

Box River News



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HIGHGROVE

The Boxford Trip

On a sunny morning in September, a group of garden lovers boarded a coach bound for Highgrove, the private gardens of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. The journey to Gloucestershire was a long one and the weather on the way did not look promising. However, upon arrival we were greeted warmly by our guide and the tour began. Amazingly, the rain stopped, the clouds parted and we glimpsed the sun, if only now and again.



Our knowledgeable guide took us on a tour of a private garden skillfully divided into many intimate garden 'rooms.' From the Thyme walk with its carpet of thymes and clipped geometric shapes of golden yew, through the beautiful Sundial Garden, the shady Azalea Walk, the magnificent kitchen garden and finishing up in the Carpet Garden. The Stumpery with its massive tree stumps and the Prince's national collection of giant leaved hostas was a personal favourite. It was heartening to see that slugs and snails are no respecters of royalty when it comes to tasty hosta leaves! We were also able to glimpse the thatched tree house 'Hollywood House' where the young princes played as children.

The garden is littered with incredible sculptures commissioned by the Prince and gifts bestowed upon him by visiting dignitaries, all of which have been skillfully included. There are also many personal touches such as a stone carved memorial to Tigga, the Prince's beloved jack russell, to be found in the Azalea Walk.

After a sustaining visit to the Orchard Room restaurant and a visit to the Highgrove shop for souvenirs of our day, we boarded our coach for the long journey home, vowing to visit again in the spring to see the Wildflower Meadow at its peak.

The trip was organized by St Mary's Church fundraising committee and raised £470. Many thanks to all who joined us on the day.

Angela Tolputt



SPEAKING UP FOR BOXFORD

Of course, it would be wrong to say that the villagers of Boxford are incensed by the proposal for developing the Sand Hill site. It would be equally inaccurate to claim that they are up in arms – but there is no doubt that the idea has met with strong opposition in all parts of the village.

And the opposition seems to have a case. There are real concerns that the risks of flooding, which already regularly affect the area, will be made worse. A recent report, presented to the Parish Council, highlighted a considerable amount of work that must be done to solve both the present problems and the additional water dispersal needs of a new development. The developers of the site will be expected to comply with what they are required to do, and the additional expense will of course damage their profits. Will they commit to these demands?

But this is not the only item giving anxiety. Boxford is a pretty village and should remain so, but it is vulnerable to over development. Additional houses put additional strains on the school, the utilities such as the sewage system and make traffic congestion worse. The development proposed is substantially in excess of the demands of the Housing Survey that Babergh are using to justify the project, and the villagers of Boxford have not been told why.

Sue Beven was impressed by the depth of feeling that was expressed at the consultation meeting and later at the Parish Council meeting. "The number of people telling me how opposed they were to the development was surprising," she said. "There really seems to be a strong feeling that a development at the proposed location would be completely wrong for the village."

That's why she, with a small group of other villagers, have set up an action group under the title of YourBoxford. This will bring together the views from the people of Boxford about even more Affordable Housing in the village and identify material that may be submitted to the Planning Committee at Babergh..

"David Swain, YourBoxford"



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GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

We held a very successful 'Turkish' evening this year, which was good fun, thanks to a lot of hard work and research from Jayne Foster; many thanks to all those who came and supported us, and helped us to raise about £400 for church funds; I know there were people who missed the usual conventional Harvest Supper, but the menu we chose was a great deal easier than what we usually do, unfortunately we simply don't have the man [woman!] power to get all the cooking done, and so having a simpler menu was very much easier for those of us in the kitchen, and already there is talk of another country theme for next year [Hungary, Italy, Mexico, the World is our Oyster!] We look forward to seeing all our supporters again at the Groton Cheese and Wine Party, which is a week earlier than usual, on Saturday, November 30th; the tickets will be available soon. Pat Kennedy Scott.



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Friday, 8 November, 8.00, Ticket £15
Josh Kemp Quartet

"Wonderfully rich toned tenorist Josh Kemp with a laconic, subtle, highly nuanced and original sound" - Time Out "A player to watch...a musician of great individuality" - Alan Barnes. With Josh Kemp saxophone, Tim Laphorn piano, Mick Hutton bass and Matt Skelton drums. Josh is a band leader (having won the Daily Telegraph Young Jazz Band of the Year), composer, educator and studio owner. We are hoping that his new CD will be available at the gig. This is Joshes debut at the club, but the rest of the sterling band are old friends of the club. Tim is one of our finest pianists, Mick has an international reputation as does Matt. This will be a joyous evening. Come along.

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Friday, 15 November 8.00, Ticket £15
Matt Ridley Trio with Jason Yarde

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THE NOVEMBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

"For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia."

So wrote the eminent Victorian hymn-writer William How in 1864 as the opening words of his processional hymn for All Saints' Day. William How was later known as "the poor man's bishop" for his tireless work in London's East End. In its original version, his hymn consisted of eleven verses rather than the six found in modern hymn books. These verses celebrate the lives of the apostles, evangelists and martyrs before focusing on the struggles, conflicts and hopes of our own Christian journeys.

I have to admit that there are some aspects of this time of year that make my heart sink! You can't help but notice them when you walk into the supermarkets or past shop windows. I'm referring to all the spiders' webs, witches' hats, broomsticks and pumpkins!

Halloween, alongside the increasingly-popular trick-or-treat, are often thought to be American imports but their origins are more than likely to be found here in England. Halloween takes its name from All Hallows' Evening, the night before All Hallows' Day, now known as All Saints' Day - November 1st. Perhaps now would be a great time for the Church to reclaim this time of year by talking seriously about the saints and their stories.

On the 1st October, the Church of England remembered Anthony Ashley Cooper. Never heard of him? Well, you may remember him by his title - Lord Shaftesbury. This remarkable man, who had a strong evangelical faith, was an MP who worked tirelessly for better housing and schools for the poor in Victorian Britain. It was Shaftesbury who was largely responsible for putting an end to women and children working in coal mines. Throughout the rest of October, among others, the church remembers such saints as Francis of Assisi, William Tyndale, Elizabeth Fry, Edward the Confessor, Teresa of Avila, Luke the Apostle, and Martin Luther. Reading about their lives and especially about their Christian witness is both inspiring and rewarding. Like us, they faced many challenges; they lived their lives in the real world and they spoke about their faith in God with passion and humility. They often showed extraordinary courage and several of them paid with their lives.

We should give special thanks for the saints of the villages & hamlets of this benefice who pop in on lonely neighbours every so often, who work selflessly, often unnoticed, for the good of the community, who smile at passers-by, who offer to pick up shopping for the housebound, who provide transport for those without. The Old Testament talks of the saints as those who are faithful to God, who love Him and are dedicated to His service. I recognise many people in this community who fit that description.

"They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still. The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, on the street, in the shops, in church, in the house next door; they are saints of God..." from the hymn: "I sing a song of the Saints of God" by Lesbia Scott

A happy and blessed All Saints-tide to you all.

Christopher Kingsbury

BOXFORD'S ANNUAL CHARITY CARD

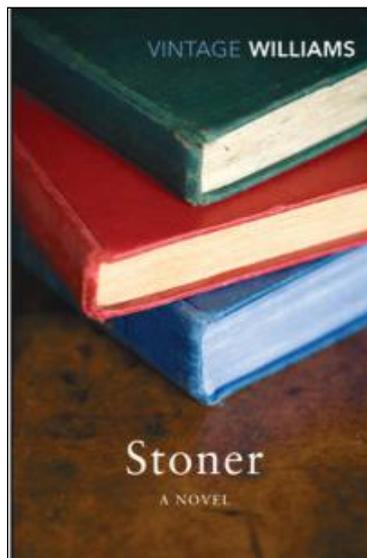


This year's Boxford Christmas will be on sale in the Newsagents from this weekend.

Profits from this card will go to Boxford Over 60's Club.

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

'Stoner' by John Williams

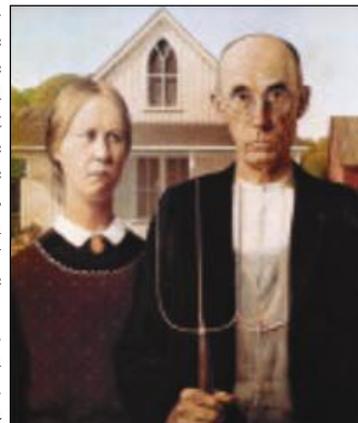


William Stoner grew up on a sterile farm in Missouri. I imagine his parents resembled the couple in the painting on the right, called 'American Gothic' by Grant Wood, painted in 1930. He was certainly born into a cold family with little communication between the three of them, so when he was sent to university he was ill-equipped to socialise. It is apt that his family name is Stoner.

The subject of the book is Stoner's life. He forgoes a future in agriculture when he discovers his real love is literature. After gaining his degrees he is encouraged to stay on at the university as an academic, a role in which he feels comfortable and secure, even if he is largely

friendless. He does not chase promotion or personal happiness despite both being offered. Americans would write him off as a loser. But how is a life measured? In Stoner's case he is absorbed with his books and his work, and is content with his lot. However, his superiors find him too honest and naive, his wife and daughter too detached, his students too dry. He is maddeningly self-effacing, giving into bullies above him. You want to kick him up the backside to encourage him to stand up for himself. But this is a quiet intellectual man, who does not like confrontation. He prefers to choose the path of least resistance. He is neither a hero nor a villain, just an ordinary man making his way through life as best he can, like the rest of us.

This sounds such a miserable read, but this simple tale of a life by John Williams is eloquent and moving, measured and reflective. It is a beautiful read and I have been recommending it to everyone. Few people have heard of the author, but his books are now in prominent places in shop windows. Published in 1965, it was an instant success but then, inexplicably, it disappeared from the shelves, only to reappear this year. John Williams died in 1994 and twenty years later Stoner is being heralded as a lost classic. Everyone is talking about it!



Sir

On behalf of my Dad (Colin Lewis), Brother Jonathan and myself, I would like to thank everybody for their kind letters, cards and messages of sympathy following the death of mum, Anne Lewis.

Thank you to all who attended her service of thanksgiving. We were overwhelmed by the kindness and support from so many people.

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Harvest Festival was celebrated in style this year in Edwardstone, with a magnificent feast, provided by Caroline Williams and Melanie Childs. Hours before her kitchen was due to be ripped out, Melanie had prepared bowls of fabulous salads and Caroline was up till the wee small hours, cooking up truly award-winning vegetarian quiches. David Williams was not to be outdone in culinary endeavours, as he kept his head in the oven, most of the morning, seeing that the children's sausages were done to perfection.

As well as dozens of children and villagers celebrating the Harvest, on a chilly September day, we were joined by our friends from Morden College in Blackheath.

The link with the charity, which has made generous donations to the church of St Mary the Virgin over the years, harks back to 1662 when Susanna Brand of Edwardstone married the wealthy merchant John Morden.

The pair had no children, but instead founded Morden College to provide homes for "elderly decayed merchants", which continues to this day. Almost a dozen residents joined us for lunch and said how much they enjoyed the food and seeing so many happy little faces.

Flowers, lettuces, courgettes and fruit decorated the church in a beautiful and imaginative display and Reverend Judith gave us another memorable service. The harvest produce, was delivered by Ineke Morris and Marie Paddon, to the Bridge Project in Sudbury, who were very grateful



EDWARDSTONE MILLENIUM GREEN



There was a good turnout for the work party on the green on Saturday 21st September. Much work remains to be done, so the next work party will be on Sunday 16th November at 9am. Please come along and help maintain this wonderful local amenity.



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THE MED COMES TO BOXFORD

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The pub's new ownership has recruited manager, Ivano Piret, a native Sicilian with significant experience in restaurants and pub management. Head Chef, Miguel Lopes, from Portugal, then joined the team from The Angel in Stoke By Nayland and they have put together an exciting menu based upon some of the classic dishes from southern Europe and North Africa.

As well as a range of traditional pastas and pizzas, the pub serves exciting a la carte dishes such as Tajine di Agnello con patate – a Moroccan lamb stew, couscous, new potatoes and courgette, Slow cooked Pork Belly with caramelised apple and black truffle mashed potatoes, and the signature dish Cataplana - a classic Portuguese dish of pork, shellfish, tomato, onions, broccoli and potato all served in a traditional cataplana copper dish for two people to share – a sort of Portuguese paella. There are also traditional steaks, a range of specials and a children's menu.

The aim of the new pub is to provide relaxing surroundings for locals to enjoy a pint or for families to come and eat good food at reasonable prices. Locals will particularly enjoy £5 Pizza and Pasta night every Monday evening, where all dishes are just £5. On Wednesdays they can enjoy Tapas night, featuring a wide selection of Spanish dishes all at £3. The weekends are getting busier as word gets around and so booking is advisable.

With Christmas not far around the corner the pub is also offering a 3 course Christmas menu throughout December at just £23.95, as well as the normal menu.

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Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Pip Wright back to the Parish Room last night to talk to us once again. As we had expected, he enthralled our audience with his account of the history of penal transportation and with stories of the criminals he has collected after many years research of old newspapers. We also knew we were in for something special when he used his guitar to support the narrative, by playing and singing old folk songs in a superb voice; I hope the following extracts do justice to what was, by common consent, an absolutely superb presentation.

- From early times, Britain apparently had some 200 separate capital offences, incredible though this seems to us today.
- Penal transportation was used where judges particularly didn't wish to execute felons, and also as a way to reduce the prison population.
- Convicts were first sent to America from the 1620's until their revolution in 1776; there was then a hiatus of 11 years until the "First Fleet" set sail for Australia in 1787, landing in what was to become Sydney, and thereafter to Van Diemen's land in Tasmania from 1803.
- It appears that many judges were of the two strikes and you're out variety, so that on a third offence, no matter how trivial, convicts were transported.
- Ten times as many men were transported as women, with some 2,500 from Suffolk alone, including Margaret Catchpole - see also below - and most never returned.
- At this point Pip recounted the story of one miscreant who had a wife and three children who first survived and then prospered under transportation, apparently marrying again and having another three children who he named as before!
- Initially both men and women were transported together, on voyages of from 3 to 9 months duration, with babies often then being born en-route.
- In an attempt to prevent this, women were subsequently separately shipped, but as Pip informed us, this had little effect because the crew were exclusively men!
- Families of transportees often suffered terribly, with wives and older daughters being sent for service and children packed off to the workhouse - brutal times indeed.

• Wikipedia records Margaret as a British adventuress, chronicler and criminal, born in Suffolk, who worked as a servant in various houses before conviction for stealing a horse; she later escaped from Ipswich Gaol and, following recapture, was transported to Australia. Her entry in the Australian Dictionary of Biography describes her as one of the few true convict chroniclers with an excellent memory and a gift for recording events. (14 March 1762 - 13 May 1819)

Everyone had a most entertaining evening, learning much from a narrator who really knows his stuff and who can put it across in such an easy and absorbing manner; most appeared thankful that we live in the 21st Century in more enlightened times.

At our next talk, Charlie Haylock will royally entertain us with his rendition of "Suffolk Vernacular", and we look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room on Wednesday 16th October for what is sure to be a fascinating evenings entertainment.

Andy Sheppard

19th September 2013



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- Halving 16-24 year-old unemployment within 2 years, taking 4,000 more people off benefits.
- Setting up and piloting a young people's job centre in Ipswich.
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The card, which is similar to the Oyster Card used in London, will come into operation from 1st October this year. To start with, the card will simply give users a discount, with them paying the balance as they get on the bus. But, from April next year, young people will be able to top-up the card with extra credit, to enable entirely cash-less payments, and so speed up boarding times. So far, a wide range of bus operators have signed up to the scheme. These include: Ipswich Buses, Galloway, Coach Services, Stephenson's, Carters, Suffolk Norse, Anglian Bus (including Chambers) and First Eastern Counties. Anyone interested in applying for an Endeavour Card can do so by going on-line to: www.suffolkonboard.com.

• Local Broadband Update

I chaired a Scrutiny Committee last month highlighting the importance of the URGENT for better broadband in the area. In particular we have asked for improved information on the website as to when each area will receive their updated service and ensure that the Better Broadband Site and the BT Website say the same thing !! This will enable those who need to consider an interim solution can make some plans via a wireless solution.

• Boxford School Parking

My thanks go to Tina Impett and all the parents for the meeting on 11th October to discuss the challenge of school Traffic. There were some excellent ideas put forward and a few including myself have agreed to participate in a School Traffic Action Group (STAG) to develop the suggestions discussed. There is clearly no one solution to solve the problem. In the meantime if every single parent could think how they themselves could make a small difference to reduce the parking problem I am sure that would help – if you have a new idea please let us know. Watch this space and thank you to all parents who came along.

• My next Boxford Surgery

This is on Wednesday 13th November at 4.00pm in Mary's House and is open to all from Boxford and beyond living in my Division.

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On the run up to the Jackie Oates gig at the Fleece on Saturday 12th October I must admit was a little unsure that an grown up like me should be going to a lullabies concert. On arrival at the Fleece the pub was full with a mixture of locals, concert goers and a party in the Corder Room, the atmosphere was fantastic. The evening started with Tilly Dalglish who is an up and coming folk singer, what a professional performance for a 15 year old, everybody was very impressed with her. After a beer break Jackie was on, most of her concert was lullabies with their roots in a pre-technology age where the only means of communication was the human voice and home-made music. The songs were sung in a way that only a top vocalist could do, beautifully executed tunes but with lyrics in many cases that were as dark as night, expressing the fears and harsh realities of an earlier world. Jackie has explored an area which obviously fascinates her, not only that but she has the understanding and skill to communicate it to others. It was a really memorable evening made even better with a pint of Mill Green's superb Oatmeal Stout in my hand.

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- ◆ Venison, Rabbit and Wild Boar Terrine, Soft Boiled Duck Egg, Pickles and Toast

Mains

- ◆ Fillet of Organic Salmon, Tarragon Butter Sauce, Potato Pancake, Sautéed Chard and Spinach
- ◆ Traditional Roast Free Range Turkey, Bacon wrapped Chipolata,
- ◆ Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding and Seasonal Vegetable
- ◆ Rib of Red Poll Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables
- ◆ Wild Mushroom, Cranberry and Brie Wellington, Quinoa Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables (V)

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- roast turkey breast served with the white horse works
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- butternut squash & sage risotto with roasted garlic & rosemary
- woodland mushroom & stilton tart with a sweet potato, spinach & grain salad .

- sticky stem ginger & prune cake
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- triple chocolate brownie
- raspberry mousse & hazelnut biscotti
- christmas pudding with brandy
- selection of ice cream

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PALLIATIVE CARE



New website asks – are you “ready for it”?

A new website designed to raise awareness of end of life issues and break down taboos about death while encouraging people to plan for their future has been launched.

The “be ready for it” website, available at www.bereadyforit.org.uk, has been created by the Norfolk and Suffolk Palliative Care Academy.

It encourages people to plan for their future – whatever their age – by talking to their friends, family or carers about their wishes at the end of their lives. By discussing the options at an early stage, the aim is to help people make the right choices about their care, place of death and funeral.

As well as helpful checklists which make it easier for people plan for their own or someone else’s death, the site also brings together a host of information to help when somebody has died, such as guidance about legal requirements and how to register a death.

Visitors to www.bereadyforit.org.uk will also be able to share their own stories, create a bucket list of things they wish to do before they die and access support from a range of charities.

Maggie Parsons, project lead for the academy, said: “Many people find it hard to talk about death and dying, and it remains one of the biggest taboos in our society.

“But dying well is a natural part of a good life – which is where this new website comes in. We want to encourage people to talk openly about dying and plan ahead so that they can make the right choices about end of life care, where they want to die and their plans for their funeral.

“As well as bringing together lots of useful information and checklists, this website will help to encourage people to start those conversations. After all, simply talking about death won’t bring it closer – but sharing our wishes well in advance will make it easier for our loved ones when we do reach the end of our lives.”

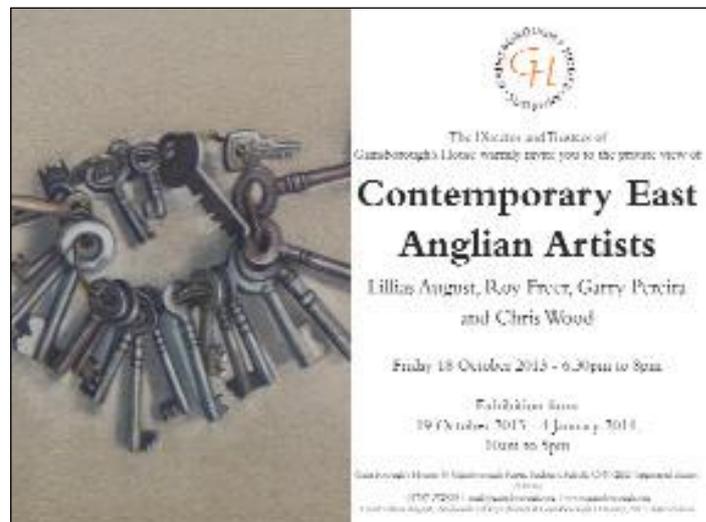
The Norfolk and Suffolk Palliative Care Academy is a group of individuals and organisations which are working together to improve palliative care education and training and ultimately patient care. Its aim is to give patients more choice at the end of their lives, provide more support for carers and increase transferable skills so that staff can deliver care in all areas more effectively.

BBC Look East presenter Carol Bundock, who has supported the work of the academy since it launched in 2012, said: “The end of life for one person is the beginning of another life for someone else left behind. Openness about death and dying where possible can help all those involved.

The Norfolk and Suffolk Palliative Care Academy is primarily funded by Health Education East of England (HEEoE), which aims to continuously improve the quality of education, training and development in the east of England. HEEoE also aim to enable the health and care workforce to respond effectively to the needs of patients, carers and families. It supports the academy through the Norfolk and Suffolk Workforce Partnership Group.

In addition, the academy receives support from HealthEast, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney’s Clinical Commissioning Group, Norfolk County Council and East of England Strategic Clinical Network for Cancer. It also works in partnership with the Norfolk and Suffolk Dementia Alliance

CONTEMPORARY EAST ANGLIAN ARTISTS



Gainsborough’s House is proud to announce their new temporary exhibition, ‘Contemporary East Anglian Artists’. Four artists present different elements of their life in the region, from the objects and details of the everyday into the landscape and light that is so dramatic and distinctive in East Anglia.

Lillias August is a watercolour artist who uses her medium to sensitively portray everyday objects which ‘show history, human endeavor and the visual beauty of aging and use’. She has produced work especially for the exhibiton, depicting items found at Gainsborough’s House, including detailed studies of paintbrushes, keys and other ephemera. August explains her approach as ‘looking straight at an object, close up ... a way of forcing attention towards all these things’.

Roy Freer’s impressionist still life work depicts an array of household objects, using oils in both bright and more muted colour palettes. He describes these objects as ‘A congregation of parts and movements, simple and ordinary’. His application technique gives the subjects of his paintings a characteristic texture and intensity, and they ‘realise a wonderful and extraordinary presence’. Garry Pereira increasingly mixes his own paints, and uses a combination of oils, gold leaf and sea water in his seascapes. In painting small studies on location, he hopes to ‘offer up something of its original source, some form of connection to the human condition’. Some of these small studies can be seen at this exhibition, and are used to inform his larger scale studio works also on display.

The glass artist, Chris Wood, arranges her medium into abstract patterns which playfully refract the light, her aim being ‘to encourage the viewer to consider the materiality of light itself’. A number of works, including a lens installation, can be seen in the temporary exhibition gallery, while the House’s unique garden hosts the intriguingly entitled Light Dancer.

‘Contemporary East Anglian Artists’ is a selling exhibition and can be seen at Gainsborough’s House, Sudbury from 19 October 2013 until 4 January 2014.

Introducing Suffolk Circle...

I would like to introduce you to a new local organisation which we think you’ll find really exciting. Suffolk Circle offers handy bits of help that make life easier and social opportunities that make it more fun. Members can choose social events they’d like to go to and can also get a hand with jobs around the home.

Getting more out of life: Each month members receive a calendar with events suggested by other members. Events happen right across Suffolk and have included walks, pub lunches, cinema and theatre trips and exclusive visits, for instance to RAF Lakenheath. If members are worried about getting there Suffolk Circle will see if another member who is going is able to offer them a lift.

Getting things sorted: Suffolk Circle members are also able to get a hand with sorting things out at home from a group of friendly local Helpers. Helpers can move furniture, hang curtains, mow the lawn or clear out a cupboard. We also know that lots of people would like a hand with technology sometimes! Suffolk Circle Helpers can show you how to send a text message, can tune in your TV or teach you how to use a digital camera, for instance.

How to join: Suffolk Circle is a great way to meet new people and get things done. Membership is open to everybody over the age of 50. Membership costs just £30 per year or £2.50 per month and then members pay for what they do, for example getting a hand for a Helper or going out for lunch.

call: 0800 112 3446. or visit: www.suffolkcircle.org.uk

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 25th November 2013 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.

Boxford and Hadleigh

Community Car Scheme

If you have a medical appointment and need transport, we may be able to help. Our car scheme is run entirely by volunteer helping the community. For more information please ring Sue Green on 01787 210603

We charge 45p per mile.

Flu Vaccinations 2013

Hadleigh High School Leisure Centre

Saturday 9th November 9am to 11.30am

Boxford Village Hall

Tuesday 26th November 9am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm

No appointment Necessary

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES.

The Trustees will meet in November to consider applications for grants from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the area of benefit as defined by the Charity Commission. This is the area of the 'ancient parish of Groton, and includes Homefields, Partridge Close, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church. Applications can be from individuals or from locally based community services in Groton and Boxford which provide services for Groton residents. Applications can be made for various purposes in case of need or hardship, and particularly in support of costs arising from a medical condition or emergency. Would anyone who wishes to apply, or knows of someone in need of help, please contact

Jeremy Osborne Clerk to the Trustees, Groton United Charities Waterside Barn, Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5EE

If you need advice on whether you or anyone you know would be eligible, please contact the Clerk on 01787 211960.

Speeding

These days every one is in a hurry

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Must get Home • Must get this delivery done

These are all excuses that we have heard when we have stopped drivers for speeding and to be honest they are not acceptable.

It is chilling to think that it takes an extra 60ft to stop if you are doing 40mph and that's if the conditions are good.

People need to take more time and think about their driving is it worth speeding and possibly killing somebody?

Is it worth speeding and getting caught a and then having a £100 fine and Three points on your Licence? Which will make your insurance more expensive.

Your journey will take longer if you are caught speeding so Plan your journey!!!!

Mary's House

Mary's House needs a at least two new volunteers to serve coffee and tea, and generally welcome visitors who drop in. The duty is only for one morning a month, from 9.30 – 12.30 approx, on a rota so that we all know ahead when our turn is, and can swop it if needed.

This is an enjoyable morning (I think our volunteers would agree!) and a great asset to the villages around. Cyclists and those holidaying near especially are pleased to find us open, as well as those who live locally. Please give me a call if you feel you would be willing to join our team. Thank you. *Pauline Lamming 210360*

Lonely on Christmas Day!!

Do you know someone who will be on their own on Christmas Day? Christmas Lunch will be delivered free to a limited number of people in Boxford, during the afternoon on Christmas Day. To nominate someone, please email BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com with a supporting statement.

Tennis!

A lot of players, including lots of young people, have enjoyed using the tennis courts over the summer, for coaching and for playing. Unfortunately, fees still have to be paid!

If you are aware you haven't paid for the use of the courts, please send your dues to : Pauline Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, - (any cheques made payable to Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee") . As a reminder, charges are:

Per hour.....adult £2 child £1

Per year.....family £55 adult £33 child £20

We do need to keep the tennis courts in good order , so please try and pay regularly - then we can all enjoy them! Thank you. *Pauline Lamming 210360*

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Groton PCC are planning to produce a calendar for 2015. [no, not one of THOSE calendars, though it was discussed!] We would like a selection of photographs taken of anywhere in Groton, and at varying times of the year, so that we can have a suitably seasonal photo for each month. It would be nice to have some taken of the Church, but any building or feature of the village will do as well; so please get snapping, and there is a year to go before we call in the photos for decisions on the final choice. There will be further details of where and how to send in your photos in due course, and we hope that lots of people will take part in this venture; it will be a First for Groton, but who knows, maybe a Groton Calendar will become an annual item for sale each Christmas.

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP REACHES 40!

To celebrate this special anniversary, we are planning a show in early March 2014. We hope to re-visit some of our "best bits" from our previous productions and we are looking for your input. So if there is something (can be more than one) that you would like to see again, please speak to any Drama Group member or let me know, Margaret Clapp, my phone no. is 01473 822949 Email: margclapp@aol.com. Also any previous members of the Drama Group would be welcome to join us.

Suffolk Historic Cycle Ride

We (Rick, Coleen and Sue) of Little Waldingfield took on the challenge of the Suffolk Historic Cycle Ride and visited 20 churches over a distance of 40 miles. Our thanks go out to the generosity of those people who kindly sponsored and helped us to raise a total sum of £971.50. Little Waldingfield is but a small village of approximately 350 residents and it is at times like this when the community really comes together in support of such a worthy cause. Once again, thanks to you all. *Rick*.

I would like to thank the kind people who sponsored me to ride for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Twenty-nine people helped me raise over £400 in memory of Barrie. *Maggie Thorpe*



Wot's On

FUN & GAMES NIGHT

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL. We will once again be holding our Annual Fun & Games Night in Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 25 January 2014. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various indoor games and quizzes to claim the prestigious title. A fun night is promised for all with a licensed bar, raffle and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30 with registration and the first round of games at 7.50 promptly. Ticket prices are £48 per team. We have a limit of 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed please contact Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Mark Miller on 01787 210596, or alternatively e-mail Mark on Mark.Miller@talktalk.net We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas and, if you are not in a team but would like to help, please also let us know. It is never too early to book your place, so book it now!

FAIRTRADE STALL REMEMBER!!

Thurs 7th and Friday 8th November, 9.30 -4.30, and on Saturday 9th from 9.30 -12.30. gifts, jewellery, Christmas cards, decorations, and fairly traded foods! See you there!

MINI TABLE -TOP SALE!

On Saturday 23rd November 9.30 - 12.30, we are holding a Mini table-Top Sale in Mary's House. A few half tables/ whole table left for £5/£10. Do get in touch. Refreshments will be on the go, admission for all buyers £1. Come and buy some fantastic bargains! Sellers - any profit is yours! Please phone and book your space -01787 210360.

Pauline Lamming

Boxford Bounty Winners

July - August 2013

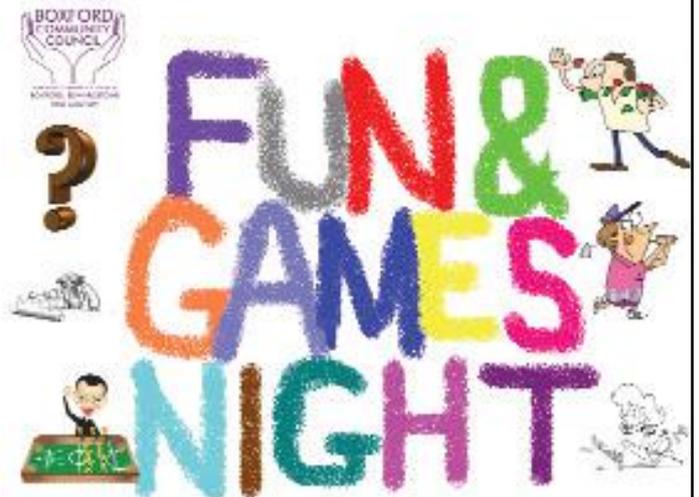
The Boxford Bounty would like to thank members of the Community Council for drawing the following numbers at their meeting on Mon 7th October 2013

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Mark Miller 01787 210596

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QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 28th November 2013

AT

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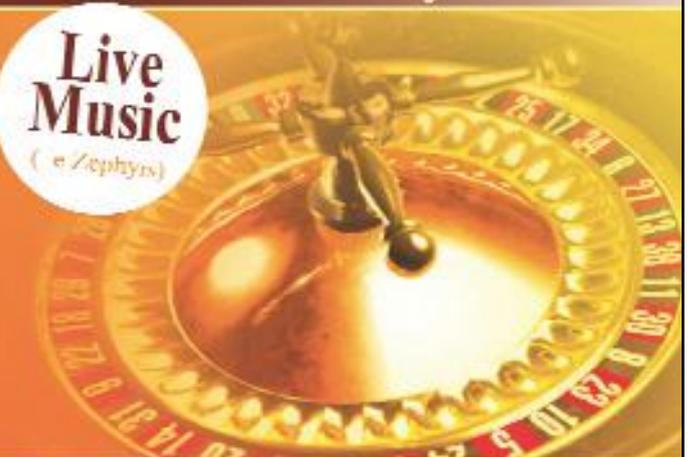


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Wot's On

Newton November Events

4th	Monday 7.00 pm	Bridge Drive at Golf Club
5th	Tuesday 2.30 pm	Fireside Club
13th	Wednesday 7.30 pm	Parish Council
19th	Tuesday 2.30 pm	Fireside Club
22nd	Friday 7.00 pm	Quiz Night at Golf Club

Monks Eleigh Whist Drives

Come and join a group who play whist every second Wednesday of the month(apart from December when its the third!) in Monks Eleigh Village Hall. We play 12 hands, refreshments are provided and we have a raffle.

We aim to have a social game of cards and a fun evening so beginners to experienced players are welcome.

Future games on Wednesday November 13th, December 18th, January 8th 2014, February 12th, March 12th.

MINI TABLE –TOP SALE!

On Saturday 23rd November 9.30 – 12.30, we are holding a Mini table-Top Sale in Mary's House. We hope some of you have lovely unwanted treasure to sell! and would like to book a half table/ whole table for £5/£10. Do get in touch.

Refreshments will be on the go, admission for all buyers £1. Come and buy some fantastic bargains! Sellers – any profit is yours! Please phone and book your space –01787 210360. First come, first served!

Pauline Lamming 210360

COMING SOON

'Oh no it isn't!'

'Oh Yes it is!'

SCROOGE THE PANTO

It's not exactly Dickens, but as you all know Boxford Drama Group are not exactly famous for precision.

More passion and fun, which is what we want to start the festive season. From Wednesday 4th to Saturday 7th December at Boxford Village Hall.

Family night on Wednesday is without a meal at £3 for Children and £6.00 for grown ups.

All other evenings include a two course Xmas dinner staggeringly good value at £13 each.

Bar, Raffle and lots of bonhomie.

Don't miss out!!! Get your tickets at Boxford Newsagents from 9am on Saturday 2nd November.

Christmas Tree Festival at Lamarsh

Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd December, 10 am to 6 pm.

Come again to Holy Innocents Church, Lamarsh to enjoy some pre-Christmas magic (this is our second Festival) – a church filled with lights and trees decorated by local people, in themes from countries all over the world. Hot fruit punch and other refreshments will be available, or you could go on for a meal at the Lamarsh Lion (pre-booking advised).

Entry free: donations to the church. Parking at the Village Hall, Henny Road, CO8 5EU. Enquiries to Fiona Adedotun – tel 01787 228707.

Hadleigh Choral Society

Hadleigh Choral Society will be performing the much loved Verdi Requiem, at St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh, on Saturday 16th November, at 7.30 pm. The choir will be accompanied by the Colchester Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Christopher Phelps, with soloists Stephanie Corley (soprano), Rebecca Afonwy-Jones (contralto), Ashley Catling (tenor), and Owain Browne (bass).

Admission for this popular Concert is by ticket only, available from The Idler, Hadleigh (01473 827752), or the box office (01473 658347), priced at £12 £10 (conc) or £2 (under 16)

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children charity Christmas Cards will be available for purchase at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford from November onwards. The house is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 until 12 noon. Marian Goldsmith

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS PUDDING



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Friday 15 November to Sunday 17 November 2013

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Boxford Village Hall, Tuesdays 10.30am – 11.30am

Classes restart 3rd September 2013

Cost: £2.00 per session (FIRST TRIAL SESSION FREE)

For further information please call Samantha Cross on 01787 210439 or 07939 579292

Stoke by Nayland Bridge Club

Do you and your Bridge partner want to play regularly in the afternoons? Perhaps you did not know that there is a Duplicate Bridge Club that plays every Thursday at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall from 1.50pm to 5.0pm. This is a relaxed and friendly club where you will find a warm welcome with no joining fee.

Contact Roger Loose on 01787-210538 for more details.

"FITNESS CLASSES - Boxford

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00pm at Boxford Primary School, commencing 4 September. A variety of exercise techniques including circuit, weights, aerobic work and stretches. Open to both men and women. Friday 9.15 - 10.15am at Boxford Spinney, commencing 6 September. A more gentle class with objectives to improve co-ordination, balance and keeping strong in later life (50+). Both classes are payable by the term. Call 211822"

Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages)

Meetings in the village hall on Mondays, starting at 2.30pm

November: 11th

Trip to Perrywoods on November 4th

Shirley Watling 01787 2100248

Milden Singers Festive Christmas Concert

Friday 13th December doors open 7.30pm show time 8pm

Saturday 14th December doors open 1.30pm show time 2pm

These popular festive concerts will also include songs from Les Miserables. Friday night includes a buffet and Saturday with afternoon tea both performances with licensed bar and raffle.

At and in aid of Milden Pavilion Tickets £5 from Pearl on 01449 741876

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday, November 30th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

No sooner is the Harvest Supper over, than we have to start planning the Cheese and Wine Party, so get your tickets soon, £7.50 each from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC; there will be the usual excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald Bar, Gift Stall etc.

ART SALE

A group of local artists are holding a one day Art Sale on Saturday 7th December 2013 at Boxford Village Hall from 10am- 4pm. Pictures will be on sale from £5, also original Christmas cards etc. All are welcome, and entry is free!

Yoga classes

running Thursday mornings 9.00-10.00am and Friday evenings

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EDWARDSTONE

WINTER WARMER

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Edwardstone Church

Thursday 7th November 2013

at Edwardstone Village Hall, CO10 5PJ

9am - 1pm



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BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

5th November - End of Year Party and AGM for Members and 'other halves' only - tickets in advance from Rosie Osborne (01787 211 960 or email rosie.osborne@btinternet.com).

The photo competition deadline is coming up! Bring your 7" x 5" photos (maximum 3 photos) to the meeting on 1st October - Gardens through the Seasons - Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter - can include flower portraits. Or give to Ian Holdgate (01787 211 314 - 18 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford) by Sat 5th October.

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm 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 as above.

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. Remaining walks in 2013: Sundays 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

Little Waldingfield History Society - History in the making

13th Nov John Walker, "The Tudor housing revolution" from a former Chairman of Essex Historic Buildings Group, who studied and lectured for 30 years on timber framed buildings in Essex & Suffolk.

11th Dec Jane Gosling, "Boom and Bust" in the Lavenham Wool Industry by an expert from The NT.

Jan. Roger Lane, Free members only event, featuring a display of fine evocative prints from original paintings by Roger, a local artist who lives in Acton.

19th Feb Dr Nick Sign, Boudica and the Iceni 60-61 AD

12th Mar John Cashmore, 487th USAAF Bombardment Group (H) - Lavenham Airfield, "Gentlemen From Hell". The Group had several 'claims to fame' and this talk will present the famous Mission 760 of 24th December 1944, John will also be showing examples of original equipment used by the American airman during their time at Lavenham.

9th Apr Chris Bowden, Printing in the 19th century

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
Tickets Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

Membership of LWHS costs £10.00 per person pa and entitles each member to the following benefits:

- Reduced price entry to LWHS events;
- Access to Suffolk Local history and other local events;
- Access to the Suffolk Review; and
- Access to exclusive LWHS member events

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

<http://littlwaldingfie.waldorf.onesuffolk.net/organisations/local-history/>
Current fees are £2.00 for members, £4.00 for non-members which includes light refreshments.

Newton Bridge

There were five and a half tables on Monday 8th October, and we had just started to play when all the lights went out!

Some people managed to play the first four hands by candle light, but it was impossible to see properly and the electricity company thought it might be an hour before we were reconnected, so we all packed up and went home. The lights came back on about ten minutes after we got home!

Let's hope for better luck at the next drive which will be on Monday 4th November, with the following one on Monday 2nd December.

Alan Vince 01787 373963

COFFEE MORNING

Raising funds for St Nicholas Hospice
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Saturday 23 November
10am – 12 noon
Newton Green Village Hall

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Friends of Boxford School
Christmas Fayre

Saturday 30th November
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2-5pm
Free Admission

This year's Fayre will be home to numerous colourful and welcoming stalls selling perfect gifts, as well as an array of fun stalls and activities for the whole family. Festive refreshments will be served in the Christmas cafe and even Santa will be living over from the North Pole to visit the children.

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Box River Knitstitch Group

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FAIRTRADE STALL

There will be a Fair Trade Stall at Mary's House, as we have enjoyed before. It will be on Thurs 7th and Friday 8th November, 9.30 -4.30, and on Saturday 9th from 9.30 -12.30.

As usual, there will be plenty of gifts, jewellery, Christmas cards and decorations, and fairly traded foods ;do put it in your diary and come and browse – plenty of coffee and cakes to aid the process too! See you there!

Pauline Lamming

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

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Fri Nov 8th "Quartet" (12) Fri Dec 13th "Behind the Candelabra"(15)

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

Christmas Tree Festival

Bigger and better - back for a second year at St. Mary's
Friday 6th December 12-6pm and Saturday 7th December 10-7pm

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER 10am-11am

Sunday 8th December 12-6p

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The Power of Music, John Stanley The Power of Music
G.P. Telemann Water Music (Overture in C major TWV55:C3)
G.F. Handel Mad Scene (Act II, Scene 11) from Orlando HWV31
Antonio Vivaldi Cantata 'Amor hai vinto' RV683
Antonio Vivaldi Concerto in D minor RV566
G.F. Handel 'Splenda l'alba in oriente' HWV166

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2013, 6.00 p.m.

The Grand Hall, Hadleigh Town Hall

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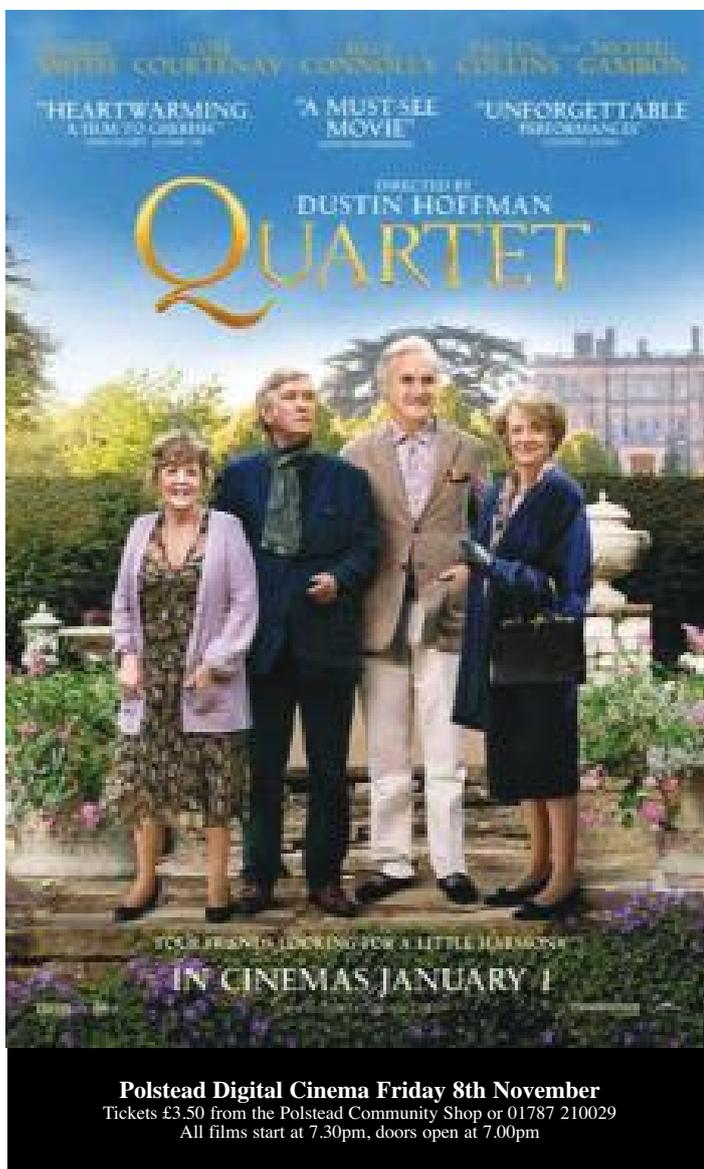
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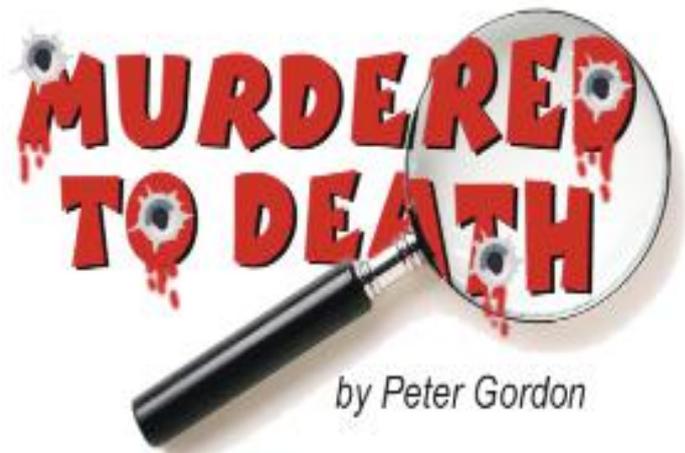
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THE QUAY THEATRE

BOX OFFICE: 01787 374 745



Friday 1st November – Image Musical Theatre presents **SCROOGE** - A family participation musical, with ten children chosen to perform in the second part of the show! £7.50 Children £6.00 Family £24.00 2pm & 4pm

Saturday 2nd November – Bryan Thurlow presents **MUSIC HALL MEMORIES** - A pocket history of Music Hall, featuring songs and monologues. With Special Guest **Gloria Stewart**. £10.00 7.30pm

Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th November Quay Productions presents **LAST TANGO IN LITTLE GRIMLEY. LAST PANTO IN LITTLE GRIMLEY. THE FAT LADY SINGS** - An hilarious triple bill by David Tristram. For anyone aware of theatres, committees and/or tantrums, this is a must see! £9.00. Friends £8.00 7.30pm. Sponsored by Sainsbury's

Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th November // Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd November Sudbury Musicals Society presents **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** - This ever popular show is an uplifting experience for the whole family. Featuring a timeless score. £10.00 7.30pm Matinees on Saturday 16th & 23rd 2.30pm

Sunday 24th November **OPEN MUSIC NIGHT** All welcome. Bring your instruments, your voice or just yourself! In The Quay Bar. No mics or amps please. Free Entry. 7.30pm

Thursday 28th November **FILM CLUB Satyajit Ray** - Regarded as India's most important director so far. His 'Apu' trilogy is one of the most luminous series in film history. 10.30am

Friday 29th November – **GRAFFITI CLASSICS** - It's a classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy and a brilliant dance showed all-in-one! Fabulous entertainment from this well-renowned quartet. £15.00. 7.30pm

Saturday 30th November – **ABSOLUTION** – End the month in the company of these rising stars who are gaining rave reviews from repeat appearances at the famous London Embassy and 100 Club, as well as performing a blistering set at The Great British Rock & Blues Festival. A Modern Blues Power Trio! £10.00 Friends £9.00 7.30pm

www.quaytheatre.org.uk
admin@quaytheatre.org.uk

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Forthcoming Events Diary

October	31 BCC Spectracular	Halloween night	Spimey	TBA
November	2 Quiz Night	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
	4 Newton Green Bridge		Golf Club	7.00pm
	4 Boxford Over 60's	Trip to Perrywoods		
	5 Boxford Gardening Society	Members end of year party	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	7/8 Fair Trade Stall		Mary's House	9.30-5.30
	7 Edwardstoës Winter Warmer		Edwardstone Church	9am -1pm
	13 Little Waldingfield History Soc	John Walker	Parish Room	7.30pm
	16 Festive Fair	Boxford Village Hall Mgt Committee	BVH	TBA
	22 Milden Autumn Ball		The Hall, Milden	7.00pm
	23 Mini Table Top Sale		Mary's House	9.30am
	23 Coffee Morning		Newton Village Hall	10am-12noon
	28 Quiz Night		The Fleece	7.30pm
	30 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
	30 FOB's Christmas Fair		Boxford School	2-5pm
December				
	2 Newton Green Bridge		Golf Club	7.00pm
	4/7 BDC Scrooge the Panto		Boxford Village Hall	4th 7.00 5/7,7.30
	6/8 Boxford Christmas Tree Festival		Boxford St Mary's	See ad for details
	7 Boxford Art Sale		Boxford Village Hall	10am to 4pm
	8. Concert by The Kelvedon Singers	Groton PCC	Groton Church	TBA
	11 Little Waldingfield History Soc	Boom and Bust	Parish Room	7.30pm
	13/14 Milden Singers Festive Christmas Concert		Milden Pavilion	7.30 and 1.30pm
	14 Boxford Community Council/FOB's Santa Run			TBA
January	25 Boxford Community Council	Fun and Games Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	First and Third Monday each month	Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm



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

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

WHY READ THE BIBLE?

The stand-up comedian Lee Mack appeared recently on the BBC Radio 4 programme *Desert Island Discs*.

As regular listeners to the programme will know, at the end castaways are asked by the interviewer, Kirsty Young, which book they would take with them to the desert island, in addition to the Bible and the complete works of Shakespeare.

This was Lee Mack's answer:

Well, I'm going to take A Brief History of Time, Stephen Hawking, because I haven't read it, so I figure the number one rule is take a book you haven't read. And my theory is you'd be lying around all day thinking, "Well, I don't know how I ended up here." And it would start making you think, "Well, how do any of us end up here?" But I'd like to get the Bible because I would read the Bible. I think it's quite odd that people like myself in their forties are quite happy to dismiss the Bible, but have never read it. I always think, if an alien came down and you were the only person they met and they said, "What's life about? What's earth about? Tell us, everything," and you said, "Well, there's a book here that purports to tell you everything; some people believe it to be true; some people do not believe it to be true." "Wow, what's it like?" And you go, "Oh, I don't know. I haven't read it." It would be an odd thing, wouldn't it? So at the very least read it. So, I could read that and then I could read Stephen Hawking and then I'd have hours to make my decision.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

Looking ahead - notes for your diary:

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday - The parade service of remembrance commences at 10.50am.

An Advent Celebration Service Is to take place on Saturday 30th November at 6.30 pm, with seasonal songs & readings - followed by a delicious supper. The service is of course free, but tickets for the supper will be available soon. Please speak to a churchwarden.

December: Sunday 1st December at 4.00 pm - We will be holding our traditional Christingle Service- where we raise funds for the work of the Children's Society. Very much a family & children's service.

Fundraising events - Christmas Tree Festival 2013 - will be held in church Friday 6th, Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December with lots of trees decorated by families & our village organisations. With a pop up cafe, mulled wine & seasonal cakes & goodies to buy. Entry £1.00pp
May 2014 we are planning a return concert by the fantastic **Colchester Military Wives Choir**

Boxford Calendar 2014 - Many thanks for all who sent in their photos - the Calendar will be available in village shops early November, or in church, or from a churchwarden

The Children's Corner- New books & colouring pens etc have been obtained many thanks to those who have donated to this project. Speak to the Revd Judith about how you could help.

Smile time: "Late for a seminar and unable to find parking, I pulled into a spot behind a church. It was only after I'd got out of the car that I spotted this sign: "No parking. Forgiveness is our business, but don't make it harder than it already is." Readers Digest

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 14th November Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

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

Please also note that the suggested donation is now £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 210360.

There is now a 2014 diary for bookings in Mary's House



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant (contact PCC if interested in position)

Rota for November 2013

Flowers Margaret Richardson 210981 (no email)

Sidesman and teas/coffee duties:

November 3 - 0930 - Family Morning Prayer – Pam Dodd/Marlene Clarke

November 11 - 1050 - Remembrance Service at Edwardstone Memorial - Alex Nevill (m)

November 17 – 0800 – Holy Communion – Pam Dodd

Cleaning - Justine Walters

EDWARDSTONE WINTER WARMER 2013

Do you need to stock up on Christmas presents, a pudding or decorations? Or maybe just have a catch up with friends from the village. Then please come along to the Edwardstone Winter Warmer on Thursday 7th November 9-1pm at the Village Hall for tea, coffee, cakes and a browse...where all donations will go towards St Mary the Virgin church, Edwardstone.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Knight:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

WELCOME YULE!

A Festive Concert

Sunday 8th December at 6:00 pm in St Bartholomew's Church, Groton. The Kelvedon Singers present a concert of music for the Festive Season. A lively setting of the mass by Hummel as well as Carols old and new, and an opportunity for the audience to join in, and practice for Christmas. Tickets £12 to include mulled wine and nibbles, available from Sue Knight (210785). Please send Cheques payable to 'Kelvedon Singers' to Cotlee, Groton Street, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EE. Proceeds to be shared between St Bartholomew's Church and the Kelvedon Singers.

PCC MEETING: The PCC will meet at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th November 2013. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 3rd November.

Rota

Sidesman with sacristan: Mr and Mrs Marchant

Flowers: Mrs Gill

Cleaning: Mrs Gill



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Rota

Sidesman

Nov 3 Mr Squirrel

Nov 10 Mrs Harbord & Ms Nicholls Mrs Squirrel

Nov 17 Mrs Rattee and Mrs Eddington Mrs Eddington

Nov 24 Visiting Mrs Gregor Smith

Flowers

Mrs Ewen

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

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



14th September: The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk took place in improving weather. A Thank You to the brave cyclists and to all volunteer recorders at our church.

22nd September: Our Harvest Festival Service began with Revd Judith giving a Baptism Welcome to three boys followed by traditional readings and hymns. Thank you to all who decorated our church so beautifully. We were joined by many villagers at the Village Hall for a very successful Harvest Lunch. Thank you everyone who helped in any way for this event.

29th September: On this Michaelmas Day, The Five Villages Service held at Edwardstone was taken by Revd Judith celebrating St. Michael and All Angels and referring to biblical angels and every day angels in our society. It was a delight to have a group of young children taking part and presenting their angels. Newton church was well represented at the service.

Notices :

11th November: Remembrance Service. A welcome to join us at our church or at the Memorial on the Green.

23rd November: The Newton Green Wine Quiz at the Village Hall.

Forward Notice:

7th December: Newton Church Christmas Coffee Morning and Raffle in the Village Hall. 10:00 am to 12:00 am. A warm welcome awaits you.

Flowers: 10th November: Mrs Margaret Lowe.

General Church News

A service for the Benefice: At 4.00pm on Sunday 3rd November, the Revd Judith is holding a service for "Remembering our loved ones". This is a special service, where we can take time to reflect, remember & perhaps light a candle for those we have known & loved who have passed away.

Remembrance Services will be held around the Benefice on Sunday 10th November and Monday 11th. (Please see times in the worship section) Autumn is a fascinating season. Although some would probably prefer being spring and summer people. Its surely the time to enjoy some of the lovely things autumn has to offer, especially in our beautiful countryside. The profusion of colours; the gentle walks in the woodlands with leaves cushioning our every step, and perhaps the joy of a guiltless hot chocolate on returning home!

For many, it is a period of planning and preparation for family celebrations; Autumn is also the season which leads into winter, during which our shops and houses are beautifully decorated, presents are bought and wrapped, cards and letters are written and exchanged, all in preparation for Christmas.

100 YEARS, 100 TREASURES: Copies of this attractive new book, which features two of our benefice churches (Boxford and Groton) are now available, price £5.00. Please contact David Lamming (tel 210360) to place an order.

DIOCESAN SYNOD: The synod meets at the St Nicholas Centre in Ipswich at 9.00 am on Saturday 9th November 2013. This will be the first meeting to be attended by our interim bishop, the Rt Revd David Thomson. Agenda items will include consideration (and, it will be hoped, approval) of the 2014 diocesan budget and the details of the new parish share allocation system (approved in principle in June 2013) together with the proposed assessments for individual benefices. As at the date of writing, these assessments are not available, but the latest information is that it is hoped that draft assessments will be sent to deanery officers shortly and that they will be circulated to synod members around 25th October. If approved by synod, they will be sent to PCC treasurers and discussions can then take place on how benefice allocations in multi-parish benefices, such as Box River, are to be apportioned among the constituent parishes. The deanery may also need to consider whether any benefice benefiting from the new system should be asked, on a transitional basis, to help other benefice in the deanery that is being asked to pay more.

PROCESS FOR CHOOSING A NEW BISHOP: The dates for the meetings of the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) to consider who to choose as a successor to Bishop Nigel as our next diocesan bishop have been announced. The CNC will hold its first meeting on 11th September 2014, followed by a two-day meeting on 15th and 16th October 2014.

This timetable, which is dictated by the fact that there are no fewer than six other diocesan vacancies to be considered ahead of ours, means, in effect, that we are unlikely to have a new bishop in post much before Easter 2015. The diocesan Vacancy in See committee, which will elect six representatives to serve on the CNC, is likely to hold its initial meeting in January 2014. Further details of the process will be given when available. Meanwhile, we hold Bishop David Thomson in our prayers as he 'steers the ship' on an interim basis (see the August BRN). **GENERAL SYNOD AND WOMEN BISHOPS:** The General Synod will meet in London over three days from 18th to 20th November. On the Wednesday the synod will give first consideration to the draft measure and amending canon that would, if passed, enable women to be appointed as bishops. This follows from the failure of earlier proposals to achieve the necessary majority in the House of Laity in November 2012. It is intended that these new proposals will be 'fast-tracked'

through the legislative process with a view to being presented to General Synod for final approval in July 2015. As part of the process the new draft Measure will be referred to diocesan synods for approval. It is worth repeating what our cathedral Dean, Frances Ward, wrote about the issue in the East Anglican at this time last year: "The consecration of women as bishops is not about rights or feminism... It is about our response as Anglicans as we listen to the Holy Spirit, mindful of our past and able to change when our traditional church—episcopally-led, synodically-governed—discerns that the time is right. That time has come."

DEANERY SYNOD: Sudbury Deanery Synod will meet at St Gregory's Church Hall, Sudbury, at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th November 2013. Discussion of the new parish share assessments is likely to be one item on the agenda.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship November 2013

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

Sunday 3rd	4th before Advent	All Saints	(R)
Little Waldingfield	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	All Age Service	Revd Judith
	16.00	A service for "Remembering our Loved Ones"	Revd Judith
		A special service for everyone in the benefice	

Wednesday 6th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 7th			
Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Holy Communion, Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Tim Harbord

Sunday 10th	Remembrance Sunday	(R)
Groton	8.00	Holy Communion
Groton	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial.
Little Waldingfield	10.45	Remembrance Service
Newton	9.30	Remembrance Holy Communion Service
	11.00	Remembrance Service at the war memorial
Boxford	10.50	Remembrance Service
		Revd Judith & Christopher Kingsbury

Monday 11th			
Edwardstone	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Officiant tbc
Wednesday 13th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith

Sunday 17th	2nd before Advent	(G)
Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion
Little Waldingfield	9.30	Holy Communion
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion
		Revd Judith

Wednesday 20th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 21st			
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline	Tim Harbord

Sunday 24th	Christ the King	(W)
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion
Groton	9.30	Holy Communion
Newton	11.00	Morning Worship
Boxford	11.00	Matins
		Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 27th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Saturday 30th			
Boxford	18.30	Advent Celebration Service	(Revd Judith)

Soap Box

I am minded, as we approach the Christmas Season, to reflect upon the way in which the United States has demonstrated to the world its inability to agree initially upon a universal health care system, followed by a complete shutdown of government services. Without going into the minutiae of events, we must consider ourselves extremely fortunate in this country to have a National Health Service that delivers standards in healthcare to all its citizens, the likes of which others around the world try to emulate. All too often it is easy to criticise, and in a few isolated cases, this may be justified. But overall we are blessed in this country to have the NHS and I speak from personal experience as one who has had to live with a physical condition for the past four years that has been somewhat disabling but which has improved over time, as those of you who pass by The Flats on Ash Street will attest upon hearing the 'dulcet' tones of my keyboard from time to time. A neighbour only yesterday told me she loved hearing me play. Others I am sure are less well inclined and for which I apologise. But just please remember it is occupational therapy for my left hand. I shall keep the volume down. But my point is this. That without the NHS, the outcomes for me from my stroke on 26th November 2009, could have been very different. We should never take for granted the many public services that are available to us. The system is not perfect, to which most will agree, and it is for our politicians to debate and agree upon how the resources are deployed. But at least when they debate in the House and cannot agree, or rather agree to disagree, we are not faced with the shameful display of political gamesmanship so evident in the US Congress. Only today the BBC website reports as follows:

"Frantic US political attempts to avert a federal debt default have pivoted back to the Senate after plans in the House of Representatives collapsed." And Mark Mardell, the BBC's US correspondent, opined: "As America stands on the brink of running out of money to pay its bills, the Republican leadership in the House raised pointless grandstanding to an art form".

And now concerns are being raised about America's continuing credit worthiness and the impact that this impasse will have upon the world economy. When I lived in Canada many years ago now, we had an expression that summed up the relevance of our close proximity to the US. "When the US economy gets a cold, Canada catches pneumonia!" And that folks is why we have a Canadian running the Bank of England. Bin there, dun it, got the T-shirt. We don't do shutdown.

GROTON CALENDAR 2015

Further to my plea for photos for the proposed Calendar for Groton, I hope that some of you keen photographers have already started snapping! To remind you, we would like seasonal photos of any Groton venue, so some autumnal ones taken in the next month or so would be good. If you have any photos you'd like us to see, they can either be printed photos, in which case they can be scanned and returned to you, or if they are digital, they can be emailed as a jpeg, preferably between 2 and 5 megabytes. We would like your name, the venue, and the month in which the photo was taken. My email address is pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk and my postal address is Groton House, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EH. I look forward to receiving your photos, Pat Kennedy Scott [01787 210319]

Edwardstone churchyard

Against all the odds, the sun shone down on the volunteers who turned up on Saturday morning to help tidy up Edwardstone churchyard. Drains were cleared, grass was raked, bushes pruned, weeds decimated and graves tidied. The only thing missing was a lovely big bonfire at the end of the morning to get rid of all the clippings, but the torrential rain the day before made that pretty much impossible. A huge thank you to everyone who came - it was a fantastic turnout, and the churchyard looks so much the better for it. We'll be holding another gardening morning in the Spring, so please look out for notices in the BRN and around the village if you'd like to be involved.

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

The surface of lawns is dry and hard at the moment and like everywhere else, in need of rain. The rain when it comes is more likely to run off the hard surface rather than soak in. If possible, try and spike the surface with a fork, it may be difficult at the moment, but if you can only penetrate a couple of inches it will allow some of the water to soak in rather than all running away.

Although roses can be planted at any time during the dormant period, they are best planted in November and they establish more quickly while the soil is still warm. Make sure the planting hole is wide enough to take the spread of all the roots and is of such a depth so that the plant where the green stems emerge from the rootstock is one inch below the level of the surrounding soil, this will anchor the bush and prevent wind rock which is often the cause of roses failing to grow successfully.

Climbing and rambling roses should be planted 15" away from a wall or fence, and to avoid dryness the roots should be sloped away from the wall. Standard roses should not be planted deeper than the original soil mark on the stem. Drive in a good strong stake and use a proprietary plastic strap to secure the stem as close as possible to the head of the rose.

Geraniums, both ivyleaf and zonals can be removed from summer flowering baskets and tubs. Use a sharp old kitchen knife to cut them out of the compost with enough root so they can be potted up into 3.5 - 4 inch pots and over-wintered in the greenhouse. Trim the tops back a bit and remove all dead leaves. Water the [pots just enough to prevent them drying out completely and avoid splashing the foliage. Dampness during the winter months is the main enemy of geraniums.

The trailing Surfinia petunias can be treated in much the same way. Cut the top growth back to about 4 inches after labelling them for colour. Cut the plant out of the compost with a root about the size of a 3 inch pot then pot up into a 4 inch pot. Keep them frost free and they will produce cuttings in the new year which are easy to root and can save you quite a lot of money. Sow broad beans of the variety Aquadulce to over winter and give an early crop next May-June. The end of the month is about the safest time to sow them to ensure they come through winter safely. Earlier sowings can be successful if we get a favourable winter but often they get too forward and succumb to wind and frosts in March.

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender

plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
7. Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
10. Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Newton Parish Council September 2013

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

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

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Gardner (holiday) sent his apologies as did PCSO Hemmett.

Declaration of Interests: Cllr Schwenk declared a pecuniary interest in item 13/121a as she is a neighbour and left the meeting while the item was discussed. Cllrs Presland and Williams declared non-pecuniary interests in Item 13/120d as they are both members of Newton PCC.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 21st August 2013: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: The reports are contained in Appendix A.

Correspondence (Appendix B): Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated there were no further actions requested of the Clerk.

Clerks Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors resolved to reduce the order for owl boxes to one (13/110).

Finance

a. The councillors reviewed the proposed level of insurance cover offered by Aviva against the Asset Register and the Risk Assessment and resolved that it met the council's requirements.

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

c. The councillors agreed to defer the decision on the commemorative bench until the meeting in March 2014.

d. The councillors resolved to donate £375 towards the costs of All Saints Churchyard maintenance.

e. The councillors resolved a donation of £40 towards this year's Poppy Appeal.

f. The councillors resolved to update the Financial Regulations in line with the proposed amendment to allow the Clerk to incur up to £500 in expenditure when it "is necessary to carry out and repair replacement or other work which is of such extreme emergency that it must be done at once, whether or not there is any budgetary provision".

Planning

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/13/00876 Jarvis Farm, Assington Road - Change of use from country wear/saddlery/animal feed sales to antiques auction house (sui generis use) together with use of adjoining paddock for car parking on auction days and resolved to support the application in principle. The councillors felt there were a number of issues with regard to the application that required further clarification:

i. Section 18 of the application does not specify what the use of the "Total gross new internal floor space proposed" will be.

ii. The adequacy of the site to accommodate the number of vehicles expected to attend the auction days has not been demonstrated

iii. The appropriateness of the existing access to the A134 in terms of the number of vehicles expected on auction days which will be entering and exiting over a short time frame compared to existing business

iv. Measures applied to the A134 entrance to ensure that the neighbouring drive at 1 Assington Road is not used as part of the access to the business

v. The use of the paddock for parking should be allowed on the 28 days a year that the agricultural land can be used for non-agricultural activities.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/13/00963 1 Church Road - Erection of front porch extension and resolved to support the application

c. No further planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted.

d. The councillors requested a copy of the Lilleyfield permission for their records. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: There were no actions required by the councillors.

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

Newton Fireworks: Fireworks have been purchased, tickets produced, publicity agreed, training planned and licensing and insurance cover are in hand for the event on the 9th November 2013. The Newton Green Trust has given its consent for the use of the playing field and the working group will be meeting on a regular basis to finalise plans. In addition to the councillors and Clerk having tickets for sale, tickets will also be available at the Saracens Head, Wheldons, Taylors of Sudbury and the Golf Club. Clerk to write to Barry Appleby thanking him for the excellent poster he produced for the event.

Christmas Lighting: Cllr Gardner is to arrange a demonstration of his proposed lighting scheme for the remaining councillors before a decision is taken at the next meeting.

NPC Byelaws: The Clerk updated councillors on the feedback from the Department of Communities and Local Government to the powers under which NPC will be proposing the amended byelaws. The DCLG have now provided NPC with a template from which the byelaws will be drafted and reviewed with the Newton Green Trust.

BDC Meeting with councils: Cllrs Parker and Taylor will attend BDC's meeting with Town and Parish Councils with Cllr Presland as first reserve.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: The Village Hall committee has

received funds for a new fire door from Babergh. They will shortly be writing to residents in order to raise funds for new crockery and holding a coffee morning on the 26th October 2013. There has not been a meeting of the Trust.

Questions to the Chair: The Newton Autumn Clean will be held on Saturday 2nd November starting at the Village Hall at 8.30am.

Exclusion of public and press: There were no members of the public present.

Local Housing Needs Scheme: Councillors reviewed the preferred sites of Babergh's Planning Department and now await further clarification from them and housing associations interested in developing the scheme.

Clerk's Contract of Employment: The councillors reviewed the recommendation of both NALC and the SLCC to increase the Clerk's hourly rate from £10.198 to £10.300 per hour from the 1st April 2013. The councillors resolved to increase the Clerk's hourly rate in line with the recommendation which will increase his salary by £26.52 per annum.

Date of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Appendix A: Public Forum

James Finch updated councillors on SCC's fight against pylons; the resurfacing of local highways; the Focus School at Stoke by Nayland; Exam success; Apprenticeships.

James Cartlidge updated councillors on his work with a Newton resident to resolve issues with Babergh's maintenance contractors and pet nuisance.

In the absence of the Police the Clerk read the following report. "This report covers the period from 10th July 2013 to 11th September 2013. During this time there has been 3 crime recorded within the parish, this compares to 2 crimes for the same period last year.

Vehicle Crime 1 Report Crime SU/13/1416 Theft of Motor Vehicle in Sudbury Road on 16th July 2013 Theft 1 Report Crime SU/13/1720 Theft other in The Green on 26th August. Other 1 Report Crime SU/13/1499 Driving motor vehicle with excess alcohol in Sudbury Road on 29th July (Suspect was charged to court).

"Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting

17 September 2013

Present: B Tora, M Ewen, A Sheppard, S Braybrook, D Kiddy, Cllr J Antill, County Cllr C Spence, M Motteram SCC Highways dept, M Parker SCC Place Officer, Members of the public x 3

Apologies: V Flute, R Williams, Cllr F Lawrenson, PC Marshall

The Chairman welcomed representatives of Suffolk County Council and thanked them for attending.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police report/Speedwatch: Written report received - 1 reported crime - criminal damage in The Street.

Speedwatch report received from Rick Ridgeon - August figures are 40 offenders over a 5 day period with a top speed recorded at 42 mph. This compares to the same period last year of 53 offenders over a 5 day period with a top recorded speed of 51 mph. A significant reduction in offending motorists is clearly shown with a slower top speed being recorded, which although relatively high, could be due to the fact that the Speedwatch team tried unusual times instead of the norm when conducting their Speedwatch duties. However, it could be that motorists are being more responsible when driving through our village during our checks.

We have been asked if we wish to undertake fortnightly sessions instead of weekly as Gt Waldingfield and Acton teams no longer operate due to a lack of volunteers. The Little Waldingfield team has agreed to trial this starting with their next session commencing 16 September. Please note, since receiving this report, this session has been suspended due to insufficient volunteers.

It has been confirmed that since the start of this Speedwatch year (April), group figures for offending motorists are 299 of which Little Waldingfield are responsible for 250. This result puts Little Waldingfield firmly on the map and I (Rick) can only thank my dedicated team for their overwhelming support.

No police speed checks have yet been undertaken for which apologies have been received. We have received assurances that checks will be done prior to the next Neighbourhood Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for public discussion and for details of the vehicle activated signs schemes now available to parishes to be clarified. The Chairman confirmed that the 30 mph signs in Church Road are obscured by hedges. It is SCC Highways responsibility to cut the hedges back. M Motteram confirmed that lightweight, mobile signs are available to be shared between Speedwatch groups to support their Speedwatch sessions. Groups arrange amongst themselves usage, normally utilised in conjunction with the gun. Pole mounted signs can be erected and remain in place for periods of about 3 weeks, and then moved to a different village, this being the responsibility of SCC Highways. Statistics show this is the most effective use of them, as longer periods on site result in drivers tending to ignore them.

An engineer will be requested to survey the village for possible sites for the pole mounted signs. The Chairman asked that we be put in contact with neighbouring Speedwatch groups with whom we could share the mobile signs, if our partners within our group do not wish to participate in this particular scheme. In respect of a possible 20 mph speed limit in Church Road Cllr. Spence replied that any application would be unlikely to be granted.

Suffolk CC representatives were thanked for attending and the meeting recommended.

Minutes of the last Meeting: A question had been raised regarding the lack of Parish Councils support for County Broadband but 2 sources confirmed the accuracy of the Minutes, so these were duly agreed and signed.

Matters Arising: Wording is to be agreed for the advertising of the vacancy for a volunteer Footpath Warden.

Public Session: There have been further incidents of an aggressive dog being unrestrained in the village and on footpaths and this will again be reported to PC Marshall.

Planning Matters: Between meetings no objections were returned in respect of an application to tree works at Pink Cottage. Permission has been granted for a temporary dwelling at Hammonds Holt and for tree works at Enniskillen Lodge.

Financial Matters: A decision was taken to sign up for a 5 year loyalty undertaking in respect of insurance with Zurich Municipal and a cheque was signed to Suffolk ACRE Services. A cheque was signed in favour of M Ewen for reimbursement of costs of the brass plaque and engraving of same for the Clive Memorial tree.

Correspondence: None.

Village Website: A report was received from Andy Sheppard confirming an increase in 'visitor' numbers and a more positive response from the poll response. Most pages have been amended/updated and have been re-ordered to become more user friendly. Village information is to be added, and the vacancy for a footpath warden to be posted.

Broadband: The 3 month forward plan is on the SCC Broadband website and the project appears to be on target.

Community Engagement/Village Review: The Chairman has received comments and will circulate the completed document in readiness for publication.

Public Transport: There has been a change to the service operator, but services remain the same.

Footpaths: The path across Park Farm is in need of a cut so the estate agent will be approached.

Churchyard: War memorial – 3 quotes for cleaning and re-engraving of names have been requested with prices awaited.

Floodlights – confirmation or not of any bequest in place has been requested.

Clive Memorial: Confirmation of the cost of the book on the history of the Church is to be requested.

Risk Register: Councillors were reminded of the requirement to document any review of the Risk Register, and a fraud awareness document was circulated. The need for any further control measures will be discussed.

Any Other Business: The Rural Fair Share petition will be circulated throughout the village. Community Asset Register entries need to be discussed. A template for an Emergency Plan is to be completed.

Dates of next meetings – 5 November, 17 December, 28 January.

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00 pm Wednesday 4th September 2013 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: D Elliott, C Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice- Chair), G Smith & Adam Dixon Smith

In attendance: S Gray (Clerk) & B Hurren (District Councillor)

Apologies for Absence: K Kennedy, & James Finch

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

David Elliott declared an interest in Agenda item 9. Planning Application No: B/13/00862/FUL

The Declarations of Interest book was signed

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

Bryn requested that it was noted in the minutes that he had attended the meeting on 3rd July but there was no quorum and consequently due to a prior commitment was unable to attend the re-scheduled meeting on 24th July 2013. With this amendment the Minutes of the 24th July 2013 were approved

To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary: There had been no crimes reported in the period from 28th June to 4th September 2013. This compares to three crimes for the same period last year.

Siobhan Hemmit arrived at 8.15pm and Councillors expressed their disappointment that the Safer Neighbourhood team could not provide the Clerk with the crime figures for the parish of Edwardstone and Groton. Siobhan said that she would discuss this with Sergeant Horton. The Council agreed for the Clerk to contact the Clerks of Boxford and Edwardstone to arrange the mutual sharing of crime figures

To receive a report from Suffolk County Council: James Finch had circulated his report to the Council prior to the meeting as he was on annual leave. In the year to date, £600,000 has been spent on resurfacing roads and James hoped that residents now enjoyed a "pot free" surface in the Boxford area.

To receive a report from Babergh District Council: Bryn Hurren reported that financial constraints were still a major factor in the running of Babergh District Council who was now working very closely with Mid-Suffolk. This has resulted in Bryn spending more time at Needham Market. There was a move to enable the public to attend more meetings by arranging them in the evenings starting at 5.30pm

In relation to the notice board at the Fox and Hounds, Bryn said that it would cost a lot to repair. It was noted that the notice board was in a poor state of repair and the Councillors discussed whether it was economically viable to repair it and if it was in the right location. It was agreed that the notice board at the Village Hall would be used to display legal notices and the Agenda as usual.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had received confirmation from Jayne Foster that the Village Hall had been successful in their bid for a lottery grant for the update of the Kitchen. Jayne thanked the Chairman for her work in renewing the lease on the hall as this had contributed to the success of the bid.

Planning Matters: Planning Application no: B/13/00862/FUL Goslings Hall Goslings Green Groton Sudbury CO10 5EX. Change of use of farm building to residential annexe & 1 no. holiday let.

Councillors had discussed the above application having previously had an informal meeting at the site. It was noted that work had started on the building. In

terms of income to parishioners, the Council supported this diversification and therefore had no objections.

Future Agenda Items: • Local Housing Needs Survey • Notice Board • Groton United Charities. Dates of Next Meeting • 6th November 2013

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

Meeting on 2nd September

Public Forum: Issues raised during the public section included repairs to the grit retainers, garden waste at Clubs Lane, dog mess problem throughout the village, the standard of sweeping in the centre of the village and speeding on the new road surface. Attention then turned to the flooding and drainage investigation by Jane Burch from the County Council. It was confirmed that a formal report was expected in time for the next Meeting. Mr Chalkley felt that specific findings from the report should form stipulations to the developers should the Sand Hill development go ahead. Additionally in response to a separate point, the Chairman and Cllr Norman agreed to investigate and involve County Highways regarding overgrown ash on the steep bank on Cox Hill. Finally concern was expressed regarding cattle on designated footpaths.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, a letter had just been received from the Parochial Church Council seeking an annual donation towards the Church.

Reports from Members: Complaints had been received regarding the flogging of trees along bridleway 10 at the Brook Hall Estate. This was being investigated by District Cllr Bryn Hurren and Babergh Tree Officer David Pizzey. The Chairman explained a recent site meeting with County Highways examining the potential footpath provision should the Sand Hill development go ahead. A completely new pavement would cost around £100k, however, there is scope to widen and improve the existing bridlepath and include low level lighting. To make these improvements and to provide safe access to the bridlepath, permission would be required from the relevant land owners. Cllr Norman had spoken to County Street Lighting and it is likely the first stage of our Parish upgrades will be completed this year. Junction parking continues to present problems to visibility at the Sherbourne Street junction with Swan Street.

Planning: The Parish Council had no objections to the following applications: -

- Tree applications at 28 Cox Hill, 4 The Causeway and 32 Swan Street.

- Proposed first floor side extension at Holly Cottage, 23 Stone Street.

Members noted the changes for information only to the installation of external air source heat pump units at Goodlands Barn, Swan Street.

Meeting on 16th September

Public Forum: Mr House raised concerns regarding dog fouling and general discarding of rubbish in the centre of the village including broken glass by the bus shelter. He asked for signs warning of the fines that could be imposed to be erected in the village. He then asked about river clearance in Boxford and was advised that the Environment Agency had this scheduled ahead of the winter.

Police Report: PC Enise Bala attended and reported on 12 crimes in the parish compared to 8 for the same period last year. There were 7 vehicle crimes, 2 assaults, 2 thefts and a driving with excess alcohol. The Police Priority Setting Meeting was scheduled for the following day. Members asked for enforcement in relation to parking on junctions, particularly at school drop and finish times. Cllr Finch had asked the cabinet member to provide a summary of good initiatives to share best practice. He was aware of a successful "Drop & Go" arrangement at Nayland School. Unfortunately potential initiatives at Boxford including group walking from the playing field or a mini bus for Edwardstone /Groton has not got off the ground yet. The Chairman advised that he reported dangerous parking at the junction of School Hill with the A1071 to the Police on two occasions the previous week and received no response. PC Enise Bala urged members and residents to continue reporting matters as it is an important aid to detection and she agreed to investigate these two reports. She agreed to raise the parking issues at the Priority Setting Meeting.

Flood Report: The Chairman had shared the flood report with some interested parties in the village and said a copy will be available to any other resident who requests one. The members of the Parish Council had also received the full report. Mr Chalkley had scrutinized the report and was invited to share his views with the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed to arrange a further site meeting involving a working party comprising some Parish Council members and residents. In relation to the proposed development on Sand Hill, it was noted that Jane Burch from the County Council will be consulted at the planning stage. The application will also go to the Environment Agency for comment.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was present and reported on the County Council's battle against pylons, the extensive resurfacing of local highways, the transfer of ownership of the Stoke by Nayland Middle School premises, improvements in exam results, promotion of apprenticeships, investigation of key issues with the possible Sand Hill development, school parking and his regular clinics with residents in Mary's House.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present and reported on the 106 agreement for Prolog being passed. Planning issues in relation to the Hadleigh Supermarket proposal, the dog kennels in Stone Street and delivery lorries traveling to and from Cox Hill were discussed. Cllr Hurren was also chasing outstanding matters at the Homefield flats development including drainage and the letting of the garages.

Finance: A donation of £1750 was agreed towards the Church. The annual risk assessment in the Church Yard and Cemetery was being carried out.

Community Speed Watch: John Moles has volunteered to act as coordinator for the scheme and it was agreed to get all the available information to John to take things forward. The Clerk has since checked with Hadleigh Town Council and we can make use of their equipment. John has been in touch with the Police. If you have some free time to help with this project – please get in touch with either John or the Parish Clerk.

Reports from Members:

Cllr Impett reported that the second attempt at the skate park was a complete success. Unfortunately rain affected the other two dates. Highways matters were reported to the County Council including hedges obstructing the footway and visibility on the A1071 near Calais Street and Stone Street, the poor road surface and pot holes in Stone Street and deterioration to the road surfaces in various locations in the village including The Causeway, Homefield and Daking Avenue. Planning

The application for anaerobic digestion plant at Hill Farm, Brick Kiln Hill was examined and a response of "No Objections" was agreed by members. Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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Other awards went to

Harry Young as Young Player of the Year,

Ryan Farthing, Best Fielder

Jack Clark, Most Catches

Ray Gibbons one of our "very experienced players" received the Barham Trophy once more for his year long services to the club.

This year's side captained by Jack Clark started slowly but with the large contingent of younger cricketers getting used to league cricket for a first full season, the team were struggling for wins. However the captain maintained a great team spirit and eventually there were 6 wins to be celebrated. Highlights included wins over Thurston, the league champions, a batting masterclass from Jack Clark scoring 144 runs and a first 6 wicket performance from Cameron Hathaway. Sadly the team narrowly failed to avoid relegation, however all those who played for the team, some young, some not so young enjoyed the games played.

The new intake of players many of whom started playing cricket on a Saturday morning as part of the club 8-13 year old training sessions will have benefited from this years experience and we look forward to a more successful 2014 season.

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the clubs progress on and off the field this year. Also thanks to the team at the Fox and Hounds for making sure the evening ran as smoothly as possible.

Milden Cricket Club - Date for End of Season Dinner

Milden Cricket Club is holding its annual End of Season Dinner on Saturday 30 November at the Edwardstone Village Hall. The Club will be celebrating another successful season following its reformation five years ago. This season we played 26 matches, with 11 wins, 2 draws and 13 defeats. Special mention must go to all those who have volunteered to help with the pitch maintenance, in particular to our head groundsman Graham Masters, this hard work has been reflected in the ever improving league scores for the quality of the wicket.

Tickets for the dinner are £17.50 per person including a two course dinner and dance. If you would like to join us please contact Graeme Ferguson on graemefergs@hotmail.com or Richard Robinson on rwerobinson@aol.com for further information or to reserve a ticket. Proceeds from the evening will be used to further develop the Club's training facilities.

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Newton Green Golf Club's production line of up and coming young players has seen two of its ex juniors move into professional golf training schemes and on to promotion in the sport.

Ben Mellon, a member of the club's Stenson scratch team until signing up for Professional Golf Association training a few weeks ago, has gained a place as an assistant in Guernsey at the La Grande Mare Golf Club, which also incorporates an hotel and health resort facility.

THRILLING FINISH AT STOKE

WPGA International Challenge at Stoke by Nayland enjoys a thrilling finish

Hannah Ralph produced the golf strokes of a master in Constable Country to win the WPGA International Challenge at Stoke by Nayland at the end of September. In what proved a dramatic climax to the third and final round that had seen the lead change hands with bewildering regularity, Ralph posted birdies on the final two holes to claim the £24,000 winner's cheque. Amy Boulden failed to capitalise on her birdie chance and finished three strokes adrift of Ralph and sharing second place with Galina Rotmistrova of Russia.

A selection of Great Britain and Ireland's top female PGA pros competed against rising stars of the future in the inaugural WPGA International Challenge at the family-owned Stoke by Nayland resort. The 54-hole tournament, which was sponsored by the host venue, was the only Ladies European Tour Access Series event scheduled in the United Kingdom.

The family owners at Stoke by Nayland were excited about gracing the international golf stage once more as the only UK destination on the 2013 LETAS schedule.

Among the golfers looking for a share of the £25,000 prize fund was former Solheim Cup winning captain and US Women's Open champion Alison Nicholas. Now a fully qualified PGA Professional, Nicholas, who was awarded an MBE in 1997 for her services to golf, will serve as a reminder of the rewards that can follow success at this level of the sport. Simon Higginbottom, The PGA's head of tournaments, said: "Alison Nicholas has been at the forefront of women's golf in the UK and across the world for two decades and to have a player of her calibre competing at Stoke by Nayland will no doubt inspire."

Local rising amateur, and member of Stoke by Nayland since her early teens, Hannah Moul also received a guest pass to play in the event. Although she didn't make the cut, Hannah benefitted from the experience gained from playing in this high profile WPGA and LETAS championship in such esteemed company.

In addition to England, Scotland and Wales, 19 countries have representatives in the tournament which is the only Ladies European Tour Access (LETAS) event scheduled in the United Kingdom.

Preceding the 3 day event was a Pro Am, with the top 25 lady professionals from the main event, and amateur players included BBC Look East's Stewart White and Tom Williams.



Norway's Caroline Martens tees off watched by team member Stewart White.



Alison Nicholas MBE tees off one of the holes