

Box River News



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THE WRONG STONE STREET!!



Residents in Boxford had been advised that the long awaited resurfacing work on Stone Street Road, Broad Street and Ellis Street was to be carried out at the end of June, with road closures to last for four days. Parents of Boxford Primary School children had been warned they should try to car-share and park away from the village while the work was carried out at the bottom of School Hill.

After only two days it was realised the new surface which had been studded with large stones was not to the required specification (see pic above).

As a result and at the contractors expense, the whole of the new surface has to be removed and work on this commenced on Thursday 11th with further road closures for two days to complete the work.

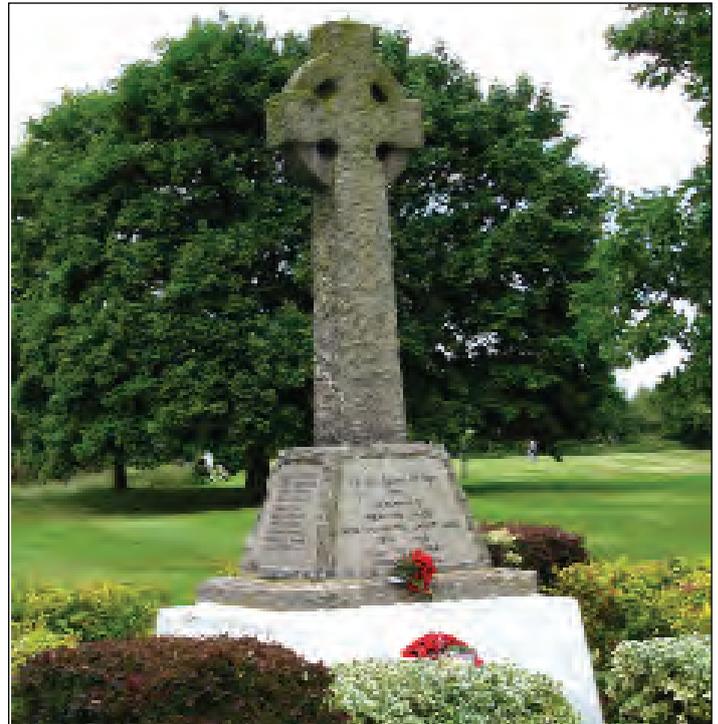
According to the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council The problem with the road surfacing appears to be due to a technical fault with the equipment used to spread the surface chippings. The contractor acknowledged that the road surface is not meeting the required specification and will be relaying the correct material According to the EADT an unnamed Council Spokesman maintained that, despite rumours to the contrary, ratepayers will not have to meet any of the cost of rectification.



Top: The Road Surface as it was.

Below: Work commences to remove the incorrect surface.

WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION



Next year it will be 100 years since the outbreak of World War I. The Box River News hopes to commemorate that tragic period and to honour those that took part by collecting together some local information from those times. This was initially Barrie Thorpe's idea. As you know Barrie passed away in June and, as this project was dear to his heart, we have resolved to try and see it through to a monthly publication during 2014.

We are finding a contact member for each of the five parishes in the Benefice and hope that they and those who contact them might be prepared to collect together information about their villages role in the War. It is hoped that we might find someone prepared to write a piece about their village and people's lives during WWI.

If you have any information about people who died or survived WWI, life for those left behind, memorabilia, diaries or stories we would love to hear from you.

We have collected together the names of all those commemorated on the five War Memorials, but we have very little information about those who returned and what they did as they recovered from their experiences.

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Next month we will publish the contact details for Newton and Little Waldingfield as well.

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BCC SENIOR CITIZENS' MYSTERY EVENING

The Senior Citizens' Mystery Evening took place on Tuesday 18 June and, thankfully, we were blessed with a lovely sunny evening. It began with a superb drive in the glorious Suffolk countryside - thanks to David Burden who planned this year's route. The final destination was Jimmy's Farm where, following a tour of the grounds and the butterfly house, a delicious bangers and mash supper was enjoyed by all with much merriment and laughter.

Thank you to everybody who attended, please sign up again for next year's Mystery Evening! We are grateful to all who donated raffle prizes, including our local businesses and pubs. The evening was enhanced by the courtesy and helpfulness of the staff at Jimmy's Farm - a super place to visit, especially with children.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer drivers. Without their invaluable support the evening would not be possible.

Boxford Community Council's aims, as declared with the Charity Commission, state: Create fundraising and social events for the local community. We want to involve all clubs and organisations in our events, so we do need volunteers to help make them a success. Such contributions will be recognised when grant applications are considered. We are also keen to assist all local clubs and organisations, whether in the form of manpower for events or financial support.

We have a website which details our events and lists all other events we are told about - www.boxford.me.uk.

Please take a look and notify us of your community events and news.



Friday, 2 August, 8.00, Ticket £17

Zoe Rahman

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Friday, 9 August, 8.00, Ticket £16

Peter King Quartet

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With Peter King alto saxophone, Steve Melling piano, Jeremy Brown bass & Stephen Keogh drums. Peter King is back with us, bringing his own quartet. This will be an evening to savour. Steve is one of the country's most inventive players, and he has worked with Peter many, many times. If you want a powerful

engine room that will think with Peter, Jeremy and Stephen would be your pick. Join us for what will be a stunning evening of music.

Friday, 16 August, 8.00, £15

Zoe Schwarz and Rob Koral Quintet

One of the most engagingly natural partnerships in blues and jazz. Tonight will make you laugh and cry. With Zoe Schwarz vocals, Rob Koral guitar, Robin Aspland piano, Steve Thompson bass & Paul Robinson drums. Zoë and Rob's musical partnership has been described as "one of the most engagingly natural partnerships in jazz, Zoë's unaffected vocal style particularly well suited to the blues, and Rob's flawless guitar skills; their gigs are immediately accessible, enjoyable affairs." - Chris Parker They are joined by the excellent Robin Aspland on piano, one of the finest accompanists about; and with Steve on bass and Paul on drums we are in for a great evening. Do join us.

Friday, 23 August, 8.00, Ticket £15

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Friday, 30 August, 8.00, Ticket £15

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THE AUGUST LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

"Do you realise I will now have to meet my wedding couple smelling like a smoked kipper...?".

These are not perhaps the kindest words to address to one's host or hostess, however, I was not, I am pleased to say, being insulting or ungrateful on leaving a friend's dinner party. Instead, I had just witnessed – or to be more accurate – experienced - my first "raku" firing, but was about to return to the rectory, stepping into a more conventional role. For the uninitiated, raku is an intriguing method of firing pottery which gives

the final glaze a wonderful, slightly unpredictable and almost smoky, metallic sheen or lustre. The occasion was a visit to the delightful small pottery run by Sandy Linsell (professional name Sandy Larkman) next to her home, The Old School House, in Edwardstone. I had discovered that Sandy not only makes her own beautifully crafted pottery but also runs pottery classes. In particular, I was intrigued – and moved – to discover that there are some classes specifically for those recovering from having suffered a stroke. I was keen to find out more and, if possible to meet and talk to some of those attending, so Sandy kindly arranged for me to come to one of the sessions.

When I arrived, about half a dozen people were already deeply absorbed in their work. The range of their output, the dexterity with which they



handled the clay and their sheer determination amazed me. One person who had lost the movement of a whole side of their body had learned to work using a single left hand, producing an impressive sculpture, which was both bold in design and delicately detailed.

The excitement of the day for all of us, though, was going into the garden for the opening of the red-hot kiln and the removal of the fired pottery pieces which each had made. You have to be very sure you know what you are doing and with Sandy and her husband Ivan making a great team, we were in good hands. Having said that, I thought that if anyone had witnessed me standing there in my dog collar, engulfed with smoke, they might have

been forgiven for thinking I had gone over to the other side...

Taking an enormous, blacksmith-sized pair of tongs, Sandy very carefully extracted the many pots or pottery figures packed into the kiln. As she did so, Ivan was ready for each one with a metal dustbin full of sawdust into which the pot was plunged, producing the smoke and giving the special finish to the glazes.

The whole experience left me pondering so many things: the courage, perseverance and creativity of the potters who refuse to be limited by what had happened to them; the kindness and encouragement of Sandy and Ivan, as well as their skills; the mutual support, shared love and laughter that permeated the whole session.

It has left me with a new and deeper insight into the many places in the Bible which God is likened to a potter and us as the clay in his hands. God is portrayed as the potter who never gives up on his pots, but is always ready, and able, to remould and remake them. What a message of

hope ! God can take our lives, whether slightly misshapen, completely broken or simply incomplete, and work them up into a beautiful vessel, one capable of holding, and pouring out to others, the "treasure" which is his love, for us and for our world.

Blessings, Revd Judith.



Feedback from James Finch Your County Councillor

Raising the Bar in Education

A report, commissioned by SCC, has now been produced by the RSA with a series of recommendations aimed at driving up educational standards in Suffolk. The RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce) is an enlightenment organisation committed to finding innovative practical solutions to today's social challenges.

The RSA's report, 'No School is an Island', contains 20 recommendations. Among these is the idea that small rural schools with fewer than 100 pupils should enter a federation with others to maximise resources. Other suggestions include: for Suffolk to form a partnership with a London Borough with a record of improvement in educational standards, to learn from the huge progress they have made; for every school to establish a Parents' Council to ensure voices are heard, and also for all Suffolk schools to join together to form a new county-wide, school-led Suffolk Partnership for Excellence in Learning.

Action already taken is that a formal liaison has been created with the Hackney Borough who have certainly improved their standards over the last 10 years.

Driving up educational standards in Suffolk is our number one priority. A wide range of people play an important role in a young person's education, from parents through to head teachers and Governors. We are determined to leave no stone unturned in helping everyone play their part in giving young people in Suffolk the best possible start in life.

Launch of Suffolk Broadband website

A new website has been launched with information on Suffolk's project to deliver high-speed broadband across Suffolk. (www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com). Boxford and the surrounding area is now planned for upgrade in 12-18 months time. All efforts by me will be made to try and bring this date forward.

Local News !!!

• **My County Councillor Clinics** - Thank you to those Boxford residents that came to meet me at my surgery on 10th July in Mary's House, Swan Street. I hope those who came found it as helpful as I did. As always I will do my utmost to represent your views. The next surgery is on 11th September at 4.00pm and are open to all from Boxford and those villages north of Boxford living in my Division.

• **Congratulations to Stoke by Nayland Hotel** Golf and Spa winning two awards in the East Anglian Daily Times Suffolk Business Awards - the Family Business award and the Business Broadband Initiative award. They were also a very commendable Runner-up for the overall Suffolk Business of the Year 2013. We are so lucky to have such a successful business in our locality.

• **The resurfacing of the highways in the centre of Boxford** – thank you for your patience this last month. As you read this I hope that it is now completed !

• **Holidays** - for those who still have not yet been on their summer holidays – enjoy your break and let this heat wave continue in the Stour Valley !!

James Finch - Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley Division
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A BUCKET OF SPUDS



On the warm, sunny afternoon of Sunday 14th July the proud owners of some 45 buckets of potatoes arrived at the home and beautiful gardens of Rosie Osborne in Edwardstone for their crops to be weighed. The members of the Boxford Gardening Society had been nurturing their spuds for several weeks and this was the big day. The smallest crop was

a mere 20z but the eventual winner was Sue Copeland, whose spuds weighed 2lb 13½oz and runners up were James Copeland with 2lbs 6 oz and Joe Barrett and Jane Wood with 2lb 5 oz. Apparently the average yield for per bucket was 1 lb 5 oz. The Copelands put their success down to Chicken manure, others thought it might have been Morrisons!!



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AUGUST BOOK REVIEW BY JO MARCHANT

'Pure' by Andrew Miller

Andrew Miller's 'Pure' was a recommendation from a friend. I did not recognise the author but the clever cover design and the notes on the back starting, 'Paris 1785 – a year of bones...' captivated me as soon as the book was in my hands. After a few pages I was hooked as I entered into the labyrinthine bureaucracy of Versailles Palace.

'Pure' is set in the cemetery of Les Innocents in central Paris. This is an ancient graveyard, overflowing with corpses that tumble into the cellars of neighbouring houses. Something must be done as the cemetery has become a serious health hazard, and the engineer Jean-Baptiste is summoned to empty this hallowed space, to make it pure. This process takes a year. Coal miners from the north come down to extract the thousands of skeletons and builders pull down the church, both under the watchful eyes of Baptiste. Dr Guillotine is there in his make-shift shed, examining bones as they are exhumed. There are accidents, murders and a rape....not a dull moment, but the real star of the novel is the graveyard itself, giving off its nauseous smell of death that permeates into the homes and bodies of those who live nearby.

Andrew Miller's style of writing is poetic as he delicately describes such gruesome events. This fascinating yet quirky novel entertains us with the flavour of Paris; its fashions, food and manners are all delightfully described. At the same time we feel the tension in the streets, that change is coming, that people are restless and rebellious. I wondered if the destruction of the cemetery was a deliberate metaphor for the change that was about to hit the world. Out goes the old, ready to receive the new ideas of the enlightenment.

I warmed to this novel from the start and I recommend it to you, especially if you love Paris. Les Innocents is now a pretty, quiet square with a fountain in the middle where people meet, probably unaware of its grim history and I must spend some time there on my next visit, imagining the characters we were introduced to by Andrew Miller's skilful writing. This book is a gem!



We have just spent a holiday on the above Broads Cruiser 'Judith'. She has recently been restored with a new superstructure giving her a much broader view than was previously possible and came with a full instruction manual on how to handle her.

Surprisingly with a Pilots help she cleared the biggest obstruction to the most beautiful and greatest of the Broads, Horsey Mere and Hickling.

In 1888 G Christopher Davies wrote of Horsey. *'I like this Mere as well as any of the Broads, it is very still and lonely, and its quiet is in such contrast to the roar and unrest of the world close by'*. Ed

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL July Draw Results

1st No 153	Bill Horne	Edwardstone	£40
2nd No 8	Tessa King	Daking Avenue	£20
3rd No 42	Jane Martin	Ash Street	£10
4th No 15	P Wilson	Wivenhoe	£5

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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY AT GESTINGTHORPE

12 society members visited the site of roman villa at Hill Farm in Gestingthorpe, the Home of Ashley Cooper and his father Harold

In 1947 Harold began deep ploughing the fields, during the course of which he began bringing up red tile, which, after approaching experts at Colchester, were discovered to be Roman. As this was 1945, there was little money around and nothing to spare on archaeological digs, so Mr Cooper was advised to go it alone. Thankfully he did, and so began an interest that continues to this day two lifetimes later, as Ashley also shares this interest.

After a comprehensive run through many of the Roman artefacts collected and now held in a small museum, we were led up the hill to the site of the villa, which is situated in a slight dip but with views across miles of wonderful open countryside – a truly evocative and special place indeed.

The outline of the villa is clearly marked by grassed areas to show the extent of the walls, and it was obviously pretty important given its size, which is roughly equivalent to that of St Peter's church in Sudbury. With the aid of many pictures Ashley has commissioned over the years from a local artist, the extent of the settlement, including the artisan areas, became evident.

Ashley has a natural talent for explaining how the villa was built and occupied, and with the use of visitors standing in for the owners and servants during the Roman times, the various jobs needed to keep the whole setup running smoothly were made clearly understandable to all; apparently artisans made many items for sale at the side of the main Roman road running from Chelmsford north east to Bury and beyond.

We then went to the barn museum which has an amazing collection of old farm tools, implements and vehicles, following which tea and biscuits were served whilst we could all peruse and purchase from the many cards and books designed / written by Ashley at very reasonable prices.

All in all, everyone agreed they had had a fantastic three hours, and the Society will most certainly be returning next year for a repeat visit.

Andy Sheppard



Above: Inside the barn.

Below: The artifacts cabinet



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LWHS INTERVIEWEE TEA PARTY

The Society heralded the summer, though you wouldn't have thought so given the weather, by hosting a tea party to thank those brave souls we have interviewed for our HLF "All Our Stories" project.

The venue was the School House, which some remembered from their school days before it closed in 1963. Unfortunately we could not make use of the lovely gardens as originally planned, so after much work by a small band of helpers, furniture was moved around the house and three large tables and 30 chairs set up inside; luckily there was just enough room for it to be cosy and inviting rather than cramped.

More volunteers then arrived with more than enough food for the soon to be assembled masses. Special thanks must go to Jan Carter for the beautifully presented sandwich platters, Sue Horsley for the professional standard cakes and buns, and Jill Duffy for her lovely scones and continuous gallons of freshly brewed tea – we were all in for a right royal treat.

Somehow we resisted the temptation to set our recorders running again, but it was great seeing old friends and neighbours from years past catching up on fondly recalled times; the village truly must have been a brilliant place to grow up in as a child / young adult, as we believe it remains so today. It was also lovely to see how much attention our interviewees gave to the many enlarged photos of village outings and events from long ago that we had laid out for viewing. We hoped to identify many unknown faces and gratifyingly a substantial number of names were recalled, though interestingly one current resident who shall remain nameless didn't recognise his own grandfather! This newly acquired knowledge will greatly assist our research efforts.

One interviewee who had turned 80 the previous day was presented with a superb birthday cake (thank you again Sue) and all present broke into a pretty good rendition of "Happy Birthday"; unfortunately for Beryl, this was a bittersweet moment as her sister Pearl, who we had also interviewed, had returned home earlier in the day and, we subsequently learned, later transferred to hospital. Get well soon Pearl.

The party was scheduled to run from 3.00 to 5.30, but given the last person didn't leave until 7.00, it is fair to presume that a good time was had by all our guests; the trustees also had a most enjoyable time.

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

Andy Sheppard



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Many old friends dropped by, along with some new ones too, whilst we also identified some more faces on our old group photos.

Much reminiscing ensued once again, which is a really nice aspect of all LWHS meetings and events, and everyone agreed they had a wonderful time.



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Boxford School News

After what was probably the longest period of bad weather in living memory at last we appear to be enjoying a taste of summer. I have just come in from playground duty and as always it was a pleasure to be able to watch the children playing happily on the field. I even joined in a game of football, scoring the winning goal!

Over the past couple of weeks we have been able to hold our various sports afternoons. It is interesting to watch the children across the age range and begin to see the growing confidence and competitiveness as the children get older. Our oldest children were involved in an Olympic style sports day with traditional events such as javelin, long jump, discus and shot putt. At the end of the afternoon the children took part in sprint races, where the heats had taken place earlier, and a 4 x '400' style relay race. We are now holding our various swimming galas and next week we will finish the year with our annual Music Festival.

Over the past half term our Year 5 pupils have been studying river and the local river system. At the beginning of the unit of work the children were taken to see the source of the River Box. They took samples of the water which they plan to pour into the sea at Harwich when they visit next week. Last week the children were invited by the Environment Agency to go electro fishing at Bures. The children had the opportunity to watch the team from the agency using electrical probes to stun the fish which they then measure and catalogue to get a picture of the health of the river. We were lucky enough to see a number of species including pike, perch, roach, chub and several eels. These activities have been organised by the Chair of Governors at Monks Eleigh, Merle Barbrooke, who works for the Environment Agency. It is a good example of how the Federation is benefitting children from both schools.

At the beginning of July FOBS held their annual summer fete on our school field. It was a lovely warm afternoon and the turnout from parents and local people from the village and surrounding areas was fantastic. In total we raised a record £2,700 so a huge thank you to FOBS, especially Justine Turner, and to everyone who came along and supported us. Finally as we come to the end of yet another very busy year all it remains for me to do is to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

FOBS SCHOOL FETE

Friends of Boxford School raised a record breaking £2700 at their Summer Fete on Saturday 29th June. We were blessed with great weather and provided with lovely performances from SISTARS and Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts. The traditional fete provided entertainment for the children and gave the adults the opportunity to enjoy the numerous refreshments on offer. This successful day was rounded off with a Tug of War, which was fought tooth and nail by everyone involved including the children and provided much amusement for those watching.

Friends of Boxford School is pleased to announce we are now ordering The Outside Classroom, which will be an additional learning area but has been designed to incorporate a performance area with seating too and can also be used by the children in their recreation time.

Friends of Boxford School continues to support the children and school with additional items and subsidises school trips. Recently we were able to support our current Year 5's on a day trip to France giving some of the children their first venture overseas. This year we have also treated all the children to an after school party with a professional entertainer.

The fete would not have been a success without the support we receive from the following companies and individuals who offered their services or made donations to the raffle so we would like to thank Peake Fruit, David Burr Estate Agents, Alan Leeder Butchers Boxford, Codair Design, Stoke By Nayland Hotel, Walkers Snack Foods (Copella) Easton Farm Park, MW Partridges of Hadleigh, H Byham Dairy, Colchester Zoo, Rollerworld/Quasar-Colchester, Corncaft Tea Room-Monks Eleigh, The Crown-Stoke by Nayland, Hollow Trees Farm, Sunflowers Childcare Boxford, South Suffolk Leisure, Village Stores-Boxford, Tescos, Sainsburys, Morrisons, The Fleece-Boxford, Simon & Andrea Long.



Donkey Rides



The MLSPA members perform after only three lessons



£771 RAISED AT SSAFA TEA PARTY



July 7th was the most perfect summer's day, and more than sixty guests came to Groton Place for tea in the garden to raise money for SSAFA. For so many to support SSAFA and miss the Wimbledon final showed remarkable loyalty to the cause. As it was we had the TV on in the summerhouse so guests were able to witness Murray's triumph as it happened.

Mrs M and her many helpers appeared bearing pots of tea and trays of assorted cakes. Cakes disappeared down cake holes. Copious cups of tea were drunk. And then more cakes came round. And more tea! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and when they left, cheered and refreshed, many were carrying raffle prizes as well as extra weight. Moreover, thanks to their support and generosity, the event raised £771 for SSAFA in Suffolk, way beyond our expectations.

Thank you to all our SSAFA supporters who contributed delicious cakes, and to our many helpers on the day. And a huge Thank You to all those who came, (and some who couldn't) for donating so generously. And special thanks to Jemima and Brenda.



*Top Left: A view of the beautiful setting for the SSAFA Tea Party
Above: Jemima hard at work*

The money will go to a fund which is dedicated to help present and past servicemen and women and their families if they are in difficulties.
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Study Centre Visits Westminster Abbey

David Burden kindly organised a visit for The Boxford Study Centre to Westminster Abbey where he was Receiver General for ten years. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you David!



Archaeological test pits in Little Waldingfield

Children from All Saints Middle School Sudbury worked with Dr. Carenza Lewes digging 5 archaeological test pits in Little Waldingfield on Monday 24th and Tuesday the 25th June.

The children really enjoyed the activity and the finds recorded will help Carenza build up the pattern of human occupation in East Anglia. On one site children found a 1943 threepenny bit which although only 70 years old was something none of the children would have seen before. The most significant find, so far identified, was a collection of pieces of high class early medieval pottery evidence that there were wealthy people living in the village at that time. The full report will be available in late Autumn and I will send a copy to BRN.



Reverend Judith with Carenza



Carenza telling a team what they have found.

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 will also be considered

THE QUAY THEATRE

BOX OFFICE: 01787 374 745



Saturday 3rd August **OPENING NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD** Joshua Dickinson from Holby City directs his first independent film; a comically zombie movie! Rehearsed reading of original Edinburgh Festival hit play. £8.00 (£6.00 Friends & Students) 7.30pm

Monday 5th August - Friday 9th August - OFFSHOOT FOUNDATION FILM MAKING SCHOOL - A WEEK LONG WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE £100 (ages 9-18) 10am - 4pm. Contact Paul Press on: 01787 370378

Wednesday 7th August - FILM: A LATE QUARTET - PG15 £5.00 (£4.50 Friends) 2pm & 7.30pm

Friday 9th August Grape Passions presents **WINE TASTING: HIDDEN GEMS OF THE WINE WORLD** Presented by Mark Soudah. Fizz on arrival, a short talk followed by canapés and wine available for purchase at special prices after the event. £25.00 7.30pm in The Quay Bar.

Saturday 10th August - KIERAN POWELL - LOOK WHO'S TALKING - A fabulous family show (recommended 7+) with award winning, highly rated teenage ventriloquist, featuring Angus the gorilla, Dave the dinosaur, Artie the Raccoon and more! £10.00 (Friends and under 18s - £8.00)

Wednesday 14th August - FILM: TBA - £5.00 (£4.50 Friends) 2pm & 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd August - JAPANESE CINEMA: A REBIRTH 1950s £30.00 season ticket, £9.00 for a one-off trial. Join on the day! 10.30pm

Saturday 24th August - THE SEILION SWING BAND - A fundraiser for Eden Rose Coppice Trust. Selling out all over Suffolk! We suggest you book early for this fantastic evening! £10.00 (£9.00 Friends) 7.30pm

Sunday 25th August - OPEN MUSIC NIGHT - All welcome with free entry. The Quay Bar 7.30pm

Sunday 25th August - Tuesday 27th August - MAGIC SCHOOL Join master magician Michael J Fitch for his Top Secret School of Magic! **Level 1** for young people with graduation ceremony. 10.30am-4.30pm (7-10 years) 2.30pm - 5.30pm (11-15 years)

Wednesday 28th August - Friday 30th August - MAGIC SCHOOL - Level 2 (times as above)

****PLUS** Monday 26th August - CAR BOOT AND TABLE SALE** 9am-1pm (setup 8am) £6.00 / £8.00

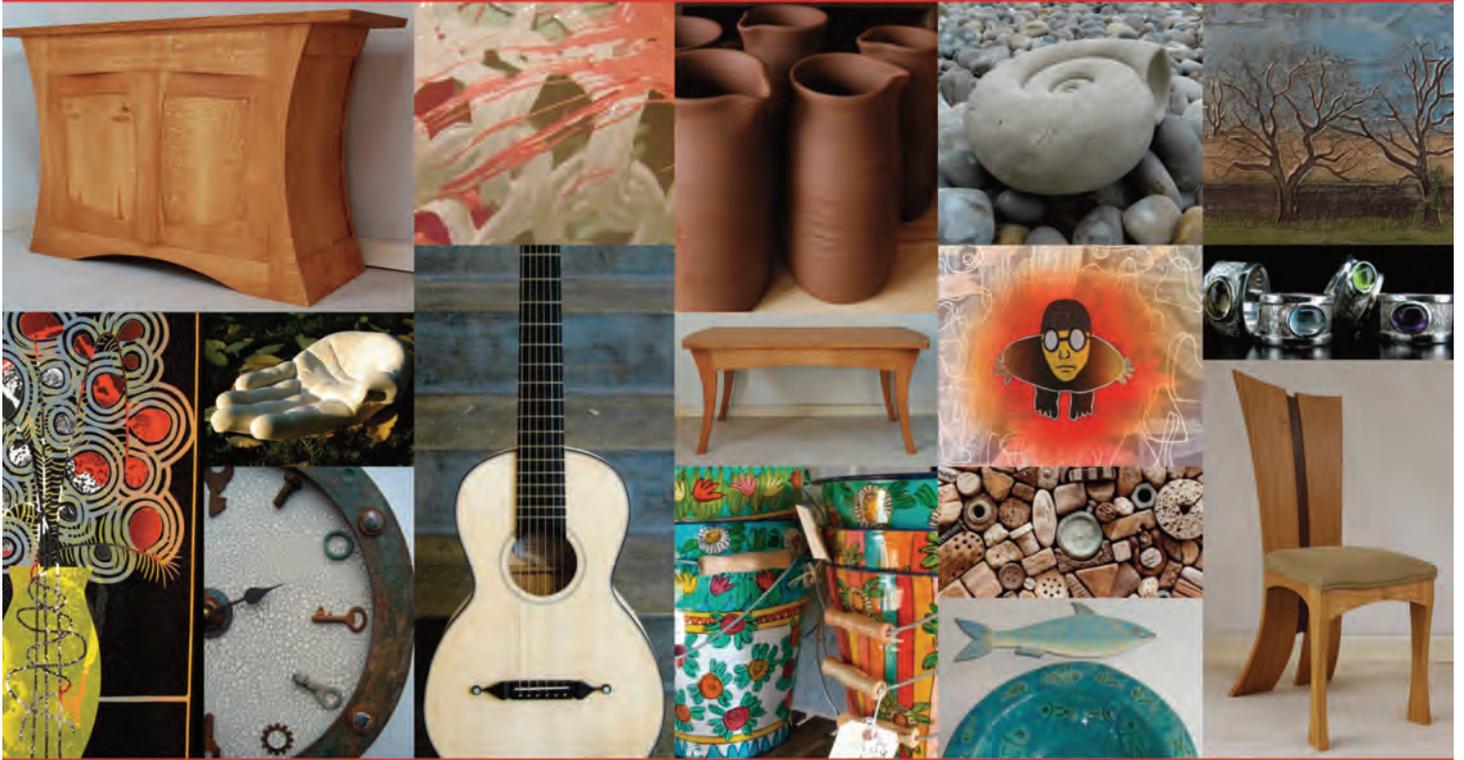
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Wot's On

China from the Mandarins to the Commissars

Stoke by Nayland WEA course of 10 lectures in Stoke by Nayland Village Hall starting 26 Sept 2013 Cost £47

Tutor: David Prynne - past History Lecturer at Suffolk College and the Open University

China, one of the oldest continuous civilisations, is currently undergoing dramatic change. The course will introduce you to more than 4,000 years of China's turbulent past and brilliant cultural achievements, when dynasty succeeded dynasty, through to the period of decay and exploitation by the West in the 19th century. The main emphasis will be on events since 1900: the civil wars of the 1920s and 1930s; the rise of nationalism and communism; the foundation of the People's Republic; the rule of Mao Zedong with the bitter years of the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution; and finally the emergence of China as a great power ruled by the Communist Party but increasingly based on a market economy.

Come to the first session or please contact Sue Whiteley for further information

Phone: 01787 210945 or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

Lavenham car boot sale

It's on Saturday 27th July 10am till 2pm

Sellers set up from 9am

At Brett Farm the common Lavenham CO10 9PG

For more information telephone Danielle on 07931869645

Edwardstone White Horse

Edwardstone Bike Show 3rd & 4th Aug

Eddyfest, Beer and Music Festival. 23rd - 26th August

Boxford Fleece Hotel

Caribbean BBQ. 4th August 1pm. (live music)

Morris Dancing (in the courtyard 8pm)

Live Music. Cakes & Ale 20th Sept

Live Music event. La Isla Foundation Charity music event. 21st Sept.

Live Music. Jackie Oates 12th October (Lunchtime lullabies for 2 - 5 year olds) (Evening gig at 7.30pm)

Live Music. Poppy Appeal gig. with Mairead Green and Anna Massie. 10th November.

THE OVER 60'S GARDEN PARTY



Stop me and buy one!!

On a beautiful and very warm Monday 15th July the Boxford Over 60's met in the Cox Hill gardens of Mr and Mrs Crawley for their annual Garden Party. Peter had managed to video the recent concert of the Military Wives at Boxford St Mary's and this was shown prior to the tea served in the garden.

Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages) meets in the village hall twice a month on Mondays, starting at 2.30pm. The club is in need of new members and anyone interested should contact Shirley Watling 01787 210024

BUSINESS AS USUAL AT SESAW

Have you ever watched ants at work? Amid apparent chaos they all know what they are doing and unite to get the job done. That is a good description of life at Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare over the last month. I've never seen the humans so busy as a long term plan to refurbish the cat accommodation is finally coming to fruition. Our volunteers deserve a massive thank you for all their sterling work and for preparing for the Fete which will be over by the time you read this. Our next fundraising event is a Craft Sale at Leavenheath Village Hall on Saturday 10th August from midday to 3pm.

As usual, we have many animals awaiting re homing, including Harry the Lurcher. He is very sad because his owner died and he fears no-one will want a thirteen and a half year old dog. It would be ideal if someone local (with no cats) could offer him a nice quiet foster home. Bustifer, the large black and white cat who is bigger than me, is still with us. I mentioned him in my June news and thought someone would snap him up as he is quite a character - for a cat!

It's a dog's life for me Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.



Stoke-by-Nayland W.E.A.

China

Land and People

from Mandarins to Commissars

A COURSE OF 10 WEEKLY SESSIONS

Starts Thursday, 26th September 2013
7.30 – 9.00 p.m.
in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall

Tutor: David Prynne M.Phil, M.A., B.Sc(Econ)
Lecturer in History at Suffolk College and the Open University (1969-2000),
with special interest in Russian and Chinese history. Author of *Amur Tiger* and
several articles on the history of open air organisations.

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Course fee: £ 47
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Phone: 01787 210945 or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

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

Elizabeth's Wheelchair Fund

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

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

"The Find of a Lifetime"



Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm at Boxford School Hall.

The Boxford Society presents a talk entitled "The find of a Lifetime" by Mark Mitchels. Stories of buried treasure are always popular. Since earliest times East Anglia has been a rich part of England and over the centuries treasure has been buried for all sorts of reasons - to confound invaders, to accompany a hero into the afterlife, or simply by accident! Here are tales of exciting discoveries in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire. Sometimes the life of the finder was changed for the better, but sudden wealth can also bring recrimination and unhappiness. Finds at Snettisham, Mildenhall, Hoxne, Water Newton, Sutton Hoo will all be mentioned in this lecture.

Mark is a well-known Suffolk speaker and his lecture series held at Groton last winter was of the highest quality throughout. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear him on another subject. Members of the Society enter free, non-members £2 at the door.

The Boxford Study Centre presents

A course of eight Wednesday afternoon lectures with

Clive Paine

Tudor Suffolk



Starts: Weds 25th September

Ends: Weds 20th November

Time: 2:00pm - 4pm

Place: Groton Village Hall

Cost: £45 for the course. £8 for a single lecture

IN THEATRES 2012

LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (12A 124 mins with 20mins interval)
Tickets £3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person
Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets
Refreshments (wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee, tea and ice creams) will be available

Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

6th Aug Carole Adams - 'Clematis',

3rd September Colin Ward – “Shade and semi-shade plants”;

1st October Lindsey Prentice – “Photographing plants and gardens – a brief history”.

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

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

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

box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com, www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

Assington Charity Jumble

Sale in aid of cancer charities, in memory of the late Bob Jerrold, to be held at Assington Village Hall on Saturday 10th August 2013 at 2pm. If you have items to donate please contact 01787-211833.

Assington Annual Horticultural Show

with raffle, quiz, homebake auction, homegrown produce sale, and refreshments, to be held at Assington Village Hall on Sunday 18th August 2013 at 2pm.

YOGA

New evening yoga class starting in August 2013 at Boxford Pavilion the playing fields on Monday evenings from 7.00-8.15pm. Come and enjoy a stretch and relax. Beginners and intermediates welcome. Please contact Marianne Marshall (BWY) on 01787 210323 or email marianmarshall@fastmail.fm for more information.

Little Waldingfield History Society - History in the making

Little Waldingfield History Society hosts about 10 local history talks and 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://littlewaldingfie.waldorf.onesuffolk.net/organisations/local-history/ Current fees are £2.00 for members, £4.00 for non-members which includes light refreshments

Monksleigh Bygone Collectors Club

Working Day 25th August 10.30 to 5.00pm

Supporting local charities, at Valley Road, Gt Waldingfield

Vintage tractors ploughing

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MUSIC IN COUNTRY CHURCHES

Friday 30th AUGUST 19.30

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STEPHANIE GONLEY

director and soloist

JULIE PRICE Bassoon

Mozart: Symphony No 29 in A K201

Mozart: Bassoon Concerto in B flat K191

Haydn: Concerto in F minor for viola and cello Op 1

Schubert: Symphonies No 5 in B flat D485

Saturday 31st AUGUST at 11.00

At the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Alpheton

*VASKO VASSILEV Violin & SERGEY LEVITIN Violins

Beethoven: Sonata No 10 in A minor for solo violin BWV 1003

Prokofiev: Sonata for two violins Op 56

Wieniawski: 3 Etudes-Caprices for two violins Op 18

No 1 in G minor Moderato Allegro moderato

No 3 in D major Allegro moderato

No 4 in A minor Tempo di Saltarello, ma non troppo vivo

Saturday 31st AUGUST at 19.30

At Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford

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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

Nayland Flower Show

Saturday 3rd August

2pm-5pm Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane (off High Street)

Refreshments, produce stall, raffle - entry 50p.

There are 87 classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging, photography, art, craft, cookery, country drinks plus family and children's sections. More info on www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please come to our coffee morning on Saturday 7th September at Mary's house from 9.00am to 12.00 noon.

There will be a cake stall second-hand books and jigsaws and a raffle.

We hope to raise enough funds to cover the costs (£3.00 per box) of sending all the shoeboxes from Boxford.

LIBRARY BUS SCHEDULE

The Library Bus stops in the Edwardstone/Groton/Boxford area (normally runs once a month).

Route 9	Town/village	Location	Time
MIP/9A	Edwardstone	Mill Green	9.45 - 10.00
MIP/9B	Edwardstone	Walnut Cottage	10.05 - 10.20
MIP/9C	Groton	Park Corner	10.25 - 10.40
MIP/9D	Groton	Rectory	10.45 - 10.55
MIP/9E	Boxford	Gunary Close	11.00 - 11.30
MIP/9F	Boxford	Cox Hill	11.40 - 11.55
MIP/9G	Boxford	Primary School	12.00 - 12.45

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Thursday 8th August. Drop in 1-3pm

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Newton Green Bridge

The bridge drive held at Newton Green Golf Club on Monday 8th July was well attended with six tables, and a prompt start enabled us to play six rounds, i.e. 24 hands.

The prize winners were:

Sue Frost and Alan Vince 3850

Margaret Stewart and Lindsey 2310

Barbara Latta and Ruth Crabtree 1400.

The next drive will be on Monday 5th August starting at 7.00 pm sharp, and subsequent dates are 2nd September and 7th October.

We play friendly Chicago Bridge and are always ready to welcome new members.

Alan Vince 01787 373963



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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

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person

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

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

Suffolk Art Society

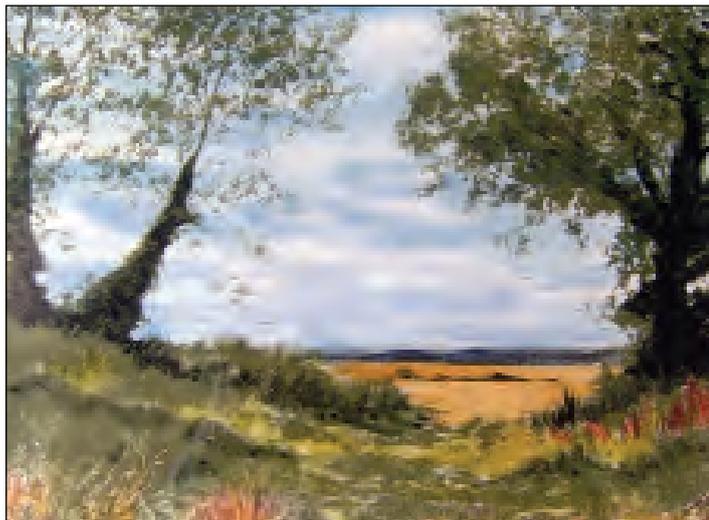
Suffolk Art Society returns to Holy Trinity Church Long Melford for its midsummer exhibition in August. Times are Saturday 27 July to Sunday 12 August 10am to 5pm daily.

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.

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Boxford WI

This month's speaker came dressed in traditional Turkish costume. Jenny Gibbs told us how, at 50, she had gone abroad for the first time on a Mediterranean cruise and suddenly encountered Turkey where she decided she wanted to live. Later that year she flew back to Turkey.

Then her story became even more fantastic. A random choice of bus took her to a small village on the coast; a misunderstanding (she spoke no Turkish) at a restaurant when asking what she was eating found her working there for no wages; and a national holiday resulted in her accompanying the chef back to his remote village. There, they decided not to return to the restaurant and, together, bought a farmhouse and now spend their winters in Turkey and summers in Suffolk. It all sounded quite easy and was a very enjoyable story.

Turkey is historically the end of the Silk Road from China and the silk industry is still important in Turkey. Jenny finished her talk by describing a little about the production of silk and Pashminas. Pashmina actually being the name of the wool obtained from the inner coat of a specific breed of goat. The outer wool is known as Cashmere.

Jenny had a wide selection of Pashminas available for purchase and several members took advantage of this.

A fascinating talk which was entertaining and informative.

The craft group started making Christmas decorations for the Tree Festival in the church.

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

7th August - Outing

8th August - Knitted Decorations for Christmas - Mary's House 2.15pm

4th September - Boxford Through the Ages by Tina Loose - 2pm Village Hall

12th September - Button Bracelets - Helen Brabner - Mary's House 2.15pm

Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages)

Meetings in the village hall, starting at 2.30pm

Shirley Watling 01787 2100248

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Forthcoming Events Diary

August	3 Walking Quiz 5 Newton Green Bridge 7 Boxford WI 8 Boxford WI Craft Club 5 Newton Bridge 6 Boxford Gardening Society	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Outing Knitted Decorations for Christmas Carole Adams 'Clemetis'	Parish Room Golf Club Mary's House Newton Gn Golf Club Boxford Village Hall	5.00pm 7.00pm 2.15pm 6.45pm 7.30pm
September	3 Boxford Gardening Society 2 Newton Bridge 4 Boxford WI 7 Coffee Morning & Memorabilia 7 Shoebox Appeal 2013 12 Boxford WI Craft Club 14 SHC Sponsored Cycle Ride 14/15 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival 18 Little Waldingfield History Soc 18 Highgrove Garden Visit 21 Boxford Society 27 Harvest Supper	Clin Ward 'Shade and semi Shade plants Boxford through the ages, Tina Loose Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Coffee morning & cake stall Button Bracelets, Helen Brabner Benefice Parishes Pip Wright St Mary's PCC The find of a lifetime' by Mark Mitchels Groton PCC Lindsey Prentice, Photographing Plants	Boxford Village Hall Newton Gn Golf Club Village Hall Parish Room Mary's house Mary's House St Lawrence Church Parish Room Boxford School Hall Groton Village Hall Boxford Village Hall Golf Club Parish Room Spimey	7.30pm 6.45pm 2pm 10.00am 9.00-12.00 noon 2.15pm 9am-5pm 10-5pm 7.30pm TBA 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm1 7.00pm 7.30pm TBA
October	1 Boxford Gardening Society 7 Newton Green Bridge 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.

A TALE OF TWO SAINTS

Two saints feature in important local events this month.

2013 is the 1,000th anniversary of the return to Bury St Edmunds from London of the body of Edmund, King of East Anglia, who was martyred by invading Vikings for refusing to denounce Christ. On Thursday 8th August the fourth day of a pilgrimage to mark this event will travel from Earls Colne to Sudbury via the St Stephen's Chapel at Mount Bures, believed to be the site of Edmund's coronation in 855 AD. Bishop Nigel is to preside at a Eucharist at 12.00 noon. All are welcome to this and, following a 'bring-your-own' picnic lunch, are invited to join the pilgrims that afternoon as they head off for Sudbury. A number from our benefice, including the Revd Judith, are planning to take part. Do let Judith know if you would like to come.

Later in the month 24th August is the festival of St Bartholomew, another martyr—he is said to have been flayed alive—and the patron saint of Groton church. To mark its patronal festival there will a Festival Songs of Praise at Groton church at 6.30 pm on Sunday 25th August, followed by refreshments. Everyone from the benefice (and beyond) is welcome to this service.

St Bartholomew statue by Thorvaldsen in the Church of Our Lady, Copenhagen



St Edmund statue by Elizabeth Frink outside the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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



A Visit to Highgrove 2013: Advance notice as tickets have been secured for a visit to the Prince of Wales' private garden at Highgrove on Wednesday 18th September – the cost will be £45.00 – full details from Angela Tolputt 01787 212264

Calendar 2014 - Thank you to those sending in photos for the 2014 calendar. Keep them coming! 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 Children's Corner: We really need some new children's books (Christian stories) toys, colouring pens etc. If you can help or make a donation for this it will be most welcome. Please speak to Revd Judith

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SOMETIMES IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEAVE AFTER A SERVICE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME. THESE ARE SOME OF THE TACTICS THAT THE CHURCHWOMEN ADOPT:



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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785
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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant (contact PCC if interested in position)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013. The house-to-house collection in Edwardstone raised £174.69. Many thanks to all who gave and also to those who collected.

Flowers - Jan Paul (janpaul@gmail.com)

Sidesman and teas/coffee duties:

4 Aug 09:30 Holy Communion (Jan Paul & Ineke Morris)

18 Aug 08:00 Holy Communion (Jan Paul)

24 Aug Wedding Amy Barton/Ryan Buckthorpe (Jan Paul)

Cleaning - Justine Walters



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

Rota:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Gooderham

Flowers: Mrs Scriven

Cleaning: Mrs Scriven



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013. The revised total raised in this year's house-to-house collection is £267.46.

Rota:

Aug 4th

Aug 11th

Aug 18th

Aug 25th

Sidesman

Mr Squirrell

Visiting

Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell

Visiting

Flowers

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor Smith

Mrs Harbord

Mrs Roser



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

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

23rd June: Our Morning Worship for People of All Ages which was for the 2nd in Trinity was taken by the Revd Judith. We appreciated having Ian Munroe to play the organ. Thank you to all the willing readers and helpers.

30th June: The Five Villages Service took place in Boxford Church and all five villages were represented in the congregation. The Revd Judith led the service remembering the importance of St. Peter and St. Paul. After the service a 'do it yourself' Benefice Picnic took place at Cox Hill House in glorious sunshine.

Rota:

Flowers :11th August: Mrs Molly Fletcher

25th August: Mrs Sue Presland

General Church News

BISHOP NIGEL OFF TO LONDON: After six years as our diocesan bishop, Bishop Nigel Stock is to move to London in October to join Archbishop Justin Welby's senior staff team as Bishop at Lambeth. With the retirement of our suffragan bishop, Bishop Clive (Bishop of Dunwich), in May, this would leave the diocese without a bishop. To cover the 'interregnum' until a new diocesan bishop is appointed (a



process which is likely to take over a year, given the number of other vacancies currently to be filled), the Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Revd David Thomson, is being seconded to be a full-time 'interim bishop' for the diocese.

The following story was posted recently on the diocesan website:

A bishop with wide experience of Church ministry in both urban and rural areas has been chosen to care for Suffolk on an interim basis following the departure of Bishop Nigel later this year.

The Rt Revd David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon, will act as interim bishop for the diocese, working alongside Bishop Nigel during a handover period until he takes up his new role as Bishop at Lambeth in October. He will serve the communities of Suffolk until a permanent bishop is selected, while also continuing to serve as Bishop of Huntingdon.

Bishop Nigel was recently asked by Archbishop Justin Welby to join his senior team based in London. The Archbishop said he was delighted to have commissioned Bishop David to care for the diocese in the interim period until a new diocesan bishop is chosen: "Bishop David combines the gifts of a bishop with long experience as a parish priest and archdeacon, he said.

Bishop David said of his new responsibility: "It is a great privilege to be asked to work as a shepherd for Christ's people in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich as they wait for a new Diocesan Bishop. I pray that I will be able to help them to continue to grow in faith, deepen discipleship, and share richly the good things God has given us with the communities we serve."

Bishop Nigel, 63, who has held the post of Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich since 2007 and entered the House of Lords as a Lord Spiritual during March 2011, said: "I am enormously grateful to Bishop David and the Diocese of Ely for this generous offer of ministry which will be very reassuring for the people of this diocese in the vacancy. He has wide parish experience in both urban and rural areas and was appointed curate in the mining town of Maltby, Yorkshire, before joining the Banbury Team Ministry in Oxfordshire, where he was responsible for a large area with new housing developments. A highlight of this role was the planting of two new church communities, one a shared project bringing together Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Brethren. He then went on to serve as rector in the market town of Cockermouth in Cumbria."

The Dean of St Edmundsbury, Dr Frances Ward, added: "While the whole diocese will miss Bishop Nigel enormously, we are very happy to welcome Bishop David as he oversees our diocese at a time of transition while awaiting the appointment of a new diocesan bishop. I know Bishop David and have every confidence that he is the right person to undertake this unusual role."

Bishop David, 61, was born into a vicarage family in Sunderland, and grew up in Sheffield when the major employer was the steelworks. He then read English at Oxford where he completed his doctorate. After graduating, he taught at a college of education before attending Cambridge to read theology and train for the Christian ministry at Selwyn College and Westcott House.

His current responsibilities in the Diocese of Ely include acting as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education and Council for Ministry, and he has a particular commitment to work with young people.

Bishop David has also published a series of devotional books as well as continuing to study and write as a medievalist, in recognition of which he was made a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London.

Bishop David is married to Jean and they have four children and two grandchildren.

DIOCESAN SYNOD VACANCY: Following the resignation of Joanna Riddleston earlier this year there is one vacancy to represent the deanery in the House of Laity of the diocesan synod. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact:

David Lamming (Tel. 210360).

Soap Box

I rather enjoy travelling. Not all travel is welcome, of course, but there is something about railway journeys and air travel that I find exciting. It must be the child in me. I even rather like driving around Europe, particularly when someone else is behind the wheel. My wife prefers to be in control of the car when we are on a journey, I really can't think why. But observing other cultures and societies at first hand can be a rewarding experience. Contrasting what you find with conditions here at home can also provide food for thought.

During the summer my wife and I have been fortunate enough to drive through France, Spain and Portugal, staying in all three countries. Our dogs accompanied us and the first conclusion we came to was that the French are much more tolerant of dogs than other countries – including the United Kingdom. Having dogs staying in our hotel room in France was never a problem. They could even accompany us to dinner – something not so easily achievable in Spain and Portugal.

Interestingly, at a restaurant in a small French town near Poitiers, where not only our dogs, but half the local canine population seemed intent in joining their owners for a meal, the only expression of distaste came from an English couple. The French clearly thought it quite usual. In Portugal and Spain, on the other hand, our tail-wagging friends were excluded. It was never an issue and we were always happy to comply with whatever rules were applied.

Food does provide an opportunity to contrast the lifestyles of various countries. Collecting the morning baguette from the French boulangerie or the padaria in Portugal is one of the joys of a holiday. As it happens, the nicest bread we had was in Spain, but the culture of collecting fresh bread from a local, independent shop seems a natural part of living in many parts of continental Europe. It made me wonder if it would ever change.

It could, of course. One of the biggest changes to social life in this country has been the demise of the local pub. It is hard to imagine a village in France or Spain without some form of drinking establishment where the locals could foregather for a chinwag if the fancy takes them, but here we are losing village pubs at an alarming rate. Why this might have occurred is open to debate, but I can offer a few contributory factors, each of which I suspect will have played a part.

First amongst these must be the introduction of the so-called "Beer Orders" – an initiative designed to make the pub trade more competitive

by separating the businesses of brewing and selling beer. Following a report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, a law was passed in 1989 restricting the number of tied pubs that could be owned by the larger brewing companies to 2000. The result was the spinning off of whole estates of pubs into companies that operated purely as pub owners, such as Punch Taverns.

While the legislation was revoked some ten years ago, it had been in force for sufficient time to transform the nature of the pub industry. These pub-owning companies, not all of which proved commercially successful, preferred standardisation and scaleability over individuality and food trade over beer drinkers. Of course, it wasn't the only nail in the local's coffin. Banning smoking and cheap supermarket booze have contributed. But it serves to demonstrate the law of unintended consequences still applies.

Imagine if the French authorities encouraged bakeries to combine into larger groups to ensure health and safety issues were properly dealt with and true competition on a national scale was achieved. Personally I think any government proposing such a move would be playing a high risk game with their electorate, but you never know with politicians. Sometimes they simply do not see what their interference might produce.

One final little nuance that we came across in France is worthy of bringing to landlords' attention.

Some years ago I read a piece of research suggesting that peanuts placed in a dish on a bar counter bore witness to the fact that those eating said nuts often failed to wash their hands when returning from performing a natural, and usually necessary for beer drinkers, function. I was put off eating peanuts in a pub for years, but in one French bar they were served in a small, quarter litre carafe with a neck too small to fit fingers in. Pouring the nuts into the palm of one's hand seems an altogether more hygienic solution for dispensing small snacks.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN AUGUST HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Keep plants well fed to maintain healthy growth. Hose-end feeders are useful for feeding plants in borders or a lawn. Plants absorb nutrients through the leaves as well as the roots and a good foliage feed acts as a pick me up for ailing plants. Feeding is especially important for container and pot grown plants, with their restricted root run they are entirely dependent on the grower to supply their needs. Plants need water to absorb plant food and liquid fertilisers are the quickest way to supply nutrients for them to use immediately. Chempac Fertilisers supply a large range of formulas for different plants and stages of growth.

At this stage of the season when plants should be growing well a high potash fertiliser is needed to encourage flower and fruit.

Take cuttings of geraniums early in the month in preparation for next summer's display, if left any later they may be difficult to root as the weather turns cooler. Short cuttings about 3 inches in length with two leaves are best. Trim the cuttings below a leaf joint and remove the bottom leaf. Remove the leafy stipules which form on the stem around the base of the leaf joints as these usually die off and can cause rotting. Use clay pots filled with a gritty compost and water enough to settle the compost. Dip the cuttings in hormone rooting powder and insert them around the edge of a five inch pot. Do not plant too deeply and place the pots in a shady position.

Evergreen hedges of conifers, yew, holly and laurel should be clipped this month. A better job is made of laurel if pruned with secateurs rather than clipping with shears.

Some herbaceous plants such as Anthemis and Gaillardia are often severely weakened by their profusion of flowers and allowing them to produce seed will only further weaken the plants, cutting them down to ground level will encourage new basal growth and will help rejuvenate the plants.

Normally the hot weather will have produced an increase in green fly and all sorts of other sap sucking aphids, but the long cold winter has seemed to have reduced this problem however a spray with systemic insecticide will give protection for up to a month.

Vegetable growers should be on the look out for the usual attack on brassicas by caterpillars of the cabbage white butterfly. A severe infestation can completely defoliate plants in a few days. Usually one spray of systemic is enough to see them off.

Because of the hot dry weather, onions have begun to die down early and

should be lifted without delay. Drought followed by a heavy rain can cause the bulbs to expand rapidly and cause many of them to split, rendering them useless for long keeping. Continue to feed and water tomatoes, cucumbers and courgettes. Any roots that come through the surface should be covered in compost prevent the sun from burning them up.

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has continued to be a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away.

Watering grass is one of the most wasteful uses of this precious resource. Do not worry, though the lawns may look like a savannah, they will come back after a good downpour. As they are not able to repair themselves while "dormant", go easy so that they are not worn all in one place. When they have greened up and the autumn dew and moisture is once again with us, give them an organic autumn feed to boost their roots as they start into the next season.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Prune Wisteria
2. Don't delay summer pruning restricted fruits
3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
4. Watering! Particularly containers, and new plants - preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
5. Collect seed from favourite plants
6. Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
7. Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
8. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
9. Keep ponds and water features topped up
10. Feed the soil with green manures

The bulb catalogues are dropping through the letterbox, so order soon to avoid disappointment should your favourites sell out. Order wholesale to get larger numbers, as a good show is everything after a long winter. Think tens and hundreds and reduce the number of varieties to keep clarity.



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Daphne Clark has plants for sale, from around Easter to the end of September, opposite Rose Cottage (by kind permission of James Powell). All proceeds go to Edwardstone Parish Hall.

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REPORT BY CHAIRMAN BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

Last year I succeeded Richard Gates as Chairman who remains a committee member as do all the activity/sports clubs representatives. We also still have Lyn Beer, now Vice Chairman and representative for the Allotments and Yvonne Woodfield remains a member. I am particularly grateful to her as she has fulfilled a number of roles over the years and has been a great help to me as a new chairman. We have the services of a new Committee Secretary in Anne Wise and a new Treasurer in Pauline lamming and I am grateful for them joining, together with Paul Hubbard. Experience and some new membership is a good combination.

In the last few months we have clarified our constitutional position. I am quite clear that we are a subordinate committee to Boxford Community Council (the registered charity) and charged with care of the playing fields, including Pavilion, Tennis Courts and Allotments, on their behalf. We have also checked and updated our insurances with Suffolk Acre and adjusted our fees for 2013.

Boxford Playing Fields and the Pavilion are an important community resource and we must ensure that they are properly maintained and used as hitherto. There are three matters to mention for the immediate future:

- We are attempting to resolve the drainage problem at the west end of the car park and down to the top of the Croft with the area surveyor of Flagship who built the new houses which has almost certainly interfered with the natural water course which used to drain the area. Mike Norman from the Parish Council and Bryn Hurren from Babergh Council have both been supporting us in this regard. There is no problem in dry weather, proving that it is all a result of an alteration to the land drainage and is not a problem with the mains supply or dirty water drainage.

- We await a costed proposal from Boxford Rovers FC who aspire to upgrade the changing rooms to improve the showers for home and away teams and provide a dedicated room and shower for match officials. This would allow the club to compete in higher level regional league football. I am keen that this is correctly progressed at minimum disruption to the other users and under the committee control. If an acceptable proposal is received, we would be keen to contribute to the cost. Football has always been important to the village and we understand the aspiration for Boxford Rovers to come back to their natural home. However the Pavilion is a community resource and we need to take care of all users and ensure that any alterations are properly planned and costed and in accordance with planning and building regulations and that all additional facilities can be supported by the main utilities, electricity, water and waste.

- I am keen that dog owners continue to use the playing fields as a place for occasional exercise but equally keen that the dogs make use of all the other recreational routes around the village; the main use of the field is for human sporting activity and exercise! I prefer that the absolute importance of owners clearing up after their dogs, for very important health and aesthetic reasons is stressed by firm, polite and sometimes amusing signage. Let all dog owners give their pets a good name!

I am pleased to chair the committee and thank the Parish Council, the Community Council of whose asset we are the custodians and the committee members for their support. The playing fields, pavilion, tennis courts, playground and allotments are an important asset in Boxford for the benefit of local residents, our clubs and sports teams, visiting teams and as a venue for a number of activities.

David Burden

Chairman Playing Fields Committee

11th June 2013

NEWS FROM MLSPA BOXFORD



What a fantastic start to MLSPA Boxford and with only 8 weeks of teaching the existing students have all progressed so well!

A special mention to all those students who performed at the Boxford Fete – with only a maximum of 4 lessons under their belt, they performed brilliantly and full of confidence in front of such a large crowd!

The Boxford school returns in September for a new exciting year which is sure to be full of performing opportunities and fun times. In September students will be working on specific routines, both song and dance, as well as performance skills which will all be working towards the first MLSPA Boxford Show which hopefully will be in the Spring of 2014 - so watch this space!

Registrations are now being taken for the new term and classes are available for ages 4 to 16 and teach core elements in dance, drama, singing and musical theatre with a strong emphasis on confidence building and fun all at an affordable cost.

Miss Lesley is also thinking of starting tap dancing classes on a Saturday at Boxford school which will be open to all children from age 6 years upwards. Payable per six weeks the cost will be £25.00 for existing MLSPA students or £30.00 for tap only. In addition to children's classes Miss Lesley is pleased to announce an initial 6 week course involving both fitness and dance for adults only will start on September 9th at Chamberlin Hall, Bildeston. A special introductory price of just £18.00 will be charged for the full six weeks.

To register for MLSPA Boxford, tap classes, adult classes or to find out more please call Miss Lesley on 07957 351941 or email lesley@misslesleysperformingarts.co.uk.



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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

Public Council Meeting 17th June

Public Forum: 13 members of public attended mainly concerned about the potential development on Sand Hill. Issues included drainage and the potential flooding to Ash Street/ Fen Street. A silted lake currently takes excess water. County Cllr Finch suggested the County Flood Risk Manager, Jane Burch attends to investigate regardless of the development. The Capacity of the school was mentioned and Cllr Finch explained that the funding follows the number of children, so the school could operate at greater capacity if required. Capacity at the Surgery was mentioned. Questioning then went to traffic issues, access to the potential development and whether a traffic survey had been conducted. Pedestrian safety was also a concern. The Chairman explained that one of the reasons the Sand Hill site was selected is that it has the least traffic issues. He confirmed the point regarding pedestrian access was extremely important and had already been noted. The Chairman pointed out as a sustainable village we may receive proposals from private developers of schemes much larger than the one being considered. Further concerns were out-lined by the public including loss of amenity, views, harm to the Conservation Area and to the significance of historic houses. Questioning then went onto the size of the proposed development and how the need for Local Needs Housing is determined. Concern was expressed with extending the village boundary and whether other suitable sites exist within the village. District Cllr Hurren confirmed that any planning for this development would be made as an Exception Site for Local Needs Housing, so would not extend the building envelope. Finally concerns were made regarding the proposed layout of the site and design of the housing. All the points were noted. The Chairman confirmed there is a tried and tested process that is followed with these schemes, but if he had his own way, it would have been in the public domain earlier. However, now it is, he confirmed the Parish Council is keen to hear feedback from the village. Cllr Fincham- Jacques commented that it is important for Parish Council Members to consider all the feedback and look at the proposal objectively. On other matters, questions were raised regarding the low loaders transporting to Cox Hill causing obstruction and pushing back the bank. Concern was expressed regarding obstructive parking outside the Garage in Ellis Street, Homefield Court grass being overgrown and the sign in the centre of the village which was faded writing and is insecure. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Police Report: PCSO Siobhan Hemmett was unable to attend, however, had provided a report. This covered the period from 17th May to 17th June. The 3 crimes recorded included Assault occasioning ABH in Ash Street, a theft in Broad Street and a driving with excess alcohol incident. The Police are addressing complaints of speeding in Stone Street.

County Council Report: Cllr Finch confirmed the new administration at the County Council has priorities of: -

- Raising Educational Standards and to complete the School Organisation Review
- Economic growth and jobs in Suffolk
- Investment in apprenticeships
- To launch a new travel card for young people
- Roll out high speed broadband
- Complete and open an "Energy from Waste" facility
- To continue their Greenest County project
- To support vulnerable people and work with Care UK in respect of care homes
- To work closely with the Police
- To freeze Council tax for the next four years

On other matters, he has been working to raise the profile of speeding traffic issues in rural Suffolk and has started local clinics to seek views from parishioners on all manner of things.

Babergh District Council Report: Cllr Hurren advised that the jobs are largely in place at the District Councils. Among Cllr Hurren's responsibilities, he is Vice Chair on the Scrutiny Committee. He still has involvement with Quay Theatre and Pin Mill. He attended the Information Event at the school on the proposed Affordable Housing at Sand Hill. He planned to meet Tracey Brinkley, the Babergh Housing Representative, to ensure everything is considered thoroughly. Planning in the wider area under consideration includes solar parks and the proposed Hadleigh Supermarket.

Correspondence: It was agreed to proceed with the skate park/ play bus at the Playing Field on 19th August provided the tennis court could be used. In the Cemetery the urgent work to the sweet chestnut had been scheduled.

Reports from Members: Issues with the Stone Street/ A1071 junction with overgrown trees and blocked drain were reported.

Parish Council Meeting on 20th May

Public Forum: Various points were raised by the member of public present. These included the capacity of the Village School, agreement of work methods for Planning, the situation regarding the Stone Street dog business, the transporting of farm machinery to Cox Hill and obstructive parking near the garage in Ellis Street.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Hurren attended and reported on the high number of Parish Councillor Resignations in the area and the need to recruit new members. Despite his chasing, the Homefield garages have still not been let. He is in contact with the Playing Field Committee and Flagship Housing regarding the water leak investigation. The cutting of grass at Marsh Road was delayed to allow orchids time to establish

County Council Report: County Cllr Finch was present and confirmed he had put a note in Box River News suggesting a regular surgery to enable him to engage directly with parishioners. He was also encouraging everyone to share views with

the Parish Council. He outlined his new responsibilities including being Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee and roles in health and education at the County Council. Cllr Norman asked what could be done regarding children from military families returning to the Parish and requiring places in the over subscribed village school. Cllr Finch agreed to investigate.

Planning: The Application for Listed Building Consent for repair and alteration to the front elevation at Cox Farm, Cox Hill was discussed.

Parish Council Meeting on 3rd June

Public Forum: Two members of the public were present. A copy of the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting where the decision was taken to proceed with an Affordable Housing Scheme was requested. Requests were made for details of other sites that were considered ahead of the Sand Hill site being chosen. The Parish Council was questioned regarding why one larger development is being considered rather than smaller schemes integrated within the village. The impact on village facilities and further traffic generation was mentioned. Members explained various criteria are considered regarding potential locations for a scheme. This includes traffic and that is why any location near Swan Street was ruled out. Cllr Hurren explained that if the scheme went ahead, applicants would need to get onto the Housing Register first and only those with a Local connection would be considered.

Planning: Babergh Council had confirmed the felling of a sycamore tree at Bell House, Stone Street Road could proceed and permission had been granted for a barn conversion to a single dwelling at Goodlands Farm, Swan Street.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Three Parish Response Team

3PR

The Three Parish Response Team (3PR) have, over the last few weeks received a number of generous donations by cheque following the funerals of two local residents.

Donors may have wondered why their cheques have not yet been cashed. There has been some delay in processing the cheques; firstly on the part of a funeral director and secondly by bank procedures, as the cheques were not made out to the 'Three Parish Response Team'. This problem is being resolved.

On behalf of 3PR I would like to thank all those who have, at any time made donations. For future reference, cheques for 3PR should be made payable to 'Three Parish Response Team'

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We have also repaired the old cart shed which is ready to be used now. We hope that it will be a pleasant place to be on hot summers day or possibly even on cool summers days.

John Norton



A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION



AWARD WINS ARE CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION AT STOKE BY NAYLAND HOTEL, GOLF & SPA

Champagne corks have been popping at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa after being crowned the winners of a prestigious family business award.

Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa is part of a family business dating back seven decades, which also includes fruit farming and juice making and truly has family at its core. In fact, the first generation of the business, Bill and Devora Peake, created Copella farm-pressed English apple juice in their farmhouse kitchen in 1969, which was sold to Tropicana UK in 1997.

The hotel scooped the award at the East Anglian Daily Times Business Awards, where they were also winners of the Business Broadband Initiative Award, and runners up of Business of the Year. Judges were impressed with the family's ethics, which are evident in the Family Business Constitution and a robust succession plan, as well as a book of family values. They also stage regular family council meetings ensuring that future generations are included in discussions about the business.

Susanna Rendall, Managing Director of Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, said: "We are delighted to win this award and be recognised as a flourishing family business. This achievement means so much not only to the family but also to all of our staff in our three companies who we consider to be part of our extended family. We have all worked hard to build on the success of the business and we have a high proportion of guests who return to enjoy the fruits of our investment into the development of top quality facilities and service.

"The original Golf Club has been transformed into a luxury retreat and internationally acclaimed golf resort which our parents would have been proud of, and it sets a course for future generations. As a second and third generation company, we are so pleased that the entrepreneurialism, vision and hard work of our parents, our staff and ourselves have been recognised in this way.

"It has been a double celebration with also winning the Business Broadband Initiative Award, which shows that we have invested in technology and recognised the fact that high-speed broadband is crucial to us as a rural business."

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Readers Letters

Sir

Boxford's Bee Orchids are back! Just as we had given up for this year, around 70 of these beautiful and increasingly rare wild flowers have once again appeared on "the green" at Marsh Road. A big thank you to the residents of Marsh Road for their patience over the delayed cutting of the grass to allow this declining species to flourish. A further short delay will be needed on one half of the green to allow these unpredictable flowers



to "set seed" for future generations.

Our thanks also to Roger Balls and the Parish Council for their support in protecting them and to Bryn Hurren and the staff at Babergh for their efforts too. Older residents of Boxford remember these flowers being here in the 1930s, long before the houses were built. They are another part of Boxford's rich heritage.

Roger and Tina Loose,
The Boxford Society

Sir

Maggie Thorpe and family would like to thank all the very kind Boxford people for their wonderful love and support over the death of Barrie who fought for so long to beat his lung disease. Thank you too to all those who kindly donated to The Royal British Legion in his memory. The Reverend Judith conducted the deeply moving Thanksgiving Service in St Mary's Church, something we will never forget.

Maggie Thorpe

Sir

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Thank you for reading this request.

From an asthmatic.

Sir

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August Fixtures: Sun 4th Aug Haverhill CC - Sunday 2nd XI (A), Sun 11th Aug Exning CC - 3rd XI (A), Sun 18th Aug Nowton CC - 2nd XI (H), Sun 25th Aug Mildenhall CC, Suffolk - Sunday 2nd XI (A)

Recent results from June to July: Exning CC -208/8 Edwardstone- 89 all out, Harry Young 10-43-3, Tim Beven 10-53-3. Nowton CC- 271/6 Edwardstone- 162 all out, Ray Gibbons 10-76-4, Jack Clark 51. Edwardstone- 137 all out Bardwell CC-138/5, Jack Clark 49, Ray Gibbons 8-35-2. Edwardstone-289/3 Leavenheath-53 all out, Jack Clark 144no, Brett Crisp 75, Cameron Hathaway 8-15-6. Tendring Park-118/2 Edwardstone 116 all out, Tom Whymark 10-29-1 Jack Clark 10-28-1. Edwardstone-156/8 Long Melford-157/4, Sam Chapman 79no, Tom Whymark 7.3-34-2. Thurston-137 all out, Edwardstone-147 all out, Harry Young 5.2-23-4, Fergus McKay 29.

200 Club Winners: July: £30 T.Beven, £15 L. Farthing, June: £30 L. Riches, £15 S. Gooderham

To enter our 200Club it's a pound a draw with 8 draws left for the chance to win money. Seek a member of the club for a chance to enter

Newton youngsters through to semi-finals

Newton Green youngsters are through to the semi-finals of the Suffolk inter-club, six-a-side team competition.

They have followed up a win at Thorpness with a 5-1 defeat of Rushmere, Ipswich, in the quarter finals at Newton. Making his debut in the team was 12-year-old Ben Tatum, who won his game on the last hole, despite conceding six shots.

BOXFORD CUBS ARE CHAMPIONS



The Boxford Cubs won the District Rounders Competition for the first time in 10 years on the 23rd June at Acton Community Playing Fields and last Sunday 7th July the boys won the District Athletics competition winning the cup for the first time since 1945. Cub Leaders Catherine Lucas, Leanne Wells and Assistant Leaders Alison Fenner and Carey Fraulo are very proud of what the boys have achieved in the competitions excellent teamwork was displayed by all who competed, with superb support (very loud) from all the parents and siblings who attended the events. We have now finished our Tuesday evening sessions and will re-start in September.

STOKE LADIES IN WINNING FORM



STOKE BY NAYLAND GOLF CLUB LADIES SECTION REACH SEVENTH ROUND OF MAIL ON SUNDAY NATIONAL COMPETITION

The team of Jude Hanner, Sybil Paton, Johanna Stonehewer-Smith, Bev Thompson and Hannah Moul beat the team from Diss by three games to two. This takes them into the seventh round which can take place anywhere in the UK.

The Ladies Section has also enjoyed further success in their Essex County matches with the Bronze team reaching the semi-finals, the Silver team being placed second in their league and the Harris Bowl team (current holders of the trophy) continuing with their winning streak. Ladies Captain Sue Grieves stated that she was immensely proud of the achievements of all teams and thanked the players, caddies and team captains for all their dedication and effort.