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GROTON CHURCH ON TV



GROTON CHURCH TO FEATURE ON NATIONAL TV

St Bartholomew's Church, Groton, and its historic link with John Winthrop, one of the leading Pilgrim Fathers who sailed to New England on board the Arbella in 1630 to become first Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony, features in an hour-long documentary to be broadcast on BBC4 at 9.00 pm on Wednesday 24th April.

The programme, *A World Reshaped by Writing* is the third of a three-part series, *The Century that Wrote Itself*, produced and directed by Claire Whalley, in which writer Adam Nicolson examines the importance of writing in the 17th century and how, at a time of great social and political upheaval—including the Civil War and the beheading of King Charles—it was used as a means of escape and of fighting for what people believed. Adam has written of the series, the first episode of which was broadcast on 10th April, "The 17th century was the most revolutionary moment in our history... You could think of it as 'the English Spring' – the moment when all kinds of inherited authority, medieval hierarchies, the crown and the church, started to melt and bubble... And all of it was dependent on the liberalising effects of written communication. If you could read and write, you didn't have to depend on what others told you. You could know it for yourself. You could challenge what they had to say."

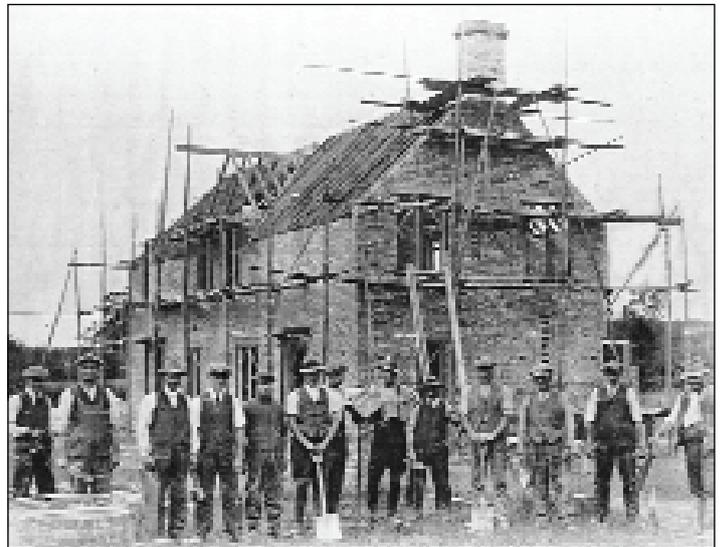
The programme on 24th April (to be repeated on Sunday 28th April) will feature some of the letters written between John Winthrop and his third wife, Margaret Tyndal. Filming, by independent film company, Keo Films, took place at Groton on a sunny day last September. The photographs show the filming, and also one of the letters from Margaret. (How many wives today would sign to their husband, "Your obedient wife"!)

David Lamming



IMAGES OF GROTON: THEN AND NOW

Three inches of snow and icy roads were insufficient to deter the 40 or so parishioners who attended the village hall on Saturday 23rd March to see a fascinating slide show of old photographs of Groton. The photographs, going back to the 1890s and first shown in Boxford church during the Diamond Jubilee weekend in 2012, had been compiled by Groton's history recorder, Jeremy Osborne, who provided interesting background details about many of the images, with additional comments being added by David Elliott. Prior to the show, there was an opportunity to look at other photographs and memorabilia on the display boards around the hall. Refreshments were provided by Pat Kennedy Scott and her famed catering team. Thank you to Jeremy and Pat and to all who made this another most enjoyable and successful evening, and one which had the added benefit of a welcome £302.50 boost to Groton church funds.



The first council houses in Groton at Park Corner, c 1921

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AN ENGLISH VILLAGE

BOXFORD HERITAGE DAY

If you have been watching "The Village" on BBC One on Sunday evenings, you will be wondering what your village was like 100 years ago. What were the lives of people in Boxford like then? Were they really as hard as those portrayed on TV? Who were some of the people that brought our poor farming township fallen on really hard times in 1900 to be the thriving community it is today? The story of some of those people who worked hard to make this village what it is now will be told by Roger Loose at Boxford School Hall on Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm.

Using the photos and information that many of you have contributed to the Boxford Society Archive, Roger will explore the lives and activities of those who made our village. They were ordinary but interesting folk, much like ourselves, who through earning a living and contributing to village daily life made much here that we could easily take for granted. By making their acquaintance or remembering old friends we can pay tribute to them and enjoy reminiscing about past times. Society members come free to the talk, but everyone is welcome and entrance to non-members is only £2.

In the Exhibition during the day:

Here are some really tricky questions! If you want to answer these or your own questions about the village you must come to the Exhibition. Why did farmers keep breaking their plough shares once they started deep tractor ploughing?

What was the River Box called in earlier times?

What was the God Mercury doing in Boxford?

What did a Bronze Age person lose when crossing the then ford at the entrance to Ash Street?

What was the original name of Boxford?

What was one clove the payment for here in 1286?

Who in 1491 left the Lynn Croft (now part of the playing field) to Boxford Town?

Where did Boxford folk go to buy wines and spices in the 1400's?

How long has there been a shop on the Post Office/Boxford Stores site?

What was going to Spain and Portugal from Boxford in the 1520's?

Which Boxford family provided the builder of the first church in the USA?

How many people died here in the plague year of 1627?

How much did a midwife get for delivering a baby in 1722?

When did they first play football in Boxford?

What is the small post for beside No30 Swan Street?

When was Boxford shaken by an Earthquake?

Where did the Boxford Ice Carnivals take place?

When were the overhead phone and electricity cables put underground?

When was Primrose Wood set up for the community?

How old is the Drama Club and the Bowls Club?

Why did people of Boxford have nicknames?

Where were Malaria pills for Africa packed?

What were Frenchmen doing in Boxford in the early 1800's?

What were Italians doing in Boxford in the early 1940's?

Where is Boxford's lioness Briton buried?

If you have your own questions you must come to Boxford School Hall between 10.30am and 5.30pm on Saturday 11th May.



Right:

Home Guards Ben Jnr and Ben Rose Snr



Friday, 17 May, 8.00, Ticket £18 Barb Jungr and Simon Wallace - Stockport to Memphis

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This is the perfect British band to give us the full flavour of the Modern Jazz Quartet. The band is led by bassist/composer/teacher Matt Ridley, who was a fixture with the late Michael Garrick, and many others. Jim Hart we know as a consummate vibraphonist. Barry Green has been with us accompanying Victoria Newton and Polly Gibbons in the past, and it will be lovely to see him again. Steve Brown - never stops smiling, or playing at the world class level.

This will be a gig to savour.

Friday, 31 May, 8.00, Ticket £15 Mark Crooks Quartet

With Mark Crooks saxophone and clarinet, John Pearce piano, Dave Green bass & Matt Home drums.

Friday, 3 May, 8.00, Ticket £16 Terry Seabrook Quintet

With Terry Seabrook piano, Graeme Flowers trumpet, Ian Price sax, Steve Watts bass and Chris Nickolls drums.

Terry Seabrook is a jazz pianist, composer and teacher who has played around the world. He has given us much pleasure in the past with Cubana Bop. This evening will be more straight ahead jazz with some Latin for fun.

Do join us for the first gig in our summer season.

Friday, 10 May, 8.00, £12 Dorian Ford Trio

With Dorian Ford piano, Tom Herbert bass & Pat Levett drums. Dorian won a scholarship to Berklee College of Music where he won the Chick Corea Jazz Masters Award. He studied with Donald Brown, from Art Blakey's band at the time. He does classical gigs, acts, does theatre music, but mostly he is a consummate jazz pianist.

The bassist Tom Herbert from Polar Bear among other bands joins Dorian and the in demand Pat Levett.

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THE MAY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

It's a big ask!

Dear friends,

One of the things I love about the countryside around our five villages is the way the landscape changes. I don't just mean the changes which the seasons bring – lovely though they are – the first primroses, the first swallow, the first brimstone butterfly, the first chiff-chaff – all of which have appeared over the past week, as I write this - brought on by the welcome late spring warmth and sunshine.



I mean especially the changing look and feel and smell of the land, which comes from its constant shaping and reshaping by the hard work of our farmers and those who work the land: the turning from green or straw-coloured to brown, as the land is prepared for the next season's crops; the freshly-turned earth which draws gulls in their hundreds to follow tractor and plough; the slanting light gleaming on deep twisting marks of newly made furrows; the smooth corduroy texture of a seed-drilled field; the specks of green as the first shoots of a crop pierce the earth; the blue-green seas of cabbage or the shouting yellow of rape fields;

If we lose touch with the earth, we lose touch with ourselves. Being in touch with nature, with the creation around us, roots us, earths us, grounds us. That is surely why so many find solace in walking and gardening.

For our farmers, being in touch with the earth and understanding its ways, though, is far from recreational. It is what keeps you and me alive - as fundamental as that. We are so used to taking our food down from the shelves of Tesco or Sainsburys, Morrisons or Waitrose, that we are in danger of forgetting our dependence on the land and its produce, on the importance of the seasons and on the sheer graft of those who farm.

The church has always tried to bring us back in touch with the earth through its festivals of Rogation and Harvest. These two special days in the church calendars are like sacred book-ends, Rogation coming at the beginning of the agricultural year and Harvest at the end. But one festival is so much better known than the other, Harvest Festival being, of course, the most familiar. This is the time when we fill our churches with flowers and fruits and vegetables, when we give thanks – for our food, for all that the land produces. The Harvest hymn "We plough the fields and scatter" has for its refrain, "All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love".

What about Rogation, though? Well the word "Rogation" comes from the Latin verb "rogare" – to ask. So Rogation is the other end of the agricultural year - the beginning - when we ask God to provide the food we need; we seek his blessing on the fields and crops and livestock, on all the work of the farmers. And by extension, it is the time when we can ask God's blessing on all our toil, all our work – whether outdoors or in the office.

This year, on Sunday May 5th at 10.30 a.m., the churches of Edwardstone



and Boxford join forces to hold a special outdoor Rogation service, a chance to come to God with our "big ask", our prayers that the land in our benefice will be fertile and fruitful, the crops bring good yields, that the work of our local farmers, on whom we depend, will prosper. We will start at Edwardstone

Church, then travel the short distance down Sherbourne Street for a simple service outside (weather permitting!) at Edwardstone Farm, where farmers Tony and Ann Suckling are kindly hosting us. We hope there will be a chance to see some of the working of the farm and to meet some of its animals. This is an opportunity for all of us, especially our children, to connect with the land and its creatures; to remember our dependence on them and on those who care for them; to remember that it is our loving God who provides them for us. Do come and join us – and remember - wear lots of layers and bring a waterproof – spring can be fickle in these 'ere parts! Blessings, *Revd. Judith*

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486TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP



Little Waldingfield History Society was incredibly fortunate and delighted to welcome Malcolm "Ozzie" Osborn to our Parish Room, on what turned out to be another very cold night. This did not however dampen the spirits, as Ozzie regaled us with an astonishing display of 300 or so photos depicting the entire history of the 486th Bombardment Group who were based at Sudbury (now known as Chilton) airfield from 1944 to 1945.

This was not just a picture show however, as Ozzie demonstrated an incredible knowledge and understanding of the pictures: what they meant, when they were taken and the circumstances prevailing at the time; his love of the subject and his feeling towards these brave men, what they did and what it meant to all of us clearly shone through over the whole evening.

The presentation covered all aspects of the 486th's history: initial training in the States and set up in the UK, the first operation and daily life in Sudbury, interaction with the locals (who clearly loved having Americans close to hand), the planes themselves, nose-art, later operations, their daily life on the airfield (and off it when possible), the horrendous number of crashes and other mishaps, the appalling injuries and worse, and finally their quite sudden departure, which left such a huge hole in the daily life of locals.

Amazingly, more than 90 minutes of absorbing presentation flashed by in an instant, with all present enthralled from start to finish; gratifyingly, members of the audience were able to identify a number of buildings, places, people and events, plainly demonstrating the lasting value of people like Ozzie and of local history societies such as LWHS, who collect and document such details before they are lost in the myths and mists of time.

We are most grateful to Ozzie for his generosity in freely giving of his time, expertise, humour and passion to a subject of such great interest to so many people, which was visibly demonstrated by the record turnout that came very very close to exceeding our capacity.

For the record, Ozzie has been researching US Army Air Force (AAF)

stations in the East of England since 1971, particularly Nuthampstead and the 398th, and he was one of the founder members of FOTE (Friends of the Eighth) in 1973.

He is a recognised expert on the subject, having amassed thousands of photos taken by US airmen, colleagues, friends and locals. He has also just published a "Photo History of the 486th Bombardment Group (H)", a copy of which the Society will purchase to assist in our own research of Little Waldingfield during this most significant part of our shared common heritage.

Our next event, at 7.30 pm on 10th April in the Little Waldingfield Parish Room, will be a talk by Jo Caruth entitled "Time Flyers" - An insiders view of the making of a TV archaeology programme.



BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL April Results

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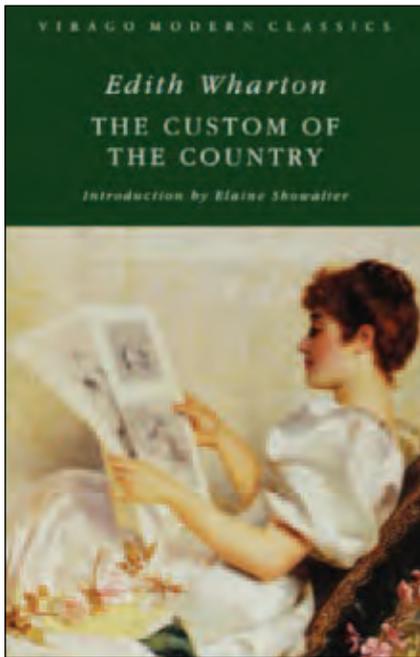
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MAY BOOK REVIEW BY JO MARCHANT

Custom of the Country



Edith Wharton was born into the elite society of New York. She completed 'The Custom of the Country' in 1913, six months after her divorce. Her husband was thirteen years older and suffered from acute depression, and when it became a more serious disorder and incurable she looked elsewhere for a partner. She escaped to France where she could hide from American society and have secret affairs far from prying eyes. She knew all about betrayals, deceit and divorce and no doubt drew upon these experiences in writing 'The Custom of the Country.'

The central character in the novel is Undine Spragg. She arrives in New York from

Apex, a fictional town in the country and tries to fit in with the rich and well-connected in the city. She is beautiful but her funds are limited. She relies on her parents to top up her bank balance which they can ill afford. Whilst she fritters away her allowance on the latest fashion her adoring parents fall into reduced circumstances.

She has become a selfish monster, thoroughly spoiled by her indulgent parents from an early age. So here she is in New York, on the make, looking for amusement and respectability, and, most importantly, a husband. Clawing up the social ladder she destroys people in her path, including her unwanted young child. Your heart goes out to husband number two, Ralph, a dreamer and no match for the schemes of his manipulative wife.

What do people see in Undine? Her beauty gives her a place in society, but that is all she has to offer. She is foolish, uncomprehending and indiscreet, yet she achieves what she is after. Well, almost. Despite reaching the pinnacle of society, she is already bored and on the lookout for more. She has everything she wants, but she still feels that there are other things she might want, if only she knew about them. If you are a fan of Becky Sharp or Scarlet O'Hara, then you will be fascinated by Undine Spragg! They are all single minded survivors in a man's world. Edith Wharton's satiric edge entertains and delights. This novel is beautifully written and I must read more of Edith Wharton's novels. This was recommended to me and now I pass on the recommendation to you.

JIMMYS HAIR CUT



Edwardstone Parish Councillor and partner in the Mill Green Brewery, Jimmy Robinson was sponsored to lose his pony-tail!

He felt that after six-and-a-half years his hair was just about long enough! Despite pleadings from his wife to keep it (not), he decided to shave it off completely; but not the beard – that would have been just too much!

The head shave went ahead on Friday at the White Horse Edwardstone and because his sisters had offered extra, the beard that I have had for 35 years came off as well!

So far I have raised over £1500 I expect the total to be over £1600 once all the pledges have come in. He wishes to give a big thank you to all who donated and those who came and took part in the quiz on the night with a special Thank You to Chris Tate from Jon Cutter in Sudbury who did a brilliant job for me. The hair has been sent to the Little Princesses Trust who make wigs for cancer patients.

Jim Robinson (aka Ian or Jimmy)

MORE AWARDS FOR 3PR

At the Boxford Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 8th April four members of the Three Parishes Response team were presented with certificates for giving over 500 hours of voluntary service to the parishes. They were as follows. John Moles 3521 hours, Peter Hibben 1415 hours, Elizabeth D'astur 631 hours and Yvonne Hughes 566 hours. It was also noted that during the 10 years that John Moles has served the parishes he has had over 414 callouts.



Above top: John Moles is presented with his certificate by Roger Balls, Chairman of Boxford Parish Council.

Above: Peter Hibben receives his certificate.

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SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS OPENS

MISS LESLEY'S NEW BOXFORD SCHOOL OPENS SOON!

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Along with the Bildeston show, a new school in the village of Boxford is set to officially open its doors on Saturday, 18th May at Boxford Primary School; all of the children registered attended a recent taster day on Saturday, 27th April and got to experience life at Miss Lesley's and meet their other classmates.

The Bildeston School celebrates its second year on the 17th May – so with the "birth" of the new Boxford School on 18th May – it will be very special time for Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts.

Both the Bildeston and Boxford school teach children in class ages 4-5yrs, 6-8yrs, 9-12yrs and 13+. The Bildeston school runs on a Tuesday and Thursday and the new school in Boxford will run on a Saturday, both during term time only.

Miss Lesley recently appeared as a sofa guest on BBC Suffolk Radio's 'Lesley Dolphin Show' on May 1st and had a great time chatting about her past as a student and teacher at the famous Italia Conti School in London, her work as an actress, presenter and dancer as well as her current life in Suffolk and of course MLSPA!

For further details or to register for either the Bildeston School or the new Boxford School please contact Principal, Miss Lesley on 07957 351941 or email lesley@misslesleysperformingarts.co.uk.



*Above: BlackbirdClass3up.jpg
Class 2 Rehearsing for Fosse's Bye Bye Blackbird.*

*Below: CandymanClass4.jpg
Aye Aye Captain! Miss Lesley with Class 4 at dress rehearsal*



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As I sit here contemplating what to put into this news I am enjoying a very rare sight, the sun, brightly shining through my office window. Following one of the coldest Easter holidays I can remember just as we are about to return to school the sun typically comes out! After one of the coldest winters I can remember this is hopefully a sign of things to come as we look forward to the long Summer Term.

The Summer term is always a very busy one for us all with our wide variety of traditional summer events which include sports days, swimming galas, a music evening and an early years camp to name but a few.

At the end of last term some of our boys took part in the Boys in Babergh initiative. Twenty eight of our Year 4 and 5 boys accepted the invitation to work with a specialist dance coach, Tom Holsden, to perform on stage at Dance East, Ipswich. The boys performed a piece of contemporary dance based on the theme 'Fathers and sons – Communication'. It was choreographed by Tom and the boys and this year staff members were invited to take part as well. Mr Hood, one of our teachers, took up the challenge and I was hugely impressed by the performance which was very professional and quite moving. Mr Hood and the boys worked very hard on their performance which was enjoyed greatly by a large audience of parents and friends from many local schools.

We have always placed a great deal of importance on physical activity in school and have often been very successful in competitions with other local schools. This year we entered a team of our most able swimmers into the Sudbury Area Schools Swimming Gala. Having our own pool has meant that our children have been able to enjoy a very thorough swimming programme during their time at Boxford and this clearly showed as our team ran away with the event winning all but two of their races. Well very well done to all those children who were part of our winning team.



Above: Our winning team

Finally this year our FOBS Quiz will be held on Saturday 18th May. As always we will be inviting teams of up to eight people to enter into what is always a fun and enjoyable evening. If you have been to one of our quizzes before you will know what I mean if not why come along and give it a try. There will be the usual wide range of accessible questions for all, light refreshments and a licensed bar. If you would like further details, or to enter a team, please contact the school office on 01787 210332. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

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More information about the trail and a map can be downloaded at
<http://www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk/artist-trails>
 or picked up at the cafes listed above.

MILDEN vs MONKS ELEIGH CRICKET MATCH AT MILDEN PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

SATURDAY 15th June 2013
 Bar open at 12.30, first ball 1pm



FOR TICKETS, INFO, MORE SQUAD, BUYER TIP

The match is subject to availability and will only be played if weather conditions are suitable. Please note that the match will be played at the Milden Pavilion and Playing Field. If you wish to book tickets for the match, please contact the school office on 01787 210332. The match will be played at the Milden Pavilion and Playing Field. If you wish to book tickets for the match, please contact the school office on 01787 210332.



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LARGEST JUNIOR GOLF EVENT

Largest Junior Golf Event in UK Returns to Stoke by Nayland

On 9 April, Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa once again hosted the biggest Junior Golf Open in the country. There were 134 talented competitors who took on the two championship courses, testing their skills against undulating hills, bouts of inclement weather and, of course, each other.

While pride was certainly a major consideration for these young golfers, they were also playing for a £2,500 prize table in equipment and clothing sponsored by Cobra Puma Golf.

The junior golfers, who ranged from 12 to 18 years old, played 18 holes on the Gainsborough Course in the morning and 18 holes on the Constable Course in the afternoon. Of the 134 competitors present on the day, seven are students of the prestigious Lee Westwood Golf School, which is based at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa. The Lee Westwood students performed well with Essex 1st year James Lanigan winning the U18's nett prize, while two students – Joe Stevens and Abbie Symonds – registered in the student development programme also received recognition. Joe won the U16 gross and Abbie won best overall nett.

The winners of the competition were a mixture of home-grown talent and talent from slightly farther afield. George Tunbridge of Bentley Golf Club was the winner of the Boys' title, while local boy Sam O'Brien (from Stoke by Nayland) came in a close second. In the Girls' competition, Alice Barlow of nearby Newton Green beat Ashleigh Greenham to the number one spot in a nail-bitingly close finish.

These competitors are truly talented. Here are some statistics to prove it:

- 127 competitors have handicaps of 18 and below
- 72 play off single figures
- 1 boy plays off scratch
- 1 girl is +2

Stoke by Nayland Golf Club Secretary Adrian Bullock said: 'We are delighted to have had such a fantastic turnout yet again this year – the event is still the biggest 36-hole junior competition in the country. Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa has always been very keen and active in nurturing young golfing talent. We welcome any event that encourages young people to make golf a part of their future.'

The results:

Boys' Champion	George Tunbridge	Bentley
Boys' Runner Up	Sam O'Brien	Stoke by Nayland
Girls' Champion	Alice Barlow	Newton Green
Girls' Runner Up	Ashleigh Greenham	West Essex



Six competitors trying their skills at putting

First place in the Junior Open girls' goes to Alice Barlow of Newton



FUNDANCING'S WIGGLE-??A-??THON 2013

Is going all Bobby & Orange raising money for Age UK Suffolk FunDancing's annual charity event the "Wiggle-??a-??thon" raised over £1,180 for EACH in 2011 and over £2,600 for Macmillan Cancer Support's Suffolk projects in 2012.

This year FunDancing is hoping to improve the total again in 2013 for Age UK Suffolk on Saturday 29th June at East Bergholt Sports Centre, Heath Road, East Bergholt. CO7 6RJ.

The Wiggle-a-thon is all about having fun as we raise money for charity. We wiggle & giggle in one (or more) of the 6 x 45 minute uniquely choreographed 'Strictly' (& other style) dance-a-cise sessions. Single and group entries are welcome as is dressing up (this year the theme is Bobbles and Orange!).

Session times are 10am, 11am, 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm, registration fee is £5.00 per person per session – pre-registration is advised.

For more information and to register www.wiggle-a-thon.co.uk or call Janet on 07506 350 455 or email janet@fundancing.co.uk

Support the Wiggle-a-thon team at

virginmoneygiving.com/team/WiggleAThon2013

About FunDancing

FunDancing is owned by Janet Drake a 55 years old who was trained at Elmhurst Ballet School and has returned to dancing to fulfil her childhood dream of owning her own dance schools. Janet's philosophy is that anyone can dance regardless of having two left feet and no sense of rhythm, dance is arguably the best form of exercise one can do and dance is all about having fun. FunDancing currently holds 10 morning and evening 'Strictly' style dance-a-cise classes in East Bergholt, Brantham, Great Waldingfield, Nayland, Hadleigh, Capel St Mary and Stratford St Mary

I'M ALRIGHT - BUT JACK ISN'T!

Now I've got your attention, let me tell you about Jack who came to Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare over a year ago. Many SESAW animals do not wait long for a happy ending to their story but Jack has proved difficult to rehome. He is a crossbred dog, with a bit of Jack Russell thrown in, who enjoys walks and would make a good companion but he does not like other animals or children. He is getting depressed about being in a kennel too (I heard the Volunteers call him a "Grumpy Old Man") but he is a loveable old rogue, once you get to know him. If you could give this 10 year old a good home as your only pet, please call 01787 210888 or visit SESAW in Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.

Do you remember me telling you about Mary and Joseph, two beautiful cats dumped at Christmas? Sadly Mary's health failed and she passed away but Joseph has gone to live with a gentleman who just lost his elderly cat. I'll tell you more about the animals next month but now it's time to prepare for our big sale at Leavenheath Village Hall on Sat 18th May 12-3pm. You can read more about it on our website at <http://www.sesaw.co.uk/> and you can see me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua, on the Sponsorship page. Thank you for your support.

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM

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THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

The Community Engagement Programme that was undertaken towards the end of last year is beginning to bear fruit. Between Mid Suffolk and Babergh 560 responses were received from individuals, town and parish councils, businesses and other organisations.

The aim of the Programme was to ensure that councillors understand the needs, issues and aspirations of the Babergh community and to consider how these might be realised in the context of budget constraints and national policy

All the responses have been examined in recent months at a series of workshops for Councillors, along with information from other sources. This has resulted in the production of a draft vision and draft priorities for each council.

Inevitably such statements, which are produced by a process of consensus, are always a little bland and obvious. Nonetheless the exercise gives participants the opportunity to focus on what really matters to the majority and to discard hobby horses ridden by some of the more vociferous, but not necessarily representative individuals and bodies.

Babergh's draft vision has emerged as: "To create an environment where individuals, families, communities and businesses can thrive and flourish." Its draft priorities are to:-

1. Shape, influence and provide the leadership to enable growth whilst protecting and enhancing our environment.
2. Shape, influence and provide the leadership to achieve the right mix and supply of housing.
3. Shape, influence and provide the leadership to support and facilitate active, healthy and safe communities.

We are now moving on to decide how to adapt the council in order to make these aims a reality

Residents also made comments on what was expected from council staff in terms of responsiveness and attitudes. I am told that many of these comments have already been acted upon, all have been noted and we are working on bringing about the cultural changes required.

Community engagement was not a one-off exercise and both councils wish to continue the dialogue. If you have any comments, queries or suggestions relating to either Mid Suffolk or Babergh please contact us via the tellus@midsuffolk.gov.uk e-mail address.

James Finch Suffolk County Council Candidate



Suffolk County Council Candidate – 2nd May 2013

I am asking for your support to continue as your county councillor. I have lived and worked in Suffolk for over 30 years, and therefore am known to many of you with a reputation for "getting things done".

I am successfully leading campaigns to improve rural road safety, street lighting, and am committed to protecting our villages from heavy traffic. As a lifelong Christian Conservative, I hold strong "social" conservative principles which primarily protect the vulnerable backed by firm policies for strong financial management.

However I am campaigning against our government's "Gay Marriage Bill" and believe that unless we can secure a fresh settlement for UK in Europe soon, we should make plans to leave the EU.

I will continue to work for local economic growth, better local broadband, undergrounding of power lines, greater transparency of county council farms, and protection of our wonderful 'AONB's'.

In summary my priorities are your priorities :

- Freeze Council Taxes
- Care for the Elderly and Vulnerable
- Excel in our local schools
- Reduce traffic speed
- Maintain our beautiful villages and roads
- Provide efficient public protection for our Rural Communities.



Bryn Hurren Babergh District Councillor and Suffolk County Council Candidate – 2nd May 2013

I am Suffolk born and bred, and have come to love the South Suffolk villages where I have lived for the past 38 years. I came to live in Boxford in 1975 and set up a business making furniture there.

After almost 20 years of trading, I made a decision to downsize, and I now carry on my trade working freelance in peoples' homes, accepting commissions to make anything from church doors to bespoke kitchen cupboards.

I became interested in politics and local affairs at a very young age, and I joined the Liberal Party and Greenpeace when aged 16. Since then I have served 10 years as a parish Councillor, 8 years as a school governor and now 14 years as District Councillor for the Boxford ward.

I have been on the Board of Directors of The Quay Theatre in Sudbury for the last six years, taking over as Chair two years ago. My board and I have been largely credited with the survival, revival and success of this lovely little theatre.

My interests are agriculture, country matters, music, football, gardening, ballroom and latin dancing and local politics.

I have two gorgeous daughters, Ashleigh, 25 who has graduated in English from Falmouth University and is now working for Cambridge Theatre and Danielle, 23, who is studying English and Philosophy at UEA. I live in Anington with my partner, Lisa, who is helping me with this campaign.

ARGER FEN & SPOUSE'S VALE



Arger Fen & Spouse's Vale is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and nature reserve located between the villages of Bures St Mary and Leavenheath, 7 miles south-east of Sudbury. The reserve is owned and managed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust who purchased it in 2008. The reserve is 48 hectares in area and was first identified as an SSSI in 1986.

The site lies within the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is made up of a mix of woodland and meadow habitats with much of the woodland believed to be ancient in origin. The underlying geology is a mixture of sand and gravel banks and clay soils, producing a mix of habitat types, including wet fen type habitats at lower levels and dry grasslands on acidic soils on hill tops. It is one of only two known areas of ancient woodland in Eastern England which feature wild cherry (*Prunus avium*).

Badgers are found on the reserve with a number of active setts. Other rare fauna include the hazel dormouse and barbastelle bat. The Trust has attempted to encourage the growth of the dormouse population at the site, partly by expanding the area of land it owns at Arger Fen.

There are car parking facilities on the site as well as two way marked trails, including areas of board walk. In 2012 the reserve, which has ash trees at least 300 years old, was identified as a site of ash dieback. The reserve remains open but the trust asks that visitors do not move leaves from one woodland to another.

Arger Fen & Spouse's Vale is beautiful in the springtime, why not come along to our bluebell walk and enjoy the woodland bursting into life? You should be accompanied by the magical song of woodland birds. Listen out for blackcap, whitethroat and willow warbler.

Volunteers are always warmly welcomed.

Sunday 28th April -10am-12 noon – Bluebell walk with Giles Cawston (West Suffolk reserves assistant). £3

Please note this walk was scheduled for the 14th April but has been postponed due to the cold weather and the fact that the bluebells are not yet out. We are hoping that with warmer weather forecast, they should be showing by the end of the month.

If you are interested in this walk, please respond to this email with details of the participants or call Lackford Lakes on 01284 728706.

Please pre-book.

RE: UNIQUE MUSIC COURSE RETURNS TO BOXFORD

In the above item in April's BRN the telephone number was incorrect. The item referred to a unique five day course being held in both the village and school halls 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 Price on: 01787 210913 or email: tompriceteaching@hotmail.co.uk



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You can also make your Spas by an extra relaxing Spa Book for just an additional £10 per person! This includes 3-course dinner, overnight stay and breakfast.

Stoke by Nayland
www.stokebynayland.com





St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone

Come and enjoy a visit, singing and attending weekend in the beautiful surroundings of the church, raising money for a good cause.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

'The Queen's Coronation'

8.-9. JUNE 2013

Church opens from 10am to 5pm

Free entry

KINGFISHER STRING QUARTET

'Concert for a Summer's Evening'

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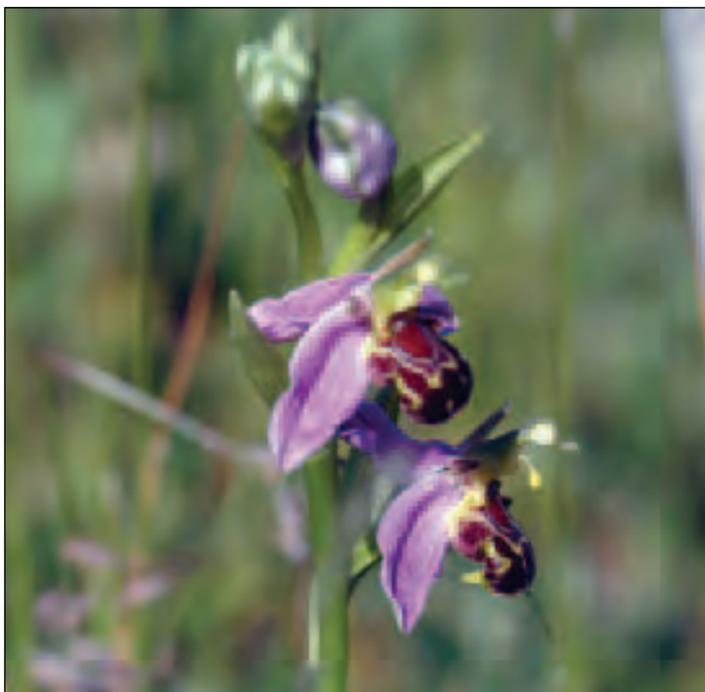
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Bee Orchids

Many villagers will know that we are fortunate enough to have a remarkable number of Bee Orchids in some years along the Green in Marsh Road. Unfortunately in recent years they have not always appeared because the grass there has been mowed too early and the buds have been cut off. This is an increasingly rare plant and we feel we should give it a better chance of survival. Unless it flowers it cannot reproduce or maintain itself.

We have decided to ask Babergh to delay the first cut to this particular piece of grass this year. We hope residents of Marsh Road will support us in this and bear with the longer grass for an extra month or so. This is a trial year to see if we can encourage this quite rare and beautiful wild flower to continue growing on Brook Hall Estate. The grass will of course be cut at a later date, as soon as flowering is over. A resident who lives close to the Green will keep an eye on the situation and report back. If you wish to be in touch at anytime I will be pleased to hear from you.
Roger Balls, Chairman, Boxford Parish Council



Above: Photo's of Bee Orchids taken in the Running Waters Estate a few years ago by the editor.

Groton Parish Council

We now have a website for Groton www.grotonsuffolk.co.uk. John Kirby has very kindly offered his services for free and designed the village website and is our webmaster. The web site provides historical information about Groton, village hall hire information, Parish Council Minutes. The website will evolve with more information and hopefully contributions from residents of Groton.

Lavenham Carnival Champions Quiz

I am writing to make you aware of the Lavenham Carnival planned for the August Bank Holiday weekend. Events are planned for the whole weekend and will begin on Friday 23th August with an Opening Ceremony with Laser show, and a CHAMPIONS QUIZ NIGHT.

We would like to invite Quiz Teams from surrounding villages to take part in this Champions Quiz Night and would ask for your help in recruiting a team from your local area. We are looking for teams of up to 6 to take part and with planning at an early stage it is hoped to have food available, supplied by our local scouts and a bar run by the Lavenham Royal British Legion Club. During the half point interval there will be the Carnival Weekend Opening Ceremony with a Spectacular Laser Show and we hope to have a Celebrity to perform the Opening Ceremony and to present prizes to the Champion Team.

Other events over the weekend will include a Live Concert by LEWIS MOKLER, a Charity SUMMER BALL with auction on the Saturday, relaxing Jazz afternoon and Songs of Praise on Sunday leading up to the Lavenham Through the Ages Carnival Extravaganza on Bank Holiday Monday with Palio and Jester in the Market Square, Masks and banners on sale, prizes for best mask, costume and banner, Carnival Procession through the village, Carnival Fete, Medieval Joust and Camp site, Rare Vintage Car Show ,Dog and rare bird displays, Fun fair, children's activity tent, archery, stalls and concessions, be knighted by Queen Elizabeth I, finishing with a Candle lit procession and closing ceremony in the Market Square.

Please use this letter to advertize the CHAMPIONS QUIZ NIGHT to your local organizations that may be interested in taking part and we can be contacted for more details, by email at mark.consadine@btinternet.com telephone 07505 764441 or mail to Mark Consadine, Carnival Quiz, Coachmans Cottage, The Hall Milden, SUDBURY. CO10 9NY

BOXFORDS DYNAMIC FUNDRAISERS REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Two years after abseiling the Ipswich Hospital tower block to raise money for charity. The Boxford trio of Julian, Veronica and Robert are back with their latest fundraising adventure on behalf of Boxford Village Hall.

May 12th will see the trio walk over the Millennium Dome using a fabric walkway. At its highest point, the Dome stands at 52 metres high with the total walking distance in excess of 380 metres. The walk will involve an ascent and decent of up to 30 degrees. Once having started the climb they will not be able to come back down until they have completed the climb. This climb isn't for the faint hearted and will require them to be physically and medically fit.

If you would like to sponsor the trio then please speak to either Julian, Veronica or Robert. Sponsor forms can also be found at Boxford News and in the Village Hall, or you can ring 01787 211529 & 01787 210376 to make your pledge.

You can also donate by text message to 70070 quoting BOVH £(amount you wish to sponsor).

"Texts are charged at your mobile phone operator's standard rate. The charity will receive 100% of your donation. You must be 16 or over and please ask the bill payer's permission. For full terms and conditions and more information, please visit www.justgiving.com/info/terms-of-service."



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

Kingfisher String Quartet Concert 8 June at 7.30pm

A brilliant local ensemble will play you through a programme of popular music to suit all ages and tastes. From Bach and Mozart to Elgar, Piazzola, Gerschwin and many other musical gems. Tickets and information from Ione McMahon on 01787 210303 £12.50 in advance, under 18s free.

CORONATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 1st 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

To mark the occasion of 60 years since the Queen's Coronation [June 2nd 1953] there will be a special supper at Groton Village Hall [suitably decked out in red, white and blue] on June 1st. This should be a "Right Royal Occasion", with excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald bar and a Royal Quiz. Tickets are £10 each, so order yours soon from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. If you have a Coronation Mug or any other royal memorabilia, why not bring it along, labelled with your name of course, and we'll have a display. Help with preparing the food and raffle prizes much appreciated. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church funds.

Little Waldingfield History Society

14th May. Afternoon visit to Little Hall in Lavenham for our own guided tour.

Maximum 20, priority given to members. £3.50.

Please contact our booking Secretary, Diana Langford, on 01787 248298.

18th June. Afternoon visit to Guestingthorpe Roman Villa for our own guided tour. There is also an ancient barn full of farming memorabilia.

Maximum 20, priority given to members. £5.00.

Please contact our booking Secretary, Diana Langford, on 01787 248298.

Little Waldingfield History Society's second season talks begin with:

18th Sept Pip Wright

"For the rest of your natural life" tells the stories of Suffolk convicts, transported to Australia between 1787 and 1867.

16th Oct Charlie Haylock

"Suffolk Vernacular" from one of our leading entertainers whose informative and hilarious one-man shows are legendary in Suffolk and **whose books are best sellers.**

13th Nov John Walker

We are pleased to introduce John Walker, a former Chairman of Essex Historic Buildings Group, who will present "The Tudor housing revolution".

11th Dec Jane Gosling

"Boom and Bust" in the Lavenham Wool Industry by an expert from The National Trust.

All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp.

Please book & pay in advance to guarantee your place as seats are limited.

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage Phone: 01787 248298

KERSEY PLANT SALE

11th May 2.00 - 4.00 in St Mary's Church

Purchase your plants then relax with a cream tea or cake from the new kitchen.

In aid of Church funds

BOXFORD SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

Saturday 29th June Our traditional fete will be held on the school grounds from 2-5pm. Enjoy Fete Games, Side Stalls, Donkey Rides, Zippy Dipper, Bouncy Castles, Craft Stall, Raffle with £100 Cash Prize, Hog Roast, BBQ, Bar, Cream Teas, Cakes & Refreshments plus displays from local dance group SISTARS plus much more

COUNTRYSIDE WALK SUNDAY 5TH MAY

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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

Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

7th May - Plant Sale - Boxford Church, Teas Village Hall 7.30pm

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

2nd July - Andrew Brogan - 'Henstead Exotic Garden'

ps - don't forget coach trip to Wrest Park, Beds on 13 June

Meetings - Unless otherwise stated, they take place on the FIRST Tuesday of each 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 or rosie.osborne@btinternet.com

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.

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

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.

Milden vs Monks Eleigh Cricket Match - Saturday 15th June

This annual fund raising match will be held at Milden Pavilion and Playing Field with BBQ, Refreshments & Licensed Bar open at 12.30pm first over 1pm. If you would like to play in this fun cricket match for Milden please contact David 01787 249566, Richard 01787 211114, Martin 01787 210292 or for Monks Eleigh Barry 01449 740395 Male/Female, Young/Old, Novices/Old Pros are all welcome, please come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon.

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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, Box office & further information 01206 366603
box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

Trinity Singers

Saturday 11th May 7.30pm St Mary's Cavendish
Miserere - Allegri, Requiem - Faure, Mass in D - Hummel
Tickets £8 Children under 16 free available from Duck or Grouse
Cavendish, Landers Bookshop Long Melford and on the door.

Long Melford Open Gardens

Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2013, 10am - 5pm
£5 programme ticket pp, Refreshments available
Tower tours at Holy Trinity Church. Raising funds for HT restoration.

HIGHGROVE GARDEN VISIT

Wednesday 18th September 2013

A guided tour of the private gardens of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall is a must for all garden lovers. In September later flowering perennials and annuals will be at their best in the softer light levels of late summer. A coach trip has been organised by Boxford St Mary's church fundraising committee and will depart from Boxford at 8am on Wednesday 18th September, stopping for a light lunch in Tetbury before continuing to Highgrove for the afternoon tour. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Highgrove shop which sells a wide variety of specially selected and exclusive products inspired by the garden and the interests of His Royal Highness. The coach will arrive back in Boxford at approximately 7.30pm. A ticket costs £45 per person and includes coach travel and entrance to Highgrove. This is an opportunity not to be missed since tickets for the garden are normally difficult to come by. Please contact Angela Tolputt on 01787 212264 or email angela@tolputt.com for further details and to reserve your place.

St. Mary's Parish Church, Boxford

Proudly present a Concert by

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Sunday May 19th at 7.00pm.

Tickets - £12.00 adults , £6.00 under 15's

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Wot's On

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

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

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.

BOXFORD WI

Most of the members had watched the TV series "Lark Rise to Candleford" so they were keen to hear this month's speaker. David Eddershaw came to tell us about the real Lark Rise and its author Flora Thompson. The book was based on her experiences of life in a rural community in the late C19th and although she actually lived in Oxfordshire, it could equally apply to many places at the time, including Suffolk. We saw a photo of the cottage Flora grew up in, little changed from the 1880's and a couple of photos of Flora herself.

Her schooling ended when she was 12 yet she went on to be a renowned author. Like Laura, the main character in her book, Flora worked in the local post office and continued her education by reading the many books the post mistress owned.

Her writing career began when she won a competition run by The Ladies Companion, now The Lady. Her article on Jane Austen was the first of many and in 1939, when she wrote about her childhood it caught the interest of the editor of the Oxford University Press who persuaded her to extend her article into a book. She wrote 2 more books about Candleford and these are still in print as the book "Lark Rise to Candleford". She died in 1947, her gravestone in the shape of an open book.

David Eddershaw ended by reading us some extracts from the book. This talk has inspired us to read or reread this book.

The craft group enjoyed silk painting flower designs which they framed to make cards.

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.

Forthcoming Events

1st May - Sarah Brockless - Head Adviser Essex and Herts Land Management - Village Hall 2.00pm

9th May - Craft Club - Padded Coat Hangers - Mary's House 2.15pm

Littlegarth School and Nursery Open Day

Wednesday 22nd May 10.00am - 12 noon

Headmaster, Littlegarth School, Horkesley Park, Nayland,



BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 2nd June 2013
11.00 am - 5.00 pm

Beautiful gardens to view
Ploughman's lunches in the school hall
Cake and cream teas - Plant and cake stalls
Free tastings of Copella juices from the 'Campella' VW camper van
Church tower open - fabulous views

Start at the church or look out for the 'Gardens Open' sign and pay £1.00 at the 1st garden you come to (children free)
Proceeds to St Mary's Church Library
For more details call Angela Tapson on 01787 211164



BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY
Tuesday 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 2pm and 6pm on the day.
All plants to be clearly labelled please

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

There will be a raffle and Tables will include cushions, second-hand books and various other items. There will be teas, coffees and cakes available. Please contact Daphne Clark to book a table on 01787 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 , Tuesday 2 July , Tuesday 10 September

Tuesday 12 November

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.

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.discoveruffolk.org.uk or any tourist information centre in the county where you can pick up a brochure and book tickets.

Newton Bridge

A very good turnout on Monday 8th April with six and a half tables.

We managed to play six rounds (24 hands) and the prize winners were:

Geoff & Phena Nott	4700
Shirley Davies & Malcolm Gilham	3480
Dave & Chris Watts	1540

Dates for future drives at Newton Green Golf Club are Monday 13th May and Monday 10th June. Please arrive by 6.45 pm so that play can start promptly at 7.00 pm.

We play friendly Chicago bridge and new members are always welcome.

Alan Vince 01787 373963



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

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY DAY TRIP BY COACH Wrest Park, Bedfordshire

Thorough and unknown. English Heritage has restored one of Britain's largest and most important walled gardens

13th June 2013 - Coach from Boxford

(Pick up point will be outside The Friary leaving at 8.00hrs sharp)

Tickets: Members £30.00 Non Members £35.00

Members of English Heritage £15.00

THIS TRIP IS PART OF THE WREST PARK GARDENS PROJECT AND IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE GARDENS



Forthcoming Events Diary

May	1	Boxford WI	Sarah Brockless	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm	
	4	Boxford & District Bowls Introduction to Bowls			10am	
	7	Plant Sale	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30 to 8.30pm	
	9	WI Craft Club	Padded Coat Hangers	Mary's House	2.15pm	
	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	
	13	Newton Bridge		Village Hall	6.45pm	
	14	Little Waldingfield History Soc	Visit to Little Hall, Lavenham			
	19	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field	launch of the new Petanque/Boules area.		TBA	
	19	Military Wives Choirs	St Mary's Church, Boxford		7.00pm	
June	26	Family Music Day	Gareth Weiland Memorial Event	White Hart, Boxford	4-9pm	
	1	Coronation Celebration	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm	
	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	
	4	and every Saturday in May	Boxford Bowls Club free coaching		10am	
	6/8	Boxford Drama Group	Duets	Boxford Village Hall	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	
	10	Newton Bridge		Village Hall	6.45pm	
July	15	Milden Vs Monks Eleigh	Milden CC	Milden Pavilion	12.30pm	
	18	Little Waldingfield History Soc	Visit to Guestingthorpe			
	23	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field	afternoon car Treasure Hunt, evening barbeque		TBA	
	29	Boxford School Fete	FOB'S	School Grounds	2.00-5.00pm	
	August	2	Boxford Gardening Society	Andrew Brogan	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
		14	Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field	Car Boot and Table Sale followed by a lunchtime picnic on playing field		AM
	September	3	Walking Quiz	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	5.00pm
		7	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	10.00am
	November	14	SHC Sponsored Cycle Ride	Benefice Parishes		9am-5pm
		18	Little Waldingfield History Soc	Pip Wright	Parish Room	7.30pm
28		Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm	
2		Quiz Night	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm	
16		Festive Fair	Boxford Village Hall Mgt Committee	BVH	TBA	
13		Little Waldingfield History Soc	John Walker	Parish Room	7.30pm	
30		Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm	
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.

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

Young visitors to Boxford's All Age Service



MARY'S HOUSE 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.

Copy Date for Church News section in the June 2013 Box River News:
Please, NO LATER THAN 14th May. 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, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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



Christian Aid week –this year is May 12th-18th. Janet Daniels is coordinating the fundraising effort in Boxford & she urgently needs help for our house to house collection. If you have time to spare to help collect in your area please contact *Janet* on 210798

Other Christian Aid Events: Saturday May 11th Jennie & Ian Lindsley are holding a coffee Morning & Bring & Buy at "Littlefield", Cox Hill, Boxford from 10.00am -12.00 noon. Please do join them at this happy event.

Sunday May 12th- A Christian Aid Theme will be part of the service at St. Mary's Boxford -11.00am

Saturday May 18th: We will be running a cake stall in Mary's House from 9.00am. There will be a wide variety of home made produce both sweet & savoury on sale. Alison Brain will be selling her handmade beads & other items from Uganda. There will be a raffle & we will be serving coffee

The Christian Aid Theme this year is "Bite back at hunger". Please be part of our response in this benefice. If you can support the above in any way please get in touch with Janet-210798

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.

Fundraising Events in 2013: With any of these fundraising events lots of help is needed- perhaps printing or putting posters, donating cakes or whatever, & helping at each event perhaps. Please do help if you can- speak to Ruth, Peter or the Revd Judith.

Cake stall: The cake stall & raffle held on Saturday April 13th raised £247.00 for church funds. Many thanks to everyone who baked & helped in any way. Ruth

A Concert by the Colchester Military Wives Choir is to be held on Sunday May 19th at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Church by the: Tickets are available in the newsagents or from church or tel: 211236-£12.00 adults £6.00 under 15's to include a super buffet supper afterwards. (Cheques payable to St. Mary's Church)

Boxford Open Gardens 2013 Sunday June 2nd 2013, 11.00am-5.00pm. Put the date in your diary now! As always this event needs a large number of volunteers. Please contact Angela Tolputt on 211264. We need those who are willing to open their garden on the day, and to help with the many jobs that need doing to make everything run smoothly.

A Visit to Highgove 2013: Advance notice as tickets have been secured for a visit to the Prince of Wales' private garden at Highgove on Wednesday 18th September – the cost will be £45.00 – full details from Angela Tolputt 01787212464

Calendar 2014 - Now is the time to start taking photos for the 2014 calendar. Please send to ChrisKingsC@aol.com via email.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

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

CHURCHWARDENS URGENTLY NEEDED: The Annual Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens for Edwardstone Church will be held in the church at 7 p.m. on 30th April. Nominations, proposed and seconded by members of the parish, should be with the Revd Judith before 30th April.

This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) when those on the church electoral roll can elect members to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the coming year, as well as raise any points about the Financial Balance Sheet or any other matter pertaining to the running of the church.

The newly elected PCC will hold its first meeting following the APCM on 30th April 2013.

ROGATION SUNDAY - 5TH MAY: The Rogation service will be held as a joint service between Edwardstone and Boxford. The service will start at 10:30 a.m. at Edwardstone church and after a short introduction will move to the farm of Tony and Ann Suckling (Sherbourne House Farm) for the Rogation service. This service should be of particular interest to the farming community and to the young families of the parish. Thank you very much Tony and Ann for hosting this service.

David Saddleton

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

Flower Festival – See Wot's On, 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 Ensemble**, who will play you through a programme of popular music to suit all ages and tastes. These range from Bach and Mozart to Elgar, Piazzolla, Gershwin and other musical gems. 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. See Wots on for more details

ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Teas/Coffees
May 5:	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Morris	Mrs Saddleton
May 12:	Visiting	Mrs Morris	
May 19:	Mrs Paul	Mrs Clarke	
May 26:	Visiting	Mrs Clarke	
Informal Daily Prayer: 9.00 a.m. every Tuesday			



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

FROM THE REGISTERS – FUNERAL AND BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD: 16th April 2013 – Jean Sydney Noel Elliott, aged 93 years.

CORONATION CELEBRATION: Saturday, June 1st 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall. See Wot's on for more details

IMAGES OF GROTON – Please see the report and photograph on the front page

CHURCHWARDENS: Jayne Foster and Susan Knight were re-elected as churchwardens at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 9th April 2013. Jayne and Sue, together with other churchwardens from the six deaneries of the Sudbury Archdeaconry, including some from our benefice, will be formally admitted to office by the Ven Dr David Jenkins at a service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8th May. The service is open to all: please come to support our churchwardens at this annual service which acknowledges their vital rôle in the life of the local church.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2013: At the APCM on 9th April, which followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the following were elected to serve on the PCC for the year 2013-2014: Sheila Gooderham, Pat Kennedy Scott, Simon Marchant, Diana McCorkell and Pat Smith. They join the Revd Judith Sweetman, the churchwardens, and David Lamming (as an elected member of the

Diocesan Synod), who are ex officio members of the PCC. A copy of the PCC annual report and accounts is displayed on the church notice board.
PCC MEETING: Tuesday 21st May 2013, 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming – 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 29th April.

BITE BACK AT HUNGER: CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013, 12th—18th May. A reminder that Christian Aid Week 2013 is nearly upon us. The 2013 poster states: "Today, one in eight people are desperate for food. Between us we could feed them all." If you would be able to and would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in either Groton or Little Waldingfield, please contact me on 01787 210360. David Lamming.

Rota:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Knight/ Mrs Foster

Flowers: Mrs Payne

Cleaning: Mrs Payne



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th—18th May: Please see the paragraph in the Groton section.

Rota:

	Sidesman	Flowers
May 5	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Ewen
May 12	Visiting	Mrs Squirrell
May 19	Mr Bowden	Mrs Eddington
May 26	Visiting	Mrs Gregor Smith



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

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

24th March: Arctic conditions faced us as we went to church for our first Morning Worship - a Service for All Ages. Inside, in the warmth we celebrated Palm Sunday. The Revd Judith helped us to imagine the scene of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem riding on a donkey with palms underfoot. This brings to mind C.K. Chesterton's poem called The Donkey evoking the scene through the ears and eyes of a simple donkey hearing the cheering of the crowd and seeing the palms before his feet. We were given palm crosses to hold and then take home as a reminder of the fateful events in Jerusalem, which still touches our lives today. The Revd Judith played her guitar for one of our hymns. We were very grateful, that at short notice Ian Monroe played the organ, 29th March: A number of our members attended the Family service for Good Friday at St Lawrence's Waldingfield, followed by traditional Hot Cross Buns in the Parish room.

29th March: In the afternoon, members attended a very moving service at Boxford of Hymns and Reflections for Good Friday.

31st March: Even the sun came through for our Easter Service of Holy Communion. Inside the colour was echoed in the arrangements of lovely daffodils and other yellow and white flowers with a basket of delightfully decorated eggs. The Revd Gerald Drew led our service. In his sermon he used the theme of Light out of Darkness which can be taken at many different levels by all of us. A warm welcome back to Michael Colleer our organist who had recovered from a heavy cold. After refreshments, we were given little Easter eggs to take home. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this very special service.

14th April: A windy but bright sunny morning greeted us for our Service of Holy Communion. The Revd Judith led us in worship and read the Gospel story of the miraculous catch of fish, when Simon Peter and others went fishing but by morning the nets were empty.

Notices:

4th May: Gift Day at the Village Hall from 10a.m. to 12 a.m. All are welcome.

12th to the 18th May: Christian Aid Week. Envelopes will be left at our Church.

Rota:

Flowers: 5th May Mrs. May Knock and Mrs. Val Ralph (tbc)

19th May Mrs. Wendy Turner

General Church News

JAGFEST: 5th May, 11.00 am to 6.00 pm at Unit 4, Inca Business Park, Acton : Are you interested in classic cars? The theme of this exciting event, presented by Men in Christ and supported by Christian Vision for Men and Churches Together in Sudbury & District, is "Restoration"—how mechanics do it how Jesus does it! The event includes a display of classic Jaguars, mini stock car racing, an auction of memorabilia and refreshments.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION, 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8th May 2013. The "Archdeacon's Visitation," when the churchwardens of our benefice are formally admitted to office, is to be held again this year at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. All members of the PCCs and congregations of our five parishes are invited to attend. Do please come to support our churchwardens on this important occasion.

FAREWELL BISHOP CLIVE: The farewell Evensong for Bishop Clive, who retires at the end of May, is on Sunday 12th May, 3.30 pm at the Cathedral.

UNITED SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: The service this year is on Sunday 12th May, 6.30 pm at Sudbury Baptist Church.

PENTECOST PRAISE, Sunday 19th May, 7.00 pm at St Peter's Church, Sudbury. The guest speaker is broadcaster and best-selling author Jeff Lucas. Contact Peter Sebbage on 01787 319368 for more information.

LEAD THEFT: LATEST NEWS: The law has now been updated. The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, which replaces the 1964 Act, received Royal Assent on 28th February. The good news is that metal theft generally in our region is down. any suspicious activity.

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

4 May: Sudbury Baptist Church

11 May: Glemsford Old School Hall, Tye Green, CO10 7RH

18 May: St Lawrence's Church, Great Waldingfield

25 May: St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard.

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An informal, friendly service, lasting between 30-40 minutes, in church, each week, with Revd Judith. We pray for the concerns of the villages, for those who are ill, and for the wider world. Do join us!

Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, 17.00 Little W • *Wednesday* 9.00 Groton; • *Thursday* 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford

Wednesday 1st May

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Rev David Able

Thursday 2nd

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

Sunday 5th

Lt Waldingfield

5th Sunday after Easter

8.00 Holy Communion

Rogation Sunday (W)

Revd Judith

Edwardstone and Boxford – Special Joint Family Service for Rogation

A fun outdoor service to ask God's blessing on our fields and farms. Beginning at 10.30 am at Edwardstone Church, then by car to Edwardstone Farm, with thanks to Tony and Ann Suckling

- see Revd Judith's letter,p3 for details. Children especially welcome - come and see the animals!

Boxford

18.30 Evensong

Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 8th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 12th

Groton

6th Sunday of Easter

8.00 Holy Communion

(W)

Revd Judith

Newton

9.30 Holy Communion

Revd Judith

Boxford

11.00 Holy Communion

Revd Judith

Christian Aid service

Wednesday 15th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 16th

Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Newmans Hall Tim Harbord

Sunday 19th

Edwardstone

PENTECOST

8.00 Holy Communion

(R)

Revd Judith

Lt Waldingfield

9.30 Holy Communion

Revd Judith

Boxford

11.00 Holy Communion

Revd Judith

Wednesday 22nd

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 26th

Boxford

TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00 Holy Communion

(W)

Revd Judith

Groton

9.30 Holy Communion

Revd Judith

Newton

11.00 Morning Worship

Revd Judith

Boxford

11.00 Matins

Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 29th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Hot Cross Buns and Craft after Good Friday service at Little Waldingfield



Soap Box

A neighbour remarked to me recently that she had never seen so many houses for sale in our village. Certainly, there has been more turnover and potential moves recently than I can recall in all the near three decades in which we have lived here. There seems no reason for the activity. No pylons are due to march across our green and pleasant land. No massive building scheme is planned to disturb our peace and tranquility. People are just choosing to move.

Of course, villages need to be dynamic. Fresh blood is needed from time to time to keep the community vibrant. Residents get older and priorities change, particularly when other members of the family find their circumstances changing. Amongst recent and planned moves from this village are those wishing to downsize, to live in a larger community for health reasons and to be closer to children. It is all part of life's rich pattern.

Having lived at various times in my life in the centre of London, in the suburbs, by the sea, in a large town on the south coast and in a large village in the middle of Shakespeare's country, I can put my hand on my heart and say that I prefer village life to the alternatives. And the places listed by no means cover all the places where I have endeavoured to put down roots. However, Little Waldingfield has proved the longest stay for me by a country mile.

But much as I love my home and the village in which it is situated, I must accept that it is unlikely to turn out to be the last place in which I live. A larger garden than I will be able to cope with in my dotage and more spare bedrooms than we need will eventually demand a rethink in living accommodation, while the lack of facilities and erratic transport resources could lead to moving somewhere with a ready supply of shops and buses.

It is more than forty five years since I purchased my first home – a flat on the outskirts of Southampton – for the princely sum of £5500. Several flats and houses later, I am struck by how the housing market has changed in the near half century in which I have been taking a proper interest in it. The design of new houses has, by and large, improved, even if the dimensions appear to have shrunk somewhat. And gardens these days are less of an asset to a house.

The number of houses that can be shoehorned in to a building site these days is positively alarming. The advantage of high density development should be that it keeps the price of the house down. The disadvantage, clearly, is that you will need to get on with your neighbours that much better. And planning departments have subscribed to the intensive approach, with not always the desired result.

Locally an application to extend an old cottage was altered, at the behest of the local authority planners, to demolition of the property and replacement with two houses. Permission was unsurprisingly granted. Not all those in the immediate vicinity are happy, particularly as it could exacerbate an already tricky parking situation. But we do need more houses, we are told. The vexed question is where and what type?

Since we moved into this village, the housing stock has increased by around 10% – all through infill and abutment. In this regard I imagine we should consider ourselves fortunate. The one attempt at major development was thrown out, but with planning laws being eased, keeping an eye on potential development has become a key aspect of parish councillors' responsibilities.

In the end we do need new houses, particularly to allow the younger villagers to remain here once they have flown the nest, so to speak, if that is what they desire. Yet affordable housing remains a controversial issue in many communities. There may be a lot for sale in this village at present, but I doubt if any of it counts as "affordable", particularly if you are not yet on the housing ladder. I expect planning, alongside dog excrement, to remain a hot topic for council meetings for many years to come.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN MAY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Sunny weather produces high greenhouse temperatures and often makes it necessary to water twice a day. Allowing plants to become too dry and stressed makes them vulnerable to pests and diseases. Aphids are already becoming active and should be dealt with immediately by spraying with a suitable insecticide to nip them in the bud before they become too big an infestation. Much of the problem can be prevented by keeping plants well fed and watered. A well fed and watered plant will withstand diseases and aphid attacks better than one that is undernourished.

Early in the month sowing of tender vegetables should be made in the greenhouse ready for planting outside at the end of May, these include marrows, courgettes, ridge cucumbers, sweet corn and french and runner beans. It should be safe now to plant tomatoes in an unheated greenhouse, either in grow bags or direct into the soil.

Dormant Dahlia tubers can be planted outside now, it will be the end of the month before shoots appear above ground and by then the danger of frost should be over. Any tubers showing growth can have the shoots removed and used as cuttings.

Make fortnightly plantings until the end of the month of gladioli to stagger the flowering period.

Resist the temptation to plant out half-hardy bedding plants until at least the last week in the month. If you must buy them earlier leave them in the trays where they can easily be protected from frost.

Gardeners often have to plan a year ahead. By the end of the month wallflowers, daisies, forget me nots and polyanthus will be over and now is the time to think of sowing new plants for next spring. The best plants are raised from seeds sown in May.

It is time also to think of next spring in the vegetable garden and make sowings of white and purple sprouting broccoli's. Winter hardy cauliflower can also be sown now. Choose suitable varieties like Walcheren, Winter Markanta and Mystar and these will provide a succession of head from April through until June.

Herbs such as dill, rocket, chervil, coriander can now be sown outside. Sow them in straight drills to make for easier weeding. If you prefer, they can be sown indoors in cell trays and planted out later, this may be preferable if your soil is on the heavy side. Clumps of chives tend to become overcrowded and lacking in vigour after a few years. They can

be given a new lease of life by lifting up and dividing into smaller portions and replanted into soil that has been nourished with compost and bone meal.

Top 10 jobs this month

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

The middle of May can be one of the driest times of year and most gardens will begin to dry out.

Initially, this is a benefit because the soil will reach an ideal consistency for seed sowing. However, as drying continues, there may be insufficient water to keep the seedlings going, especially in dry regions like ours in East Anglia.

Use water butts to collect rainwater. Open rain-catchers are a start, but fixing the butt to your down-pipe will enable you to collect rainfall from your house or shed roof as well. Target your watering to when and where plants need it - often at fruit set and fruit swelling times, or coming up to flowering.

Continue with the spring cleaning. Hoe your borders to get rid of weeds before they take hold (ideally on a dry day to desiccate the victims) - annual weeds such as bitter cress and groundsel are enough of a nightmare without allowing them to go forth and multiply by seeding. If it's dry, attack ground elder and the like with systemic weed killer painted onto the leaves. Remember these systemic weed killers are indiscriminate and will kill anything they contact. Dandelions are a monstrous nuisance at this time of year - if you don't have time to deal with them terminally, at least chop their heads off before they set seed.

Most of all enjoy the warm weather after such a long, cold depressing winter.

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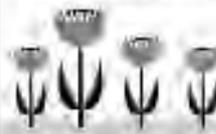
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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting

26 February 2013

Present: B Tora, M Ewen, V Flute, D Kiddy, Cllr F Lawrenson

1 member of the public

Apologies: R Ridgeon, R Williams, Cllr J Antill, Police Representative

Declarations of Interest: None.

Public Matters: Written report received – 1 reported crime – tampering with a motor vehicle. Speedwatch checks recommence next week, 4 March. Unauthorised travellers have returned to the area.

Minutes of the last Meeting: The Minutes were read, agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: The Notice of a Casual Vacancy has been displayed on the village noticeboard, but no confirmation has been received from Babergh DC as to whether there will need to be an election or that a co-option can proceed.

Public Session: The planning process was discussed, with attendance at a meeting of the Planning Committee recommended as very interesting even if a parish application is not on the agenda. A Village Plan would aid parishes in influencing development within their parish.

Planning Matters: Between meetings no objections were raised to the erection of a porch at Constable House, or the erection of a menage at land north of Pink Cottage. Permission has been granted for a dwelling, a cottage and stables at Hammonds Holt.

Financial Matters: A second decision was required to be made regarding the level of the precept for 2013/14, and the Chairman and Clerk accepted Option 1, a reduced precept of £3835 with a grant of £395 from Babergh DC. Between meetings a cheque was signed as required in favour of Suffolk CC for street lighting. Cheques were signed for Babergh DC for bin emptying, Clerk's salary plus printing, postage, stationery etc. and HMRC for PAYE. Letters of thanks have been received for Jubilee donations from LW Parish Room and the Over 60's. Verbal thanks from the Playingfield Committee.

Correspondence: None.

Village website: The Clerk will circulate the report submitted to last month's meeting to all councillors in readiness for comments at the next meeting.

Village Review: A response to comments made during the Village Review has been drafted by V Flute. An Action Plan needs to be agreed and councillors are asked to consider this in readiness for the next meeting.

Public Transport: Nothing to report.

Footpaths: No problems reported, but a new warden is required.

Churchyard: The replacement tree will be planted by B Tora, M Ewen and D Kiddy following the litter pick on Saturday 9 March.

Any Other Business: The reprint of Beyond Living Memory is almost ready to go to print, as part of the Clive Memorial.

Date of next meeting is Tuesday 16 April.

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 18th March 2013 at Edwardstone Village Hall

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

In attendance: James Finch, S Gray (Clerk), A Neville & E Lowe

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 24th January 2013

The Minutes were approved; proposed by Vice-Chair S Norman, seconded by S Flack

To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: In the absence of Siobhan Hemmett, the Clerk reported that there had been one report of theft in the Parish of Edwardstone for the period from 17th January to 17th March 2013. This compares to one crime for the same period last year..

To receive a report from Suffolk County Council: There would be no increase in Council tax for the third year in a row. James had met with Tim Yeo MP in March to discuss local wishes that National Grid projects in the area be required to place cables underground.

To receive report from Babergh District Council: On behalf of Bryn Hurren the Clerk reported to the Council that, in relation to the budget, £1.5 million has to be saved by Babergh. Also cuts have been made by central Government. Despite the constraints there would be no increase from Babergh District Council. Sharing services with Mid-Suffolk would continue to save money.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public: Vice-Chair S Norman welcomed E Lowe and A Neville to the meeting. E Lowe presented to the Council their concerns at the low speed of broadband in the area of Edwardstone and their findings in relation to County Broadband. James Finch expressed his sympathy and explained that BT, as the preferred provider, would be bringing superfast broadband to the rural areas of Suffolk to alleviate the problems that were being described. James Finch expressed his willingness to meet with Mr Lowe and Mrs Neville to discuss all the options available. The Council agreed for Broadband to be an Agenda item and would therefore discuss

Donations and Section 137 payments: Councillors discussed the donations and Section 137 payments and agreed to make payments to Edwardstone Village Hall, Edwardstone PCC Millennium Green and Boxford Playing Fields.

Highway & Footpath Matters: The Clerk reported that Groton Parish Council would be discussing speeding by traffic in the Parish. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to keep them informed of progress by Groton Parish Council. Concern was raised by Councillors at the increasing number of pot holes

Dates of Future Meetings:

20th May 2013 (AGM & APM), 15th July 2013, 16th September 2013

18th November 2013

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in March 2013 Parish Council Meeting on 4th March

Finance: In addition to the usual business, it was agreed to order the new storage container for the Community Council. The Clerk had obtained advice on the VAT situation. The Clerk had responded to queries in relation to the Greenest County Grant application towards upgrading the Parish Street Lighting. It was agreed to support the Playing Fields by continuing the Grass Cutting Contract.

Reports from Members: Reports of a rattling manhole outside 44 Swan Street and a pot hole on Cox Hill were made to County Highways.

Planning: Babergh District Council confirmed Approval had been granted on the following applications: -

- to fell diseased horse chestnut in the Cemetery
- to fell eucalyptus at Driftway, Cox Hill
- Listed Building consent for internal alterations at The Old Forge, Church Street
- Detached two storey dwelling and new access at 71 Swan Street

Babergh Council confirmed the applications for an entrance porch at 26-30 Stone Street and a new dwelling at 1 Brook Hall Road had both been withdrawn. Cllr Impett had represented the Parish Council at the Planning Committee Meeting at the Stone Street Dog Training site. The Parish Council had issued a written statement to be considered at the Babergh Core Strategy Examination under the heading of "Vision and Objectives". There were no objections to the proposed felling of greengage tree at 32 Swan Street.

Meeting on 18th March

Public Forum: The Chairman took the opportunity to congratulate David House on his recent Community Achievement Award. It was agreed to monitor the situation regarding low loaders causing issues whilst delivering agricultural machinery to Cox Hill. It was noted the long awaited resurfacing of the centre of the village is scheduled for June **Police Report:** PCSO Siobhan Hemmett attended and reported on 7 crimes over the recent 2 month period compared to only 2 crimes for the same period last year. Four were thefts of catalytic converters, one a common assault, a theft was reported from Fen Street and finally there was a drink drive incident. She urged residents to report any suspicious sightings on 101 for non emergencies and 999 for emergencies. **Please report anything, however, insignificant as this might be the final piece of information needed for detection. On-going issues of obstructive parking were raised and further information was to be sought. The Clerk urged more regular patrols to deter the groups targeting catalytic converters and asked when we will get a PC to cover our area again. PCSO Hemmett confirmed our new PC was to be in place during April. Police Surgeries are scheduled at Mary's House from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. on 7th May, 2nd July, 10th September and 12th November. **Please attend and take the opportunity to raise any matters directly with our Community Policing representatives.

Suffolk County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend, however, provided his report. It covered the latest news in relation to the Stoke by Nayland School site and an approach by a private educational establishment. The County Council continues to lobby for the Bramford to Twinstead power line to be undergrounded. The resurfacing of Broad Street, Ellis Street (from Swan Street to Sand Hill) and surface dressing of School Hill and Church Street (from A1071 to Swan Street) is to be done in June this year.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report and confirmed Babergh Council are not raising their element of the Council Tax. Substantial savings are still required and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are working to amalgamate functions for this purpose. Income streams are changing with one example being the New Homes Bonus. Other financial incentives are achievable through business generation in the area. On local matters, Cllr Hurren agreed to chase progress regarding the leak at Homefield, the garages to be let and a rattling manhole near Homefield Court.

Community Engagement
Ian Reekie attended from the District Councils to explain the part Community Engagement is playing in the change that is required at District Council. He has been allocated to work with Cllr Hurren and another District Councillor at Mid Suffolk. The idea is to work to identify and take on board local issues. Priorities have been set as a result of the first stage of Community Engagement. He had been observing at the Parish Council Meeting and members of the Parish Council took the opportunity to express dissatisfaction with the support given by the Planning Department. The Chairman urged pre planning meetings involving relevant parties to ensure full consideration of local issues and to reduce problems further along the line.

Correspondence: The Clerk outlined the steps being taken by Boxford Rovers to improve the parking situation during football training and matches. This includes putting out signage in Homefield and encouraging home parents to park responsibly in other parts of the village. Members suggested there may be merit in seeking permission for a limited number of team managers to park in the Homefield Court car park. It was agreed for the Clerk to write letters to the residents concerned and keep Boxford Rovers informed. Arrangements were finalised for the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Strokeie's Progress

I was watching The Andrew Marr Show one Sunday recently and one of the guests was Andrew Marr himself. Appearing on television for the first time since having his stroke back in January and I have to say, given the severity of his stroke, looking great and sounding very upbeat, he was asked what might have been the cause of his stroke. He responded by saying that he had been overworking, his own fault, and that he had read in the newspapers that it was good and healthy to go for quick energy burn-offs. He decided on rowing machines. Not good as he finished up one morning shortly thereafter, lying on the floor of his bedroom unable to move. On hearing this, bells rang out for me as it reminded me much of my own stroke experience. A couple of weeks before succumbing to my stroke, I had decided to take up cycling again, belting round the lanes of Suffolk in the misguided belief that such activity was good for me. It wasn't! Ignoring the facts that I was extremely unfit, and that I was leading an 'unhealthy' lifestyle, (yes I smoked, enjoyed a drink, ate badly, overworked, took little to no exercise and Lord knows what else) really I should not have gone at it in the way that I had. We, those of a similar age and disposition to me, all think I am sure that, when hearing that we should take more exercise, our minds hark back to our youth and we genuinely believe that we still have the physical attributes that we had then. Well, folks, sad to say with best intentions and all that, we don't!

As with everything else in life, a little moderation goes a long way. No less so than when taking exercise. Exercise is vitally important for body and mind, which is why I try to make sure that I walk every day in the village. This became very stark to me a few months back when I had flu (not Man flu, proper stuff) which sent me to bed for four or five days, after which I found it hard to walk due to the inactivity, further compounded by the fact that there was ice and snow on the ground outside. 'The perfect storm' you might say. But overcome it I did.

On a more positive note, and I stress the word 'note', I can now use my left hand more extensively, which means that aside from being able to hold a fork and feed myself, prepare food and perform a whole host of other tasks that I had previously been unable to do, I am also able to play my keyboard with two hands again. I've got my bass line back! The word I would use is 'liberating'! People often come up to me in the street and remark how well I look. Amazing what a little moisturiser and a smile can do. It is all about how one feels inside, which on some days I will be honest can be wretched. But with a positive attitude, the strides that one can make often seem quite remarkable. As Andrew Marr said, thanks to lots of physiotherapy he has made a great recovery so far. However he knows only too well that for improvement to remain on track, continuance is entirely up to him. He has to do it. No one else can do it for him. *Nick Athorne*

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Readers Letters

Sir

I would like to thank everyone who came to my 80th birthday party. A sum of £201.00 was collected which will be donated to the Tree House Childrens Hospice at Ipswich
Many thanks to you all
Berek Butler, Boxford

Sir

With regard to what was written in the January edition of BRN, I would like to say that factually this statement is somewhat incorrect. It is true that the 2012 Santa Run was cancelled. This was due to a number of reasons and NOT through lack of support from the 'elves'. I would also like to state that it is not correct to say 'that today's parents are no longer willing to give their time to support FOBS', and I can understand that some parents were upset by this. FOBS are extremely active in the school community and although more support is always needed, the commitment received from Boxford Parents is always good. We understand that Christmas is such a busy time of year for everyone and many parents had already supported the Christmas Fare as well as numerous Nativity performances during December. I thank the support received from everyone involved with the school and am sure parents are very aware and fully appreciate our commitment to the children at the school. I am also sure that they all know that more support is always needed to enable these events to continue. I DO NOT in any way agree with the statement printed in January's BRN. *Sharon Whittaker Co-Chairman FOBS.*

Sir

I would like to thank everybody who came to my birthday party, and for all my lovely presents and cards. I had a fantastic time! *Daniel Lewis*

TICKING THE BOX

'Terms and conditions apply'. So many of us plough ahead when we enter a competition, apply for something online or download software, ticking the box to confirm our agreement to terms and conditions which we never bother to understand or even take the trouble to read.

There's a similar situation with will writing, and I think of one clause in particular which I include in many of the more detailed wills which I write. I tell clients 'its a technical clause which negates some of the more onerous bits of the Trustee Act (aimed at professional trustees) so that you don't have to worry'.

One of my smart lady clients said to me the other day 'tell me more about this technical clause'. So I thought, I'll tell her and tell my readers as well. Its quite hard going, but once you have read it, you can tick that box.

Will making may sound a bit dull, but the law governing the destination of people's assets when they die is topical and useful. Will making is smart because it is a hugely cost-effective way of directing who inherits your assets when you go.

It is also an absolute necessity for unmarried couples (particularly those with young children) to avoid the very worst case of the mother dying, the home going to a disliked relative under the intestacy laws making the surviving partner homeless, with the children left to the mercies of the local authorities. Taking precautions to avoid this scenario, straight out of Charles Dickens, is so affordable these days (particularly with the Will Business when our home visit service means that there's no need even to leave the house to make your will).

Some of the laws governing property rights are close to a hundred years old, but wills are different, because their laws which govern those technical issues are kept up to date now that more people have things to leave to their nearest and dearest.

I will mention some points covered by the Trustee Act 2000, but obviously this is no more than an overview. The act dealt with trustees' 'duty of care', and how that duty should be applied. There's a requirement for trustees to review trust investments against stated criteria, and in normal circumstances they must take 'proper' advice. Unless the estate is large or complicated, I normally exclude these sections because there is no justification for saddling the estate with unnecessary professional fees.

Next, there is a section which sets out the manner in which trustees can employ agents, nominees and custodians. This may be relevant to larger family or charitable trusts, but it has little or no relevance to a typical will. Finally, there is a section which requires trustees to consult with beneficiaries regarding their occupation of trust land. The recommendation is that this should be routinely excluded, particularly where there is a property to be sold and the proceeds divided. The will writer's job is to advise the client on content in the will which is relevant to the client's circumstances, and to exclude the bits (like those which I have just mentioned) which might delay winding up the estate, cause extra costs or lead to family rows.

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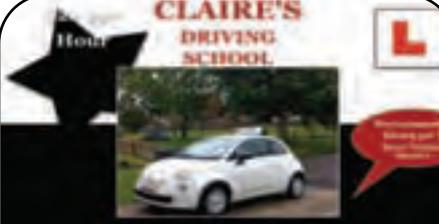
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The cricket season has started and the Edwardstone CC team is this year playing in the Hunts County League Div3 on Sundays. The team now has a selection of experienced players mixed with players who have come through the Junior section which was restarted 5 years ago. It has been great to see the progress of these younger players as they get their first experience of league cricket.

We are however always looking for new players, so if you have not played for a while and would like to join us or have just moved into the area and want to start playing for a club locally you can contact us either via our

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We also play midweek 20/20 games against more local teams and run a net session at 6.30pm on Thursdays at Homefield for those keen cricketers wanting to improve their game.

Edwardstone Juniors training sessions on Saturday mornings at Homefield for 8-13 year old players continues to be a great success. Players get a good introduction to the game and a chance to play in matches. Players who played for us have gone on to be picked for Suffolk teams and we hope that more will get the chance in the future.

Our new website is up and running and we would like to put some pictures of matches/players and events from past years. If you played for the club or have pictures from some of our events please get in touch. We would like to create a club archive.

Another aim this year is to raise funds for the club by signing on at www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Register to the cause Edwardstone Cricket Club and you can raise money for the club when you buy items through internet retailers like Amazon and eBay. This site also gives you heads up on any special offers. The club will be running a 200Club and we are searching for a sponsor if there is a local business who wants to support a local club and get some publicity as well. Why not, watch and support your local cricket team at Homefield this season!

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Sun 28th Apr	Long Melford CC - 3rd XI (A)
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Sun 19th May	Haverhill CC - Sunday 2nd XI (H)
Sat 25th May 2.00pm	Dedham (H)
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Sun 16th June	Bardwell CC - 1st XI (H)
Sun 23rd June 2.00pm	Leavenheath (H)
Sun 30th June	Tendring Park CC - 1st XI (A)

THIRD TIME LUCK FOR TEXAS SCRAMBLE

After false starts both before and after Christmas, Newton Green Golf Club seniors finally found a good weather window of opportunity to stage their normal end-of-year Texas scramble competition.

Results

59.4 Ted Clarkson, Frank Salt and Steve Street, 59.7 John Humphrey, Paddy Brotherhood and Andy Millar, 63.3 Peter Cade, Mick Mills and Nick Smith, 63.4 Fred French, John Clarke and Mick Hawkins.



WILL ANDY STAGE A PLATTER-PLUS?



Above: Alan Monk, Andy Dodds, Dave Foster and Mike Hawkins

The annual Andy Platter competition for seniors at Newton Green Golf Club finally had its day during March after its initial, regular December spot had been wiped out by bad weather.

The Stableford competition, launched and organised by club stalwart Andy Doods for the last 17 years, may in future be run by the club's senior section, with the founder threatening to take a back seat following his recent withdrawal from main committee work.

However, players at the club are hoping for a platter-plus if the competition founder can be persuaded to think again when he can find new batteries for his illuminated, spinning bow tie which, until this year, had been a regular part of his attire when presenting prizes.

With players competing off three quarters of their handicaps, and frosty early conditions leading to the use of temporary greens, scoring was difficult but winner Dave Foster, receiving nine shots, scored a credible 38 points, followed by Mike Hawkins 37 and Alan Monk 36.

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WILLIAMS AND JOHNSON SHOW THE WAY

Newton Green Golf Club men's captain Chris Willaims and vice captain Andrew Johnson made a flying start to their year in office by winning the foursomes competition held at Waldringfield Golf Club in association with the annual meeting of the Suffolk Golf Union. They scored 41 points, two more than their nearest rivals.



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