.

This does mean that we are desperate for a volunteer to take on the treasurer's role for Edwardstone Church. If you can help, please contact either of the Churchwardens or Rev Judith.

### CAROL SERVICE:

As usual, our Carol Service will be held on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.

### ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Teas/Coffees
<b>Jan 6:</b>	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Clarke	Mrs Saddleton
<b>Jan 13:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Paul	
<b>Jan 20:</b>	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Paul	
<b>Jan 27:</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 – MARRIAGE:** 25 November 2012 – Howard Birkett Knight and Susan Edwards.

**PCC MEETING:** The PCC will meet at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th January 2013. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 6th January.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:** An advance notice that Groton's 2013 APCM will be held on Tuesday 9th April 2013 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

**CHEESE & WINE PARTY,** 1st December 2012: The 2012 cheese & wine party—a regular and popular fixture in the Groton calendar—saw over £750 raised for church funds. A huge 'thank you' to Pat Kennedy Scott and her team of cooks, bar stewards and helpers for what was a most enjoyable evening, as well as for this magnificent financial contribution to Groton church. Photos of the event appear elsewhere in this issue of the BRN.

### Rota:

<b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b>	Mrs McCorkell
<b>Flowers:</b>	Mrs Foster
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Mrs Gooderham



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

### Rota:

	Sidesman	Flowers
<b>Jan 6:</b>	Mr Squirrel	Mrs Squirrel
<b>Jan 13:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Eddington
<b>Jan 20:</b>	Mr Bowden	Mrs Gregor Smith
<b>Jan 27:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Harbord



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,  
Tel: 370331

25th November : Our Family Service was taken by our Churchwarden, Chris Cornell and other members of our congregation as the Revd. Judith was conducting a special service at St. Bartholomew Church, Groton. Although a few days ahead of Advent, we had as our theme, the Advent Wreath and its significance was explained to us. One of our children read the meaning of the first candle on the Advent Wreath and later lit the candle.

Members of the congregation read out the meaning of the other four candles and a poem by John Betjeman "Advent 1955" which seemed really appropriate for the occasion. A selection of Advent Calendars were shown and their origin explained.

The children made individual paper Advent Wreaths to take home. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to so many members of the congregation who helped in different ways to make our Family Service really special.

There will be all the Christmas Services to report in the next Newsletter. We extend our very best wishes to all for the coming year.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

**NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS:** Every six years PCCs are required to prepare a completely new electoral roll prior to the annual parochial church meeting (APCM). 2013 is such a 'new roll' year. No name is automatically carried forward from the old roll: anyone who wishes to have his or her name on the new roll must apply for enrolment by completing a simple application form. More details about this will appear in the February BRN.

**SUDBURY DEANERY SYNOD:** Two items of business, **women bishops and parish share**, were the subject of lively discussion and debate at the synod meeting on 28th November 2012.

The Revd Canon Jonathan Alderton-Ford, our 'link' diocesan General Synod member, reported on the recent meeting of the General Synod in London. As widely reported in the media, General Synod failed to give final approval to the draft Measure to enable women to be consecrated as bishops in the Church of England, by the narrow margin of six votes in the House of Laity. A two-thirds majority in each of the three houses was required, and although this was achieved comfortably in the houses of bishops and clergy, the laity vote was 132 for to 74 against, a majority in favour of only 64%. This was despite 42 out of the 44 diocesan synods, and over 74% of the lay diocesan synod members in those 44 dioceses, having voted in favour of the Measure. As Jonathan said, there is a real sense in which the British people see the Church of England as 'their' church, in the same way as they relate to the NHS, so that there has been 'total disbelief' that the House of Laity could ignore the vote of 42 dioceses. It seems to be generally agreed that the issue cannot be simply 'parked' until a new General Synod is elected in 2015, and fresh proposals are likely to be put before the synod when it meets next in York in July 2013. Meanwhile, the deanery synod passed unanimously the following resolution:

*This Synod:*

- i. is shocked and saddened by the decision of the House of Laity of the General Synod of the Church of England on 20th November 2012 not to give final approval to the Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure;*
- ii. affirms the value of the ministry of women priests and looks forward to the gifts they would bring to the episcopate; and*
- iii. urges the Diocesan Synod to do all it can to ensure that the General Synod passes legislation to enable women to be consecrated as bishops as soon as possible and in any event before 2015.*

**On parish share**, the deanery synod approved (by 32 votes to one, with three abstentions) the allocation of the 2013 £418,480 deanery share among the eight benefices in the deanery. The Box River Benefice share (what we are asked to pay to the Diocese) rises by 4.48% to £53,638, and a meeting of PCC treasurers in January will consider how to divide this between our five parishes.



### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Week of Prayer offers opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations. The theme this year is, "What does God require of us?"

**Monday 21 January**, 12.30 pm at St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard.  
**Tuesday 22 January**, 10.00 am at All Saints' School, Acton Lane, Sudbury.  
**Wednesday 23 January**, 12.30 pm at St John's Methodist Church, York Road, Sudbury.  
**Thursday 24 January**, 12.30 pm at St Gregory's Church, The Croft, Sudbury.  
**Friday 25 January**, 12.30 pm at Our Lady & St John's RC Church, The Croft, Sudbury.  
**Saturday 26 January**, 8.00 am – 9.30 am: prayer breakfast at Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury.

The dates and venues of the services/events in Sudbury & District are:  
**Sunday 20 January**, 6.30 pm: United Service at Living Waters Fellowship, Gregory Street, Sudbury.

## Box River Benefice The Church At Worship JANUARY 2013

**Daily Prayer** An informal service in church with Revd Judith, with prayers for the villages and those who are ill.  
**All welcome** Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, 17.00 Little Waldingfield NB meet at Newman's Hall this month;  
 Wednesday 9.00 Groton; Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford

Wednesday 2nd  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 3rd  
 Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Home Communion Newmans Hall Tim Harbord  
 (Reserved Sacrament)

<b>Sunday 6th</b> Lt Waldingfield	<b>The Epiphany</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(W)</b> Revd Judith
<b>Edwardstone</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Family Morning Prayer</b> 11.00 All Age Worship*	<b>Revd Judith</b> Revd Judith
*Children invited to dress as kings and bring a small craft gift (felt pens, paper, glue etc.) for the children's hospice.		Christopher Kingsbury
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	

Wednesday 9th  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Antony Dodd & Revd Judith  
 (Reserved sacrament)

<b>Sunday 13th</b> Groton	<b>The Baptism of Christ Epiphany 2</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(W) Plough Sunday</b> Revd Judith
<b>Newton</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Plough Sunday Service</b> 11.00 Holy Communion	<b>Roy Tricker (tbc)</b> Revd Judith

Wednesday 16th  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 17th  
 Little Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Newmans Hall Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 20th</b> Edwardstone	<b>Epiphany 3</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(W)</b> Revd Judith
<b>Lt Waldingfield</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Holy Communion	<b>Revd Judith</b> Revd Judith

Wednesday 23rd 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 27th</b> Boxford	<b>Epiphany 4</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(W)</b> Revd Judith
<b>Groton</b> Newton	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Family Service	<b>Revd Judith</b> Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 30th  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Some of the many happy faces at the Groton Cheese and Wine party, photo's by our staff photographer David Lamming



## Soap Box



Brian Tora, and his good lady wife, Elizabeth, have now 're-positioned' themselves in Portugal, as they say in America when referring to annual seasonal migrations to warmer winter climes. Well, that's what my American cousins tell me as they now enjoy the warm and sunny West Coast of Florida. Personally the thought abhors me. Imagine bumping into your neighbours from up north in the now Arctic climes that have encased your home when you have spent all that time, money and effort to get away from them. In the case of my cousins, they very much enjoy spending their summers in the UK, so that does not present them with

any neighbourly dilemmas. It probably explains why, when I lived in Canada, the prospect of visiting Florida never really came up on my radar. I just had no desire to visit Florida. Perhaps following a thirty year absence from North America, my attitude has changed!

So, folks, I am afraid that, with Brian in Portugal sipping away at his Vinho Verde you will have to put up with my petty rantings instead! 'T'is the Season to be jolly' I hear you all say. Yes well of course it is, and not only that, it is a time to be kind to your neighbour, no matter how much he or she may drive you up the proverbial wall. I, for one, very much appreciate the value of my neighbours, for a jolly fine lot they are too. Always laughing and ready to help, or offer a hand, which for me, even in my improving state, is very much appreciated.

To a very large extent, this attitude very much reflects how we should be treating each other at this festive time. Much is made today of the vast sums of money that we all spend, often unnecessarily I might add, to enhance the Season that is Christmas. As a result of which it can often be all too easy to forget the real meaning of Christmas.

Yes Our Lord Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day, but let's not forget that His parents, Mary and Joseph, were shown no room at the inn

upon their arrival in the town of Bethlehem. But were instead shown a cattle shed in which the baby Jesus was born.

Fast forward to the present and let us gaze upon the state of the world as we see it. There are sparkling new cities appearing in all sorts of places, some rising up from the very desert from whence the Three Kings may have come, perhaps. There continues to be enormous progress in technology that will allegedly improve our lives, whilst at the same time our politicians battle with global issues in order to prevent further economic catastrophe, war, disease and pestilence. But In amongst all this are those who have been caught up in the melee and find themselves in varying, some desperate, circumstances for whatever reason.

It may be that you have friends or family members who you know this year will be spending Christmas either on their own, or in adverse conditions with limited resources. Christmas is when we can all reflect upon the importance and meaning of Family and Friendship. So, when we tuck into that turkey, unwrap that first present or take that first sip of seasonal good cheer, let us think of those less fortunate than ourselves and reflect upon how we could make their lives better now or next year in order that they too can celebrate whatever it is that their faith celebrates at this time of year.

Happy Christmas, Happy Holidays

*Nick Athorne*

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There is now a new 2012 diary in Mary's House for making bookings.

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# Gardening in January

Harry Buckledee

Carry on with the winter digging of the vegetable garden. Lime in the form of hydrated lime can be applied this month, if necessary. Manure and lime should not be applied at the same time, as the chemical reaction of lime releases nitrogen from the manure in the form of gas and the nitrogen is lost. Allow at least three months between manuring and liming. Weather permitting, this is the best time to carry out alterations and constructional work in the garden. In the summer there is too much maintenance work to permit it. Pathways can be laid, pergolas built, flower beds and shrubberies made. Examine posts and tree stakes for signs of rot and replace where necessary. Slacken off ties which are in danger of cutting into the tree trunks. Posts on pergolas and archways which are rotten at ground level can be supported by driving a metal stake into the ground beside them. Your garden could need protecting from frosts, gale-force winds and heavy rain so another good reason to check stakes, ties, fleeces and other supports for damage and consider moving plants to sunnier positions to maximize light. However East Anglia, as usual, is one of the driest regions, expecting a mean of around 50mm rainfall in January. Don't forget to keep feeding the birds, food is scarce for them over winter.

If you are thinking of planting new shrubs this winter, the Viburnums are worth considering. This is a large genus of shrubs with varieties to provide colour all the year round. All are hardy and easy to grow in any type of soil, including chalk. No regular pruning is needed. Viburnum tinus (Launistinus), the popular evergreen, provides clusters of white flowers throughout the winter months December to April. V. Fragrans and the stronger growing V. Bodnantense provide fragrant white and

pink flowers from November to March. These are followed in spring by V. Carlecephalum and V. Burkwoodii with heavily scented flowers. Both Carcephalum and Burkwoodii are hybrids of V. Carlesii which is famed for the sweet scent of its pink budded white flowers. V. Plicatum Lanarth and Mariesii provide a spectacular show of broad white flowers on tiered branches in May and June. V Opulus (Guelder Rose) a native of Great Britain found in hedge rows, has large maple like leaves, white flowers in June followed by translucent red berries and in Autumn colour from the leaves. For small gardens the dv form Opulus Compactum flowers and berries freely. If its ber you are after, the best berry form is Xanthocardum with b bunches of bright yellow translucent berries almost the siz< grapes.

If you are planting a mixed hedge and your soil is not too di is worth including Opulus (Guelder Rose) and Santana ( Wayfaring Tree), another British native. Both will pro's handsome flowers in summer and autumn colour and fruit. Examine regularly plants which are overwintering in greenhouse, such as geraniums, fuchsias, primulas cyclamen, removing any dead or discoloured leaves, which if on will attract grey mould and will soon spread to them cau: the whole plant to collapse.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
2. Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days
3. Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already
4. Repair and re-shape lawn edges
5. Inspect stored tubers of Dahlia, Begonia and Canna for rots or drying out
6. Prune apple and pear trees
7. Start forcing rhubarb
8. Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season
9. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
10. Prepare a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect them from peach leaf curl

Colourful bark and stems shine in the winter sunshine this month and many of the shrubs that flower at this time of year are scented, adding another dimension to a winter walk. Take a walk on a frosty morning and enjoy the frosted foliage and remember to take your camera with you.

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year Harry Buckledee

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# Parish Council Matters

## Groton Parish Council

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

**Present:** D Elliott, Carey Fraulo (Chairman), J Osborne (Vice-Chairman),

**In attendance:** B Hurren (District Councillor), S Gray (Clerk) Nigel Brett (Housing Needs Survey) J Finch (County Councillor) from 8.15pm

**Apologies for Absence:** M Mayhew G Smith & Adam Dixon-Smith. The Councillors consented to these absences. S.Hemmit

**To Receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on the agenda:**

There were none.

**To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 5th September & 27th September 2012:** The Minutes of 5th & 27th September 2012 were approved

**To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary:** In the absence of Siobhan Hemmit, the Clerk reported that there had been one incident of theft and three incidents of vehicle crime reported in the period from 3rd September 2012 to 4th November 2012. This compares to three crimes for the same period last year.

**To receive a report from Suffolk County Council:** Suffolk County Council announced that council tax will be frozen again, the third consecutive year.

James confirmed that BT has been approved as the preferred provider of bringing superfast broadband to the vast majority of premises in Suffolk..

James stated that supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk is one of Suffolk County Councils is one of our top priorities.

The Chairman questioned James as to the delay by Suffolk County Council in the building of the extra classroom at Boxford CEVC Voluntary controlled school. The work should have been completed over the school holidays. While the work is being carried out during term time the disruption to staff and pupils at the school was tremendous. James said that he would look into the causes.

**To receive a report from District Council:** Bryn commented that Spout Hill had not yet been cleaned and that he would look into it. Also he had taken the frame from the Parish Council Notice Board to repair it.

**Housing Need Survey Presentation:** The Chairman welcomed Nigel Brett (Babergh District Council) and Louise Wilby (Suffolk Acre) to the meeting.

Nigel explained to the Council all procedures relating to Affordable Housing in a village; from a Survey to establish local needs, application process and the homes being occupied. Councillors were in full agreement that the proposal of "An Affordable Housing Needs Survey" would have to be discussed at a full Council meeting and therefore would be an agenda item for January 2013

**To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public:** David Elliott represented Groton Parish Council at the funeral service of Barbara Riddleston. Barbara had been an active and much valued Parish Councillor at Groton for over thirty years and the Councillors expressed their sincere sympathies to Barbara's family.

**Groton Village Hall:** David Elliott reported that the edging and floor woodwork had all been done. However there was more wood to replace than at first realised and more of the village hall funds had been used than had previously been budgeted for.

David Elliott asked Bryn Hurren if there were any grants available at Babergh to assist in the work that was required for the village hall

**Groton Website:** The Chairman reported to the Council that thanks to John Kirby Groton now had a website [www.grotonsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.grotonsuffolk.co.uk). The Council were unanimous in their thanks to John for his time and expertise in setting up the website.

**Planning Matters:** Bryn Hurren reported that there were still on going discussions between Babergh and Groton Parochial Church Council regarding the planning application for a toilet at St Bartholomew's Church.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Co-option of Member • Local Housing Needs Survey • Website
- Groton Village Hall

**Dates of Next Meetings:**

- 16th January 2013 • 6th March 2013

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm

## Edwardstone Parish Council

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

**Present:** Clare Britcher, S Flack, S Norman (Vice-Chair & in the Chair), Garry Peacock & Ian (Jim) Robinson

**In attendance:** J Finch at 8.00 pm (County Council), B Hurren (District Councillor), S Gray (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence:** C Boggis & P Clarke; Councillors consented to these absences. Siobhan Hemmitt

**To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 16th July 2012:** The Minutes of the 16th July 2012 were approved; proposed by Garry Peacock, seconded by Clare Britcher

**To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary:** In the absence of Siobhan

Hemmit, the Clerk reported that there had been no reports of crime in the Parish of Edwardstone for the period from 23rd July 2012 to 13th November 2012. This compares to 2 crimes for the same period last year.

**To receive report from Suffolk County Council:** Suffolk County Council announced that council tax will be frozen again for the third consecutive year.

James confirmed that BT has been approved as the preferred provider of bringing superfast broadband to the vast majority of premises in Suffolk. Suffolk is one of the first four Counties in the country to reach this stage

Suffolk Residential care homes are hoping to receive £60 million and, with Care UK, 16 existing residential homes are to be replaced by ten new homes.

In relation to the National Grid Project James reported that the response from national grid to the consultation was disappointing and Suffolk County Council along with Babergh District Council would not accept the latest proposals.

**To receive a report from District Council:** Bryn Hurren reported to the Council that, as with Suffolk County Council, Babergh were discussing the budget and he hoped very much that District Council Tax would not be increased but £1.5 million needed to be saved.

Bryn confirmed that work had started at Mill Green on the new affordable homes. Jim Robinson questioned Bryn with regards the joint working of the planning departments of Babergh and Mid-Suffolk. Bryn assured the Council that teething problems had been rectified..

**To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public:** Clare Britcher reported that the glass was broken in the telephone kiosk. The Council had previously agreed to adopt the kiosk and, therefore, it would be a regular agenda item until issues such as ownership and maintenance had been fully resolved.

**Highway & Footpath Matters:** The Council agreed that the maintenance of footpaths would be a consideration when setting the precept. A missing footpath sign on Footpath 17 would be reported and concern was raised about the use of a vehicle on footpath 15.

**Future Agenda Items:** Telephone Kiosk • Maintenance of local Footpaths

**Dates of Future Meetings:**

21st January 2013 (Finance & Planning only) • 18th March 2013

20th May 2013 (AGM & APM) • 15th July 2013

16th September 2013(Finance & Planning only) • 18th November 2013

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm



**Christmas bin collections**

**Make sure you don't get caught out this Christmas!**

Some bin collections are being brought forward this year, so make sure you check what day your bin is due to be collected.

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Tue 25 Dec 2012 (Christmas Day)	Monday 24 December 2012
Wed 26 Dec 2012 (Boxing Day)	Thursday 27 December 2012
Thu 27 Dec 2012	Friday 28 December 2012
Fri 28 Dec 2012	Saturday 29 December 2012
Mon 31 Dec 2012 (No collections)	Monday 31 December 2012
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Thu 3 Jan 2013	Friday 4 January 2013
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**Brown Bin Collections:**

There will be no garden waste collections during the weeks of 24th and 31st December. Please refer to your brown bin calendar for details.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Boxford Parish Council Meeting on 15th October

**Public Forum:** Both the applicants and neighbours in respect of the chicken buildings application for land west of Roylands Lane attended to seek updates and offer comment. During discussion Mr Windmill confirmed the numbers of laying birds would be capped at 350 and if they extended over a further 15 acres it would be for rotation purposes only. The Babergh Planning Committee had carried out a site meeting and it was to be decided by Committee. \*\* Cllr Impett attended the Planning Committee on behalf of the Parish Council. Planning Permission was granted.

**Police Report:** A Police Representative was unable to attend however PC Chris Garrod had provided a report. Between 1st September and 13th October 2 crimes were recorded in the Parish compared to 4 for the same period last year. One was a burglary from the Post Office and the other was a driving offence due to excess alcohol. The Safer Neighbourhood priorities were Anti Social Behaviour at Overing Avenue, Great Waldingfield.

**County Council Report:** County Cllr Finch attended and reported that the County Council was looking to freeze Council Tax again. BT had been appointed as the preferred provider for the Broadband project. The County Council was working with Care UK to replace the existing 16 residential homes by 10 better equipped homes. Cllr Finch together with Cllr Impett had met the Head teacher to explore parking issues around the school.

**District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present and confirmed the residents of Homefield Court have been allocated hard stand parking. The new garages will be let and Cllr Hurren was chasing progress in this respect. The trees in Ash Street will be inspected by Babergh Council ahead of Christmas. Babergh Council has given a grant of £750 to the Village Hall. Community Engagement continues and Babergh Council are seeking various views and an officer may attend the November Parish 5 Council Meeting. The Supermarket application at Hadleigh is moving forward again.

**Correspondence:** The locations for grit on the County Council spreadsheet were checked with one addition suggested. It was agreed to approve the proposal from Sunflower Childcare to put a sign on the Cemetery fence. A disabled bay for outside the Village Hall was approved. Winter priorities were being agreed in the Cemetery and Churchyard. A thank you letter from the First Responders for the funding of a further defibrillator was read to Council. It was agreed to apply for a license for planting opposite the garage.

**Skate Park:** Cllr Egglestone and the Chairman were carrying out research into other Skate Parks in the area. Cllr Egglestone believed community action could be used to build a park for Boxford at a fraction of the cost.

**Reports from Members:** Consideration was being given to improving the surface of the RUPP leading from the Playing Field to the centre of the Village. This would be important if the planned walking bus to the school was to proceed. Cllr Norman reported on the successful mechanical sweeping of Swan Street with all cars and vans temporarily relocated. Members agreed a vote of thanks to Cllr Green for suggesting and organising the Car Sharing Scheme. Details of the scheme are available at the Doctors Surgery.

**Planning:** The following applications were discussed: -

- 1) Proposed rear extensions, dormer windows and porch canopy to front, increase of roof height and provision of detached garage at Lynnfield, Butchers Lane.
- 2) Application for Listed Building Consent to open a blocked fire place in the hall at Hendrick Ho, 9 Swan Street.
- 3) An amendment to the supporting map for the application for a new dwelling at 1 Brook Hall Road.

*Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk*

## Newton Parish Council Meeting 14th November

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

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Gardner sent his apologies as well as PCSO Hemmett.

**Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs Presland, Parker, Schwenk, Taylor, Vince, Williams and Gardner declared pecuniary interests in agenda item 12/145b as they are residents of Newton and due to legislative changes this now means that setting a precept is a prejudicial interest.

**Requests for councillor dispensation:** The councillors resolved to give Cllrs Presland, Parker, Schwenk, Taylor, Vince, Williams and Gardner dispensation Localism Act 2011 s 33 (2) a to set the precept until May 2015.

**Minutes of meeting held on the 10th October 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. NPC would like to place on record its appreciation to Peter Holbrook and Graham Chamberlain (BDC Planning Officer) for the opportunity to discuss the issues surrounding the Planning Application for the move of the mobile home at Lilleyfields.

**Correspondence (Appendix B):** Following a review of the Correspondence the Clerk was asked to diarise the Community Achievement Awards for the meeting in May 2013. The Clerk will also write to thank Tony Langley for his offer to manually cut round the playground fence but NPC will continue to use its

contractor to maintain the grass under the fence.

**Clerks Report (Appendix C):** Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors agreed that:

a. That the contract for grass cutting at the playground and Jubilee Gardens also incorporates the maintenance undertaken by the Village Hall and Newton Green Trust. Clerk to discuss job specification with both organisations representatives, and the percentage share of costs to be apportioned to each organisation, in order to advertise for a new contractor in 2013 from within the village. Failing this, the Clerk will get 3 quotations from outside contractors for the work.

b. The Clerk to write to Bob Rowland thanking him for all his efforts over the past three years.

**Finance:** a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix D, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget and the bank reconciliation against the bank statements.

b. The councillors reviewed the Budget Proposal (Appendix E) and resolved that they were minded to agree an expenditure budget of £10,029 and a Precept of £9,000 for 2013 / 14, which is the same as the current year.

**Planning:** a. No further planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted.

b. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:  
Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

Following a review of the RoSPA report on the playing field equipment, Cllrs Presland and Taylor will review the equipment on Saturday 17th November in order to identify any remedial works that need to be undertaken.

12/148 Local Housing Needs Survey

Suffolk ACRE are currently analysing the responses received from Newton resident and will discuss their findings and recommendations at the January meeting. The Clerk to provide councillors with the details on the Community Right to Bid legislation in the Localism Act 2011.

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

Issue (Priority), Current Status, Review meeting

Housing (1). Local Housing Needs Survey conducted in late September. Results of Survey expected in January.

Layby on A134 (1) Newton Green Trust has now confirmed its ownership of the layby with the Land Registry and the process to remove cars for sale from the Layby is now in place. CLOSED

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

Village Cinema (3) Cllr Parker to liaise with Sue Wigglesworth who runs a scheme in Polstead in order to run a pilot in Newton..

Recycling (4) Paper and textile recycling banks now located in Village Hall Car Park.. CLOSED

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

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

**BDC's Planning consultation:** The councillors agreed to give BDC their views on the questions raised in the consultation.

**Welcome to Newton booklet:** With the final changes being forwarded to the Clerk, Cllr Williams will proof read the final version. The Clerk will produce 250 copies of the booklet on 100gsm paper for publication in January 2013. As the Clerk had already worked his contracted hours for 2012 / 13, the councillors resolved that he be paid 4 hours overtime for undertaking the additional work.

**NPC Communication:** The councillors resolved to introduce as soon as practicable:

a. An email distribution of NPC's notices, publications and events to residents who sign-up to receive the service

b. The revised format for website minutes.

**Village Hall and Trust representative updates:** No reports submitted.

**Questions to the Chair:**

• Fireworks in Newton to be discussed at the January meeting

• Job description for Tree Warden role to be circulated to councillors.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

The next scheduled will be held on Wednesday 9th January 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.02pm.

**Appendix A Public Forum:** Peter Holbrook updated councillors on resurfacing of the B1508 for 3 nights from the 26th November which will result in a diversion, Recycling, the Community Engagement Event, Lilleyfields and the Core Strategy. James Finch updated councillors on SSC's plan to freeze Council Tax, Broadband in Suffolk, Care Homes, National Grid's Refurbishment Project and National Grid's new power line project.

The Police report submitted was as follows. "This report covers the period from 23/7/12 to 13/11/12. During this time there has 2 crimes recorded relevant to the parish of Newton, this compares to 4 crimes for the same period last year. One report of Theft other - Church Road on 10/11/12 an item was stolen Crime no SU/12/2357 Officer in the case PS 566 Horton. One report of driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol Sudbury Road on 30/10/12 Crime no SU/12/2281 Officer in the case PC 1693 McCarthy.

## Readers Letters

*Sir*

All the family of the late Nell Suckling would like to thank everyone who kindly sent cards and gave messages of sympathy during their recent bereavement, This was much appreciated

*The Family*

*Sir*

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<b>Darren Rule</b>	4 Brick Kiln Hill	210731
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