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Boxford News in the early 1950's

The Boxford News has been an important part of downtown Boxford for almost a century, providing news, confectionaries and other items to the local community. Recently the proprietor of the Boxford News, Alastair Macintyre, passed away. Mr. Macintyre had been carrying on the tradition of the Boxford news since the late 1980's. The store also employs more than 15 hard-working local residents.

The Macintyre family's wishes are to have the shop remain a mainstay of Boxford for a long time to come. Because They live in the United States and are unable to manage the store from a distance, the family is doing everything possible to keep the shop running until new ownership can be found. The employees are also doing a wonderful job maintaining the day-to-day operations.

When a proprietor dies there are many legal matters to attend to. Currently the business resides in probate with certain details out of anyone's control. Several business licenses and accounts will need to be transferred to new ownership.

Here is where you can help. During the next few months there may be certain services that are not available to customers. These will hopefully be very short disruptions in service. Because of lack of access to accounts and licenses we need to operate as a cash business. This will allow us to make the proper payments to keep everything flowing.

Bear with us and continue to support the shop. There is already interest for new ownership and we are all confident that the Boxford News will continue to be a part of the residents daily lives.

The employees and the family would like to thank everyone for their continued support through this transition and need your help more than ever to ensure Boxford does not lose this historic site. We all know the importance of keeping local businesses alive and that, when they go away, they often do not come back. The family and the people at the Boxford News will do all they can to carry on this tradition. We pledge to regain any short-term disruptions in service and, with your help, we will see the Boxford News continue for many more years, stronger than ever.

Many Thanks,

The Boxford News and the Macintyre Family

3PR RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS



At the 3PR annual dinner held at the White Horse on 14th March, Tina Loose (above) and Peter Hibben were presented with signed commemorative plaques following their retirement as active responders having reached a certain age!! Their services will be sorely missed.



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WHO KILLED THE VICAR?



Even the cast did not know who killed the vicar until the last act, when, as can be seen in the pic bottom right they were required to read from the script, an unrehearsed act that actually went very well and with lots of laughs.

In the first act we were introduced to the victim and his potential killers as they gathered in the vicarage where the murder was committed. In act two Detective Inspector Carlton played by the word perfect and 80 years old, Derek Butler, with some intelligent support by Lilly Heeks, (Coralie Marshall) employed by the Church commissioners. It was then up to us to work out Who Dunit whist enjoying an excellent ploughmans supper produced by Jan, Di and the team.

Act three was performed unrehearsed and with script in hand at the end of which it all became clear!!! If you did not come I am not going to tell you who did it. Make sure you come to the next production in June and if you enjoy yourselves half as much as I did on Saturday 9th March you will have had a damn good time. *Ed*



Friday, 5 April, 8.00, Ticket £20

Stan Tracey Trio

With Stan Tracey piano, Andrew Cleyndert bass, Clark Tracey drums.

Stan Tracey, CBE, is back, with the 2012 Ivor award, the first winner in the jazz category, Andrew and son Clark are in support, forming a trio that is tight, inventive, always exciting. Do check out his website for a biog, reviews, and effectively a history of jazz in the UK.

This gig will be in the Devora Suite.

Friday, 12 April, 8.00, £16

The Lyric Ensemble

With Nette Robinson vocals, Tony Woods sax, Nikki Iles piano, Matt Ridley bass.

Tony's and Nette's work for the Michael Garrick Lyric Ensemble have been getting terrific notices. It has been a year since Nikki Iles has graced our stage, and it is always a pleasure to welcome Matt Ridley.

May we welcome you to this excellent gig.

Friday, 19 April, 8.00, Ticket £15

Ed Jones

"A formidable saxophonist. Ed Jones may have hit his highest profile through his work with bands US3 and Incognito, but he's an improviser to his fingertips, a player of forceful imagination, and one of the UK's most distinctive saxophonists." - John Fordham The Guardian.

Friday, 26 April, 8.00, Ticket £16

Basil Hodge Quartet

With Basil Hodge piano, Tony Kofi sax, Larry Bartley bass, Winston Clifford drums. Basil writes great stuff, accessible, deep and always interesting. Tony, Larry and Winston know his work well: this is a tight team. It is great to have them back.

"Though classically trained, he's not interested in icy technical brilliance. Instead he waves sonorous, thoughtful ideas, articulated with a proper jazz touch." - London Evening Standard

Friday, 24 March, 8.00, Ticket £25

ALL STAR BENEFIT DAY

Damon Brown, David Rees-Williams, Denny Ilett, Winston Clifford, Mick Hutton, Liam Noble, Shakatak Roger Odell ... more to be announced.

Last year we had such a blast. Fireworks are promised again this year, with an afternoon and evening of wonderful music. We will keep you informed of the lineup as time goes by.

There will be a buffet, at a very reasonable price.

Just a taste of the May 2013 into August 2013 season

with the wonderful **Barb Jungr** to look forward to, **Emilia Martensson** arrives, **Alan Barnes** and **Dave Newton** combine forces and **Mari Wilson** entertains us.

To buy tickets for any gig, obtain further information or add your name to the mailing list please telephone the **BOX OFFICE:**

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THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

I wonder what made you choose the home you live in – if, that is, you were fortunate enough to have any say over it at all? For some people, it was probably being close to the school for their children; for others, having a big garden, or maybe just the opposite – wanting a small courtyard garden, with minimum maintenance. For some, privacy is important, and they are happy to be surrounded by tall hedges or a fence; others prefer a house which allows them a good view across the surrounding countryside.

Here in Boxford Rectory, we were very lucky to have come to a really comfortable home, set in its own grounds. Of course, it is only “on loan” to us. It won’t be ours forever, because, when we move to another benefice or retire, hopefully another vicar will move in. As some of you know, we also



have a very large garden – something of a mixed blessing, that one! Although Rufus has made great efforts to open up the woodland and scrubby perimeters of the garden, though, the rectory’s setting is, by its nature, enclosed, with large trees all around at the back and denser tree planting at the front. So much so that even people who live



locally don’t always know exactly where the rectory is or what it looks like!

This is a great contrast from the small bungalow in Great Maplestead, which we actually own. There, many of the rooms have open views, which allow us to look out, beyond the confines of

the house and its garden, to wider horizons.

In our five churches and communities, quite naturally, we focus a lot of time, effort and thought on our own parochial needs and concerns. Village life, can, though, at times, become all-consuming - a world in itself.

But just as Rufus and I sometimes need to leave the rectory behind and go out to a place where we can see more, a place with good views, it is good for all of us at times, mentally and spiritually, to “lift our eyes above the horizon.” We need to do this in order to remind ourselves that there is a bigger picture, a bigger world out there, with many pressing needs, challenges and problems.



As I write, Red Nose Day has just taken place - one of the ways in which some people stop and lift their eyes for a moment to focus on the wider needs around them. Nearer to home, I want to say a big thank-you to those who helped with and supported the Big Brew coffee morning at the rectory and the Real Easter Egg campaign. These two events - in a small, but positive way – helped us to raise our eyes above the concerns and issues of day-to-day village and church life. Jesus spoke of himself as “The Light of the World” and, if we are his followers, it is to that waiting world that we need to bring that light and that hope.

Blessings, *Revd Judith*

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On the 13th of March a flowering cherry was planted outside the church of St Lawrence in memory of Mr and Mrs Clive who farmed in the area and lived at the Maltings.



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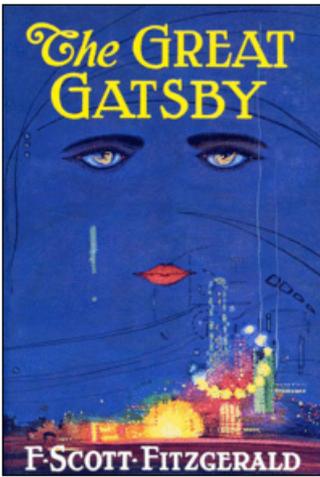
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APRIL BOOK REVIEW BY JO MARCHANT

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald



'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald, is considered to be The Great American Novel. In 1922, he announced his decision to write "something new, something extraordinary and beautiful and simple; intricately patterned". It was published in 1925 and is considered to be his masterpiece. It was a comment on his time, the essence of the hedonistic life on Long Island and in New York, after the First World War and before the Crash. It was a wild time if you had money.

The story is narrated by Nick Carraway, a banker who has come East to make his fortune. Jay Gatsby, his neighbour, is the mysterious protagonist. Handsome, charming and rich, Gatsby

hosts dazzling parties where strangers fill his rooms. They are all night affairs set in his luxurious home on the beach and the lights illuminate the sky. The descriptions are so well drawn that this image will be imprinted on your mind.

This is a love story of sorts: Jay hopes to lure an old love, now married, back into his life. Perhaps she will appear at one of his fabulous parties? And there she is, the beautiful Daisy, drawn to the bright lights like a moth. The plot deepens with disappointments and tragedy.

Scott Fitzgerald became a successful writer early in his career and lived a lifestyle of the rich. He knew all about parties, fast cars and beautiful women. But all was not as it seemed. He had long been an alcoholic and his new wife was bi polar. There was always pressure to produce another book to pay those expensive bills. He died at the age of forty four after his third heart attack. 'The Great Gatsby' had brought him fame and further fortune, but not happiness.

On the surface Fitzgerald's novel may appear to be just a shallow novel about jazz, parties and the glitz of the 1920s. After some examination it is apparent that 'The Great Gatsby' is a profound social commentary on the corrupt disillusioning effects that materialism can have on members of society. A book for today, one wonders?

THE BOXFORD JAZZ BAND

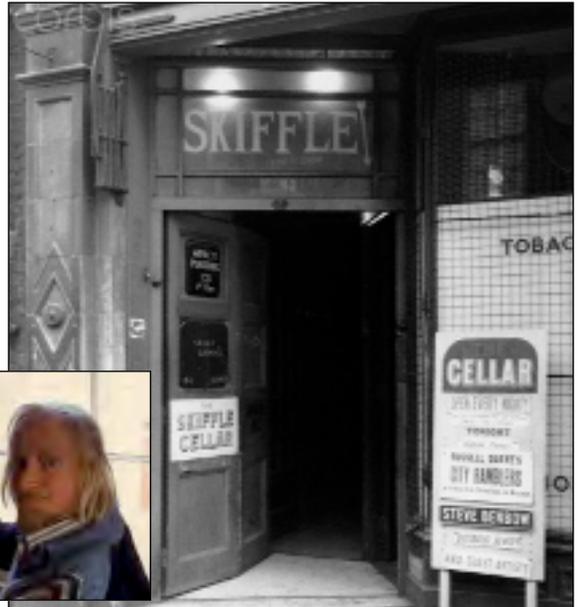
I read with great interest the recent article regarding the Rev Brian Bird. I was one of the original members of the Rev Birds, 'The Box River Jazz Men'

We were formed in 1957 taking up residency at The Fleece, and two years later we moved to the Zanzi Cellar Club under what is now Swarders Estate Agents. Perhaps our greatest moment took place in 1958. The Rev Brian's book on skiffle, the first of it's kind, was published and the band was invited to play at Russell Quays Skiffle Cellar in Greek Street, Soho, London. The band performed in front of some of the big names in skiffle at the time, Lonnie Donnegan, Nancy Whiskey, Steve Benbow, Rambling Jack Elliott, Deryl Adams, Red Sullivan, and Margaret Barry and Paddy Gorman to name but a few. A moment to remember!!

The band eventually broke up in the early 60's. Thank you for bringing many happy memories with your article. *Bob Rowland Newton*

Right:
The entrance to Russel Quays Skiffle Cellar

Inset:
Russel Quay



Traditional Fishmonger Comes to Boxford



A mobile wet fish shop which began trading on a Thursday at The Kings Head in Hadleigh has now extended its hours of trading by visiting The White Hart Boxford owing to the demand for locally caught fish from local people.

Paul, who is based at the kiosk in Woodbridge, has branches in Bury St Edmunds, Harleston, Hadleigh and Kesgrave. Since incorporating his son into the business, demand for this service has grown. Paul says "with the mobile van, we can reach out to customers on a weekly basis who cannot always make the shop in Woodbridge". "Laurie started trading in Hadleigh only 8 months ago on Thursdays and in this short space of time there has been a real demand for him to go on to other locations". Myself and Laurie decided that the best option was to split the day up, trading between set times in each location.

Paul selects the fish from Lowestoft wholesalers who can be relied upon to produce only the best quality. Local cod, skate, Dover sole and Cromer crabs are all popular with customers as is smoked fish from local smokehouses.

Telephone orders are always welcome and Paul is happy to take orders for less common fish subject to availability. Pauls Fishbox can be found Thursdays at the Kings Head in Hadleigh between 8am and 2pm and in Boxford at The White Hart between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

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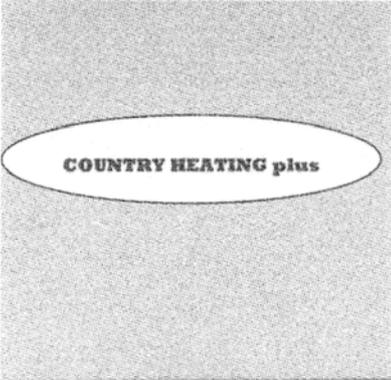
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FANTASTIC-FLEECE-FOLK - ANOTHER NIGHT TO REMEMBER



On Friday February 22nd the residents of Boxford and beyond were again treated to some of the nation's finest talent at the Boxford Fleece. The headliners were multi award-winning folk legends Kris Drever and Eamonn Coyne. However, they were yet to even pick up their instruments when the 80+ strong audience were on their feet applauding Suffolk/Essex based Irish Traditional folk band 'La' who were the evening's support act. 'La' incidentally are a mixture of exceptional musicians based in Boxford and surrounding villages who play regularly together at the Fleece's free and acoustic Folk Night.

It was to Kris and Eamonn's credit when they took to the stage suggesting that perhaps they should have been support to 'La'. Despite their modesty and to the delight of the crowd, Kris and Eamonn played 2x 45 minute slots, fully demonstrating the depth of their individual and combined talent that they both possess as musicians and as vocalists. A combination of songs from their new album 'Storymap' and age old classics such as 'Shady Grove' awed the jubilant crowd. In such an intimate and unique venue the atmosphere was excellent, and the acoustics superb. Afterwards the pair chatted and enjoyed a drink with those who came to see them, reflecting on another brilliant FleeceFolk night in the Guild Room.

The Fleece looks to continue staging top quality music with a host of confirmed live acts, including; 'Jess Klein' and 'Police Dog Hogan' in April, 'Bella Hardy' in May, and the legendary Brooks Williams as part of 'State of the Union' in June.

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- *MC2 (Sat 30th 9pm - FunFolk). *La (Sun 31st 8.30pm - Proper Craic)

Live Music: *Jess Klein (American Folk Songstress) 21st April.

*Police Dog Hogan (Superb Americana band!) 27th April.

*Tranceathon (Jazz-fusion....that's right, 'Jazz) 28th April.

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3PR Three Parishes Response VACANCY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

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Heating Oil Theft Advice

The theft of heating and diesel oil has been a problem for many years and the police have noticed an increase in this type of crime over the past month in rural areas. These tanks can contain many thousands of pounds worth of oil and it therefore makes very good sense to take a few precautions to protect such a valuable commodity.

Check with your insurance provider that you are not only insured for fuel thefts, but also any oil seepages, either through wear and tear or deliberately caused by an offender. The cost of any resulting environmental clean up could prove expensive.

The position of the tank can have a significant effect on how hard a target it is in the eyes of a thief. If the tank is within good view of the house, then the thief may consider the risk of being seen too high. If the tank is close to a road, path, drive or alleyway then it will be a far easier target. Hiding the tank behind the garage, shed or some other type of outbuilding is fairly commonplace but, on the other hand, it could help to conceal the thief.

A thief will usually come equipped with a limited range of tools to attack your tank so it's worth spending a little more on good quality locks. Closed shackle padlocks are best as they offer most resistance to the most popular of burglar tools, namely the bolt cropper. Due to their design, closed shackle padlocks have very little of the metal hoop (shackle) exposed and bolt croppers cannot get a good grip. Another recent security measure available is a padlock with a built-in alarm, which activates, when tampered, at up to 110 decibels.

Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available, which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly falls in fuel level. These gauges are sited within the house to warn of any potential problem. Security lights, can have a very positive effect and make any property a much harder target for thieves. It is not always necessary to floodlight the area with high power beams, as a more subtle level of lighting may be all that is needed. Low energy 'dusk 'til dawn' lights positioned close to the tank should, in most cases, provide sufficient light to illuminate any suspicious activity.

Thieves will not want to force their way through or over a prickly hedge. The smallest trace of blood or shred of ripped clothing could help the police identify the offender. Some effective natural planting includes: Berberis x Stenopylla Crataegus Monogvna (Hawthorn) Ilex Aquifolium (Holly) Pyracantha (Firethorn) Rosa Rugosa. A trellis can be decorated with defensive planting.

Suffolk Police are asking everybody to look out for any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area following a delivery of heating oil and to report this to Police as soon as possible. For further advice on heating & diesel oil thefts, or to obtain advice from your local Crime Reduction Officer please dial 101.

Sunflowers Childcare

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As we approach the end of a busy Spring term, we thought we would update you on what the children have been doing.

Following the recent headlines concerning the content of meat products, we have recently changed some of our food suppliers to ensure that we are serving food from reputable suppliers. We aim to use local suppliers where possible.

Our Pre-School children have celebrated Chinese New Year, made Valentine's Cards, Mother's Day surprises and this week will be starting on Easter and spring time crafts. We have dressed as our favourite book characters for the book fayre and World Book Day. The children invited their mums to our Mother's Day Tea where tea/coffee and a variety of cakes were served. We had a good turnout and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

This term we introduced our Story Sacks for the children to borrow

which help support language and speech development and we hope will also inspire children to have a love of books and reading. The story sacks also link in with ECaT (Every Child's a Talker) which we are passionate about at Sunflowers.

We ran 'Stay and Play' sessions this term where we invited parents to attend a part of their child's normal session and explore the story sacks and other activities with their child. These were well attended and enjoyed by all.

As with our Pre-School, our Breakfast & After School Clubs continue to be very popular. Several of the sessions we run are nearing capacity. We are receiving daily enquiries for our Pre-School and Breakfast & After School Clubs so if you would like to register your child with us, please contact us as soon as possible.

Our half term ICE Holiday Club proved to be very popular. The children had a great time and really enjoyed our ice theme with activities such as igloo making, ice sculpting, slush puppies and ice marbles. Following this, our next Holiday Club will be Easter which will run from Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 12th April. We have a variety of activities planned for the two weeks. For further information or to receive a booking form, please call us.

A Tornado hits Boxford again!

After the success of last year's Boxford Tornado cycling sportive, organised by the newly formed Boxford Bike Club, it was easy decision to make to repeat the event for another year.

The Boxford Tornado cycling sportive 2013 will be taking place on Sunday 14th April, using the pavilion and the Boxford playingfields as its start/finish. Entries for the event opened in the new year with the 400 places selling out in an amazing 6 weeks! The sport of cycling continues to be ever popular!

The riders will have the choice of taking on routes of 3 different distances, the longest being a 60 mile route which winds its way to Ixworth and back, taking in some delightful Suffolk countryside.

The riders will be coming from a wide area including Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk to take on the challenge. We've even received entries from Sweden!

After the ride the riders will be treated to a slice of homemade cake and a well earned cup of something hot! This year all proceeds from the refreshments will be going to the community council who supported the club in its infancy. If any other Boxford residents feel like donating a cake, please let Alan Leeder know at the butchers.

Spectators are very welcome on the day with riders setting off from 9.30am, heading down Swan Street then up Cox Hill. Our thanks goes to those residents of Homefields for putting up with a few extra pairs of wheels on the day.

TENNIS SUBSCRIPTIONS!

This year's tennis subscriptions are now due. If you would like just pay an annual fee for unlimited use of our tennis courts, either as an individual or as a family, send the appropriate amount to: Pauline Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5HU. Cheques should be made payable to "Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee".

The rates are unchanged this year, and are as follows:

Per family	£55.00
Per adult	£33.00
Per junior (under 16)	£20.00

I look forward to hearing from you!

Pauline Lamming 210360

Boxford News

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UNIQUE MUSIC COURSE RETURNS TO BOXFORD



The course is being run by local teacher Tom Price who has grouped together with three other professional musicians and teachers. Tom, 24 of Brookhall road, Boxford, teaches guitar and drums in many of the local schools and feels that the children need more chances to show off their talent and have fun with music.

"I teach a number of very talented musicians and they work hard to pass their grades and learn pieces for school. The children I teach seem to all love the idea of being in a band, creating original music and performing it. It's not easy for children to do this and there is not a lot of help out there so this is what we guarantee to provide in our course."

Last year the Rock School involved three bands which performed to a packed out crowd in The Fleece Hotel which was a great venue. Due to increased numbers this year the performance will be held under a marquee in the gardens of The White Horse in Edwardstone. The Boxford Rock School would like to give Jon Norton a big thanks for supporting the course and providing a great setting for an unforgettable day of music.

The unique five day course is being held in both the village and school hall between the 5th and 9th of August. It is aimed at children aged 9 to 15 with some experience on their chosen instrument.

Anyone interested in attending can contact Tom on: 01787 2210913 or email: tompriceteaching@hotmail.co.uk

Boxford Community Council

BOXFORD TEA TOWELS



With Easter upon us what would be a better gift or accompaniment to a gift 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.**

Proceeds from the sales go to Boxford Community Council and ultimately back into the local community via grants

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

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GREEN OPEN

Sunday

21st April 2013

at 2.30 p.m.



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SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2013 7.30pm

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*(National Folk sweetheart. 2 BBC Folk Awards.
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Buy Tickets and find our more:

www.boxfordfleece.com 01787 211183

Wot's On

Discover Suffolk

Discover Suffolk In 52 Ways Over 23 Days - The Suffolk Walking Festival 11 May - 2 June 2013

Ever wanted to weave your way through fields of flax, march through history, search for treasure or ramble through the countryside to the sound of poetry? Well now is your chance! With over 50 guided walks to choose from, The Suffolk Walking Festival is a cornucopia of delightfully themed walks that will take you through gently undulating countryside, around villages and towns awash with some fine architecture and along the wonderful landscape of the Suffolk Coast.

The festival kicks off with the 'Launch Jaunt' at Ickworth House near Bury St Edmunds on 11th May and runs for three weeks until 2nd June. In the middle of the festival (18 - 22 May) is the Discover Suffolk Challenge Walk, which follows the coast path from Landguard Fort, up to Lowestoft and covers 66 miles in five days. We don't want anyone to feel obliged to do all five days, but there will be prizes and lots of praise for those hardy folk who do! There is also a charity walk in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care, which is 14 miles around the lovely landscape of the Lark Valley. Not all of the walks are this long - there is a good range for all abilities and some suitable for children too. We hope you will join us on some of these walks. For the full programme, please visit the Suffolk Walking Festival website www.discoversuffolk.org.uk or any tourist information centre in the county where you can pick up a brochure and book tickets. This festival is sponsored by Discover Suffolk and supported by all the local authorities in Suffolk

Taste of Sudbury Food and Drink Festival

23rd June 2013

This is the first "Taste of Sudbury" Food and Drink Festival which will be held on the 23rd June 2013 between 12pm and 8pm to celebrate the abundance of local produce on the Essex/Suffolk border.

This festival is expected to become an annual event held in the centre of Sudbury. It will take place in this historic market town, in and around St. Peter's Church as well as stalls and marquees on the Market Hill. The aim is to promote the best food and drink provided by producers and restaurants in the local area. A wide range of stands have already been booked from a champagne and salmon bar to handmade ice cream, Indian food to fresh venison. There will also be a wide range of drinks available including fruit juices, freshly ground coffee, wine and beers from local breweries.

Free entry for the public.

Lesley Dolphin from Suffolk Radio will be opening the event at 12 noon and Mark David from the Cooking Experience will be the compere until 6pm. The full programme of demonstrations and entertainment will take place on a stage outside St Peter's Church. Local chefs will be offering cooking demonstrations and include Alan Paton from the Stoke By Nayland Hotel, Golf and Spa, Chris Lee from the Crown in Bildeston and Nick Barrett from Scutchers in Long Melford. There will then be a range of live music from 6pm. until 8pm. This event is being organised by the new Sudbury Town Team, a voluntary and non-profit-making group representing the interests of local businesses. The Taste of Sudbury festival promises to be an exciting addition to Sudbury's calendar of activities.

For more details of how to book a stall please contact Jane Hatton on 01787 468634 or email j.hatton01@btinternet.com.

For more information visit www.tasteofsudbury.co.uk

Boxford WI

Body Language was the subject of this month's speaker's talk. George Irvine gave us a brief outline of the various jobs he has done and then discussed with us what body language is and why it is important. We decided it was the oldest form of communication that is partly inherited but largely learnt from our culture and environment. It exhibits how we feel and react to other people and situations and also use it to judge how others feel about us.

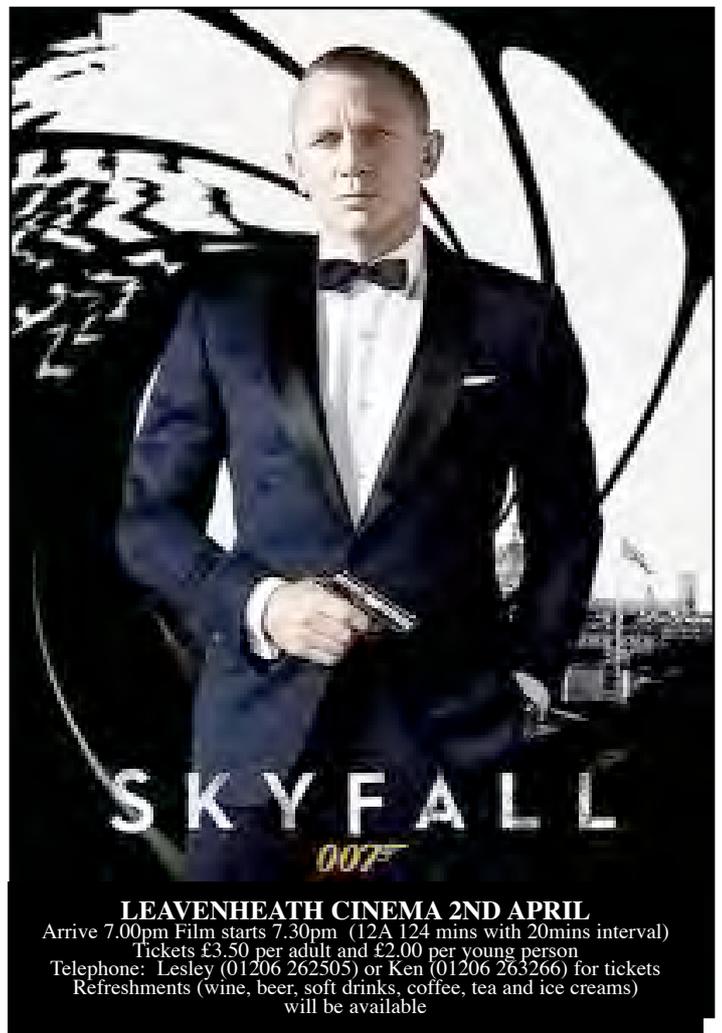
Body language can also be used to hide our feelings when we put on an act and it is as important in our work lives as it is in our personal relationships.

The talk was interesting, light hearted and enjoyed by the audience, some of whom helped to illustrate examples of body language.

The craft group made mouse bookmarks with long cord tails.

All visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.

If you would like a copy of our 2013 Programme please phone Heather on 01787 211566.



SKYFALL
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LEAVENHEATH CINEMA 2ND APRIL
Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (12A 124 mins with 20mins interval)
Tickets £3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person
Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets
Refreshments (wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee, tea and ice creams) will be available

Stoke by Nayland Middle School
7.30 pm Thursday 18th April 2013
AGM AND TALK



**THE POET IN THE BOOKSHOP -
Pinnacle of Achievement or Height of Folly?
By David Charleston**

David lives in Fulstead and is married with two children. In 1978, after University, he taught English both abroad and in this country (at East Bergholt High School). He has published poetry and following retirement in 2010 he set up 'the glorious Open Road bookshop in Stoke by Nayland which had been my dream for years'

All past, present and future members welcome to
this **free** lecture and complimentary coffee

For further details please contact
Sue Whitoley - 01787 210945

Summer Day School
Saturday 13th July 2013
Details to be announced soon

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BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Next Meetings:

2nd April 2013 - Julian Ives, Pest Consultant (www.dragonfli.co.uk) - "Best use of natural pest control"

7th May - Plant Sale - Boxford Church, Teas Village Hall

4th June - BBC's Peter Gibbs - "Impact of Weather and Climate"

Ps - Don't forget coach trip to Wrest Park, Beds on 13th June

Meetings - Unless otherwise stated, now take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Boxford Village Hall and guests (£5 each) are very welcome. Just turn up!

For any other information, please contact Events and Outings Organiser, Rosie Osborne

(01787 211960) email rosie.osborne@btinternet.com.

The Mildens Singers

Mildens Singers Songs from 'The Movies'

Friday 26th April doors open 7.30pm show time 8pm

Saturday 27th April doors open 1.30pm show time 2pm.

Silver Screen favourites from legendary James Bond theme tunes to sing along songs of Grease and all time classics from Paint Your Wagon plus many more. Friday night includes buffet and Saturday with afternoon tea both performances with licensed bar,

At and in aid of Mildens Pavilion. Tickets from Pearl on 01449 741876

Nayland St. James church fete

Date: Monday 27th May 2-4.30pm. Nayland Playing Field

All your favourite stalls, sideshows and sports

The Victory Jazz Band. £150 Raffle 1st Prize

Admission Adults: £2 Children 50p. Concessions: £1

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE WALKS

We meet at the Pavilion on the Playing Field at 10.00. a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Walks usually take an hour to an hour and a half but there are opportunities at various points for people to return by shorter routes. Walks finish at the pavilion where light refreshments are provided. Anyone may make a donation to the Playing Field funds before, or after, the Walk.

Next 2 walk is on 7th April. For more information please contact Jennie Jordan 01787 247132 for the April walk contact Dennis Duffy 01787 247868.

BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 2nd June 2013, 11am-5pm

This will be the 16th year of Boxford Gardens Open and the event is still proving as popular as ever, drawing visitors from a wide area to see our lovely gardens. This year we will be doing lunches in the school hall and there will be plant and craft stalls in and around the church and school. Please put the date in your diary and also pray for good weather! The event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help are always extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (call 01787 212264 or email angela@tolputt.com)

Box River Knitstitch Group

We meet at Boxford Pavilion (on the playing fields) Mondays 3pm to 5pm. Bring your own projects to work on and get inspiration and help from others.

For further details phone 01787 211488 or 01206 263301

Nayland Village Players

"The Village Players present Noel Coward's Hay Fever in Nayland Village Hall 18th/19th/20th April 2013 at 8.00p.m. bar opens at 7.30p.m.. Tickets £7.50/£6.00(under16s) available from Nayland Post office (afternoons) or telephone 262808"

If you have space please add:

"Noel Coward's sparkling comedy of 'bad manners' introduces us to the unconventional Bliss family. Judith is a famous actress who, after a string of successful roles, has picturesquely retired to her country retreat. Missing her adoring public, she has invited a fan over for a weekend of uninterrupted adoration- unaware that the rest of her slightly nutty family has company arriving to. This leads to comic havoc when the four unwitting visitors are subject to the full force of the Bliss's theatrical life."

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The Boxford Heritage Exhibition

Saturday 11th May 2013

10.30-5.30 entry free

at the Village School Hall

Come, see and get involved in the following:

- The mounted display of old Boxford photos
 - The rolling sequence of pictures onscreen
 - Some artefacts from Village history
 - Boxford at War
 - Update the millennium record of every house in the village
 - Group Photos for you to name
 - More recent School Photos to name
 - Access to all our digital pictures of Old Boxford
 - Access to all digital articles on Boxford's History
 - Access to all hard copy archive material including the House Rating and ownership book for Boxford for 1931 on
 - Books about Boxford
 - Archaeological finds and geology in and around Boxford
- AND MUCH MORE.**

In the evening at 7.30 pm there will be an illustrated talk, £2 to non-members, by Roger Loose entitled

BOXFORD FOLK AND THEIR LIVES IN THE LAST CENTURY

There will be a short AGM for Boxford Society members after the talk.

The exhibition will not be open in the evening as we will need the space to accommodate those wishing to hear the talk.



Walter Joslin at Boxford

Wot's On

Suffolk Village Festival

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

Ladies New & Nearly New Clothes Sale

Newton Village Hall 13th April

From Mid-day

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01787 312345

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The Supper on 27th April will be a Greek Meal and mini-quiz. To keep the price of tickets to our usual £8.50 plate smashing will not be allowed. tickets are available from Sue 247173 for the event.

SMT Transition Events

SWAP SHOP – St John's Methodist Church, CO10 0NE

Saturday 13th April 10am – 12.30pm

Bring along unwanted items or take whatever items catch your eye

VISIT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHARITY, GREEN LIGHT TRUST, LAWSHALL. Thursday 20th June – FREE Limited numbers.

THE QUAY THEATRE
BOX OFFICE: 01787 374 745

Book online at:
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Friday 5th April 7.30pm, The Rat Pack – After Hours!

Join Frank, Sammy and Dean in the lounge of Sands Casino with an intimate session featuring classics such as My Way, Mr Bojangles and Amore. Tickets - £15.00

Saturday 6th April 7.30pm, Murder Mystery Evening – Death in Three Halves, Red Barn Theatre Company – Become investigators for the evening as events turn sour for a group of friends... Tickets – £9.00

Saturday 13th April 7.30pm, An Evening of Song

Join local tenor Paul Burt and Soprano Lindsay Blay singing popular arias and songs. A very special evening. Tickets - £12.00

Thursday 18th April – Saturday 20th April 7.30pm, Final Curtain Sudbury Musicals Society returns with some of your favourite songs from the shows you love! Tickets - £10.00

Sunday 21st April 7.30pm, The Perennial Mr Potter – A performance piece with Brian Thurlow. Born in 1900, full-time gardener Mr Potter shares his stories and passions on plants and the successive owners at Glebe House! Tickets - £6.00

Friday 26th April 7.30pm, The Further Adventures of... Josh Widdicombe. **SOLD OUT BUT RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER!!**

Popular stand-up comedian (Live at the Apollo / Last Leg / Stand Up for the Week) shares his observations and frustrations with everything he encounters.

Sunday 27th April 7.00pm: OPERA AND MORE – Including fizz and canapés. In aid of The Bridge Project, The Quay and The Kernos Centre - An evening with a group of singers from around Suffolk presenting an unique evening of 'bite-sized chunks' from their operatic and classical repertoires. Tickets - £15.00

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Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 19th April
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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Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Friday 19th April "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"

Friday 10th May "Life of Pi"

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

There is to be a special "Britten Centenary" event on Saturday 27th April when we will show "Night Mail" and an East Anglian Film Archive Film called "Britten and his Festival".

This will have a fund-raising element to it with half proceeds going to the Britten Centenary Fund and half to Village Hall.

Tickets will be £10 and will include a light buffet during the interval.

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Proceeds towards LVH Capital Project Fund (Charity No 262816)

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person

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

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

Shirley Watling 01787 210024

Folk at the Fleece

April 21st and May 11th

To precede **Bella Hardy (May 11th)** the BBC award winning folk singer, we have American Singer/Songwriter **Jess Klein (April 21st)**. Mojo Magazine have described her as "Jess Klein has one of those voices you want to crawl up close to the speakers to listen to." She will be on Sunday April 21st, 4pm. I think it's actually quite something she's coming to us. She's toured across the world and is coming to us.

Check them both out on Spotify and Facebook.

BOWLS AHOY

BOXFORD DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB are holding 'free' introductory bowls coaching sessions commencing at 10 o'clock on **SATURDAY 4TH MAY** and every Saturday morning during May. Tea / coffee and biscuit included.

Why don't you come along and have a go at this most enjoyable game. All you will need is flat shoes as Bowls will be supplied. It is open to anyone over the age of 18 years. We are a friendly club that caters for all abilities from club and social bowls to competitive. The club is situated in idyllic surroundings behind the Fleece pub in Boxford.

Interested? Then phone either Malcolm 01206-263301 or Steve 01787-21113.

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BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY
May 7th from 7.30pm till 8.30pm
St Mary's Church Boxford
With Tea and Coffee in the Village Hall
FREE ENTRY FOR ALL!

THE 2013 BOXFORD
PLANT SALE

PLANT DONATIONS
If you would like to donate any rooted cuttings or garden plants please bring them to St Mary's porch between 4pm and 6pm on the day.
All plants to be clearly labelled please

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7.30PM

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OR CHRIS CORNELL 01787 370331

Wot's On

TABLE TOP SALE

AT EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL:

We are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 8 June from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables will be £10 each and there will be teas, coffees and cakes available with a raffle. More details next month. Contact Daphne Clark to book a table. 210698

LOCAL FITNESS CLASSES

Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.00pm Aerobic/Circuit sessions targeting stamina, weight & shape. (Boxford Primary School)
Fridays 9.15 - 10.15am Exercise to music including use of free weights for bone density maintenance, balance & co-ordination. (Boxford Spinney) call 211822.

POLICE SURGERIES TO RESUME

AT MARY'S HOUSE

Informal police surgeries are held on a bi monthly basis. Police Community Support Officer Siobhan Hemmett will be at Mary's House between 10.00 am and 11.30 am on the following Tuesdays, during the time when Mary's House is open for coffee and tea:

Tuesday 7 May 2013

Tuesday 2 July 2013

Tuesday 10 September 2013

Tuesday 12 November 2013

Do feel free to drop in for a word with Siobhan, either to report anything to her or to share any concerns you may have about local crime or policing issues.

If you want to speak to Siobhan in confidence, there is a room available upstairs where you can do so.

Little Waldingfield Playing Field:

Sunday May 19th, launch of the new Petanque/Boules area. Details to follow next month.

Sunday 23rd June, afternoon car Treasure Hunt followed by evening barbeque. Details to follow next month.

Sunday 14th July, morning Car Boot and Table Sale followed by a lunchtime picnic on the playing field. Ticket details to follow.

NAYLAND FARMERS' MARKET

The newly formed Nayland Farmers' Market met for it's second airing on the evening of Friday 8th March at the Village Hall in Nayland. Despite the foul weather, there were over 20 traders present and the local customers braved the cold and the rain to enjoy a very good selection of local products.

As with most farmers' markets the underlying principle is that the food or crafts which are offered for sale are made locally (within a maximum of 20 miles) and that they were made by the person selling them who can tell you what's in them and answer your questions as to how the goods were made. Thus local producers were offering oven ready meat pies, oven ready fruit pies, home made cakes, bacon butties, specialist teas and coffees, tea to sit and drink, home made bread, doughnuts, hotcross buns as well as pork, beef & lamb all sold by the local farmers who raised the animals. We had vegetables, honey, apple juice, hand made chocolates, sausages, pates, terrines, venison, chutney & marmalades, shrubs & pot plants as well as hand made soaps, jewellery and greetings cards in the craft section. We only have one trader for each type of product and there are definitely no horsemeat burgers or lasagna. If we ever have some sunshine, we hope to have a hog roast as well next time.

The market has the advantage of being held indoors in the warm and dry with good parking facilities.

Future dates for the market are all on the 2nd SATURDAY in each month from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. the next one being on 13th April 2013. Everybody is very welcome to come and enjoy the market. There is no charge for entrance and at the next market there will be a free draw to win a voucher for £20 to be spent on whatever the winner would like at one or more of the stalls present on the day.

We have a few spaces left for traders and if any local producer would like to take part they can obtain more information from Roy on 07513-464 567.



NAYLAND FARMERS' MARKET

Will be held on Saturday morning at the Village Hall
NAYLAND

on the following dates:

13th April

11th May

8th June

13th July

10th August

14th September

12th October

9th November

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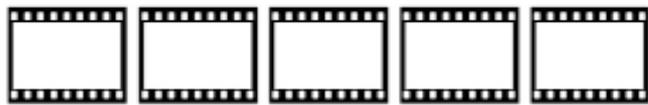
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Forthcoming Events Diary

April	2	Boxford Gardening Society	Best of Natural Pest Control	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm	
	3	Boxford WI	The Real Lark Rise	Village Hall	2.00pm	
	7	Little Waldingfield Walk		Meet at Pavilion	10.00pm	
	10	Little Waldingfield History Society	Jo Caruth Time Flyers	Parish room	7.30pm	
	11	Boxford WI Craft Club	outing to Needham Market to paint china			
	13	Ladies New and Nearly New Clothes Sale		Newton Village Hall	Noon	
	19	BSC Lecture	The Herring Industry	Groton Village Hall	2.30-4.00pm	
	20	Quiz Night	Boxford Village Hall Mgt Committee	Boxford Village Hall	TBA	
	21	Boxford & District Bowls Club	Green Opens		2-30pm	
	26	BSC Lecture	Benjamin Britten	Groton Village Hall	2.30-4.00pm	
	26/27	Milden Singers	(Matine 27 at 2.00pm)	Pavilion	7.30pm	
	27	Greek Supper and Mini Quiz (to replace Themed Supper)		Parish Room	7.00pm	
	27	An Actors Life for Me	Paul Edington by his wife	Newton Village Hall	7.30pm	
	May	28	Suffolk Village Featival	Witer Concert	Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm
4		Boxford & District Bowls	Introduction to Bowls		10am	
7		Plant Sale	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30 to 8.30pm	
11		Family Fun Day	1st Boxford Scouts	The Spinney	11-4pm	
11		Boxford Society	Boxford Heritage day and Evening Talk	Boxford Village School	7.30pm	
19		Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field	launch of the new Petanque/Boules area.		TBA	
June		2	Boxford Gardens Open	St Mary's Church Building Trust	Around Boxford	TBA
		4	Boxford Gardening Society	BBC's Peter Gibbs – "Impact of Weather and Climate"		7.30pm
		8/9	Flower Festival	Edwardstone Flower Festival	St. Mary the Virgin Edwardstone	
		8	Table Top Sale		Edwardstone Parish Hall	10-1pm
	8	Kingfisher string quartet	Edwardstone PCC	St. Mary the Virgin Edwardstone	&.30pm	
	23	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field	afternoon car Treasure Hunt, evening barbeque		TBA	
	29	Boxford School Fete	FOB'S	School Grounds	2.00-5.00pm	
	July	14	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field	Car Boot and Table Sale followed by a	lunchtime picnic on playing field	AM
		August	3	Walking Quiz	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room
	September		7	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room
14		SHC Sponsored Cycle Ride	Benefice Parishes		9am-5pm	
November	2	Quiz Night	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm	
	16	Festive Fair	Boxford Village Hall Mgt Committee	BVH	TBA	
		First and Third Monday each month	Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm	



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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346

Fundraising events 2013:

Saturday April 13th - A cake stall & coffee morning is to be held in Mary's House, Swan Street from 9.00am. Do drop in to buy your cakes & enjoy a coffee. Any donations to Ruth Kingsbury please. - proceeds in aid of the parish church.

Concerts: The Colchester Military Wives Choir are to hold a concert at St. Mary's Boxford on Sunday May 19th at 7.00pm. Refreshments from 6.00pm will be available. Look out for more news & posters about this exciting event. Tickets will be available in village shops by Easter.

Friday June 21st at 7.00pm a concert is being planned with the Lyra group from St. Petersburg, Russia- to be held in the parish church. More about this next month. The Boxford Open Gardens event is on Sunday, June 2nd

Calendar 2014- Now is the time to start taking photos for the 2014 calendar.. Please send to ChrisKingsC@aol.com via email, or on a memory stick or CD.

Re-Ordering proposals in the parish church:. Further proposals will include improvements to the children's corner with new display boards, cupboards, seating & a new carpets & seating. Of course all of this costs money & takes time & effort. If you feel able to contribute to the cost of this work, or help in any way at all, please do speak to our churchwardens, or the Revd Judith.

Freewill offering: Now is the time to perhaps consider making a regular contribution to the work of the church - easily done by completing a direct debit - this enables the church to be more certain of its income & through the generosity of all concerned be able to pay the parish share & maintain the church building. Do speak to a warden or the Revd Judith about this.

The Bible Study Group:. The Bible study group usually 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.

Visit to Highgrove 2013

Advance notice: Tickets have been secured to the Prince of Wales' private garden at Highgrove on Wednesday 18th September. The cost will be £45 per person.

Please contact Angela Tolputt (01787 212264) for more details



Copy Date for Church News section in the May 2013 Box River News:
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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

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

ANNUAL MEETINGS: The Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens will be held in Edwardstone Church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 30th April. All on the electoral roll and living in the parish are entitled to attend.

This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7:15 p.m. All on the Church Electoral Roll are urged to attend this meeting.

PCC MEETING: There will be a PCC meeting on Tuesday, 30th April at 7:30 p.m., in Edwardstone Church. This will be the first meeting of the newly elected committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th June:

Flower Festival – in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone.

We will be commemorating the Queen's Coronation. Open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Free entry.

Also on the evening of **Saturday 8th June**, starting at 7.30 p.m., there will be a concert in the Church, given by **The Kingfisher String Quartet**, who will be playing pieces by Mozart and more. Do come and enjoy this special summer evening of music, surrounded by beautiful flowers. Tickets £12.50 in advance or £15 on the door (under 18s free). Drinks and nibbles included.

Please call Ione on 01787 210303 or email ionemcmahon@gmail.com.

TABLE TOP SALE AT EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL:

We are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 8th June from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables will be £10 each and there will be teas, coffees and cakes available with a raffle.

Please contact Daphne Clark to book a table on 01787 210698

ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Teas/Coffees
April 7	Mrs Paul	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	Mrs Morris
April 14:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	
April 21:	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Dodd	
April 28:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd	
Informal Daily Prayer:		9.00 a.m. every Tuesday	



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:
Ramlers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:
Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: Please join us at 6.15 am (BST) for this special service at the War Memorial triangle in Groton as we meet to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Breakfast afterwards (bacon butties and Buck's Fizz) in the church.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens) is on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at 7.40 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM"). This is the meeting that elects representatives to serve on the PCC for the coming year and there are also two vacancies to be filled on the deanery synod. The PCC presents its report and accounts for 2012 and there is an opportunity to ask questions or raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the new church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote. Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say. A copy of the accounts and the annual report will be on display on the church noticeboard a week before the meeting.

GROTON CHURCH'S PROPOSED TOILET (again!): Following comments made by Babergh's conservation officer, the PCC is looking at another possible location for a toilet at Groton church. Drawings will be available for discussion at the APCM on 9th April and it is hoped that the PCC will be able to make a decision at a special meeting on 18th April that will, at long last, enable the plan to provide kitchen and WC facilities at the church to come to fruition by the end of 2013.

PCC MEETINGS: Tuesday 9th April in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2013-2014).

Thursday 18th April at 6.30 pm in Mary's House (note time).

"THE CENTURY THAT WROTE ITSELF" This is the title of a 3-part documentary series, presented by Adam Nicolson, to be broadcast

shortly on BBC Four. One of the programmes is to feature Groton church, with a focus on the letters written by John Winthrop to his third wife, Margaret Tyndal. Filming took place in September. A transmission date was still to be announced as the BRN went to press, but the series was previewed on 18th March at the Oxford Literary Festival, so we hope the date will be known shortly.

CHRISTIAN AID: This year's Christian Aid Week takes place from 12th to 18th May. This is Christian Aid's main fundraising event, which last year raised £522 in Groton. Can we top £500 again this year? Volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection are always welcome: please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

Rota:

Sidesman with Sacristan:	Mr Lamming
Flowers:	Mrs Tweed
Cleaning:	Mrs Knight



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

23 April at the church: Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting. At 7.25 p.m. (AMP) and 7.30 p.m. (APCM)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th–18th May 2013: Nearly £300 was raised by the house-to-house in Little Waldingfield in 2012. Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's major annual fundraising initiative so, if you could help with this year's collection, please contact David Lamming (Tel: 01787 210360.)

Rota:

	Sidesman	Flowers
April 7	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Eddington
April 14	Visiting	Mrs Gregor Smith
April 21	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	Mrs Harbord
April 28	Visiting	Mrs Roser



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,

Tel; 370331

24th February: Our Family Service for People of All Ages, took its theme from the reading in Luke, referring to the Fox and the Hen. These represented Herod and Jesus, giving an interesting gender slant. As the Revd Judith said, the reference to both animals seemed appropriate in our rural surroundings. In the absence of a real hen, one of the children helped to show a pottery hen and it was placed on the altar to represent Jesus' caring for us like a hen gathering her chicks around her for safety. We joined in the singing, being accompanied on the guitar by Revd Judith and on the organ by Michael Colleer. We were very pleased to welcome friends, who brought visiting members of their family, including children, with them. The eldest of the children carried out various duties in a very responsible way. Our refreshments were boosted

Soap Box

Early in March our now annual village litter pick took place. I am always humbled by the number of volunteers that turn out, particularly so on this occasion as the weather was expected to be far from clement, though in the end it was at least mainly dry. As part of our preparation, our Parish Clerk organised with the District Council the provision of such necessities as Hi-Viz jackets, litter pickers and black sacks. This request prompted also a lengthy document from Babergh advising those taking part on what and what not to do when collecting rubbish from our roads.

While initially I felt this was something of a waste of time, on reflection I could understand why the Council felt obliged to warn those taking part of the dangers of passing traffic and why they should be careful when bending down to collect discarded cans and bottles. We have a litigious society – all too willing to blame others for misfortunes that have befallen us and try to gain a pecuniary advantage as a consequence.

Worse still, this attitude has spawned a positive industry of those eager to encourage us to claim what we should feel is rightfully ours, regardless of the merits of the situation. How many phone calls, texts or emails do you receive advising you of the money to which you are entitled as a result of PPI mis-selling, whiplash injury or industrial accident? I receive a depressingly high number.

And it doesn't just end there. Some con-merchants stage road traffic accidents in order to exploit the compensation culture that has developed. Firms that seek to benefit financially from accidents actually encourage those involved to lie, in order to gain redress. We are all the losers in the end. Car insurance premiums rocket as a result, while some social activities are curtailed because of the fear of legal action, should anything untoward happen.

Quite how this trend can be reversed is far from obvious. Even the Prime Minister has pronounced on the topic of the compensation culture, but with no really positive suggestions as to how it can be halted. It is estimated that whiplash compensation (we have by far the biggest percentage of claims for this in Europe) adds £90 to the average car insurance premium. While genuine injury should be compensated and clear cases of mis-selling properly handled, some priority should surely be given to eliminating the scam merchants and punishing vexatious or inappropriate claims.

Compensation culture extends elsewhere, too. Much is made in the media

of the need to curtail welfare spending right now. The imperative, of course, is the need to balance the government's books, but there is also the thorny issue of the perceived right to benefits. This extends from the attitude of "I've contributed all my life through taxes and National Insurance, so why shouldn't I receive my winter fuel allowance/free bus pass/inflation linked state pension" to those for whom playing the benefits system has become a way of life.

This is a tougher conundrum to solve than acting on bogus car accident claims or dodgy industrial accidents. For those of us to whom claiming benefits is anathema, there seems every justification to exclude those who prefer to live off the state rather than seek gainful employment, particularly when their origins lie outside this country. The number of emails I have received on this topic recently suggests a groundswell of opinion that is leading even the Labour Party to adopt a more cautious line on immigration.

Yet the reality is that some welfare claimants really do rely on state support, even though they would rather be independent. I have an example of this close to home, where a hitherto hard working individual is now both bankrupt and wholly reliant on state handouts, through ill health, yet is in danger of having her benefits curtailed or even withdrawn as the welfare system draws in its horns.

While I, along with most I suspect, would like to see a benefits system established that only served those with true needs, I am doubtful that the state system has the will, let alone the ability, to adequately discriminate between those in real distress and those for whom gaining benefits has become a game – and sometimes a profitable one at that. This debate will run and run, but make no mistake – with us all living longer and with the gradual collapse of the nuclear family, governments will have no option but to limit the help they provide. We are heading for a brave, and not entirely comfortable, New World.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN APRIL HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Spring should now be in evidence, with daffodils in flower and blossom adorning trees. Expect the inevitable 'April showers' but the frequent sunny days and rising temperatures too make it perfect gardening weather. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts.

Beware late frosts and keep vulnerable plants and new shoots protected at night if frost is forecast. Don't be tempted to put out tender bedding until much later on in the month and even then be prepared to cover it if necessary.

Now is the right time to prune Autumn flowering Ceonothus. Varieties like Burkwoodii, Autumnal Blue and Gloire Versailles should be cut back hard and they will then produce new shoots which will grow on all summer and the flowers will appear on the ends of them in the autumn. If they are pruned earlier than this there is always a danger that young, new tender shoots may be damaged by late frosts. Do not prune the early flowering ones - those that flower in May and June - until flowering has finished.

Lavender of the dwarf Hidcote and Munstead varieties can be cut down to two or three inches from ground level as these varieties will shoot from ground level. Care must be taken with other varieties, as if cut back to hard leafless stems they may well fail to produce new shoots. Other plants that will appreciate a trim as they are beginning to grow again are sage, Phlomis, Santolina, Phyteiis and Penstemons.

Lawns should be mown every week from now on but don't be tempted to cut too low just yet. 1.5" is low enough at first, lower the cut by .5" at each successive mowing to .75". Vary the direction of the cut each time. Use a light roller to firm newly seeded lawns and to roll any small stones into the ground to avoid damage to the mowers blades. It is seldom necessary to roll established lawns, over use of the roller only compacts the surface, keeping out air and water.

Camelias are well budged up now and nothing will cause the buds to turn brown, shrivel up and drop off quicker than dryness at the roots. Keep them moist at all times especially those grown in containers or those planted up against a brick wall.

If you have the time, it is useful to remove faded flowers from daffodils, narcissus and Tulips to prevent them wasting energy

producing seed. Small bulbs like snowdrops, crocus, scillas, chinodozas and muscaris should have their seed pods left on to allow the seed to fall and produce more plants.

Divide old clumps of michaelmas daisies, much finer flowers and healthier growth come from young plants selected from the outside of the clump, after lifting the clump always dig the ground deeply working in plenty of moisture holding material. This will help prevent mildew which michaelmas daisies are prone to. Dust the whole area with two ounces per square yard of a fertiliser which is low in nitrogen and high in phosphates and potash.

Rambler roses need feeding and mulching with manure to encourage the production of new non flowering stems to replace the old stems in the autumn. Do remember to water newly planted trees and shrubs. More plants are lost in April through lack of water than for any other reason.

Keep the Dutch hoe going between plants to control annual weeds. The hoeing action aerates the soil and encourages plants to grow as well as retaining moisture.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Keep weeds under control
2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses
4. Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds
5. Start to feed citrus plants
6. Increase the water given to houseplants
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses
8. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
9. Prune fig trees
10. Divide bamboos and waterlilies

Mulch away while you can still see what you are doing and before the herbaceous growth really takes off. Use your own garden compost or leaf mould, well rotted manure, the contents of out-of-date grow bags or ready-made soil conditioner.

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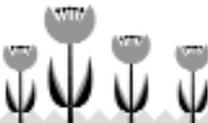
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Parish Council Matters

Newton Parish Council Meeting of 20th February 2013

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

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk).

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

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 9th January 2013: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: No members of public present.

Finance: The councillors reviewed the response from Babergh District Council following the receipt of NPC's Precept Upon Charging Authority for 2013 / 2014. In order to protect the council against loss of grant or restriction on raising the Precept in future years the councillors resolved to accept the grant of £865 to offset the impact of Local Council Tax Support Scheme ii. increase the Council Tax charge by this amount which will result in a total increase to Band D Council Tax of 9.8% (8p per week).

Questions to the Chair: It was agreed that the planning for the Annual Parish Assembly will be finalised at the March meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2013.

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in February 2013

Parish Council Meeting on 4th February

Co option of Member: The Parish Council is delighted to welcome new member Paula Stacey to the Parish Council.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, a contribution of £1000 was agreed towards a new storage container for the Community Council. This includes glass recycling credits of around £800. Please continue to recycle your bottles at the White Hart to benefit village causes. The 3rd quarter budget review was shared with members showing income at 92% and Expenditure at 56% at this point in the financial year.

Reports from Members: Many large potholes in Stone Street were reported to County Highways.

Planning: Babergh District Council confirmed that Listed Building Consent had been granted to open blocked fire place at Hendrick House, 9 Swan Street. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposed felling of eucalyptus tree at Driftway, Cox Hill and the Parish Council's application to fell a protected chestnut tree in the Cemetery due to its poor condition.

Meeting on 18th February

Public Forum: Mr House attended to thank the Parish Council for its part in the drainage and improved surface at the bottom of the Croft in the centre of the village. Mr Cross had attended in relation to his Planning application.

Police Report: On-going Police Surgeries were scheduled to be held in Mary's House from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. on 5th March, 7th May, 2nd July, 10th September and 12th November.

Suffolk County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend, however, provided his report. The County Council has agreed no increase to their share of Council Tax again this year. The County and District Councils are still lobbying for power lines to be undergrounded to protect our landscape. Negotiations regarding the future Highways contract were continuing. The Preferred bidder at that stage was May Gurney Ltd in collaboration with WSP UK Ltd.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report and confirmed the new housing benefit rules will impact on those living in houses larger than they need. This will highlight the need for smaller houses and flats. The drainage issue at the Playing field/ Croft is still being investigated. He confirmed as part of the Community Engagement process, Babergh District Council were taking a more business like approach and funding needs to be derived through business and housing in view of reducing grants. Various planning items were in the pipeline including the Hadleigh Supermarket and dog grooming business in Stone Street. Members of the Parish Council expressed their concerns regarding Babergh District Council Planning currently and it was agreed for the Chairman to draft a letter to the Chief Executive.

Street Lighting Project: The Clerk confirmed the progress of our grant application to upgrade the Parish owned Street Lighting.

Report from Members: Various pot holes were reported on the Causeway, Ash Street, Homefield, Daking Avenue and Ellis Street. It was agreed to chase the resurfacing of the centre of the village. Problems had been encountered regarding cars blocking driveways on Homefield during football matches. It was agreed to bring this to the notice of the Football Club and the Playing Field Committee.

Planning: The Parish Council recommended approval of the Listed Building Consent application for replacement windows and doors with "slimlite" Glazing at Hendrick Ho, 9 Swan Street.

The Chairman of Boxford Parish Council invites all residents to the

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Babergh District Councillor: Bryn Hurren

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Thank You
C Boon
Boxford

Sir

Brigitte and family of the late Eric Tricker, would like to thank everyone for their kind sympathy during this sad time. Special thanks to the Rev Judith and thanks to all who kindly donated to Papworth Heart Hospital

Many thanks
Brigitte Tricker
Hadleigh

Sir

Busky Sargeant and Albie Crighton Junior would like everyone who attended their 110 years Birthday at the Brewers arms, Polstead on March 2nd and those who donated to the Somersham Ward, Ipswich as follows

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Well done and thanks again
Busky and Albie

Sir

Gordon Tricker

Maisie, Linda, Sheila and Lorraine wish to thank everyone for the numerous cards and letters expressing kind thoughts on the sad loss of Gordy. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended the church and for all the donations received in his memory totalling £842.70 which have been passed on to the East Anglian Children's Hospice.

We would like to give special thanks to Reverend Judith for all her kindness and support which helped us through a very difficult time.

Once again thanks to you all
Maisie, Linda, Sheila and Lorraine.

Dear Villagers,

Can you help us ?

As you may have gathered, The Boxford Society is holding an exhibition of pictures and artefacts about Boxford's past on Saturday May 11th. This is a plea to ask if any of you have interesting objects suitable for display that relate to Boxford's past. We do have a glass fronted case in which to place small precious items. A team of people act as table wardens for the rest of the display so that we ensure everything is safe. We have already have some interesting items but it would be good to add to them.

The exhibition will be from 10.30 to 5.30 when we will be putting everything away safely and prepare the seating for the evening illustrated talk on Boxford Folk and their lives in the 20th Century. We are looking for War related items, tokens used by our shops in the time of Oliver Cromwell, field finds, important historical papers, items found during house renovation and indeed anything interesting which illustrates the past history of the the village.

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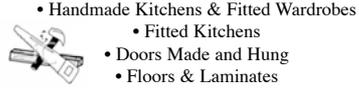
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Paying tribute to Woodhead, club retiring chairman, Paddy Lockwood, who will be part of the new junior management set-up, said: "Ian has taken junior golf at Newton to levels never previously dreamed of. We are fortunate he gave us 18 months to prepare for his departure, which is typical of the leadership skills he has shown."

Woodhead will continue managing junior golf with Suffolk, and again captain Newton's senior sides in the county Stearn and Hambro competitions – teams which increasingly feature young, single handicap players he has brought through the club.

Previously captain of the club in its 2007 centenary year, Woodhead commented: "In addition to seeing the many special achievements of our young golfers, I have enjoyed all aspects involving coaching, matches and competitions. To see all the youngsters improving and enjoying the game has been reward enough for all the hours I have put in."

During his tenure he has seen the club introduce an annual junior open, which has become the biggest in Suffolk, and launch and host the inter club Aldous Trophy.

On the individual front, Ryan Talbot and Adam Woodhead have represented Suffolk men while still juniors, and still-at-school Eloise Aldous and Alice Barlow, have represented the county ladies, as well as being part of the England Girls' training squad.

Woodhouse predicts both girls will be down to scratch handicaps by the time they are 18, with Barlow having already won the Suffolk Championship.

*Newton's chances in county team competitions this summer have been enhanced by the news that Talbot, who plays off plus one, has returned to the club from previously successful Hintlesham team.

WHITE-OUT GREETS ORANGE GOLFERS

Brave hearted players attired in orange at Newton Green Golf Club did not let the snow interrupt proceedings at their captain's day drive-in ceremony.



Above: Dave Levelle putts out with Chris Williams.

It was the first time in living memory the March event had been hit by snow.

Outgoing captain Dave Levelle used a red ball to putt through half an inch of snow on the 18th green to signify the end of his year in office.

New captain Chris Williams then opened his term by sending his drive down the white-out, first fairway. Shivering members of the club had responded to the new captain's request to attire themselves in orange, but not all were foolhardy enough to follow in his footsteps by actually swinging their own clubs. However, a good number of the entered 80 starters ventured onto the course, although only a few hardy players survived the unpleasant

conditions for a social round of golf. These did not include the new captain, who returned to the club house after a few holes.

The competition proper was adjourned until March 24.

GIVE A DOG A HOME!

Spring was definitely in the air at SESAW this morning at Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare in Stoke Road, Leavenheath. The girls were busy, sorting more goodies for the next Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th April, at the Stevenson Centre in Cornard. While they worked, I went outside to see one of my new doggy friends, Trixie, a brindle Staffy. She is less than two years old and loves going out for walks with the volunteers, but she hates being in kennels and longs for a new owner to give her lots of cuddles. Another recent canine pal, Charlie, is a very friendly three year old Collie/Staffy cross. He is neutered and desperately wants to be with people - Dawn says he is in danger of losing his tail if he wags it much more. You know I get on with all the animals that come to SESAW for help (including the cats!) but I particularly want to see these two re-homed because they have so much to give. They both became homeless through no fault of their own, (Trixie was due to be put down) and yet they bear no grudge.

Some of our supporters are planting seeds and preparing cuttings ready for the Leavenheath Open Gardens day on Sunday 23rd June. The sun is still shining so I'll help by digging up the garden. I must find that bone a well wisher brought in last week. Thank you to all the kind people who still ask after me, Kenny (The Boss) Chihuahua.



Charlie



Trixie