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COLCHESTER MILITARY WIVES CHOIR AT BOXFORD ST MARY'S

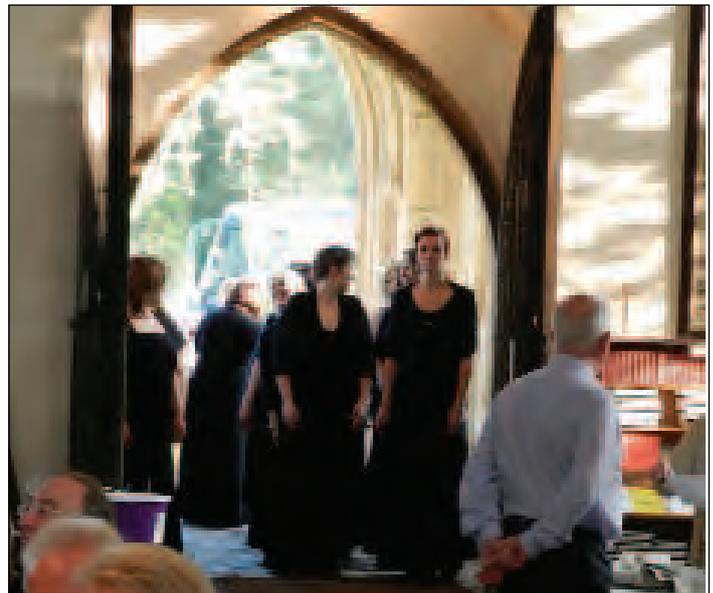


Boxford St Mary's Church was proud to host the Colchester Military Wives Choir for a concert on Sunday 19th May. The Choir wowed the audience with songs from shows and the cinema, and traditional songs as well as popular songs. The choir were superb and the soloists performed with great confidence. The performance was a sell out and a standing ovation was followed by three encores with cries for more.

The Choir was established in July 2012 when three ladies – Debbie Price, (Military Wife) Liz Mullen (Garrison FM radio) and Sally Leung (Headteacher Montgomery Infant School) – met. The get-together was finally brought about by Colchester MP Sir Bob Russell after being contacted by The Military Wives.

They went to Canada in June, taking to the international stage just one year after forming. The Colchester Military Wives Choir performed at the Canadian International Military Tattoo held in Hamilton, Ontario on Saturday 8 June to Sunday 9 June 2013 and proudly represented 16 Air Assault Brigade, Colchester Garrison, Colchester, Essex and East Anglia on their trip and were also the first 'Military Wives Choir' to be invited abroad to perform, taking its brand and reputation to an international audience.

Debbie Price, founder with Gareth Price



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HISTORY SOCIETY MEMBER OUTING TO LITTLE HALL



Little Waldingfield History Society Member Outing to Little Hall

The Society heralded the summer by organising our first outing, to Little Hall in Lavenham, and what a glorious event it was.

As their leaflet aptly remarks, this is "The story of Lavenham in a unique family home", and LWHS members would certainly agree that Little Hall deserves to be one of Simon Jenkins' "England's Thousand Best Houses" – we had a wonderful time despite the weather.

Stepping through the door, one proceeds through the centuries as each room is traversed, passing the most eclectic and wonderful array of marvelous objects on the way. The history of this ancient timber framed building, which was stupendously improved by removal of the ghastly pebble dashing, really does mirror the changing fortunes of Lavenham.

It was built in the 14th century, so its core is now over 600 years old, and then enlarged and improved in the 15th century, before being rescued from potential obscurity by the Gayer-Anderson twins in the 1920s and 30s.

And what a statement they made, by restoring it faithfully and filling it with wondrous things acquired during their extensive global travels: antiques, pictures, books, china and decorative art. Despite bequeathing thousands of objects to museums worldwide, many of their personal possessions remain in the house, adding greatly to its charm and interest.

There are seven rooms crammed with things, but my personal favourite is the spectacular Upper Chamber with its wondrous timber framed ceiling supported by the most incredible King Post I have ever seen; if you are not sure what this is, I urge you to visit; you will not be disappointed.

An added bonus are the magnificent gardens, which though not large, are considerably bigger than one could possibly imagine from the outside, and comprise a veritable haven of tranquility from the world at large.

Finally, I must mention our guide for the afternoon, who was so well informed and enthusiastic she fired our imaginations with an intimate knowledge of the house, its room and contents therein, which was an absolute delight. I was also pleased to see her stroke the beautiful bronze replica of the famous Gayer-Anderson cat, which represents the Egyptian protective goddess Bastet, and found myself doing likewise whenever I passed through the room - magical.

It is with great memories of a wonderful place that I sign off until next time.

Andy Sheppard 16th May 2013

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tribute this but vibrant 21st century jazz inspired by the best. We can look forward to intricate solos from all five musicians and breathtakingly magnificent ensemble playing..

Friday, 19 July, 8.00, £16 Sarah Gillespie

With Sarah Gillespie vocals, Frank Harrison piano, Ben Bastin bass & Enzo Zirilli drums. "Gillespie, who joins Bob Dylan's lyrical bite and languid delivery to the forthrightness of Joni Mitchell, with a little rap-like percussiveness thrown in, is an original ... an incisive guitarist as well as an expressive singer, she's unquestionably going places." - John Fordham
John also called her work "incandescent". Her music is a fusion of jazz, folk and blues knitted together by poetic, streetwise lyricism and superb musicianship, well matched by her excellent band.

Friday, 26 July, 8.00, Ticket £18 Ola Onabule

With Ola Onabule vocals, Mark Van Der Gucht guitar, Mitch Jones piano, Chris Nickolls drums and bass to be announced. Ola has played to sellout crowds twice in the past, and it is a pleasure to have him join us again. The press coverage of his work is immense, including comments like "beautifully clear and appealingly textured, almost classical ...with a range and elasticity to match his rich tonal qualities".
Chris Nickolls played here recently with Tommaso Starace, but Mitch and Mark are new to us. They wouldn't be with Ola unless they were special.

Friday, 2 August, 8.00, Ticket £17 Zoe Rahman

Friday, 5 July, 8.00, Ticket £15 Zoe Francis

With Zoe Francis vocals, David Newton piano, Colin Oxley guitar & Alec Dankworth bass. Zoe's first artistic love was dance, but once she took up singing, she very soon was performing long running spots in midtown Manhattan with musicians including Jo Cohn, Chris Flory, Harry Allen and Warren Vache. Now based in London, she has just released her first CD, "Looking for a boy", with most of her crew for tonight. And what a crew. David Newton continuing a residency, Colin Oxley on guitar and Alec Dankworth on bass.

Friday, 12 July, 8.00, Ticket £20 Tribute to Elvin Jones

With Alan Skidmore tenor saxophone, Peter King alto saxophone, Steve Melling piano, Alec Dankworth bass & Miles Levin drums. This new tribute to the late, great American jazz drummer Elvin Jones brings together four of the greatest jazz musicians that this country has ever produced, together with the excellent drumming of Miles, Tony Levin's son. No slavish

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THE JULY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

"We should just be able to make it back..." These were the fateful words exchanged between me and Rufus on the last day of our short holiday in North Norfolk. We had set out to walk the sea wall from the little harbour of Burnham Overy Staithe out to the sea itself. Buffeted by the wind, but still, at the beginning, enjoying some good sunshine, we could see, as we set out, black clouds building in the distance.

The walk itself was worth the effort, not so much because of the wide open sands and skies at the end of it, though this is always breathtaking, but by a chance encounter, on the way back – finding grassland in the dune slacks studded with a myriad of deep magenta Early Marsh Orchids.

As we photographed them, the backdrop to our photos took on a more and more threatening aspect. The black clouds became blacker and more lowering, and then we spotted the sheet of rain linking earth to the sky....

There was no escape, even though we tried to shelter for a while in the lee of the sea wall, and eventually we had to give up the struggle and face up to a quarter mile walk in a pelting downpour, pushed about by the wind. I never knew denim jeans could weigh so much, as they took on more and more water!

Cold winds also featured at Newton's fete, where stalwart stall holders hung on determinedly to the end in order to raise funds for their church and community.

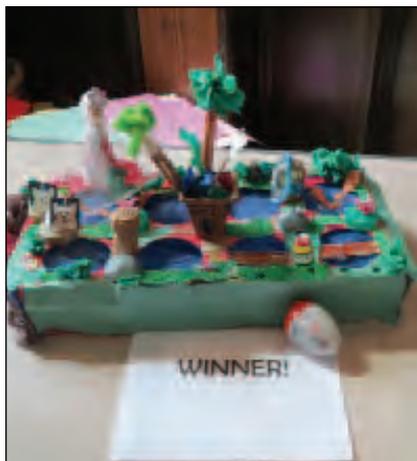
In those extremes of weather, and in the extremes of life, what is it that keeps us battling on? Many would answer, the human spirit. And I agree, although, for me, the human spirit also finds its strength from a greater Spirit, the Spirit of God who comes to our aid when our own strength is failing. We surely celebrated both of these at the wonderful Military Wives Choir concert at Boxford Church. Through songs both powerful and

poignant, we glimpsed the spirit of courage, not only of the men and women who serve in the forces, but of those who wait at home. Their courage is in keeping the lives of their families going and in living for months with the tensions and anxieties of having loved ones separated by so many miles and sometimes facing acute danger. Thank you to all who made this inspirational event possible.

Fortunately courage to battle the elements was not so much needed this year as last, at Boxford Open Gardens, with warm sunshine taking the place of last year's deluge, and consequently well-earned success for all involved. Other blossomings of community spirit took place at Groton, with its celebratory Coronation Supper, and at Edwardstone, with its Flower Festival and Concert, as the church was filled to the brim with both flowers and music. Even the youngest members of the community were able to play their part, in the Creative Competition, held in the base of the church tower. This attracted some magnificent entries, all reflecting the theme of Coronation and showing great ingenuity in portraying our Queen – even down to her faithful corgis! Again, huge thanks to all from the churches and villages who helped in any way.

Talking of those corgis - though whether or not the Queen will come, I can't yet be sure... don't forget to bring your companion animal friends – of all kinds - to our popular Pet Service at Boxford Church on Sunday 7th July at 11 am. They (and you, of course) will receive a right royal welcome!

Blessings, Revd Judith



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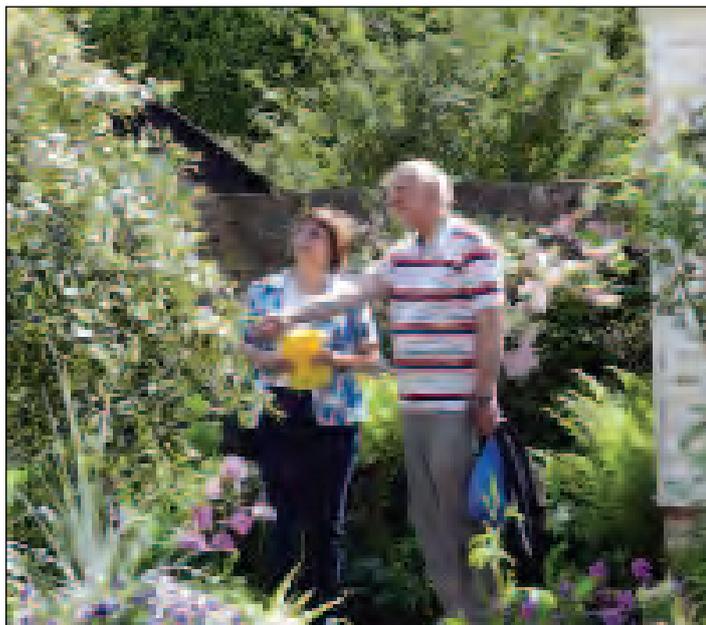
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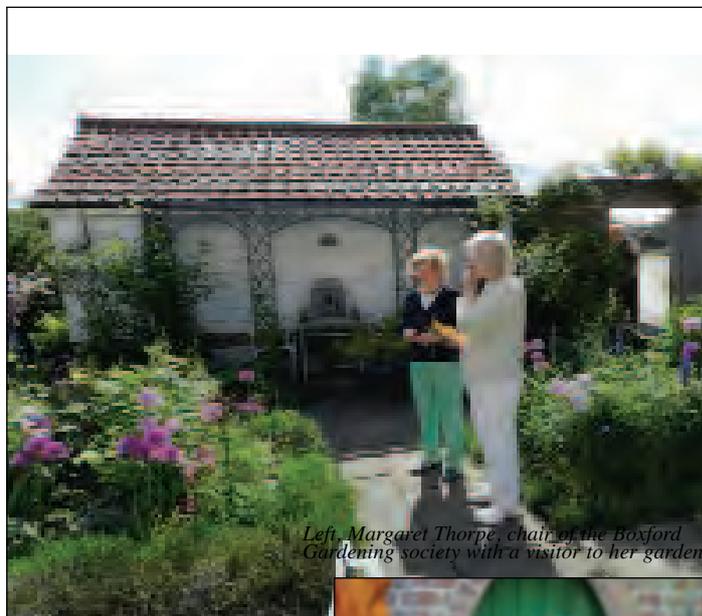
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A RECORD YEAR FOR BOXFORD GARDENS



Sunny day for Open Gardens brings out the crowds

After last year's torrential downpour for the Queen on her barge and for Boxford Gardens Open, it was with hesitation that I drew back the curtains on Sunday 2nd June to reveal...blue sky and sunshine! The day got off to a great start with a queue of eager visitors waiting to buy tickets at the church gate. After a hasty coffee and biscuits, our early visitors set off to begin the tour of our 21 lovely gardens. Over 525 visitors during the day came from far and wide - from Newmarket, Braintree and Bungay to name but a few. Lunches were served by Anne Holdgate and her catering team in a constant stream from 12 o'clock until they were practically sold out by 2pm. There was a real buzz around the school hall where the Copella VW 'Campella' van added to the atmosphere by serving samples of its delicious fruit juices and there were plant stalls and a cake stall to tempt our visitors. People were not only heard to comment about the surprising range of different types of garden within the village



Left, Margaret Thorpe, chair of the Boxford Gardening society with a visitor to her garden

but also about how lovely Boxford and Edwardstone are and about the warm welcome they were receiving. The day raised £4,700 for Boxford St Mary's Church and thanks go to all gardeners who opened their gardens after such a dismal start to 2013 and to everyone who helped in any way on the day. Thanks also to our sponsors Copella, Suffolk Medical Clinic, Ernest Doe Power, Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel and Zinnia Garden Design. Angela Tolputt

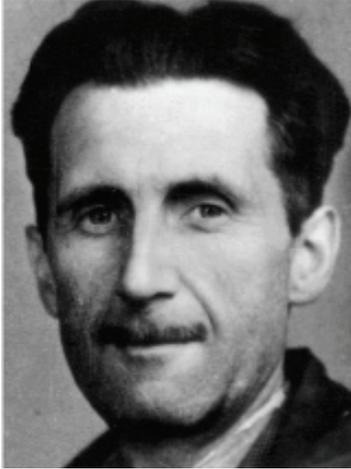


Angela Tolputt, organiser

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<p>Edwardstone Craft Fair & Fringe Festival June 29th plenty of interesting stalls and events.</p>			
<p>It's Summer! We have a lovely beer-garden and plenty of outside seating. It's quiet, in the sun, and the Millennium green play area is opposite the pub.</p>			
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JULY BOOK REVIEW BY JO MARCHANT

The Road to Wigan Pier by George Orwell



In 1936 George Orwell was sent to the North by his left wing publisher, Victor Gollancz, to examine the plight of the poor as part of an investigation into the Condition of England. The two months he spent in Barnsley, Sheffield and Wigan were harrowing. He lived amongst miners, recording in his notebook everything he saw. Despite his middle class accent they accepted him into their midst and showed him many kindnesses. He grew to admire and respect them.

He then spent nine months writing up his notes and 'The Road to Wigan Pier' was the result. George Orwell's description of the miners'

lives is especially moving. He was horrified by the condemned slums that served as their homes, amid a blighted countryside that could have been Hell. Rents were high, there was overcrowding and disease, and this was in 1936, not the Victorian era. He went down the pit to observe the extraction of coal, and noted how their strong athletic bodies glistened with sweat as they swung their pickaxes, man-handled heavy drills, or shovelled up the coal into trucks. Then there were the frequent accidents and deaths. My own grandfather was killed down a pit in South Wales in 1932, and his accident was very similar to the chilling accounts of mine disasters I read about in The Road to Wigan Pier. Orwell admitted he would not be able to survive a single day as a miner.

Orwell wrote as a journalist, as he saw things. He was angry and wanted his readers to know the truth. He saw the working class as people who were acted upon with no chance to take action themselves. He suggested that the middle class sink into the lower class, thereby bonding together as one against 'the oppressors'. He concluded that 'all we have to lose would be our aitches'. Curiously, as a member of the 'lower upper middle class' as he described himself, along with an education at Eton, he felt oppressed. And of course the title is a clever irony as there was no pier at Wigan in 1936. There had been, previously, a rough wooden jetty on a muddy canal where the barges were loaded with coal, but it was twenty miles from the sea, and hardly Blackpool!

This year is the 75th anniversary of the publication of The Road to Wigan Pier. In this short time we have witnessed the arrival of The National Health, state benefits, pensions for all and social housing, so things must be looking up, mustn't they? But then, with the widening gap between the rich and the poor, and the growing under-educated underclass, it seems we haven't got it right yet. So where is the George Orwell of today to make us think?

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BOXFORD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL OFFICIALLY OPENS!

Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts officially opened its second branch in Boxford on Saturday, 18th May at Boxford Primary School. The Bildeston branch also celebrated its second birthday on the 17th May, making this a very special time for Miss Lesley. Many children, both boys and girls from

Boxford and the surrounding villages attended the first day and enjoyed participating in a mix of song, dance and drama. The students will be working towards a performance at the forthcoming Boxford Fete on Saturday, 29th June. Miss Lesley teaches children from the age of 4 through to 18 years and still has a limited number of places available, so if you are interested please call Miss Lesley on 07957 351941 or email lesley@misslesleysperformingarts.co.uk.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR



Well despite the unfortunate change in the weather it was All the fun of the fair at the Newton Green Fete on Saturday 8th June.

With live music, children's rides, bar, BBQ, Tombola, a tug of war, fancy dress, Judo demo's, Donkey rides, sumo wrestling and trampolining and much much more, it would have been hard not to have a great time.

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Below: a Judo demonstration



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'DUETS', ANOTHER BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP TRIUMPH



Margaret Clapp and David Phillips

Duets, four sets of character with four crucial moments which provided a gloriously funny examination of the chaotic world of love, relationships and why the grass is never greener..

The first focused on Jonathan (Will Carpenter) and Wendy's (Denise Gibbons) blind date, each hoping to get it right this time even though they've never got it right before while in the second storey Janet (Monica Murphy) continued in her pursuit of Barrie (Paul Vella) despite him being gay. In the third, Shelley (Coralie Marshall) and Bobby (Mike Keith) had decided to holiday in Spain to finalise their divorce whilst drowning in cocktails and in the last one, Angela (Margaret Clapp) prepared to marry for the third time amidst a barrage of bad omens and a dress resembling a parachute much to the dismay of her brother Toby (David Phillips). Duets, a hilarious tribute to the strength and madness of the human heart was performed and directed by members of the BDG with a clear indication of the depth of talent and skills in this village drama group. Congratulations to them all and especially to Mike Keith for whom this was his first time on stage with the group, and what an impression he made.

This time the BDG were responsible for providing the meal during the interval and under the direction of Janice Macmillan it also turned out to be a great success. My grateful thanks are due for the way in which they looked after my somewhat unusual diet for me. *Ed*



Denise Gibbons and Will Carpenter



Coralie Marshall and Mike Keith



Paul Vella and Monica Murphy

WHITE HART BUNGEE JUMP



Bar staff at the White Hart pub in Boxford needed a few drinks to steady their nerves on Sunday 9th when they took part in a bungee jump for charity.

In fact a total of 18 staff and customers took part in a 200ft leap of faith in the car park of the Broad Street pub. The event was organised to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society, Success After Stroke and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

"We just felt we should do our bit as a number of people in the village are helped by these charities," said bar manager Nick Keeble, 19.

It was the first jump for many of them



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Now that the Summer Term is well under way we are beginning to organise our various end of year activities. Next weekend, if you were to walk past the school you would hear the sound of young children playing and see a colourful collection of brightly coloured tents. It is the weekend of our Early Years Camp and there will be many families from our Foundation Class together with the children from the Foundation Class with children and parents from our federated school Monks Eleigh.

Some time ago I wrote in the Box River News of our involvement in Colchester Zoo's 50th anniversary celebrations by designing a three foot high model of a giraffe. The finished design was collected by the zoo and is now on display with many others in Colchester. Our particular design stands proudly in the Body Shop.

In a couple of weeks time we will be setting off with over sixty children from Boxford and Monks Eleigh to the Northern France town of Boulogne. Mr Hood and myself did our own pre-visit last week. The actual town of Boulogne is surrounded by a large medieval wall which you can walk around before descending into the old town itself. We plan to take the children around the walls before walking into the town to buy a cake in one of the traditional French bakeries. They will be expected to ask for what they want in French. After this they will have the opportunity to spend some time on the beach before returning home via the cross channel ferry. For some children this may well be their first visit abroad, certainly by means of a large sea going ferry. We are sure it will be an exciting and interesting day for all.

Over the past few weeks there has been much in the press about education and in particular the new National Curriculum. There has been considerable debate over whether the education of children should centre around the acquisition of facts and rote learning or whether it should be about teaching children the skills of study and the ability as they grow older to become active lifelong learners with enquiring minds. I guess that the answer to this, as always, lies somewhere in the middle and that there are some facts that all children need to know and some skills that all children need to develop. With this in mind I leave you with a quote from an educational writer Eric Hoffer who once wrote 'In times of change the learners will inherit the Earth, while the knowers will find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.' In the words of a GCSE examiner, Discuss!

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LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR AT STOKE

Ladies European Tour international golf event and Pro Am to be held at Stoke by Nayland this September

The Professional Golfers' Association is increasing its support of the women's game with the launch of a new tournament on the Ladies European Tour Access Series (LETAS). This exciting development in women's golf will see The WPGA International Challenge supported by Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf & Spa added to the LETAS schedule and played at the venue on September 26-28. The 54-hole tournament, which is the only event on the LETAS schedule to be played in the United Kingdom, will feature an international field of 120 players competing for a share of the £25,000 prize fund. Entry for spectators is free of charge.

There will be an opportunity for 20 WPGA members to compete in the event. In addition, with the support of England Golf, 20 elite female amateurs will also compete in the event. The new tournament, which will provide additional playing opportunities for elite WPGA members and leading English female amateurs, has been widely welcomed by all involved in bringing the event to fruition.

Di Barnard, Tour Director LET Access Series said: "We are delighted to announce the addition of the WPGA International Challenge to the 2013 LETAS schedule. There is a very strong golfing community in the UK and a large representation of players from this region on both the LET and LETAS.

We are looking forward to working with the PGA and also the venue, Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf & Spa, which will offer first class facilities for the players. The LET Access Series was formed to create additional playing opportunities for female golfers and also to provide an important link between elite amateur and professional golf. We are also delighted to have the support of England Golf and will welcome a number of elite English amateurs to compete in the event."

The PGA's chief executive, Sandy Jones, commented: "We have been discussing with LET for some time the concept and creation of this event. It therefore gives me much pleasure to now be able to announce the WPGA international challenge on the LETAS Schedule. I am also very pleased to say that we are presenting the event at Stoke by Nayland, a venue that is well known to us and has partnered the PGA on many past occasions to stage great golf events."

Situated in a stunning "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" on the Suffolk/Essex border, Stoke by Nayland has the experience of staging worldwide televised European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour and PGA Europro events, and is looking forward to gracing the international golf stage once more as the only UK destination on the 2013 LETAS schedule. Susanna Rendall, managing director of the family-owned Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, said: "We are really excited to be hosting the WPGA International Challenge here this September and look forward to welcoming these talented golfers here from all over the world - and to playing our part in helping to promote Women's international golf. We are particularly pleased that one of our Stoke by Nayland members, Hannah Moul, who has been performing extremely well in National and Regional amateur events, will also be playing which I hope will encourage a local audience to come and cheer her on!"

There will be a Pro Am tournament on Wednesday 25th September followed by a Gala Dinner and prize giving, and keen amateurs are invited to take a team of 4, which will include one of the women professionals competing in the 3 day event. For more details about the Pro Am please contact sales@stokebynayland.com or call 01206 265827/265801. Also visit www.stokebynayland.com



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MILDEN SINGERS CONCERT



MILDEN SINGERS provided a lively concert and an encore was required for the audience hungry for more songs from The Movies. These popular concerts raised £910 for Milden Pavilion Fund and they will be back to get you in the mood for Christmas with their festive concerts in December

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FOUR STARS FOR STOKE



STOKE BY NAYLAND HOTEL AWARDED FOUR STAR RATING

Hot on the heels of being awarded a second AA Rosette for The Lakes Restaurant, Suffolk's family-owned Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa has been awarded Four Star hotel rating.

The accolade from the AA reflects the consistent high standards and superb facilities on offer at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, as well as the excellent service provided by its staff.

Susanna Rendall, Managing Director of Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, said: "Achieving Four Star AA rating reflects the investment and enhancements we have made in recent years to offer our guests an even more luxurious experience when they visit.

"We pride ourselves on our excellent standards and personal attention to detail and this is a fantastic reward for everyone's hard work at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa."

Located in a designated 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' on the Suffolk/Essex border, Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, which is a member of Classic British Hotels, is set in 300-acres of glorious Constable Country. The outstanding facilities include, two renowned 18-hole championship golf courses, a state-of-the-art fitness centre and spa, extensive conference and banqueting suites and 80 contemporary style bedrooms. There are also five exquisite self-catered Country Lodges in the grounds that were completed last year.

The recent award of a second AA Rosette puts The Lakes Restaurant in the top 5% nationally, and is a tribute to the consistent high standards of the food and the quality of ingredients.

The team at the restaurant, led by Executive Head Chef, Alan Paton, prides itself in using local seasonal produce, including apples, berries and asparagus, which are grown on the hotel owners' adjacent family farm.

A photograph of a clothing store window display. Various garments are displayed on mannequins and hangers. A sign in the window reads "Prices from £10 - £120". The store name "Nanook" is visible in the bottom right corner, along with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. The address "1 Friars Street, Sudbury CO10 2AA" is written in the bottom left corner.

Prices from
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Nanook

A LETTER FROM THE QUEEN



Groton's special supper to mark the occasion of 60 years since the Queen's Coronation (June 2nd 1953) was a great success. The hall had been decked out in Red White and Blue which reminded some of the party held in the hall sixty years ago.

The food, as always, was of an exceptionally high standard and Pat-and Gerald's bar helped to get the party going with a swing.

On display on the stage were not only coronation memorabilia but taking pride of place was a letter from the queen in response to one sent to her by Pat Kennedy-Scott the contents of which are recorded here. A great evening as always to celebrate this important event which raised £735.16

The letter (below) reads:

The Queen wishes me to thank you for the letter which you have sent to Her Majesty

The Queen was interested to learn that the village of Groton is to hold a coronation celebration to mark the sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation, and that you all hope to raise funds for St Bartholemew's Church

I am to convey The Queens good wishes to you all for a happy occasion on June 1st and to thank you all for your loyalty and good wishes which are greatly appreciated by Her Majesty at this special time.

The letter is signed by one of the Queen's Ladies in-Waiting



EDWARDSTONES FLOWER FESTIVAL



Above: one of the many beautiful floral displays to be found at the Edwardstone Flower festival held in the church of St Mary the Virgin.

THE KINGFISHER QUARTET

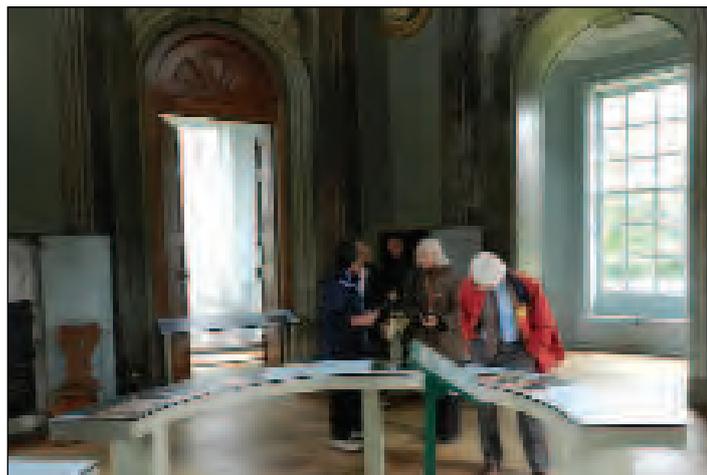


SATURDAY 8 JUNE, 7.30 P.M. – THE KINGFISHER QUARTET: More than 110 people were in the audience at the beautifully decorated Edwardstone church on June 8th to listen to the Kingfisher Quartet (led by Beth Spendlove) play through a programme of wonderful music. In line with the coronation theme, the musicians started with a lively performance of Handel's 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba'. The tone and depth of musicianship were evident in the note perfect display of Mozart's 'Divertimento no.1 in D'. Ending the programme was a fantastic rendition of the 'Dambusters March' by Eric Coates, arranged by one of the performers, Gregory Eaton. Interval drinks and nibbles were served to the audience, who were buzzing with enthusiasm. Comments included, '... We both very much enjoyed the concert. It was well organised, just the right length, the food and drink were just right and as for the quality of the musicians.....fantastic!'. *Ione McMahon*

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETIES ANNUAL TRIP



Above: The Pavilion at Wrest Park & Gardens, Silso, Luton, Bedfordshire.
Below: Inside the Pavilion



Feedback from James Finch County Councillor

The New Suffolk County Council Administration

The new administration now has "its feet under the table" and met for the first time on 23rd May at the council meeting. This meeting welcomed the new Cabinet and Councillors. I have accepted the offer from Mark Bee, the Leader of the Council, to be Chairman of the County Council Scrutiny Committee. This Committee is responsible for the whole scrutiny function. I look forward to "adding value" to the Cabinet decisions with my committee in the tough times ahead. I have also been asked to work in developing the County Farms strategy alongside Colin Noble the Cabinet member responsible for our property portfolio.

At the first full Council Meeting, Mark Bee confirmed that with a majority Conservative administration we have a mandate to continue on the path we have set. The priorities as laid out in our manifesto are:-

- To Raise the Bar in Education,
- To complete our School Organisation Review,
- To push, via our Growth Strategy, for economic growth and jobs in Suffolk,
- To invest in apprenticeships,
- To launch our new travel card for young people,
- To roll-out high-speed broadband across every part of Suffolk,
- To complete and open our energy-from-waste facility,
- To continue our Greenest County project,
- To support vulnerable people and plan ahead by working with Care UK as they build 10 new state-of-the-art care homes, and with our partners across Suffolk to develop vital extra-care facilities,
- To work with the Police to keep Suffolk safe.
- And, crucially, to freeze council tax for each of the next four years.

Local News !!!

The resurfacing of the highways in the centre of Boxford is on plan to commence at the end of June. Residents have been informed who will be affected. I know we all will be pleased to see the centre of your beautiful village tidied up – not least your county councillor !!

• My Councillor Clinics – I have had a positive response to this suggestion in the last edition of the Boxford news and now plan to have them in Mary's House at the bottom of Swan street on the second Wednesday of each month between 4.00pm & 6.00pm (excluding August) . Residents from all the villages in my division north of Boxford are welcome to come and see me. I have confirmed with Veronica Hobbs Wednesday 10th July and 11th September and look forward to meeting any of you who would like to share any concerns on a one to one basis. Please just turn up or call me first if you need a specific time.

• Holidays - for those who are about to start their summer holidays – enjoy your break and bring out the sun for the rest of us !!





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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Little Waldingfield History Society - History in the making

Little Waldingfield History Society hosts about 10 local history talks or other events each year on a wide variety of historical subjects with general appeal to members and guests alike. All talks are held monthly on a Wednesday evening commencing at 7.30 pm, in the lovely Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield.

Presentations are summarised after the event and can be viewed on the Little Waldingfield community website, along with the programme of events:

<http://littlewalingfie.waldorf.onesuffolk.net/organisations/local-history/>

Current fees are £2.00 for members, £4.00 for non-members which includes light refreshments

HLF All Our Stories Project

The History Society has been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund 'All our Stories' grant to research the history of Little Waldingfield and its people from the early 1800's to date.

The project is now well underway but anyone who would like to be involved in this exciting community venture is still more than welcome. Progress to date includes:

- Recruitment of a number of volunteers to assist with the underlying research;
- Local training sessions on the skills necessary to conduct research and interview willing volunteers;
- Attendance at relevant training workshops staged by our HLF partner university UEA
- Detailed recorded interviews with transcription - in progress;
- Completion of research of the Parish Council records maintained at Bury Records Office (BRO);
- Commencement of detailed research of other records held at the BRO; and
- Completion of detailed research of the village records held by the Local History Recorder.

LWHS continues to look for other sources of information, with residents already providing photographs and other memorabilia from their own family archives.

If any reader has anything that might be of interest (documents, maps, photos etc) or artefacts pertaining to Little Waldingfield or its residents during the past 200 years, the LWHS would love to borrow them for our research – all such documents would be copied carefully and returned promptly.

Please refer to the blog pages or the website for more information on this exciting project.

Contact details: Andy Sheppard (sheppard-andy@sky.com or 01787 247980) Diana Langford (mianddi@btopenworld.com or 01787 248298)

A RUM OWD DEW AT SESAW!

"Six months gone already!" I hear them say, but July is the highlight of the year at Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare. Our Annual Fete on the 28th will be extra special because 2013 marks 20 years of animal rescue at Idano, Stoke Road in Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. We want everyone to help us celebrate reaching this milestone which is largely due to the wonderful support we receive from so many local people. It will be a fun-filled afternoon of games, competitions, stalls, food and ice cream. We are also staging a Fun Dog Show, Agility Display and Have-a-Go Agility, ably assisted by Jackie Wood of Ace Agility. Entertainment courtesy of Country'n'Western duo "PP County" and Suffolk Celebrity, Charlie Haylock, has kindly agreed to open the Fete at midday. The 'Hysterical Historian' will also be on hand to sign copies of his books

about all things Suffolk and beyond, so come along and have a mardle!

Before you turn the page, please let me give you two important messages. Firstly, for those of you who have, or will, sign up to the Pets at Home VIP Club. Did you know the charity Lifeline points you earn when your card is swiped at the till automatically default to The Dogs' Trust unless you register your choice online at: www.petsathome.com/vip If you wish to support SESAW, select Colchester, Sudbury, Ipswich or Bury St.Edmunds as your home store and SESAW as your charity. This does not affect your discount or special offers and applies to purchases you make in any store or online. Secondly, SESAW is indebted to all the generous people who leave food in our collection bins, and to the businesses that act as our collection points (see a list at <http://www.sesaw.co.uk/>). As you probably know,

the Sanctuary depends entirely upon voluntary support and could not function without your generous donations of food, money, building materials, goods to sell, etc. So a great big THANK YOU from everyone at SESAW including little ol' me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

TWAM - Tools with a Mission

This charity does the most worthwhile work out in Africa and elsewhere (including the UK) with all our unwanted tools, machines, gardening and DIY equipment. It is all refurbished or used for scrap metal valuation so that nothing is wasted. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate then please deliver to Walnuts at White Street Green and then a TWAM van will collect the load and process it appropriately. My telephone no is 211822 but should you require more detail about the extensive variety of equipment they are able to take then go to their website (TWAM). Thank you for your assistance. M Cooling

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Thursday 5th September, 2013 to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263

Applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

FISH AND CHIP" JUMPERS!

Daphney Griggs, of Boxford, has just finished knitting her latest batch of "fish and chip" jumpers for children in Africa, so called as the children have nothing but newspaper to wrap round themselves for warmth in the cold African nights. A church in Stowmarket has been collecting them for distribution soon. Daphney started knitting this simple jumper pattern, as an evening occupation! After a stroke, she used the knitting as therapy for her hands she was determined to knit at least 10 rows each day on returning home from hospital. She has now sent off about 100 jumpers – well done Daphney! Any spare wool gratefully received and used.
Pauline Lamming

Boxford School Summer Fete Raffle

Tickets are 50p and you could win
1st Prize £100 2nd Prize £50 3rd Prize £25 plus many more prizes.
Tickets are available in Boxford News and Boxford Stores
To be drawn at the fete on 29th June



Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

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

Stoke by Nayland WEA

is holding their **27th Annual Day School**

on Saturday 13th July 2013 starting at 10.30 am at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall

14th Century Sudbury

Local historian, Barry Wall, will be giving a talk on 14th Century Sudbury and the noblewoman, Elizabeth de Burgh, behind the town's development as a commercial and trading centre. After lunch, Barry Wall will lead a visit to St. Gregory's Church where he will explain the results of recent structural analysis and reveal some of the Church's fascinating stories and treasures.

Total cost : £15 , including coffee, lunch, lecture and afternoon visit

Afternoon transport by own cars

To book please contact : Sue Whiteley, 01787 210945

whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

Elizabeth's Wheelchair Fund

We have a small event for Elizabeth's Wheelchair Fund on 20th July. It is a fun Quiz Nite, in Lt Waldingfield on the Playing field in a marquee. It's teams of 4 @ £4 per person. There will be a prize for each member of the winning team. Bar opens at 7 with the quiz starting at 7.30. The spaces are limited, and anyone wishing to enter a team can phone me on 07887536279.

Then we are have a 70s Fancy dress in Boxford at the end of Septembert, more details later

Hadleigh Community Choir

Hadleigh Community Choir cordially invites you to an evening of light music and entertainment

We are proud to announce that Hadleigh Community Choir will be presenting a Summer Concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 6th July in Hadleigh Baptist Church, George Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk IP7 5BE. Tickets are now on sale price £4 each from the Idler bookshop or the Reception desk of Walter Wright Accountants in Hadleigh High Street.

The evening will be a unique mix of music and entertainment with a summer theme, all carefully selected to make the event as enjoyable as possible, we look forward to seeing you there.

A bucket collection will be made in support of the charity FIND (Families in Need).

But You Don't Look Ill

Cheerful support for hidden illnesses, Thursday 11th July. Drop in 1-3pm Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard CO10 0WD

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Nayland Flower Show

Saturday 3rd August, 2pm-5pm Nayland Village Hall,

Refreshments, produce stall, raffle - entry 50p.

There are 87 classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging, photography, art, craft, cookery, country drinks as well as family and children's sections. Also best scarecrow and best hanging basket competitions. Non members are welcome to enter classes - schedules and more info from www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or Lorraine 01206 262807

27th ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL
Stoke by Nayland Village Hall
10.30am, Sat. 13th July 2013



14th CENTURY SUDBURY

By Local Historian Barry Wall



Morning coffee followed by a historical talk including Elizabeth de Burgh and the creation of a new commercial and trading centre.

Lunch followed by own transport to St Gregory's

Conducted tour around St Gregory's for a site visit and the story of the local reconstruction of Simon of Sudbury.



Total cost - including coffee, lunch, lecture and afternoon visit - £15

Afternoon transport by own cars.

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Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

2nd July - Andrew Brogan - 'Henstead Exotic Garden'
ps - don't forget coach trip to Wrest Park, Beds on 13 June
6th Aug Carole Adams - 'Clematis'

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

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.

Suffolk Villages Festival

24 – 26 August 2013

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Saturday 24 August Mozart in Salzburg – Coronation Mass K317, Bassoon Concerto in B flat K191, Symphony in D K141a, Serenata Notturna K239 & Exsultate Jubilate K165 soloists include Philippa Hyde soprano, Daniel Auchincloss tenor & Sally Holman bassoon Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra, directed by Peter Holman St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland 6pm

Sunday 25 August The Grand Tourists – virtuoso Spanish, French, Italian & English baroque music Pamela Thorby recorders, Susanne Heinrich viola da gamba, Elizabeth Kenny theorbo & guitar St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland 6pm

Monday 26 August JS Bach: Gamba Sonatas, Italian Concerto & French Overture, Mark Caudle viola da gamba, Steven Devine harpsichord **St Mary's Church, Boxford** 11am

Recorder Masterclass with Pamela Thorby Polstead Village Hall 2.30 – 4.30pm

Box office & further information: 01206 366603

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SHOEBOX APPEAL 2013 CREAM TEAS

Please come and join us for a cream tea in Barbara and Bernard Golding's garden at Corner Cottage Wash Lane Boxford (opp. Mattock's Garage) on Sunday 21st July from 2pm onwards. £3.00 per person.

For further details or if you need a lift from the village please contact Ann Porter on 210581 or Shirley Watling on 210024.

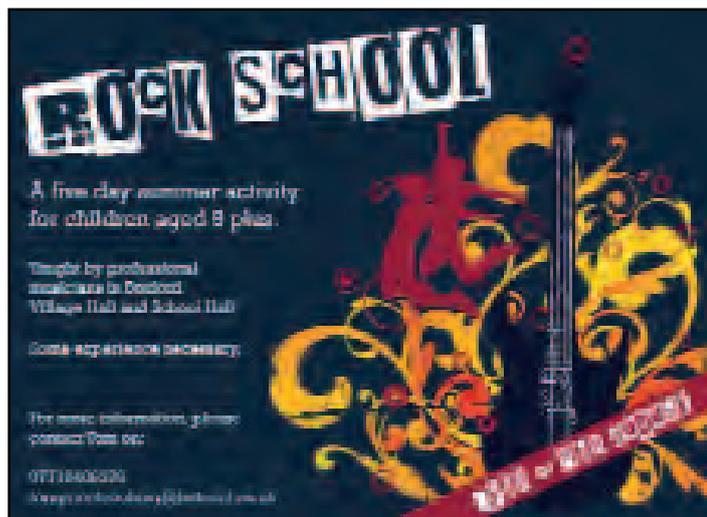
Sunday 28th July, 3 pm,

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Hadleigh Community Choir

Summer Concert

An evening of music and entertainment

7:30pm Saturday 6th July
Hadleigh Baptist Church

Programme:

- Light and popular songs and music
- Summer-themed readings
- Solo musical performances
- Sing along with the choir (lyrics provided)
- Afterglow with light refreshments and pizza drinks

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(Tickets also include a glass of wine or a soft drink)

Refuge collection in support of FINE (Families in Need)

Call 01473 824033 for more information

Wot's On

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

Whats on at The Fleece and White Hart

Craft and Fringe Festival - June 29th. Edwardstone White horse

Live Music Steeleye Span's Peter Knight Gigspanner - June 30th. 3pm. at the Fleece. These guys are excellent!

Americana Festival - July 5/6/7. Fleece. Free entry. Music, food, beer all themed from North America, all weekend:

Including: - Hatful of Rain July 5th 8.30pm. Free entry.

Charity Pub Walk - July 13th. 10.30am. Starting and finishing at the Edwardstone White Horse

Caribbean BBQ - August 4th 1pm Fleece Courtyard

Box River Knitstitch Group

We now meet at Mary's House in Swan Street from 2.30pm to 4.30pm every Monday 3pm to 4.30pm. Bring your own projects to work on and get inspiration and help from others. For further details phone 01787 211488 or 01206 263301

BOXFORD WI



Above: Dunwich and WI strawberry tea, June 2013

This month was a change of venue and our usual format. We had a delicious strawberry tea in one of our member's gardens. The sun shone brightly and a good time was had by all.

With the help of a raffle we raised over £100 for the ACWW – Associated Country Women of the World charity, which is one especially sponsored by the WI. It supports rural women and their families through education training and community development programmes.

The craft group brought their own handicrafts to sew, knit, crochet, embroider, etc.

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

3rd July – Turkish Textiles by Jenny Gibbs – Village hall 2pm

11th July – Knitted Decorations for Christmas – Mary's House 2.15pm

KERSEY, SUMMER CHORAL CONCERT

Utrecht Double Quartet Quintijn

St Mary's Church, Kersey

Sunday 7th July 3pm, Tickets £6.00



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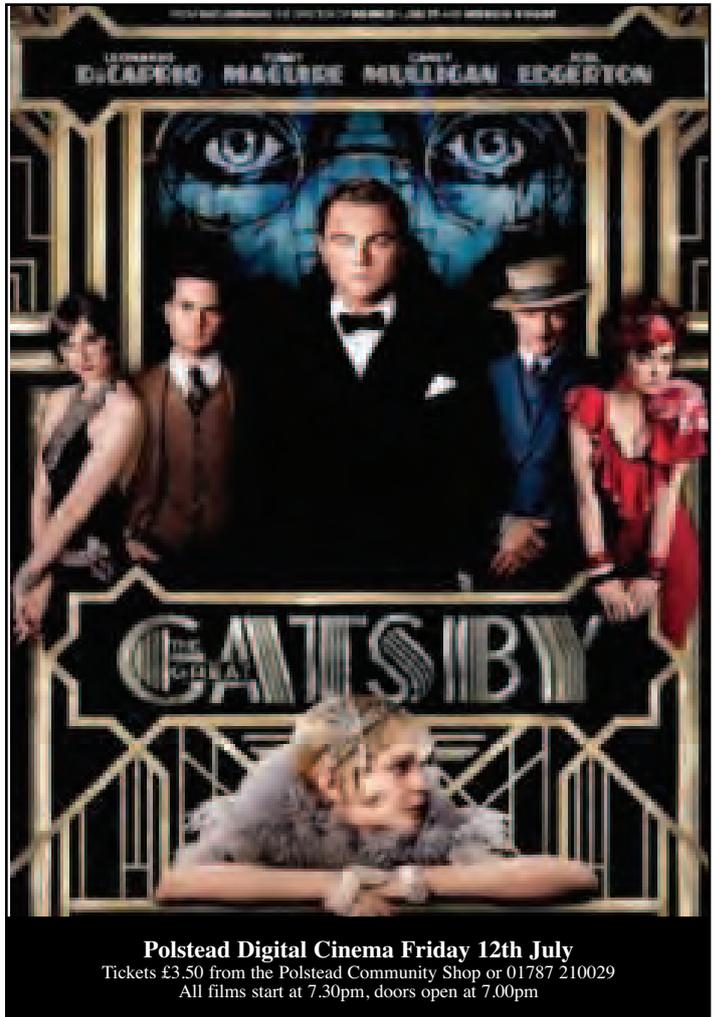
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Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 12th July

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

Wot's On

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Friday 12th July "The Great Gatsby"

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages)

Meetings in the village hall, starting at 2.30pm

Shirley Watling 01787 2100248

Art Exhibition

Polstead Art Group Annual Exhibition will be held in Polstead Village Hall on Saturday 20th July from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday 21st July from 11am to 5pm

Pictures to view and for sale.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be available.

Admission free and all are welcome.

Martland-Nation,

An Exhibition of Paintings by artists Liz Martland De Alwis in collaboration with Gill Nation. Thursday 27th June - Tuesday 2nd July Open daily 10.00 - 5.30. At Mary's House, Swan street, Boxford Private view Thursday 27th June 6.00- 9.00pm

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

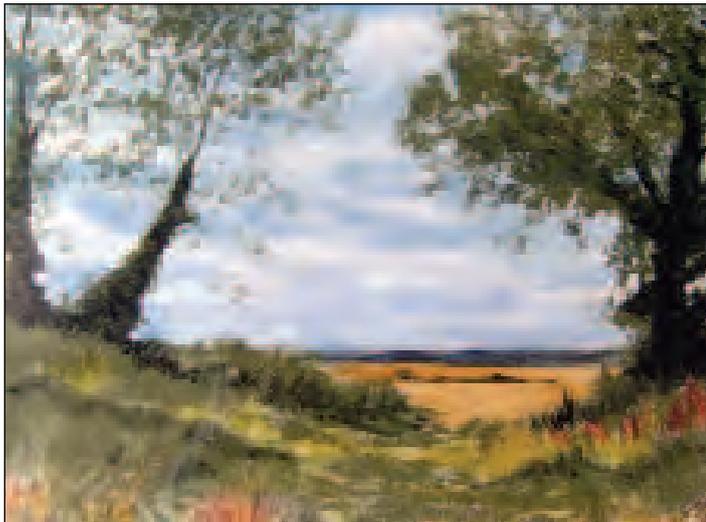
Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person

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Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (12A) 124 mins with 20mins interval

Suffolk Art Society

Suffolk Art Society returns to Holy Trinity Church Long Melford for its midsummer exhibition in August. Times are Saturday 27 July to Sunday 12 August 10am to 5pm daily.



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

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

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

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

POLICE SURGERIES

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 2 July, Tuesday 10 September Tuesday 12 November

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 14th July. Car Boot / Table Sale starting at 9am followed by a picnic from midday onwards. Pitches will be £7 each, with medium vans £10 each. (No commercial traders or caterers will be permitted to operate). After the sale, tables and chairs will be available to sit at and enjoy your picnic. Sale pitches can be booked by ringing Rick 249418, Pete 247931 or Sue 249860

Newton Bridge

Because there were several people away, there were only 4 tables in play at the Bridge Drive held at Newton Green Golf Club on Monday 10th June. However we were pleased to welcome back Geoff Holt following the sad loss of his wife, his previous bridge partner Kathy having moved away. The prize winners were:

Anne and Terry Crossley 2520 • R. Lindsey and Margaret Stewart 1890
Lizzie Hooper and Mary Ann Webb 830

The next Bridge Drive at Newton Green Golf Club will be on Monday 8th July at 7.00 pm. Please arrive by 6.45 pm to ensure a prompt start.

If anyone requires a partner please let me know as there is often someone available. Subsequent dates are 5th August and 2nd September..

Alan Vince 01787 373963



Forthcoming Events Diary

July	2 Boxford Gardening Society 3 Boxford WI 8 Newton Bridge 11 Boxford WI Craft Club 14 Ltl Waldingfield Playing Field 20 Wheelchair Fund Qiz Night 21 Shoebox Appeal 2013	Andrew Brogan Turkish Textiles by Jenny Gibbs Knitted decorations for Christmas Car Boot and Table Sale followed by a	Boxford Village Hall Village hall Newton Gn Golf Club Mary's House lunchtime picnic on playing field Little Waldingfield Playing Field Barbara & Bernard Golding's garden	7.30pm 2pm 6.45pm 2.15pm AM 7.00pm 2.00pm
August	3 Walking Quiz 5 Newton Bridge 6 Boxford Gardening Society	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Carole Adams 'Clemetis'	Parish Room Newton Gn Golf Club Boxford Village Hall	5.00pm 6.45pm 7.30pm
September				
	2 Newton Bridge 7 Coffee Morning & Memorabilia 7 Shoebox Appeal 2013 14 SHC Sponsored Cycle Ride 14/15 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival 18 Little Waldingfield History Soc 18 Highgrove Garden Visit 27 Harvest Supper	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Coffee morning & cake stall Benefice Parishes Pip Wright St Mary's PCC Groton PCC	Newton Gn Golf Club Parish Room Mary's house St Lawrence Church Parish Room Groton Village Hall	6.45pm 10.00am 9.00-12.00 noon 9am-5pm 10-5pm 7.30pm TBA 7.30pm
October	16 Little Waldingfield History Soc 31 BCC Specdracular	Charlie Haylock Halloween night	Parish Room Spimey	7.30pm TBA
November				
	2 Quiz Night 16 Festive Fair 13 Little Waldingfield History Soc 30 Cheese and Wine Party	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Boxford Village Hall Mgt Committee John Walker Groton PCC	Parish Room BVH Parish Room Groton Village Hall	7.00pm TBA 7.30pm 7.30pm
December				
	7 FOB's Christmas Fair 8 Concert by The Kelvedon Singers 11 Little Waldingfield History Soc 14 Boxford Community Council/FOB's Santa Run	Groton PCC Boom and Bust	Boxford School Groton Church Parish Room	TBA TBA 7.30pm TBA
January	25 Boxford Community Council First and Third Monday each month	Fun and Games Night Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Boxford Village Hall Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm 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.

More photographs of the Edwardstone Flower Festival



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

Boxford Open Gardens event on Sunday 2nd June raised the magnificent sum of over £4,600.00 for church funds. Very many thanks to Angela for organising this event & all open gardeners, tea & cake makers & anyone who helped in any way- and to those who visited & enjoyed the gardens.

Sunday 30th June: There is a Five Villages Service here at St.Mary's at 10.00am followed by a Benefice Picnic to be held at the home of Elizabeth & Jeremy Wagener, Cox Hill Boxford- bring your own picnic & enjoy this lovely garden as well.

Sunday 7th July: At 11.00 am we are holding our annual Pets Service. This is always fun do bring along your pet-doesn't matter what it is! Everyone is most welcome.

Christian Aid Week 2013- The magnificent sum of £1633.66 was raised in Boxford for Christian Aid –including the coffee morning & cake stall. Gift Aid declarations to recover the tax from HMRC added a further £376.20 making a total of £2009.86. Very many thanks to Janet & her team of collectors & envelope distributors, & Jennie for the coffee morning.

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 01787 212264

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

Boxford Church tea towels: are available to purchase – in church or village shops.

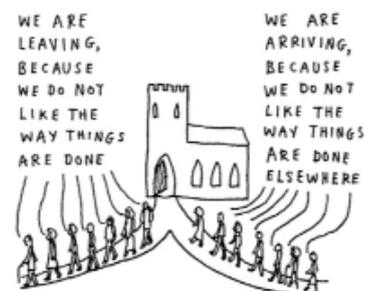
There are also postcards & a "Short History of the Church" available to purchase.

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.

Church Childrens Corner: We really need some new children's books (Christian stories) toys, colouring pens etc. If you can help or make a donation this will be most welcome.

Please speak to Revd Judith



Copy Date for Church News section in the August 2013 Box River News:

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

Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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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.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant (contact PCC if interested in position)

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL AND CONCERT:

The flower festival and concert on 8/9 June were a huge success. Thank you to everyone involved for all their help and support; there are too many people and organisations to mention.

The Creative Competition was won by Daisy Driscoll in the aged 6-8 years (Jemima Charlesworth in second place, Orla McMahon in third place), Martha Nevill in the aged 5's and under (Briony McMahon in second place, Emily Groom in third place). Ione McMahon

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

7 July 2013 at 9.30 a.m. - Family Morning Worship in Edwardstone church. Join in the fellowship with your family. Ione McMahon

ROTA FOR JULY 2013:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Teas/Coffees	Flowers
July 7:	Mr Saddleton	Mr/Mrs Saddleton	Mrs Saddleton	Mrs Saddleton
July 14:	Visiting	"	"	"
July 21:	Mr Saddleton	"	"	"
July 28:	Visiting	"	"	"
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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013 – £432.15 was raised by the house-to-house collection in Groton this year—money that Christian Aid will use to “bite back at hunger.” Of this total nearly half was gift-aided, raising the value of the collection, after Christian Aid has recovered the tax from HMRC, to £482.95. Thank you, on behalf of Christian Aid, to all who contributed and to those who collected.

PCC MEETING: Tuesday 23rd July, 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail djlamm@hotmai.com) by 14th July.

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan:	Mrs Foster
Flowers:	Ms Finch
Cleaning:	Mrs Gooderham



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

Grimms Fairy Tales

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September

St Lawrence Church

10am - 5pm

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013. The house-to-house collection in Little Waldingfield raised £264.46 (about £30 less than last year). £118.50 of this total was gift-aided, raising the total value of the collection, with the tax Christian Aid can recover from HMRC, to £294.09, money that Christian Aid will use to “bite back at hunger.” A big ‘thank-you’ to all who gave and to all who collected.

Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
July 7	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Roser
July 14	Visiting	Mrs Duffy
July 21	Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington	Mrs Ewen
July 28	Visiting	Mrs Squirrell



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

“Opus”, Sudbury Road, Newton, Tel; 370331

26th May: Our Morning Worship for People of All Ages was led by Revd. Judith as we celebrated Trinity Sunday. A well attended service heard the Banns of Marriage for the 3rd time of asking for a young couple. Our thanks to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all the willing helpers.

4th June: Our PCC meeting was held.

5th June : A funeral took place.

8th June : A wedding was celebrated in our beautifully decorated church. The Revd Judith led the service and gave a moving address for the young couple. With the church bells ringing we wished them well for their future together. The organ was played by Patrick Friend. Thank you to ALL who helped in any way to make the wedding day a happy one.

8th June: Members of our church manned a successful cake and bread stall at the Village Fete, despite cold conditions.

9th June: Holy Communion service was taken by the Revd. Gerald Drew, making a welcome return visit accompanied by his wife. His sermon had humour and a serious message from Luke's Gospel that God has come to help his people. Our thanks to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to our helpers. Time to chat was appreciated during refreshments.

Rota:

Flowers :14th July: Mrs Eileen Marshall

28th July: Mrs Carole Langley.

General Church News

DIOCESAN SYNOD, 15th June 2013: The main item of business was consideration of the report of the Parish Share Allocation Review Group, which proposes a new system of allocation, to be called the ‘Centenary Share’ (in recognition that 2014 sees the 100th anniversary of the creation of the diocese.) Under the new system, parish share will be based principally on the cost of providing stipendiary and other ministries to a benefice, together with a contribution (calculated by reference to electoral roll numbers) towards the cost of supporting the wider church family in the diocese. After a lengthy debate Synod agreed (by 97 votes to nil, with 13 abstentions) to adopt the new system and resolved to instruct the Finance Committee to implement the new allocation arrangements with effect from January 2014. Part of the Finance Committee's task will be to draft transitional arrangements so that benefices that are asked to contribute more under the new system will have time to adapt to changed circumstances. At present it is unclear how these arrangements will operate. Matters should be clearer, however, by the time Synod is asked to approve the 2014 budget at the next meeting on 9 November 2013.

In other business, Synod heard of plans for the centenary celebrations. The theme is to be ‘Pilgrims in Time’ and the celebrations will include a day's visit to the diocese on 29 March 2014 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, two acts of contemporary worship and thanksgiving in Ipswich on Sunday 6 July, and four pilgrimages, including two to the Holy Land. The meeting concluded on an uplifting note with an outline by Dave Gardner, the recently-appointed Diocesan Director of Mission, on a diocesan growth strategy “to reverse the trend of decline.” Dave asked that synod members pray for growth and this be put at the top of the agenda at all relevant meetings.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship July 2013

Village Daily Prayers. Each week, said in the five churches: an informal, friendly service, lasting between 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! **Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or any situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com.** The rota is: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, 17.00 Little Waldingfield, Wednesday 9.00 Groton; Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford

Wednesday 3rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 4th Little Waldingfield	19.00	Holy Communion Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Tim Harbord

Sunday 7th Lt Waldingfield	6th after Trinity 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith
Edwardstone Boxford	9.30	Family Morning Prayer	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	"Pet Service" & all age worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 10th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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Sunday 14th Groton	7th after Trinity 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith
Newton Boxford	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

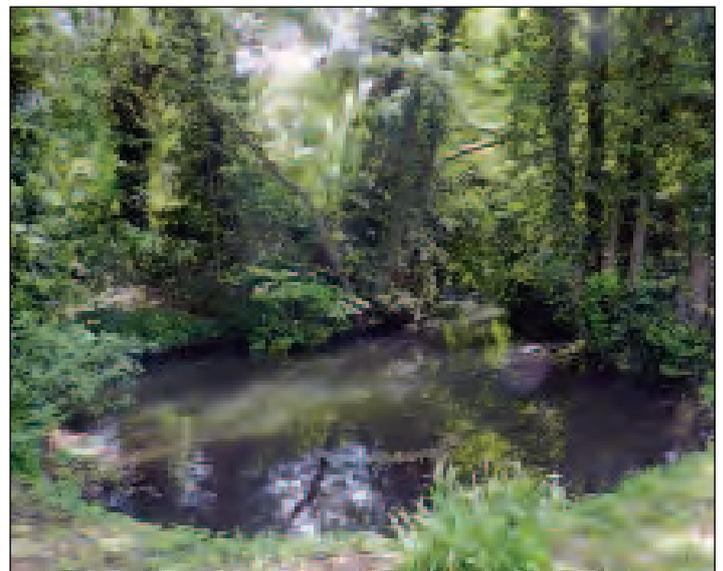
Wednesday 17th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Thursday 18th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

Sunday 21st Edwardstone	8th after Trinity 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield Boxford	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 24th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion	Revd David Abel
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Sunday 28th Boxford	9th after Trinity 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith
Groton Newton	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 31st Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
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Soap Box

An article in one of the national dailies caught my eye recently. Apparently, the Bishop of London, the Rt Rev Richard Chartres, believes the baby boomer generation should take less. At the age of 65 he is clearly a member of this fortunate group, as indeed am I, and his concern is that we have enjoyed a massive improvement in our living standards during our lifetime and are now absorbing a disproportionate amount of taxpayers' money.

Baby boomers are generally reckoned to be those born immediately after the Second World War when the birth rate rose significantly – prompted, no doubt, by the return of millions of servicemen anxious to get back to their routine lives. I was in the vanguard of this group, the product, I suspect, of Christmas leave for my RAF father in 1944, arriving just a month after hostilities in the Far East finally drew to a close.

I grew up at a time when rationing still existed, when the Welfare State was in its infancy and when money, in a Britain impoverished by war, was very tight. But we were a favoured generation. The rebuilding of our nation and the emergence of the consumer society meant that we never really had to worry about finding a job. When I left school at 17, armed with just seven O-levels and two A-levels, I had the pick of three jobs, taking the one that eventually built a successful career for me that has endured for half a century.

It is hard to imagine anyone taking the route I followed without the benefit of a university education today. So I acknowledge the Rt Rev Richard's point, which is not to say I entirely agree with his conclusions. True, as the baby boomer generation retires, so they consume more of the resources garnered by governments. According to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, elderly people make up around 15% of the population of the world's leading economies, yet account for 40% of all public social spending.

Of course, part of the problem lies with the fact that welfare spending was predicated on those in work paying for those that retired through their tax contributions. And why not? Statistically, the life expectancy of someone retiring at 65 in 1947, the year the welfare state was inaugurated, was 10 months on average. Hardly a great cost to the state. But now we all live longer and, with a shrinking birth rate, the proportion of those in work supporting those retired is falling and will continue to do so.

Moving to a pre-funded social system for those in retirement will take a long time and will not be popular with an electorate used to universal benefits. In the meantime there is a shortfall, made all the more acute by a government strapped for cash and caught between the twin dilemmas of needing to reduce borrowing, yet finding austerity biting into the tax take through dampened economic activity.

The job of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is not expected to be easy, but I do have a little sympathy for George Osborne as he tries to balance the books. Amongst the options available to cut back on the expenditure side of the equation is reducing benefits for those better off retired people – we baby boomers, in other words. Not all of us have benefitted in the way I acknowledge I have from post-war prosperity, but many probably do not really need their winter fuel allowance or a free bus pass.

Speaking personally, I accept that the winter fuel payment is a benefit which, if lost, would hardly make a difference to the Tora household. For some, I am sure, it remains crucial – as does the free bus pass. Here, though, I am of two minds. The ability to travel on a bus without paying encourages me to use this facility, thus reducing my carbon footprint and ensuring that on occasions I shop in the centre of town and support local businesses, rather than drive to a supermarket on the periphery to add to the profits of a national giant.

Anyway, not all research is critical of the contribution of we baby boomers. The Centre for Economic and Business Research concluded that the over 65s were aiding economic recovery. They argue that the "silver pound" is pumping billions into the economy. My guess is that my generation is unlikely to subscribe voluntarily to a call to take less. But the situation being what it is, successive governments may simply offer less. The best of our times are, I fear, behind us.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN JULY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

The sun is the most effective weed killer you can get - so make good use of any hot dry weather by regular hoeing with a Dutch hoe. Most weeds will die in a few hours and even the more persistent perennial weeds will not stand continual hoeing in dry weather.

Although at the moment every thing in the garden is in need of water, it is essential to avoid the every day little and often watering. This does more harm than good as it puts the plants under stress by encouraging the roots near the surface where they are prone to drying out in the hot sun. Plants which appear to be coping with the dry weather and are not under any stress are best left alone.

Dahlias need water and feeding this month to make good strong plants. Some dis-budding is necessary to obtain long clean stems and good flowers otherwise stems will be too short to cut for floral arrangements. Remove the two small buds below each main bud leaving the terminal bud to develop into a flower.

Dig up and divide Iris that have been undisturbed for more than three years. Replant new single rhizomes from the old clumps in soil which has been cleaned of all weeds and enriched with old manure and compost, Together with bone meal or a general fertiliser. Plant with the tops of the rhizomes above ground level and firm the roots in the soil below. Cut the top half off the leaves to prevent evaporation and wind rock. Planting distance should be 6 - 10 inches depending on the height of the variety. Summer pruning of roses should consist of cutting blooms for indoor use and removing faded blooms. This procedure encourages new, strong shoots to assist in the development of the next crop of blooms. The leaves produce the food for strong healthy growth do do not remove more than is necessary. Ideally cut only one third of the flowering stem produced this year. Keep up the fortnightly spraying against mildew, rust and black spot.

In the vegetable garden there is still time to make sowings of French Beans, carrots, lettuce, red beet and turnips. After harvesting peas and broad beans, cut off the stems leaving the roots in the soil as these have valuable nitrogen nodules which will be of benefit to the following crop, which can be sprouting broccoli or spring cabbage.

Half ripe cuttings of many shrubs can be taken now and rooted in a cold frame. Pull offshoots with a heel of wood attached, trim the heel and remove lower leaves. Insert the cuttings round the edge of a pot and cover with a polythene bag to conserve moisture. Hydrangea cuttings are best

rooted individually in 3.5" pots. Take 3 inch long cuttings of well ripened non-flowering shoots severing them immediately below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves.

Top 10 things to do this month:

1. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
2. Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm
3. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
4. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
6. Treat apple scab
7. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
8. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
9. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if a spring feed was not done
10. Give woodwork a lick of paint or preserver, while the weather is dry

AN APPEAL FROM 3PR

How would you react if someone collapsed near to you, at home, work or just out and about, could you perform basic life support until help arrived. This may be the difference between that person's survival or not. We are looking for people to become Community First Responders in Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton and Polstead. We run a CFR Group based in Boxford and service an area within a six mile radius of the centre of the village.

We are looking for people who hold a current driving licence and have the use of a car to train to become a Community First Responder. No experience is necessary as full professional training will be given to successful candidates. You will join our group on a voluntary basis after training and operate on our rota system giving as much time as you are able to suit you lifestyle.

If you are interested please give me a ring on 01787 210819 for an informal chat and I can fill in details as requested.

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Peter Hibben Group Co-ordinator.




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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.00 pm Wednesday 1st May 2013 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: D Elliott, C Fraulo, Chris Kennedy, M Mayhew, J Osborne, G Smith & Adam Dixon Smith

In attendance: S Gray (Clerk),

Election of Chairman of the Council: Carey Fraulo was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council, proposed by Jeremy Osborne, seconded by, Chris Kennedy

Election of the Vice-Chair: Jeremy Osborne was unanimously elected Vice-Chair, proposed by, Mark Mayhew seconded by, and Adam Dixon-Smith
Appointment of Council Representatives to:

Babergh Area Committee of S.A.L.C: David Elliott

Boxford Community Council: Chairman Carey Fraulo

Groton Village Hall: David Elliott

The above were elected on block proposed by, Chris Kennedy, seconded by Gerald Smith

Housing Needs Survey: The Council discussed the Local Housing Needs Survey. It was agreed for the clerk to arrange a meeting on Friday 24th May at 2.30pm at the village Hall with Louise Wilby.

Highway and Footpath Matters: The Chairman reported that she had spoken to the Suffolk County Suffolk employees doing the survey on the unclassified roads. The information given was that if a road is on the list is to be repaired then the pot holes on that road would not be repaired at the present time.

Annual Accounts: The Responsible Financial Officer, Sandra Gray, reported that the internal auditor had audited the Accounts and that all procedures were in order. The audited accounts and all internal procedures were accepted by the Council.

Chairman and Clerk's Reports & Correspondence: The Chairman Carey Fraulo informed the Council that Caroline Last had signed the lease for the Village Hall and that the Clerk had received the notice of offer of Lease. It was agreed that the lease would be signed by Carey Fraulo and Jeremy Osborne after they had fully read the documents from Gotelee Solicitors.

Dates of Next Meetings:

- 3rd July 2013
- 4th September 2013
- 6th November 2013
- 6th January 2014 (TBC)

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50PM.

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.15pm Monday 20th May 2013 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: C Britcher P. Clarke, Vice-Chair Sharon Norman, Jim Robinson

In attendance: S Gray (Clerk)

Election of Chairman: Sharon Norman was elected Chairman of the Council, proposed by Claire Britcher seconded by, Paul Clarke. All in favour

Election of Vice-Chair: Claire Britcher was elected Vice-Chair of the Council, proposed by Sharon Norman, seconded by Jim Robinson. All in favour

Annual Accounts: The Responsible Financial Officer, Sandra Gray, reported that the internal auditor had audited the Accounts and that all was in order. The audited Accounts were accepted by the Council, proposed by Jim Robinson, seconded by Sharon Norman. The Annual Return was signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the Responsible Financial Officer.

Highways & Footpath Matters: The Clerk reported to the Council that she had received the Rights of Way Annual Surface Clearance Programme 2013. The Council asked the Clerk to report the broken footpath sign at Footpath 5 by Edwardstone Lodge. The bridge at Footpath 5 requires either mesh or a handrail to ensure safety of walkers and mesh is also needed at the second bridge on footpath 3.

Dates of Future Meetings:

- 15th July 2013
- 16th September 2013
- 18th November 2013

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Meeting 28 May 2013

Present: B Tora, M Ewen, D Kiddy, S Braybrook

One member of the public

Apologies: V Flute, R Williams

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Report/Speedwatch: As reported to the Annual Parish Meeting crimes increased over the year from 5 to 12.

Speedwatch checks should have started in March but due to a malfunction of the Speedar gun we didn't get started until April. April and May checks have been carried out with 103 vehicles being reported with the highest recorded speed of 47mph.

Minutes of the last Meeting: These were agreed as a true record and signed.

Matters Arising: The evening of the PC meal was most enjoyable.

Public session: There were no issues raised.

Planning Matters: Permission has been granted for the demolition of The Cottage, Church Road, and the erection of 2 dwellings on the site.

Financial Matters: Conditions of the use of S106 monies have been received and circulated.

Correspondence: A letter of thanks has been received from Sudbury Newstalk for the donation.

Village Website: Further content and new pages have been added. Information for residents/local services to be agreed between D Duffy and A Sheppard. Advice on the publication of photographs is to be confirmed to A Sheppard.

Community Engagement/Village Review: Please respond to V Flute re the draft Action Plan.

Public Transport: A link to the SCC Community Car Scheme will be added to the website.

Footpaths: 2 cuts have been confirmed – the first commencing in the county 7 May and the 2nd the middle of August.

Churchyard: Nothing to report.

Any other Business: M Ewen is getting prices for a plaque for the memorial tree. Wording agreed as 'type of tree' planted 2013 in memory of Harry & Pat Clive. The Notice of Vacancy will be posted on the noticeboard and the website.

Dates of next meetings agreed as 2 July, 6 August with 10 September to be confirmed. **Please note, 17 September is revised date**



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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Newton Parish Council held on 8th May

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

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk) and one resident.

Election of Chairman: Cllr Presland was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

Apologies for Absence: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and PCSO Hemmett sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Gardner, Schwenk and Vince declared non-pecuniary interests in item 13/062e as they are members of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Parker declared a pecuniary interest in item 13/063a and left the meeting while the item was discussed.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Election of Vice Chairman: It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Gardner be elected the Vice Chairman of NPC.

Minutes of meeting held on the 6th March 2013: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Representatives to Outside Bodies: It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

- Newton Green Trust Cllrs Vince and Gardner
- Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Schwenk
- Alston & Plampin Charity Cllr Vince, Mr H. Buckledee and Mr J. Taylor
- The Clerk was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).

Internal Auditor: It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2013 / 2014 and the Clerk to send the letter of engagement.

Annual Subscriptions: It was resolved to renew the annual membership to SALC, Suffolk ACRE and The Society for Local Council Clerks for 2013 / 2014.

Public Forum: The reports are contained in Appendix A. Mr Aldworth gave councillors the background to his planning application.

Correspondence (Appendix B): Following a review of the Correspondence there were no further actions requested of the Clerk. An article to encourage dog owners to pick up their pets mess is to be included in Around the Green and the Newton website.

Clerks Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's Report (11/085a) the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for a new bench in the playing field

Finance:

a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the Internal Audit report from Heelis & Lodge for 2012 / 2013. The Clerk will proposed amendments to NPC's Standing Orders, in line with the auditor's recommendation, at the July meeting.

b. The councillors resolved to approve the NPC Receipts and Payments Account (Appendix D) for the year ending 31st March 2013.

c. The councillors resolved to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2013 and the Chairman signed both sections on behalf of NPC.

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

e. After reviewing the request from the Village Hall Management Committee for a donation towards the costs of outside decoration the councillors resolved to give £1,000 once the work is nearing completion.

Planning: a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/13/00352 2 & 3 Rectory Road - Erection of 2 storey rear extension and resolved to support the application

b. A further planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/13/00460 Marks Meadow, Rectory Road - Erection of storage building (retention of) and resolved by a majority decision to support the application albeit retrospectively.

c. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows: Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: The councillors resolved to purchase 20 cubic metres of bark from Suffolk Tree Services at a total cost of £200 for the play equipment areas.

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

Newton Fireworks: A working group of Cllrs Parker, Taylor and Williams will report back to the July meeting on the options available.

Christmas Lighting: The councillors will further consider plans for having Christmas lights in the village at the July meeting.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: The next meeting of the NGT will be in June. The Village Hall Management Committee met on the 10th April for its AGM followed by a normal committee meeting. Reviewing the previous year, revenue had kept pace with expenditure despite less fund raising. However, it was decided prudent to do some fund raising in the coming year to start building up some reserves. The Committee decided to hold another Midsummer Munch with the Jazz Band (possibly on 7th July) as this has proven to be a very popular event in the past. This and other possible fund raising events will be discussed at the next meeting in more detail.

Members and representatives were also elected at the AGM for the following year and these are the same as the previous year. Bookings are generally going well with the hall being particularly popular for children's parties. The Management committee were grateful for the £500 donation from NGT towards the village hall's share of the grass cutting costs. With regard to maintenance of the hall, the

emergency fire exit door that opens onto the ramp next to the Jubilee garden needs replacing. Also the outside of the windows need some repair and painting. It was agreed to approach the Parish Council to ask for a grant towards these costs. It is also hoped to replace the heater in the ladies toilet before the winter and to have the chimney swept on a more regular basis. Also, if possible, the Committee would like to purchase a new set of crockery rather than using all the odd sets we have at present. The septic tank has recently been cleaned out.

Annual Parish Assemblies: After reviewing the outcomes of the Young Persons and Annual Assembly meetings the councillors agreed that Cllr Parker continues to liaise with the young residents in order to encourage their engagement with issues in the village relevant to them and to invite them to the July meeting. The Clerk to arrange with the grass cutting contractor to cut an outline of a rounder's diamond in the playing field.

Questions to the Chair: The Clerk to report back to the July meeting on the options available to overcome operational issues of the textile recycling bank in the Village Hall car park. Cllr Schwenk updated councillors that the Suffolk Wildlife Trust had identified a location for a barn owl nesting box and will be confirming the plans for installation shortly. It was agreed to have Broadband on the next agenda.

Date of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th July 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Appendix A Public Forum

In the absence of the Police the Clerk read the following report. "This report covers the period 5/3/13 to 6/4/2013. During this time there are 0 crimes recorded relevant to the parish of Newton, this compares to 1 crimes for the same period last year."

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 7th May

Roles and Representatives

We are pleased to report Roger Balls has been elected Chairman and Michael Norman is to continue as Vice Chairman for a further year. Cllr Impett and Cllr Norman will stay on the Cemetery Sub Committee. Cllr Fincham-Jacques will represent the Parish Council at the Village Hall and Community Council. Cllr Hughes will also cover the Community Council. Cllr Green and Cllr Hughes will continue to liaise with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Cllr Green will also cover the PCC and Boxford Society Meetings. Finally Cllr Gates will represent the Parish Council on Playing field matters.

Finance: The End of Year Accounts were examined and formally approved subject to audit. Attention then turned to the Street Lighting project and members put on record how impressed they were with the Clerks hard work in securing a Greenest County Grant of £22,000 towards this project. Having weighed up considerations of savings, design and reliability, members voted unanimously to proceed to upgrade the parish owned street lighting with replacement LED lanterns.

Planning: Babergh District Council confirmed Listed Building Consent had been granted for a barn conversion south east of Goodlands Farm, Swan Street. Permission had been refused for dog kennels, training, breeding and grooming at land adjacent to Thatch End, Stone Street.

The following applications were discussed: -

- Proposed Garden room extension at 1 Church Street
- Consulted as adjoining parish in respect of two storey extension to enlarge reception area at Copella Fruit Juices
- Intended felling of sycamore tree at Bell House, Stone Street Road.

Parish Council Meeting on 15th April

Suffolk County Council Report:

County Cllr James Finch had advised the Intelligent Lighting System that allows the Parish Street Lights to be turned off from midnight until 5.30 a.m. should be operational.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren had advised on the repairs to the damaged garage at Homefield and the drainage problem nearby. The drainage issue was still being investigated and Cllr Hurren had been chasing progress.

Correspondence: The Clerk had issued her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. One objection had been received to the idea of allowing the football coaches to use the Homefield Court car park to ease congestion during matches. It was noted the Boxford Bike Club's Tornado sportive was a complete success attracting around 400 cyclists over the 60, 40 and 20 mile routes.

Reports from Members: James Harvey, apprentice carpenter, had offered to carry out maintenance on the Parish Notice boards. The pot hole on Cox Hill was still to be filled and it was agreed to chase County Highways again in this respect. Confirmation was awaited from the District Council that the Parish Council was free to co-opt a new member. ** The Parish Council now has two member vacancies and any enquiries will be welcomed.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Boxford Bounty Winners May - June 2013

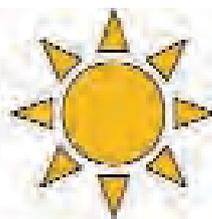
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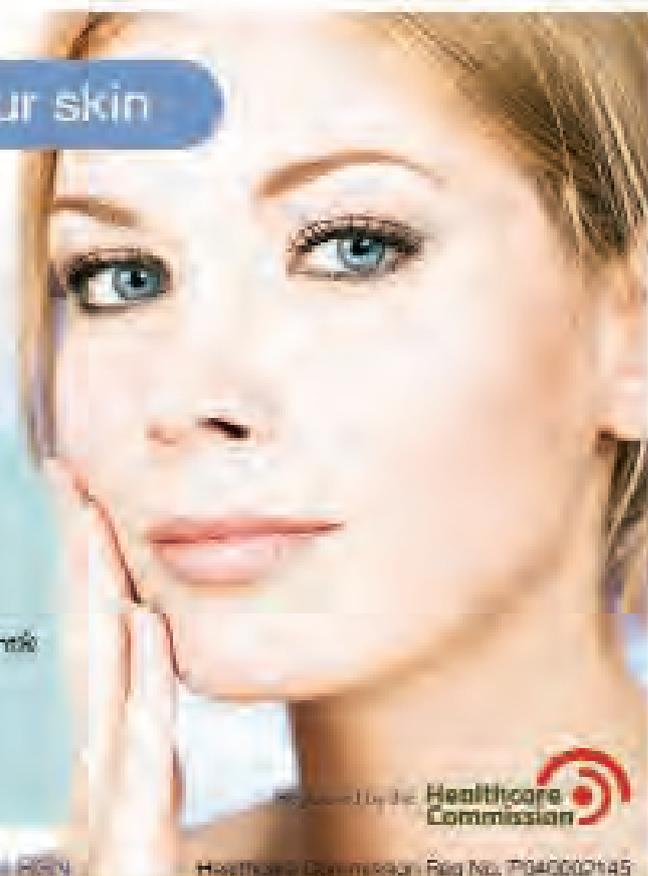


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Readers Letters

Sir

We would like to thank everyone for the multitude of cards and kind words following the passing of my mother Mary.

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Our thanks also to the Rev. Judith who has been incredibly kind and there for us whenever we have needed her

Liz and Fred Corner

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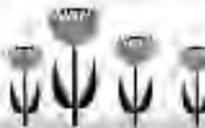
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Edwardstone Parish Council

No confirmation of make up of new council yet

Sharon Norman (Chairman)	Dormers, Sherbourne Street	210386
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Sandra Grey (Parish Clerk)		211465
Paul Clarke	Hazel Cottage	210689
Shirley Flack	Mill Cottage, Mill Green	210050
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Newton Green

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HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE



Above can be seen illustrations of two types of houses proposed for the Affordable housing scheme for Boxford. There will also be a block of flats. These were on display at a Public Information Day held in the school hall on 7th June. The event was well attended but following the event there were many questions unanswered not least of all because those Babergh folk who have been dictating the requirements of the development were not present, ie the planners.

541 local housing needs survey forms were hand delivered to all homes in Boxford and 219 completed forms were returned; giving a 40% return rate which is very good for a postal return survey. 87% were in favour of a scheme; this shows exceptional overall support for a small scheme for local people. Only 19 respondents said No, which is 9 % of respondents. However at the time of the survey there was no indication of either the size of the scheme or it's location. In the event there is a need and plans for 22 homes on the proposed site equal in size to the Swan Street development. Taking into consideration the number of properties in Boxford with only one or two occupants, these two developments would increase the population of the village by about 10% putting a considerable strain on the infrastructure, school and services not least of all the rather elderly drains in the village together with even greater traffic congestion at peak times.

When questioned about access it is lear that no thought has been given to pedestrian access with the suggestion that residents could use the existing bridal path which is totally unsuitable for wheel chairs, zimmers, pushchairs or the elderly and frail. There was also a complete dismissal of the effect on the infra structure it not being 'the developers responsibility' and the parish would be responsible for any paving required for access to the village.

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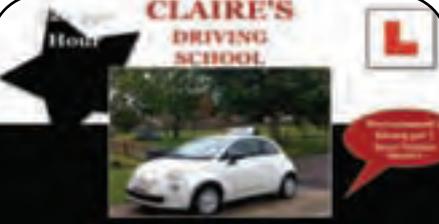


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Mark Murphy

That was the only hiccup in the set-up and after that was sorted, everything else seemed to fall into place. We were joined on the day by a professional photography outfit called Infamous Photography. They did a blinding job of keeping up with the players and teams that were constantly at their door, (even though not all teams managed to make it to them).

Tea & Coffee was being served from the pavilion along

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The best part of the day for a lot of people was the Player versus Parents matches which were a great success (Mainly for the Players/Parents). Everyone involved enjoyed the matches immensely.

There was a Bouncy castle for the younger people amongst us and the side stalls included Candy floss, Tee-shirts and cake stalls. These were well attended and supported.

Once the presentations started after the last match of the day, people gathered to see the Players go up and receive their trophy's from our special



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guests Mark Murphy from BBC radio Suffolk who was joined by none other than Ipswich Town's own Kevin Beattie. This was an honour indeed and Kevin was keen to pass on some tips to the players as he presented their trophy.

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The ladies' course record was stretched again by Eloise Aldous and Alice Barlow as the 14-year-olds shared the major honours in the club's 36-hole club championship day.

Aldous, who had brought the course record down by three shots to 74 last year, carded a morning round of 73 (two over par), and in the afternoon Barlow returned the same score to leave them joint course record holders.

Barlow's rounds of 74 and 73 gave her the Ann Tankard Trophy for the club championship - three shots better than Aldous (73 and 78), but the latter did not qualify for second place as under the rules of the day restricting winning places to one per player, she had already won the Emmie Hoar Trophy for the best net score, with a total of 136.

The pair, who have recently completed their second winter coaching season with the England Girls' squad, have been named as reserves for the full Suffolk side in the forthcoming regional county championship event, with Barlow now playing off five and Aldous seven.



Stoke by Nayland Ladies

reach 6th round of Mail on Sunday Golf Classic.

In previous rounds the Stoke-by-Nayland ladies had seen off Playgolf Colchester, Hintlesham, Colne Valley and Woodbridge Golf Clubs to get to the fifth round of this national competition. On Saturday 1st June they played Chigwell Ladies and were again victorious taking Stoke into the last 64. The players on Saturday were Jude Hanner who won her match 2/1, Sue Latham and Johanna Stonehewer-Smith who both halved theirs, Sue Spittlehouse who won 7/6 and finally Hannah Moul who had an even more magnificent round, winning 8/7.



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Are currently looking for new players of various ages for the 2013/14 season, new school year.

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on Sat 20 July 2013 at the Recreation ground, School street Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, CO6 4QY

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