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THE CPAD IS NOW IN AND READY FOR EMERGENCIES



From Saturday 21st December the Public Community Access Defibrillator has been in use. Situated in the passageway in the Fleece Hotel yard, it is located on the left hand side. It is illuminated at night and there is a guide light on the Broad Street side of the archway directing you to its location. Activation of the defibrillator is by calling 999 and receiving the key code from them which will be C (clear) followed by a three digit code and a final letter. 3PR (Three Parishes Response) will be responsible for the upkeep of the cabinet. A public familiarisation meeting was held in The Fleece on 9th December which was well attended.

3PR are offering a demonstration of CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation), recovery position and use of the defibrillator to any organisation in the villages of Boxford, Edwardstone or Groton. A telephone call to book a demonstration to Peter on 01787 210819 or Vic on 01787 210504 would be welcome.

Boxford Parish Council funded the defibrillator 3PR supplied the Box John Norton, owner of the Fleece Hotel allowed the facility to be installed in his yard.

What is an Automated external defibrillator

An automated external defibrillator or AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient,[1] and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

Simplicity of use

Unlike regular defibrillators, an automated external defibrillator requires minimal training to use. It automatically diagnoses the heart rhythm and determines if a shock is needed. Automatic models will administer the

Above left: Peter Hibben (co-ordinator) shows the Defibrillator with L to R Fred Corner who fitted the CPAD, Vic Rice 3PR president, Clr Norman and John Norton, Owner of the Fleece.

Above Right: The CPAD.

shock without the user's command. Semi-automatic models will tell the user that a shock is needed, but the user must tell the machine to do so, usually by pressing a button. In most circumstances, the user cannot override a "no shock" advisory by an AED. Some AEDs may be used on children - those under 55 lbs (25 kg) in weight or under age 8. If a particular model of AED is approved for pediatric use, all that is required is the use of more appropriate pads. Some organisations, such as the American Heart Association, recommend that if pediatric AED pads are not available, adult pads should be used to determine if the child is in a shockable rhythm. There is insufficient evidence to suggest that a child, in a shockable cardiac arrest, can be "hurt" by an adult defibrillation energy setting.

All AEDs use an electronic voice to prompt users through each step. Because the user of an AED may be hearing impaired, many AEDs now include visual prompts as well. Most units are designed for use by non-medical operators. Their ease of use has given rise to the notion of public access defibrillation (PAD), which experts agree has the potential to be the single greatest advance in the treatment of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest since the invention of CPR.

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SANTA RUN 2013



Santa Run was a very successful event enjoyed by the local community. FOBS provided Elves and £650 was raised which was divided between the joint organisers of the event, the Friends of Boxford School and the Boxford Community Council. The Run ended at the Boxford Fleece where Santa had his Groton. The Fleece organised a Calypso Christmas evening which was completely sold out.

The FOB'S Christmas Fayre raised just over £2,590. FOB'S also had a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church and it was decorated with 'tags' designed by the children.



JACQUI DANKWORTH AT FLEECE JAZZ



Jacqui Dankworth, the daughter of Dame Cleo Laine & the late Sir John Dankworth has a multi-faceted voice not unlike her mother. It was a very special treat to start the New Year with her at the Fleece Jazz. Playing to a capacity audience Jacqui on vocals, and Charley Wood, her husband on keyboards, enthralled them with songs from her latest album 'Live to Love' which has attracted reviews like "beautifully sung ballads with fine lyrics that clearly show her maturity" (Hi Fi Critic). The album was started with her father and was completed in 2013.

Charley Wood not only played keyboard but has a fine voice and sang duets with Jacqui.

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday, 7 February, 8.00, Ticket £15 Bryan Corbett and Chris Dodd - Green Quartet

Excellent Birmingham based trumpeter Bryan returns, putting modern beats behind Miles Davis and Freddie Hubbard crossovers to create danceable rhythms with a street-wise swagger. With Bryan Corbett trumpet/flugel, Chris Dodd bass, Sean Hargreaves piano/keyboard and Mark Fletcher drums. This is a band of friends, tight and full of ideas. Bryan and Chris are at the centre, having just produced an acclaimed duo cd "Green", and hopefully we will hear some of that material. Fletch is with us from his regular spot at Ronnies. He has worked with Dizzy Gillespie, Mark Murphy, Michel LeGrand, Liane Carroll and many more. Sean is an adventurous pianist who also has a wealth of experience playing with Guy Barker, Peter King, Mornington Lockett, Jim Mullen, Gerard Presencer, Jean Toussaint, John Etheridge, Marvin Gaye, Michael Bubl , Alison Moyet, Natalie Imbruglia and Harry Beckett amongst others. This will be modern jazz at its best.

Friday, 14 February, 8.00, Ticket £15 Ed Jones Quartet

Stunningly direct, top bop-inspired tenorist, Ed brings with him Tom Cawley on piano to enrich his passionate, forcefully imagined improvisations. With Ed Jones sax, Tom Cawley piano, Tim Giles drums and Riaan Vosloo bass. Excitement just naturally follows Ed Jones about. One of the most innovative band leaders in Britain, Ed Jones' playing has been described as fluent, distinctive, vigorous, volcanic and more. An improviser

to his fingertips this will be an explosive and wonderful night. Tom, Riaan and Tim are all top players, making this a very exciting gig, not to be missed.

Friday, 21 February 8.00, £15 Laura Zakian & Trio

A wonderful singer who uses her voice as an instrument, improvising the melodies to maximise the lyric, underpinned by Steve Lodder's delightful piano. With Laura Zakian vocals, Steve Lodder piano, Simon Thorpe bass and Nic France drums. "If anyone deserves to be famous on merit and achievement to date, she [Laura Zakian] does" says the Jazz Journal. Laura sings standards old and new, but it is always fine modern jazz singing. Her trio is worth hearing on their own any day; together they promise a fantastic night of great music. Laura will be singing songs from her great new album, "Songs for Modern Lovers". Inspired by the iconic Frank Sinatra album Songs for Swinging Lovers, this is considered to be her best work yet: a fresh take on an old theme.

Friday, 28 February 8.00, Ticket £15 John Law's Boink!

John Law, prodigious prodigy and inventive musical alchemist, brings an electronic quartet of guitar, drums and live visuals - yet, importantly, the orchestrated sound is far from synthetic, but a refreshing assembly of jazz, rock and ambience. With John Law keyboards, Rob Palmer guitar, Laurie Lowe drums and Patrick Dunne visuals. John's inventive spirit never wanes. He always gathers around him collaborators who think with him. Laurie Lowe, for example: he started playing drums at six. He has worked with Gilad Atzmon, Nicolas Meier, Jim Mullen, Tony Kofi, Dave O'Higgins, Andy Sheppard, Mike Mondesir, Robert Mitchell, Zhenya Strigalev and Carl Orr, to name a few.

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

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THE FEBRUARY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

A serpent in paradise....?

Those of you who follow this column will know that the North Norfolk coast is the place that Rufus and I go each year. For us, as for many, it is a place where we find peace and solace for the soul - in its lonely saltmarshes, its wide stretches of sand and sea, its shingle ridges and spits, its barn-like flint churches, its haunting bird cries. And yet into this "paradise", this few miles of understated beauty, came recently, over just a few short weeks, disasters for both nature and man. Firstly, in December, came the floods - the worst since those which devastated the east coast in 1953. This time, fortunately, though, without the loss of human life on that scale, but still leaving behind a sorry trail of ruined homes and businesses.



In environmental terms, for these important nature and bird reserves, the floods brought overnight losses of habitat on a vast scale, losses which may or may not be fully recoverable over time, as freshwater marshes, with their distinctive flora and fauna, succumbed, within hours, to a deluge of salt water. Then, in January, still reeling from the floods, Cley hit the national headlines. Just a few yards from a favourite coastal walk of ours, a US helicopter crash brought, in seconds, a tragic end to the lives of its four crew members. At the time of writing, no one yet knows the cause of the crash. But whether human error or perhaps, as some have suggested, birds, disturbed by the low flying machine, taking flight and bringing down the helicopter, the depth of grief and the sense of disbelief of the families and friends of those who died will be the same.

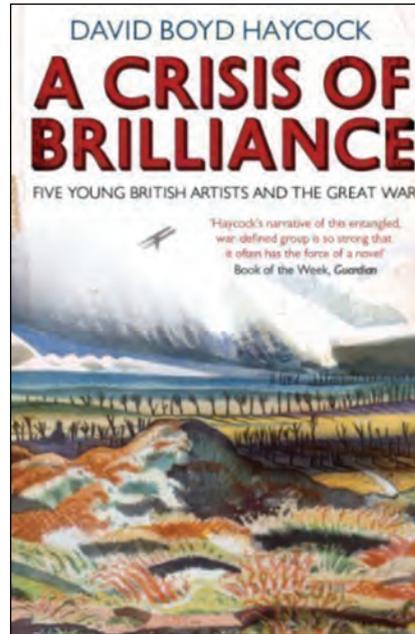
For many of us, at some time or another, we experience this "serpent in paradise", the sudden intrusion into our lives of something unwanted, unexpected, deeply unwelcome. It may or may not be a bereavement. Other changes of circumstances - a medical diagnosis, loss of job, family breakdown - can change our "environment" overnight, intruding into the areas of our life, or the relationships, in which we felt most secure.

What do we do when the "floods" come in this way and sweep aside everything which is familiar and loved? What do we do when tragedy "falls out of the air" and changes our life forever? In human terms, we turn to each other. And that is what happened with the floods which affected, not just East Anglia, but later vast areas of the country further west. Communities really came into their own. Everyone did what they could, turning-to, and helping their neighbours, forming human chains to move furniture out of harm's way, offering a bed for the night, a hot meal. Churches opened their doors and became storehouses for food and supplies. After the helicopter crash, in Cley and at Lakenheath, where the crew were based, people stood together in solidarity, sharing the shock, the disbelief, and later pouring money - thousands of pounds over and above the target - into a fund to help the bereaved families.

People of faith have always tried to fathom the existence of evil and suffering in the world. For Christians, "the serpent in paradise" story in the Old Testament expresses the deep and sobering truth that "everything in the garden" is not lovely. Humans take wrong turns in life, sometimes with disastrous, far-reaching effects; nature itself has power which we should never underestimate. But that is not the last word. The prophecy we heard in the Christmas readings tells us the good news that "the serpent" will be overcome by someone God will send. For Christians that someone, is Jesus. I believe it is his Spirit which inspires the extraordinary outpouring of love for neighbour, a love that rushes to help in time of dire need; and it is the same Spirit who gives energy, strength, wisdom and determination to those who strive to repair, restore and rebuild a damaged creation. Blessings, *Revd. Judith*

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

A Crisis of Brilliance by David Boyd Haycock: *Five British Artists and the Great War*



If you are interested in the history of art at the beginning of the twentieth century you will find this both a fascinating and compulsive read. We meet five artists: Dora Carrington, Mark Gertler, Paul Nash, Christopher Nevinson and Stanley Spencer. They are from diverse backgrounds but are studying together at The Slade School of Art in London in 1910 where their modern ideas frustrate and then dazzle Henry Tonks, their professor. He instructs them to ignore the current Impressionist exhibition in town, and concentrate on the renaissance paintings in the National Gallery. Inevitably, they make up their own minds and successfully find

their own styles.

At The Slade, Dora Carrington is free spirited, cuts her hair into a modern bob and wears unconventional clothes. Both Paul Nash and Mark Gertler fall madly in love with her, but she has none of it and her rejection feeds their insecurities. Christopher Nevinson's public school background clashes with the impoverished, Jewish Mark Gertler from the East End. Then there is the shy and awkward Stanley Spencer who is so reluctant to leave his native Cookham that he takes the train up to The Slade every day. These five artists will go on to become some of the leading British painters of their day, and this book tells you how circumstances shaped their distinct individual talents.

In 1914 they are swallowed up by the war. Both Paul Nash and Christopher Nevinson serve in the front line and become official war artists. Paul Nash, whose early landscapes show his love of trees, now finds himself painting nature destroyed by humans. Nevinson is the first artist to paint from the air and his war paintings are bold and astonishing. The lives of all these artists continue after the war, but there are few happy endings. Mark Gertler and Dora Carrington both die far too young; disillusioned, broken and unhappy. Unfairly, Nevinson dies in obscurity, although Nash's fame continues. Surprisingly, it is Stanley Spencer who becomes the greatest achiever of them all, being knighted in 1959 shortly before his death. But in each case their art lives on. Carrington's famous painting of Lytton Strachey is in the Portrait Gallery and Mark Gertler's *The Merry-go Round*, in Tate Britain, is still visually stunning and a shocking anti-war statement.

In his biography of these five artists Haycock cleverly intertwines their lives, their jealousies, and their fortunes. I recommend it as an excellent winter's read, particularly with the art exhibitions coming up at The Imperial War Museum later in 2014. You can order it from Amazon and you may be tempted to buy an accompanying book, also by Haycock, which contains many of their paintings. This biography will come to life as you gaze at their masterpieces. You are in for a treat!

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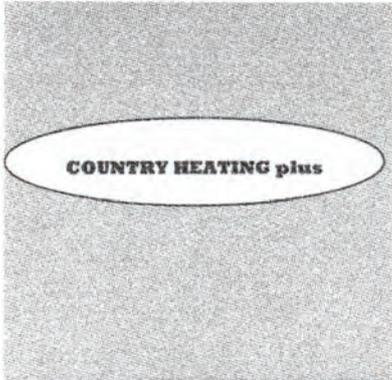
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The fundraising evening was a sell out and a great time was had by all in the lovely venue of Milden Hall. We would like to thank Juliet and Christopher Hawkins along with the staff at Milden Hall for their support during this event. Donations to the raffle were received with thanks from The Great House, The Lavenham Swan, Scutchers Restaurant, The White Horse at Edwardstone, Lavenham Brook Sparkling Wine, River Stour Trust Boat Trips, Joy Morley and Stoke By Nayland Hotel. With their support we were able to raise £2000 for Milden Pavilion and a donation will be made to St Peters Church, Milden.
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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Here are some County Council requests interspersed with some "New Year Good News" messages.

• Are you Interested in adopting a child?

The Suffolk County Council (SCC) is urging people interested in adopting to come forward, with 30 children in Suffolk currently looking for a permanent adoptive family. This "New Year" push is aimed at addressing the desperate need for more people to come forward and provide 'forever families'. What a wonderful start to the new Year it could be for one of those 30 children if we could find a home in the Stour Valley. The council is especially on the look-out for families for sibling groups, older children and children with disabilities. Applications are welcomed from all sections of the community, to offer a child, or sibling group, a loving and supportive family for life. Anyone interested in finding out more about adoption can call Suffolk Adoption Agency on 01473 265595, or visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support/fostering-and-adoption/adoption

• SCC Investing in Apprenticeships

The Cabinet in their December 2013 meeting approved a three year investment plan to achieve accelerated and sustainable growth in apprenticeship numbers for the benefit of young people and businesses across the county. They also approved a capped budget of £1.5m to establish a local Apprenticeship Service and deliver a series of targeted marketing campaigns to promote the importance of apprenticeships and drive greater take up by businesses and young people.

• SCC leads the way in championing good rail service for Suffolk

An SCC-organised conference brought together key figures last month to discuss the rail needs of people and businesses across Suffolk, and develop a clear, joined-up approach to achieving them. The 2013 Suffolk Rail conference was attended by Suffolk MPs, officials from the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), the Department for Transport, Network Rail and Greater Anglia. Business representatives and others who attended heard how rail

improvements, such as greater frequency, could help connect businesses and make a big difference to the local economy. A new rail prospectus is being developed for Suffolk, identifying the county's needs and the actions required to deliver them. This will be available for consultation in the spring.

Only by businesses, politicians, local authorities and other key partners coming together can we deliver real change for Suffolk's rail network, and make the county's rail service as good as it can be for all those using it.

• Have you checked your Chimney Flue? Chimney fires are on the increase.

SCC's Fire and Rescue Service is warning people across Suffolk to check their chimney flue, to ensure it's clear, before lighting a fire. The warning comes as figures show a 42% increase in chimney fires in Suffolk compared with the same period last year. In December 2013 alone, there were 37 reported chimney fires, compared with 26 in December 2012. It is recommended that all chimneys and flues are cleaned at least once a year, or quarterly for wood fires, and checked to make sure that they are free from debris. Anyone trying to find a suitable chimney sweep can visit www.checktrade.com, which is the on-line directory of local tradesmen and women who have been checked by SCC Trading Standards.

• Boxford Activity

By the time you read this feedback, your new street lighting project will be complete. This will not only give you much better lighting of your village street but will also save your parish council money in the future. Come and tell me what you think at my next surgery on Wednesday 12th February at 4.00pm in Mary's House. It is open to all from Boxford and beyond living in my Division to come and share your views.

Finally may I wish you all a very happy new Year. May it be peaceful and healthy.

James Finch - Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley Division
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BOXFORD WI JANUARY MEETING



We started off our 2014 programme with a fascinating talk by Shirley Bloomfield titled "Baltimore Quilts with an English Twist." She had brought along many examples of her work and she told us about how she had become interested in this type of quilting. Her inspiration was the Baltimore Album Quilts which she had seen in America. These grew out of a tradition of red and green quilts which were popular in the area during the C19th. Instead of the traditional quilts that were made to keep people warm in the cold winters, these quilts were very fancy and decorated with intricate appliqué designs. They were sewn by women who had money and leisure and never intended for everyday use but only special occasions. When Shirley retired from teaching she decided to spend time designing and sewing her take on these quilts. The inspiration for the designs was her garden, the flowers that grew there and the birds that visited it. The quilts that Shirley brought to show us to illustrate her talk, left us all amazed and impressed by the detail of her work. Last year Shirley published a second book of her designs and there will be an opportunity to see more quilts, including some of Shirley's, in the Boxford church on the weekend of the open gardens.

Events

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa

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Territorials on-parade in Broad Street, probably before the war began.

Kitchener's Volunteer New Armies

The crisis of July 1914 in Europe caught Britain unawares and unprepared. Since Waterloo in 1815 Britain had experienced peace except for the distant Crimea and Boer Wars. We were not a military nation, despite our race to keep ahead of Kaiser Bill in building up our navy after 1905. The "regular" professional army consisted of only 180,000 men. At weekends the volunteer Territorial reservists formed in 1908 might be seen marching to rifle practice, but there were less than 250,000 of them nationally and they were a bit of a joke. Respectable Edwardians shunned the military life, whilst every fit French and German male was a disciplined reservist.

The government did not want war, but it had an "understanding" with France to send an expeditionary force to the Continent in the event of a German attack and was a guarantor of Belgium's neutrality. Britain stood on the sidelines until the last moment during the mobilisations in Europe that followed the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria in Sarajevo. Only after the Germans invaded Belgium on 4th August 1914 did Britain reluctantly mobilise.

The British Expeditionary Force of "regulars" set sail for France but was outnumbered by Germany 20 to 1 in infantry and 11 to 1 in cavalry (yes, cavalry!). The Fleet took up war stations, but its main role had been seen protecting these islands and the Empire. The influential Lord Kitchener was immediately appointed Secretary of State for War. He was widely revered following his previous military success in the Boer War and was the ideal person to rapidly recruit a large volunteer army.

In September 1914 he appealed for 100,000 men "for three years or the duration". Three quarters of a million volunteered that month and by March 1916 there were 2.5 million, such was the enthusiasm, nationalism and social pressure to respond.

In Boxford, volunteers were sometimes recruited to the Suffolk or Essex Regiment, either in the village, in Sudbury or by visiting the depot in Ipswich. The Suffolk recruits then went to Bury St Edmunds barracks to be kitted out and on to Felixstowe for training. The Essex recruits went to Warley Barracks, Brentwood for training. Many recruits, however, found their way into other regiments in other parts of the country. It must have been a culture shock, for many local men had been no further than Ipswich until then.

As the Free Press article shows (next page), the local Territorial reserve also responded by joining up. They were thought to be well on the way to being a "thoroughly efficient fighting machine" after only one month's training! Whenever there were soldiers in the village, the children at Boxford School were greatly distracted and attendance was down significantly. The headteacher at the time, Charles Porter, also complained that, having lost key staff to the war, the authorities were

reluctant to find appropriate replacements and academic standards slipped as a result.

Kitchener's successful London appeal for volunteers drew many recruits to sign up at Great Scotland Yard. (From the Suffolk Free Press)

'Lord Kitchener's appeal (for 100,000 men to form a second army has been followed by what is probably an unprecedented "boom" in recruiting. Great Scotland Yard and the various recruiting branches in

YOUR KING & COUNTRY NEED YOU

ANOTHER 100,000 MEN WANTED

LORD KITCHENER is much gratified with the response already made to the Appeal for additional men for His Majesty's Regular Army.

In the grave National Emergency that now confronts the Empire he asks with renewed confidence that another 100,000 men will now come forward.

TERMS OF SERVICE EXTENSION OF THE AGE LIMIT

Age on Enlistment 19 to 35, Ex-Soldiers up to 45, and certain selected Ex-Non-Commissioned Officers up to 50. General Service for the duration of the War. Height, 5 ft. 3 in. and upwards. Chest, 34 in. at least. Medically fit. Pay at Army Rates. Married Men or Widowers with Children will be accepted, and will draw Separation Allowance under Army conditions.

MEN ENLISTING FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR will be enabled to secure their discharge with all convenient speed on the conclusion of the War.

HOW TO JOIN

Men wishing to join should apply in person at any Military Barrack or at any Recruiting Office; the addresses of the latter can be obtained from Post Offices or Labour Exchanges.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Territorials for the Front.

It is well known that a large number of local and other Territorials have volunteered for active service on the Continent. It would be injudicious to give details concerning the arrangements that have been made for utilizing the services of a large force of Territorials in the French theatre of war, and the giving of figures is also to be strongly deprecated. Whole units have volunteered, and it would be quite possible to utilize the services of complete mounted brigades, and also of complete Territorial Divisions, but it will not be advisable to send very young Territorial soldiers on active service. There are plenty of men available of mature years, and many of them with fairly long service.

About a month has now elapsed since the general mobilisation of the Territorial Force, and excellent progress has been made in the direction of converting the Force into a thoroughly efficient fighting machine. Officers and men have worked hard to fit themselves for the task which many of them have voluntarily undertaken, and experienced soldiers who have seen many units of the Territorials have been astonished at the great progress that has been made in the limited period of a month. The Yeomanry especially comes in for a lot of praise, while the infantry and the artillery have made a measure of progress that was not expected could be made in really less than four weeks.

RECRUITING MEETINGS IN TOWNS & VILLAGES.

Edwardstone.

On Wednesday evening a well-attended meeting was held in the Schoolroom, Col. the Hon. H. W. Lowry-Corry presiding.

At the conclusion of his opening speech the Chairman introduced the speaker of the evening, Brigadier-General J. A. Coghead, C.B., R.A., of Great Waldingfield, who, during the course of a most interesting address, set forth in detail the various causes that had ultimately compelled England to engage in the present war. He impressed upon his audience very strongly the obvious duty of every young, able-bodied, and fit man to at once enlist in Lord Kitchener's new Army. He drew a vivid picture of the horrors of a possible German invasion of England, and paid a high tribute to Sir Edward Grey for the strenuous efforts he made to preserve the peace of Europe.

A short address was afterwards given by Mr. Warman, jun., of Boxford.

At the conclusion of the meeting six men came forward and enlisted, amidst great applause. The meeting was opened and concluded by singing "God save the King." The farmers of the village were unanimous in agreeing to reinstate at the conclusion of the war any of their men enlisting to the new Army.

the suburbs of London have been besieged by would-be soldiers, and by Monday night at least 50,000 applicants, it was declared, had been pasted as fit for service. The most gratifying feature of the "boom" is the excellence of raw material. A strikingly large proportion of applicants are young men of fine physique and smart appearance, and the percentage of rejections for unfitness on medical grounds is lower than it has been for many years past. As it is, many of those who have failed to pass the doctor are debarred by such minor disqualifications as defective teeth, and the offer of several London hospitals to treat free of charge men so rejected induces the hope that most of them at any rate will eventually be permitted to join the ranks. At present the London parks and other open spaces are utilised for "licking the recruits into shape," and, if enthusiasm and keenness are maintained at their present pitch, it is probable that a few months' training will effect some astonishing results.'

Adding together the Territorials, the Regular Army and, from January 1916, conscripted men, Britain finally fielded over 70 Divisions. In three years it had become the most militarised nation in the world, with over 5 million men serving, at terrible cost. More than three quarters of a million British men died.

The losses were made more unbearable for some communities because Kitchener had been persuaded that men would volunteer more readily if allowed to serve alongside their friends and colleagues in "Pals" battalions. By June 1916, 643 such town, workplace and public school battalions had been formed. On July 1st 1916 at the Somme, 584 of the 720 Accrington Pals died as they marched steadfastly into no man's land and a hail of machine gun fire. Barely a household in the town was left unscathed.

The pain of bereavement for hundreds of thousands of families gradually gave way to disenchantment with society as it had been before 1914, and particularly with its politicians and leaders. The rigid pre-war social divisions had broken down and the respect that maintained them. Women had taken the place of the men at factory and farm work and 400,000 left domestic service. 100,000 joined the new women's military service. The men who had served and survived often had a residue of comradeship and personal pride, but their horizons had been largely limited to a "hole" or trench with sandbagged parapets and rusty barbed wire in muddy Flanders. The luck of having survived was often mixed with great sorrow for friends who had not, and many felt only relief when the war ended in November 1918. During the war, Kitchener was gradually stripped of his responsibilities by the government and he drowned in June 1916 when his ship HMS Hampshire was sunk by a German mine off the Orkney Islands whilst he was on a mysterious diplomatic trip to Russia.

Contributors Roger and Tina Loose



Below: This famous 1914 recruiting poster was painted by W H Caffyn (1870-1954) who lived at Hill House, Ellis Street, Boxford during World War 2.





Territorials ready to embark for war in Broad Street with Marshall Brown, carrier.

The True Character of a British Soldier.

The following instructions have been issued by Lord Kitchener to every soldier in the Expeditionary Army, to be kept in his Active Service Pay Book:—

You are ordered abroad as a soldier of the King to help our French comrades against the invasion of a common enemy. You have to perform a task which will need your courage, your energy, your patience. Remember that the honour of the British Army depends on your individual conduct.

It will be your duty not only to set an example of discipline and perfect steadiness under fire, but also to maintain the most friendly relations with those whom you are helping in this struggle. The operations in which you are engaged will, for the most part, take place in a friendly country, and you can do your own country no better service than in showing yourself in France and Belgium in the true character of a British soldier.

Be invariably courteous, considerate, and kind. Never do anything likely to injure or destroy property, and always look upon looting as a disgraceful act. You are sure to meet with a welcome and to be trusted; your conduct must justify that welcome and that trust.

Your duty cannot be done unless your health is sound. So keep constantly on your guard against any excesses. In this new experience you may find temptations both in wine and women. You must entirely resist both temptations, and, while treating all women with perfect courtesy, you should avoid any intimacy.

Do your duty bravely,
Fear God.

PUBLIC WARNING

The public are advised to limit their movements with the appearance of British and German Airships and Aeroplanes, so that they may not be alarmed by British aircraft and may take shelter if German aircraft appear. Should hostile aircraft be seen, take shelter immediately in the nearest available house, preferably in the basement, and remain there until the aircraft have left the vicinity: do not stand about in crowds and do not touch unexploded bombs.

In the event of HOSTILE aircraft being seen it is necessary to identify the aircraft, being, as far as possible, able to give the colour, construction, the shape of the tail, the direction of flight and whether the aircraft is an Airship or an Aeroplane.

GERMAN AIRSHIPS

BRITISH AIRSHIPS



AEROPLANES

AEROPLANES



NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Community Car Scheme, Boxford and Hadleigh

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.

Groton Calendar 2015

A few photos have already been submitted for our next year's calendar, but just to remind you that we would like seasonal photos of any Groton venue and so if we get any snow or hoar frosts etc, please remember to get out there with your camera, and get snapping during the winter months, and then please send them to me, either by post or email [Jpegs please] with your name, the venue, and the month. Pat Kennedy Scott, Groton House, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EH or pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk

Crime Watch

On Christmas Eve a number of vehicles in Swan Street had their door mirrors tampered with and two vehicles had mirrors completely broken which necessitates their replacement. Two issues arise from this which you may be able consider worth mentioning in Box River News.

Firstly, the breakages have unwanted consequences for the owners who have the inconvenience and cost of replacement. It may have unintended consequences for those who broke them as the matter has been reported to the police. As it has been reported to the police it has consequences for the wider community because actions of vandalism show up in crime statistics which may influence our home insurance quotations. We all suffer.

Soon after moving here we noticed the BRN drew attention to inconsiderate dog walkers allowing the fouling of public spaces: I wonder if attention is drawn to the above matter too.

Secondly, we searched the BRN for a contact number for the local police (am I mistaken in thinking you did list it once) and the windows of the local shops and Mary's house but none was to be found. Alan, the butcher, fortunately had one. May I suggest that a contact number is included as the BRN is first port of call for useful information for me and (probably) others. Nicholas Bristow

Hadleigh Community Choir

Do you sing? Would you like to sing with us? Right now is an excellent time to join Hadleigh's fastest growing choir, a group of people who love singing together and giving public performances for charity and good causes. We are serious about our singing but we also aim to make the choir experience fun and rewarding for everybody. Our music ranges across many styles and eras but is, above all, tuneful.

So if your organisation or community group is planning a special event, or is organising a fund-raising concert, or simply wishes to raise funds for a good cause, Hadleigh Community Choir would be delighted to discuss ways in which we could contribute to the success of that event, just call Peter on 01473 824033.

If you are a singer or potential singer aged between 16 and 80, why not join us, even if you aren't sure about your singing ability. There is no audition and you don't need to read music (but it helps) and if you are willing to put in the work you will soon be able to reach our performance standard. We rehearse every Thursday evening during school term times: 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. For more information call Peter on 01473 824033 or Google 'Hadleigh Community Choir Suffolk'.

Share your views to make a difference

Healthwatch Suffolk is here to listen to your views about health and social care services in the county. It has the power to use your views to improve, shape and influence services now and for the future. That is why it is calling for your views, which can be either good or bad, about NHS health services and publically funded social care services. The message is to share your views even if you do not think that you have much to say.

Healthwatch Suffolk was launched in June 2013 and has been working hard since to establish itself as the county's health and social care consumer champion. Its membership base has grown considerably and now has a collective voice of approaching 3,000 people. You can join for free too and be kept up-to-date with all of the latest news and opportunities to improve care services for your community.

Throughout the year, Healthwatch Suffolk has ensured that people have real opportunities to shape care services. It made a number of service improvements on the basis of local feedback including changes to plans for new services for stroke patients in Suffolk and the running of the Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust mental health crisis support

telephone line.

Looking forward, this year is shaping up to be equally as busy and will see the setup of Healthwatch Suffolk Hubs. They are intended to be local focal points where people can make their views heard and will mirror the county's district boundaries. The Hubs will enable and empower local people to play an active role in the design and delivery of their local services. They will bring together local people so that we can obtain their views about the health and social care services that they use.

Watch out for information about your local district Hub later this year. In the meantime, keep Healthwatch Suffolk up-to-date with your views because they really can make a difference. More information is available on www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk or by calling a member of the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 01449 703949.

Fleece Jazz

In 2014 Fleece Jazz needs to attract larger audiences to many of our gigs and, being aware of the average age of our audience, we want to focus on younger people which to us means those in their 20s, 30s and 40s! We think that one way to do this is to increase our presence on various social media sites, but the current committee members don't really know how to go about this to best effect.

We are looking for one or more volunteers, ideally with some experience of marketing/promotion using social media or perhaps with a broad knowledge of how this works; your input could include regular work on behalf of the club or maybe some kind of mentoring arrangement.

If you would like to be involved in helping to ensure that Fleece Jazz continues to grow and bring jazz to a wider audience we would love to hear from you. Please reply to this email with some details about yourself or leave your phone contact number so we can get back to you.

from Fleece Jazz at Stoke by Nayland Hotel to you
The Fleece Jazz Committee

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 3rd March at 9 a.m. at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford. This year the Trustees would welcome interim grant applications (main grant meeting is held in September). For application forms and information about eligibility please ring Anthea Scriven, Clerk to the Trustees, on 01787 210263 before 15th February, 2014.

John Sellers

A service of celebration of and thanksgiving for the life of John Sellers, who died last October aged 86 years, is to be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Groton at 2.00 pm on Saturday 1st March 2014.

All who knew John are warmly invited to this service and to refreshments afterwards in Groton Village Hall.

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

January Draw Results

1st No 92	M Burgess	Club's Lane	£40
2nd No 159	B Tricker	Hadleigh	£20
3rd No 9	E Stacey	Fen Street	£10
4th No 71	Mrs Riches	Polstead	£5

Next draw will be February 4th at the Bingo

If you would like tickets for the Village Hall Draw telephone 01787 210640
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Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

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.

Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages)

I look forward to seeing you all again and anyone who would like to come along and join us in 2014. We meet for approx 2.25 hours for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We have a quiz or game of cards etc. and occasionally Bingo. Shirley Watling 210024

Monks Eleigh Whist Drives

Future games on , February 12th, March 12th.

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

Yoga classes

running Thursday mornings 9.00-10.00am and Friday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm at Boxford Village Hall.

Come and enjoy an hour of stretching and relaxation. All levels welcome. To book a place call Marianne Marshall (trained Alexander Technique teacher and British Wheel of Yoga) 01787 210323 or email mariannemarshall@fastmail.fm.

THE RUBY REVIEW

Dinner and a show in Boxford Village Hall - Friday & Saturday March 7th & 8th at 7.30pm.

This year marks the Ruby Anniversary of The Boxford Drama Group - 40 years of plays, pantos and home grown entertainment are celebrated in The Ruby Review. There will be sketches, songs, comedy, drama, old favourites and new material. A two course dinner will be served during the interval and there will be a full bar and raffle. Tickets are £13.00 and available from Boxford News.

PANCAKE LUNCH

Tuesday, March 4th [Shrove Tuesday] at Mary's House, Swan street , Boxford, at 12.30

We are looking forward to seeing all our previous customers and hopefully some new ones, for pancakes with lots of different fillings, to mark Shrove Tuesday. Mary's house provides a good venue for this lunch, and there is always a jolly atmosphere, with good value pancakes. All profits to St. Bartholomew's church, Groton .

SPRING FOOD MARKET

Saturday, March 29th Groton Village Hall 10.30 ---- 2.30

Groton PCC are planning to have another Food Market, after two previous successful ones; there will be more details next month with information about stalls etc, but please do put this date in your diaries now, and plan to visit Groton village hall on March 29th. Anyone who would like to take a stall, please contact:

Pat Kennedy Scott, [01787 210319].

Charity Bake Sale

1st Boxford Guides are holding a Charity Bake Sale on Saturday 15th February in the archway next to the newsagents. Time TBC but people can contact me for more details 01787 828710 or 07999 856296.

Valentine's Candlelit Dinner

Friday 14 and Saturday 15 February

Enjoy a romantic evening in the gorgeous candlelit ambience of our 2 AA Rosette Lakes Restaurant. You'll receive a glass of champagne on arrival, a sumptuous 3-course dinner, and a red rose for your Valentine - all for just £36.50 per person! For bookings call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com.

Valentine's Ball Saturday 15 February 7pm - 12.30am

Whether you are in a relationship or single, our Valentine's Ball is sure to be a night to remember! With live band Jukebox Fury setting the tone, you will enjoy a welcome drink, delicious 3-course dinner and dancing. The dress code is Black Tie/Lounge Suits so smarten up and join us! Tickets are £42.50 per person. Please call 01206 265837 or email sales@stokebynayland.com to book.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF PROGRAMME

The Ruby Review

40th

A CELEBRATION OF 40 YEARS OF BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP

An evening of sketches, songs, drama and fun!

Friday March 7th and Saturday March 8th at 7.30pm

Tickets £13.00

A TWO COURSE DINNER SERVED DURING THE INTERVAL

LICENSED BAR & RAFFLE

Tickets from Boxford News

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Tony Ward of Kings Seeds

THE SEED TRADE



Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm

Wot's On

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. 2014 dates all Sundays: , Feb 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 15 Sept 14, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14

Little Waldingfield History Society - History in the making

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

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our programme for 2014 will start with a quiz on 8th February. Following the success of the November quiz, which was over subscribed, please contact Sue on 247173 as soon as you can to book a table.. Other dates for your diary. As last year's Themed Supper was so popular there will be another one on 12th April. Our Coffee morning will be on 6th September and the next quiz is on 25th October.

February 8 Quiz Night

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 7.00pm

April 12 Themed Supper

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 7.00pm

September 6 Coffee Morning

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 10.30am

October 25 Quiz Night

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 7.00pm

Newton Bridge

The next drive is 3rd February. Hope to see you all then. Alan Vince
01787 373963

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 Sat Jan 4th - 'About Time'

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm
"Philomena" on Friday 28th FEB. and "Hitchcock" for 21st MARCH

Sunflowers Childcare

Sunflowers Childcare - February Half Term Holiday Club - Mon 17th-
Thur 21st Feb, 9am-4pm. £17.50 if booked before 7th Feb. Tel: 01787
211363, email: info@boxford-sunflower.co.uk .

Police Surgery, Mary's House 25th February

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF 'JERRY MAGUIRE'

MATT DAMON SCARLETT JOHANSSON

WE BOUGHT A ZOO

LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST
Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (12A 124 mins with 20mins interval)
Tickets £3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person
Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets
Refreshments (wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee, tea and ice creams) will be available

These two unlikely companions
are on a journey to find her long lost son.

WINNER
WINNER

Judi DENCH Steve COOGAN

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Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 28th February
Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At

Groton Village Hall

On Friday 11th April 2014 7.30 for 7.45 Start

£10.00 per head (entry plus choice of curry & dessert)

Teams of four

B.Y.O. Bar/ Ple for non curry lovers

Raffle

Phone Joanna: 210619 or Jayne: 211360 to book your place

The Boxford Study Centre

MARK MITCHELS

This spring we welcome back Mark Mitchels
for a series of lectures at Groton Village Hall



3 March Edward Thomas
17 March John Clare
24 March Alfred Lord Tennyson



John Clare

28 April The Bayeux Tapestry
5 May The history of The Bible in English
12 May Black Ivory – the history of the Slave Trade
19 May Rule Britannia – The Royal Navy from Trafalgar to Jutland

All lectures on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm at Groton Village Hall.

Just turn up. New members welcome.

Cost: £8 per lecture or £45 for the full course

Please linger afterwards for tea and biscuits

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Friday 7th February – HENRY BLOFELD: TMS AND ALL THAT The fantastically funny Cricket commentator spills the beans on his TMS life and everything else! £17.50 7.30pm

Sunday 9th February – HISTORY SUNDAYS; The Extraordinary Sue Ryder / Finding History in 'Rubbish' – Continuing Local history lectures £7.00 7.30pm

Thursday 13th February – HUMPHREY BOGART – £10.00 / £35.00 season 10.30am

Friday 14th February – JULIE, MADLY, DEEPLY – Straight from the West End, Sarah-Louise Young has been described by Time Out as one of the top ten cabaret performers. Stories, anecdotes and, of course, songs from the extraordinary life of Julie Andrews - £15.00 7.30pm

Saturday 15th February – CADDY COOPER & FRIENDS – A beguiling country, blues and folk singer. Currently touring her debut album in the UK £12.00 (Friends £11.00 7.30pm)

Sunday 16th February – FILM: RIGOLETTO VERDI – This excellent 2002 production from The Royal Opera House is directed by David McVicar £6.00 3.00pm

Sunday 16th February – Quay Fundraisers presents: OPEN MUSIC NIGHT – All welcome. Bring your instruments and join the fun for FREE in The Quay Bar 7.30pm

Monday 17th February – YOU HAVE BEEN WATCHING – by Artist in Residence Robert Crighton; this is an exploration of surveillance culture and the modern online world – Pay What You Want 7.30pm

Friday 21st February – HATS OFF TO LED ZEPPELIN – The only UK tribute act for LZ officially endorsed by Marshall Amplifiers! £15.00 (Friends £14.00) 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd February – A GILBERT & SULLIVAN GALA EVENING – presented by the Cambridge G&S Society. An evening to remember with favourite G & S songs £13.00 (Friends £12.00) 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd February – QUAY HISTORY SUNDAYS : Sudbury & the Great Earthquake of 1884 / Uncovering the lost stories of Chilton £7.00 7.30pm

Thursday 27th February – SING-A-LONG SOUNDS OF WAR TIME – presented by Barry Collins, the top songs from WWI and WWII £12.50 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events Diary

January 2014

25 Boxford Community Council Fun and Games Night Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

February

3 Newton Bridge Newton Village Hall
 4 The Seed Trade Boxford Gardening Society Boxford Village hall 7.30pm
 5 Boxford WI Colour Expert, Thomson Newton Boxford Village Hall 2pm
 8 Quiz Night Little Waldingfield Parish Room 7.00pm
 5 WI Colour Expert Thomasin Newton Village Hall 2pm
 13 WI Make a gift box – Mary's House 2pm
 15 Charity Bake Sale 1st Boxford Guides Newsagents Archway TBC
 19 Little Waldingfield History Soc Dr Nick Sign, Boudica and the Iceni Parish Room 7.30pm

March

3 Groton Educational Trust AGM Mary's House 9.00am
 4 Pancake Lunch Groton PCC Mary's House 12.30pm
 5 WI Ugandan Beads Alison Brain Village Hall 2pm
 7/8 Ruby Review Boxford Drama Group Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
 12 Little Waldingfield History Soc John Cashmore USAAF Parish Room 7.30pm
 13 WI Knitting for the shoe-box appeal Mary's House 2pm
 29 Spring Food Market Groton PCC Groton Village Hall 10.30 to 2.30pm

April

9 Little Waldingfield History Soc Printing in the 19th century Parish Room 7.30pm
 11 Quiz and Curry Evening Groton VH Mgt Committee Groton Village Hall 7.30pm
 12 Themed Supper Little Waldingfield Parish Room 7.00pm
 12 Childrens Activity Day Box River Benefice Mary's House TBA
 13 Boxford Bike Club TORNADO Boxford TBA
 28 Boxford Community Council AGM The Pavilion 8.00

September

6 Coffee Morning Little Waldingfield Parish Room 10.30am

October

25 Quiz Night Little Waldingfield Parish Room 7.00pm

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Commemoration Services 2014

The 70th Anniversary of D Day (1944-2014) :One of the actions early on D Day was at Pegasus Bridge. This was the name given to a mechanical bridge that crossed the Orne Canal which ran from the Channel coast into Caen. It was one of two bridges that had to be captured by men from 6th (Airborne) Division on 6th June 1944 to allow the expansion of the bridgehead and stop the Germans from attacking into the flanks of the landing. D Company of 2nd (Airlanding) Battalion Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, commanded by Major John Howard, were detailed to capture the position by landing there in a series of gliders. Some 180 officers and men came in during the early hours of D-Day, storming the bridge and the buildings beyond. The bridge was taken and the position re-enforced by 7th Battalion Parachute Regiment until the link-up between them and Commandos who had landed on Sword Beach was made in the afternoon of D-Day. The original Pegasus Bridge was replaced in 1994 and now resides in the superb Memorial Pegasus Museum.

The 100th anniversary since the start of the 1st World War also falls this year. Millions of people across the world still feel a connection with the Great War. They knew the people whose lives were changed by it. They remain moved by the enduring works of art that were created as a response to it. They live with its unresolved political legacies. The First World War created a common sense of history that, many decades later, still links people from many disparate nations.

"I am for the front on Tuesday, but if you write and say I am only seventeen it will stop me from going. Don't forget." Stephen Brown to his mother, April 1915. He was killed in action at Ypres a month later



Above: The unveiling of the Cenotaph in Whitehall by King George V, 11 November 1920

Sometimes the First World War feels like distant history. The jumpy black and white films, the unfamiliar clothes and the horses pulling wagons, all



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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look like something from a world long forgotten. Yet the last soldiers who fought in the war have only recently died. Only a few of the 1914-18 generation, who witnessed the war but were too young to take part, are still alive. The war is slipping inexorably beyond the fringes of living memory and, as the Centenary of 1914-18 approaches, we have to work harder to make sure we do not forget. If we want to understand today, we need to know and remember what happened yesterday.

Special services for these anniversaries are being planned for reflection, remembrance & commemoration. Possible dates are Sunday 8th June for the D Day Service & 100 th anniversary of the 1st World War possible date- Sunday 3rd August.

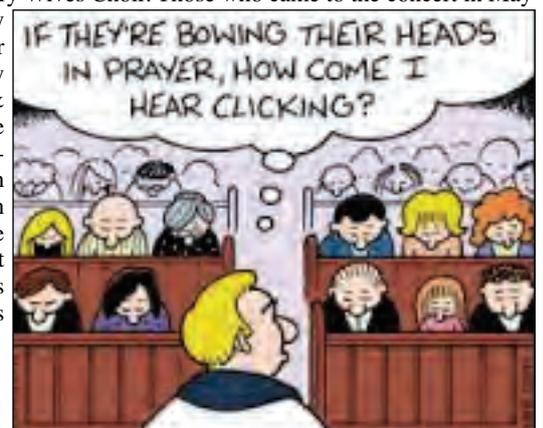
Boxford Calendar 2015: Considerable thanks to all our contributors for the 2014 calendar. There are a few copies left to purchase in village shops. We are looking ahead now to the 2015 calendar! So plenty of photos please! - forward to ChrisKingsC@aol.com. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars is for the upkeep of the Parish Church.

The Bible Study groups meets at 7.30pm on 2nd & 4th Mondays in the month at 47 Swan Street by kind permission of Peter & Margaret Holden. This month we are exploring Hebrews. Everyone is most welcome to come.

The Home Group: Generally the group meets on 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month at 3.30pm at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford. Everyone is most welcome for this time of fellowship

Choral Evensong on Sunday the 23rd March: We are delighted that the St.Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong at St. Mary's Church, Boxford - @ 5.45pm - the visit of the choir is being arranged by the Revd Canon Precentor Philip Banks to whom we are most grateful. Everyone is of course most welcome to come to the service.

Saturday May 17th: We look forward to a return visit by the stunning Colchester Military Wives Choir. Those who came to the concert in May 2013 will surely have found their singing very moving & enjoyable- make a date to come - Saturday 17th May - doors open 6.30 pm, for the concert to start at 7.00pm. Lots more details soon.



Smile Lines:

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Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

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Churchwarden:

Vacant (contact PCC if interested in position)



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THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF JOHN

SELLERS: A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Sellers, who died last October aged 86 years, is to be held in Groton church at 2.00 pm on Saturday 1st March 2014. All who knew John are warmly invited to the service and to refreshments afterwards in Groton Village Hall. Joy and John lived in Groton for 21 years, from 1982 to 2003, before moving to Great Cornard and then, in 2010, to Narborough in Leicestershire. However John was, and remained, a Yorkshireman and his funeral was in Yorkshire. This service in Groton is to enable his many friends in Suffolk to share in a celebration of his life.

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST: The collection at the Carol Service on 18th December raised £250.00 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The collection was in memory of Tom Bowdidge, grandson of Pat and Bob Bowdidge, who died in October, aged 19 years. Many thanks to all who contributed.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: Following last year's six-yearly complete renewal of the church electoral roll, this year sees a more modest annual revision prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 25th March 2014. The revision period will be from 23rd February to 8th March. If your name is not currently on the roll but you would like to be on the roll and think you qualify for enrolment, please get in touch and ask me for an application form. David Lamming (Tel: 210360).

PCC MEETING: Tuesday 25 February 2014, 6.30 pm at Mary's House. Items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary, David Lamming, by Sunday 16th February. [E-mail djlammings@hotmail.com]

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Lamming
Flowers: Mrs Tweed
Cleaning: Mrs Gooderham



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Rota

Feb 2	Sidesman	Flowers
Feb 9	Mr Squirrel	Mrs Eddington
Feb 16	Visiting	Mrs Gregor Smith
Feb 23	Mr & Mrs Tora	Mrs Roser
	Visiting	Mrs Duffy



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

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

15th December: The Festival of Lessons and Carols was held in our church, bedecked with greenery and aglow with candles. The Advent Candle was lit by Revd. Judith and a 10 year old led us in the first reading. We were reminded of the reason for celebrating by the stable scene near the Altar. Mince pies and mulled wine brought us together to chat with Revd. Judith and welcome new people who came. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ. Thank You to Rufus, Revd. Judith's husband for setting up the Loop Sound System and a thank you

to all who contributed to this welcome facility. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any ways to make the service such a joyful occasion.

24th December: Candle- lit lanterns led us to our church door and then we felt the warmth of the candles, the beautiful Christmas Tree, greenery and the Stable scene which focused our thoughts on the real Christmas message. The Revd. Judith told the Christmas story and a 4 year old sang twice to illustrate the story. Thank you to Michael Colleer for providing the music. The children and many adults were given traditional biscuits tied with red ribbon to hang on their tree. We were delighted to see so many children, families and three adults from Italy. Thank you to all for making this a warm, friendly service.

29th December: On a bright frosty morning the Five Villages Service was held in Groton's Bartholomew Church which was festively decorated. The Revd. Judith took her theme "And he led his children on..." and we were given three thought - provoking questions to take home .

12th January: Plough Sunday was led by Revd. Judith and she blessed our wonderful old plough as we thought of all those working with the land. We were encouraged to think of how we would plough our personal furrow this year. Thank you to Michael who played the organ and all helpers.

General Church News

GENERAL SYNOD: The Church of England's General Synod meets in London from 10th to 12th February 2014 when, among other business, the Synod will take the revision stage of the new draft Measure and amending Canon that, if passed, will enable women to be appointed as bishops. It is expected that Synod will then refer the draft legislation to the 44 diocesan synods, a majority of whom must vote in favour of the proposals to enable them to proceed to the final approval stage, possibly as early as July this year. More news on this next month.

DIOCESAN AND DEANERY SYNODS: The Diocesan Synod will hold its Spring meeting in Ipswich on Saturday 1st March 2014. Sudbury Deanery Synod meets the following week, on Thursday 6th March 2014. Details of the agendas of both meetings next month.

PARISH SHARE 2014: As reported last month, under the new 'Centenary Share' system for allocating parish share (what we are asked to pay to the diocese to meet parochial ministry costs and to contribute to the mission and ministry of the wider church, including the administrative costs of the diocese), the 2014 'target' given to the Box River benefice is £56,603. The treasurers of the benefice PCCs will be meeting shortly with the Revd Judith to recommend how this sum should be apportioned among the five parishes. Meanwhile, a meeting on 9th January, chaired by the rural dean (the Revd Canon Gregory Webb), of representatives of the eight benefices in the deanery looked at how we might work together to meet our deanery target of £426,965. The consensus was that many parishes will struggle to pay, but several useful ideas for increasing income were shared. Gregory suggested that every PCC should look at running a stewardship programme. He highlighted the increase in giving achieved by parishes that had used the 'Giving in Grace' resource, initiated in the Liverpool Diocese. That diocese is one of the poorest, but its level of giving is third in the country. "We must not be frightened of speaking about money", added Gregory, "it's a very spiritual topic." It was agreed to hold a follow-up meeting on 5th June 2014.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2014: This year's Fairtrade Fortnight runs from Monday 24th February to Sunday 9th March. Full details, including of the 2014 campaign to 'Make Bananas Fair', can be found on the Fairtrade website: www.fairtrade.org.uk.

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

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship February 2014

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Sunday 2nd	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.	Candlemas. (W)
Lt Waldingfield	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 All Age Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 5th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 6th Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Revd Judith and team)

Sunday 9th	Fourth Sunday before Lent.	(G)
Groton	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 12th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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Sunday 16th	Third Sunday before Lent	(G)
Edwardstone	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 19th	10.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Thursday 20th	19.30	Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

Sunday 23rd	Second Sunday before Lent 2	(G)
Boxford	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Groton	9.30 Family Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 26th	10.30	Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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Photo David Lamming



Soap Box

Recently I was asked to come up with some material on how we live our daily lives for the Newstalk magazine for the visually impaired. Included amongst the possible topics was whether it was better to live in one house all your life, or move home regularly. In the end I did not contribute to the magazine, but it did set me thinking about the contrasting experience within my family.

Nobody could accuse my brother and me of being alike – in appearance or nature. He's never married. I regret to say I've had more than one wife. Unlike me, he's never learned to drive. Until he retired a little over a year ago he had been employed by the same company throughout his working life. I, on the other hand, have enjoyed a multiplicity of careers, with a myriad of employers, including myself. And he lives in the same house in which he was born more than 60 years ago, whereas I have owned or rented more properties than I feel able to count.

Why some people stay put in a house while others choose a more peripatetic existence is probably easier to understand than one might at first think. Life changes, driving action on where and how to live. Moving jobs, divorces, the demands of a family - all can contribute to a decision to move house. Retirement might demand downsizing, while at the other end of the scale, the arrival of children will undoubtedly ensure a review takes place of whether your home is really big enough.

Undoubtedly there are those for whom moving houses on a regular basis is built into their nature. Perhaps they are effectively property developers on a small scale – and I have come across more than a few of those in my time. One builder I once knew reckoned to buy a house every two years, spending a year doing it up, then selling to enjoy a prolonged holiday before moving on to the next target. Others might simply have a low boredom threshold, but changing circumstances are perhaps the biggest driver of seeking a move.

Take me as an example. My first purchase – a flat on the south coast of England – was in anticipation of marriage and was positioned so both sets of parents could be easily reached. My mother's illness led to the sale of this flat and a move into not one, but two rented flats close to where my parents lived. But sadly she died and after the funeral a house was bought close to where our original flat had been. Divorce led to this being sold and the next few years were a whirlwind of moves between flats, some of which I owned, most of which – but not all – being in London.

A job opportunity led to me relocating to Warwickshire, but the lure of London resulted in my return to the capital, this time with two small

children. Realising that the London of my childhood had passed firmly into history, the decision was taken to move to Suffolk – close enough to my place of work to allow daily commuting, but nevertheless in a truly rural location. And here I have stayed in the same house for very nearly 30 years.

Without the pressures of children or in-laws, or a job change necessitating a geographic move, my brother has found it easy just to stay where he feels comfortable. But life may be changing for him, too. When we moved into the house in which he still lives – a new property in suburban London – we had fields opposite our front door where we would play as children. For me this was already my second home, so even as a small child I had experienced the traumas of moving house. Today the fields of my childhood are buried under tons of concrete, forming the junction of the M11 and the North Circular road. Traffic noise constantly fills the air, demanding double glazing and inhibiting outdoor activities.

The neighbours have changed, too. Few, if any, of the fresh faced hopeful young families that moved there 60 years ago remain and their places have been taken by a new breed of young professionals and business people, predominantly of Asian extraction. Front gardens have given way to car parking spaces, so trying to find somewhere to park when visiting my brother has become troublesome, to say the least.

Communities need to be dynamic, so I cannot really regret what has happened to the area in which I was brought up. Still, for my brother it means there are fewer people on hand to whom he can easily relate. He feels he needs to move – a brave decision, given that he never has before. And Sudbury is his destination of choice, where he hopes he will be able to build a social life that is lacking where he is at present, despite having lived there all his life. I believe – and hope – he is right. One move in his lifetime, when added to my 15 or so, will help the family average move closer to what tends to happen across the nation. My fingers are indeed crossed for his future.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN FEBRUARY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and birds and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month, all in preparation for the season ahead. Outdoors, the garden is coming to life again, and its time to prune shrubs, such as Wisteria.

Complete the digging of the vegetable garden as soon as possible. Where lime is necessary it should be applied this month. Lime helps in many ways, by neutralising soil acidity, by helping to break up heavy clay soils, providing calcium which is an essential plant food and by releasing certain trace elements which are locked up in the soil. Lime should not of course, be applied to ericaceous subjects such as Rhododendron's.

In a heated greenhouse, a start can be made raising plants for the vegetable garden and summer bedding. One of the first vegetable plants to be planted are shallots. It is always said that shallots should be planted in the open ground on the shortest day, but this is seldom possible or advisable to be treading on the soil at this stage, especially this year with the amount of rain we have been getting. Far better to start them off in three inch pots or in seed trays then planting out as soon as the conditions are favourable. Brussel Sprouts need a long season of growth to make a good strong plant necessary to produce a good crop of firm buttons all the way up the stem. F.I. Hybrid's give best results. Sow the seed singly in cell trays (40 to a seed tray) and then plant on in deep trays to produce good strong plants for April planting outside. Cell trays are excellent for raising seedlings of hardy arrivals which can then be planted out at about eight inches apart avoiding the need of thinning out. Always allow enough room between plants for the dutch hoe, this will make the control of weeds much easier.

Complete the pruning of fruit trees and hardy shrubs. Cut out any dead, diseased, unwanted or spindly branches. Watch out for the appearance of pink posules of the disease coral spot which usually only attacks dead wood but it can spread to live tissue. Begonia tubers should be started into growth now for pot culture or for an outdoor display in tubs or borders. Plant the tubers dished side upwards in a seed tray filled with a peat based seed compost. Do not cover the tubers completely and be careful not to over water. To wet a compost will not encourage rooting and may cause the tubers to rot. Pot up individually when well rooted.

Try tubers of the non-stop variety - this is a multi flora type as its name

suggests will flower non stop until the end of the season.

The fibrous rooted Begonia semperflorens, is one of the most adaptable of bedding plants, it is tolerant of all types of soil shady or sunny positions, and will do well in dry or wet summers its flowers being unaffected by rain. It requires a long season of growth and the seed should be sown now to produce good plants by the end of May.

Dormant fuchsias should be cut back to within three buds from the base, have all the old compost shaken from the roots and repotted in fresh compost to a smaller size pot. Place the pots on a bench and spray with tepid water twice a day to keep the wood soft and encourage new growth. Give sufficient heat to keep the house frost free.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
7. Prune Wisteria
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
9. Prune conservatory climbers
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter

How to deal with pests, diseases & other problems

Slugs can pose a threat, and slug controls are necessary now, as always. Place mice controls near stored vegetables and any in the ground still.

Protect brassicas from pigeon damage.

Pick yellowing leaves off Brussels sprouts and other brassicas promptly, to prevent spread of grey mould and brassica downy mildew.

Remove all remaining plant debris from the vegetable plot.

Digging-over in winter exposes soil pests to frost and bird predators.

Clear the ground under trees and bushes of weeds.

Last chance to winter wash trees and bushes.

Remove any rotten stored fruit.

Spray against peach leaf curl for a second time.

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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 13th November 2013 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Kennedy, 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:

D Elliott, M Mayhew

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

Jeremy Osborne declared an interest in Agenda item 9, Planning Application No: B/13/01188/FHA. The Declarations of Interest book was signed.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 4th September 2013

The Minutes of the 4th September 2013 were approved

To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary

In the absence of Siobhan Hemmit, the Clerk related to the Council that there had been no crimes reported in the period from 5th September to 11th November 2013.

This compares to four crimes for the same period last year.

To receive a report from Suffolk County Council

Suffolk County Council would be consulting residents of Suffolk about the £156million savings to be made over the next four years.

From 14th October 2013 to 6th January 2014 a consultation on home care and Community meals will take place. There will be local consultation meetings in Hadleigh & Sudbry.

To receive a report from Babergh District Council

Bryn Hurren reported that Babergh were facing huge financial constraints and that, in four years, there would be no grant from the Government. Bryn said that sources of income such as the central infrastructure levy would help and stated that tourism was doing well in Babergh.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public

The Clerk reported on behalf of David Elliott that the Village Hall would start work on the kitchen in December.

Planning Matters:

Planning Application no: B/13/01188/FHA Tan House Groton Street Groton Sudbury CO10 5EE. Erection of single storey rear extension and erection of detached pod building to provide additional living accommodation.

At this point Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne left the room.

The Councillors had discussed the above application informally on site and had no objections. Vice-Chair Jeremy Osborne returned to the meeting.

Housing Needs Survey

Councillors had received the report from Sunila Osborne and agreed that further discussion was needed.

Chairman's and Clerk's Reports & Correspondence:

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had attended the Babergh workshop regarding the precept and capping. The Chairman informed the Council that Peter Brandt had laid the wreath on Remembrance Sunday and thanked David Elliott for tidying up the war memorial in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.

Future Agenda Items

- Local Housing Needs Survey
- Notice Board
- Groton United Charities
- Precept

Dates of Next Meetings:

- 8th January 2014
- 5th March 2014
- 7th May 2014 (AGM & APM)
- 2nd July 2014
- 3rd September 2014

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Meeting 17 December 2013

Present: B Tora, M Ewen, A Sheppard, V Flute, S Braybrook

4 members of the public

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Matters/Speedwatch: A written report detailed 2 crimes – a member of the public was driven at in Church Road and phone wiring was cut at Holbrook Hall. Investigations are ongoing.

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

Matters Arising: No items not covered by the agenda.

Public Session: A member of the public raised objections to the police report and he was advised to raise this with the police directly.

Planning Matters: Between meetings applications were received in respect of Pink Cottage – erection of a single bay cart lodge and single-storey rear and front extensions, conversion of existing double garage to an annexe and construction of link between annexe and main dwelling, and Wood Hall – conversion and extension of existing stable block to provide a dwelling, and demolition of part existing single storey rear extension. No objections were raised to either application.

Amendments to submitted plans in respect of Hammonds Holt and Pink Cottage were discussed and no objections raised.

Following the reporting of removal of original leaded lights and their replacement with plastic windows a letter has been received from the Enforcement Officer at Babergh Planning department confirming that an application for retrospective

planning permission must be submitted. There has been much correspondence between Babergh DC and both neighbours and the Parish Council on this subject, and a letter from a neighbour published in the local press has generated interest from local media, resulting in an approach for an interview with a councillor, which will be given.

£106 monies: Rules have been circulated. There is no money to come from the extension to Brookwood Manor.

Financial Matters: Between meetings the cheque for a donation to the Church towards the cost of illuminating the Church was signed.

A 5% increase to the precept was proposed, but a final decision will be taken when the tax base is known.

Correspondence: Nothing received.

Village Website: Visitor numbers continue to increase. A 'blog' is proposed to draw visitor's attention to new items posted on the site.

Broadband: County Broadband have circulated a letter to villagers who have previously expressed an interest to confirm that they are in talks with the Church re installing a transmitter on the tower.

Community Engagement/Village Review: The final response is still to be agreed.

Public Transport: Nothing to report.

Footpaths: The path at Park Farm has been cut. Some cutting back and tidying up is needed behind Wade Crescent.

Churchyard: A second quote for works to the War Memorial is still awaited. There has been no response from a third firm and a fourth was not in a position to quote.

Clive Memorial: The cost of The History of the Church is to be in the region of £1000.

Risk Register: The final format was agreed and the Register will be brought to next meeting for signing.

Any Other Business: A gritting volunteer is required for the area from the top of Church Road to Pitt Cottage. Dates for meetings up to and including the Annual Parish Meeting to be set in January.

Dates of next meetings are 28 January and 25 February.

Boxford Parish Council Meetings

Meeting on 4th November

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren reported that the District Council continues to work on budget. Radical change is needed in order to operate over the coming years as grants are being cut. He continues to investigate local planning issues. He advised the reason the new driveway at 69 Swan Street was passed was because Highways did not raise any objections. He was to attend the Appeal for the dog business in Stone Street. He had been chasing the letting of the Homefield garages and the drainage issue in the vicinity. He was obtaining dog fouling notices.

Finance: In addition to the usual business the Clerk shared a letter from the District Council regarding a phased reduction in their top up grant to the Precept. This will reduce by around 25% each year until phased out.

Reports from members: Lack of progress from County Highways in resolving pot holes and junction visibility issues due to overgrown foliage was discussed. The Clerk had produced a spreadsheet of outstanding jobs which will help with the monitoring. Further information had been gathered on potential improvement to flood defenses. The Chairman will forward to Jane Burch, County Council.

Planning: The Planning Authority had confirmed various tree works can go ahead at the following addresses: 2 The Causeway, 4 The Causeway, Chequers, 7 Church Street and Willow Cottage, 32 Stone Street.

At 26-30 Stone Street, Listed building Consent had been granted to replace the windows.

The Parish Council had No Objections to the application for air source heat pump enclosure at Goodlands Barn, Swan Street. Objections from residents in respect of the anaerobic digestion plant proposal were discussed.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Meeting on 18th November

Public Forum: A progress report was sought regarding reducing the potential for the village to flood. The Chairman explained a working group was set up comprising members of the Parish Council and residents. They assessed the situation and sought advice from a civil engineer. The specification had been submitted to Jane Burch, County Council with the support of our County Cllr. This project will involve fund raising, however, should deliver long term improvements regardless of whether the Sand Hill Development goes ahead. On a separate matter, the Babergh Arboricultural Officer was asked to review trees in Ash Street. Questioning then turned to the potential Sand Hill development and members were asked whether they made it clear that their support was conditional on certain requirements. It was confirmed that, whilst there have been developments since the Parish Council Meeting on 25th July, the conditional support was made clear to the developers at the time.

Police Report: PC Enise Bala attended and no crimes had been reported in the month leading to the meeting. This compared to 3 crimes for the same period last year. She urged vigilance because there had been an increase in burglaries in and around the Babergh West area. Cllr Green was to attend the Police Priority Setting Meeting the following day.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch reported on the County Council Budget Consultation. The County Council is opposed to the A14 toll proposal, the Greater Ipswich Deal is hoped to bring greater investment into the area and the pylon project has been put on hold. Broadband still remains a priority and the need for improved information regarding the roll out was identified. He continues to attend Mary's House to be available to discuss local issues and he is hoping to get temporary vehicle activated signs located in Boxford.

Correspondence: It was agreed for the Chairman to attend the District Council

Parish Liaison Meeting. Members agreed they were in favour of a safety mirror near the entrance to the Cemetery provided it was not too large. Cllr Gates and Green agreed to liaise with the resident who made the proposal.

Cemetery: Winter maintenance priorities had been agreed at the Cemetery. It was reported that the War Memorial was looking good after specialist cleaning. Cllr Norman had organised the Christmas tree for the Churchyard.

Feedback following training: Cllrs Hobbs and Wilson had attended training covering all aspects of the Parish Council. They shared details with other members. They felt that our Council compared well with some others, however, improvement could be achieved including having a Parish Council website and proactively seeking grants to support village projects. Cllrs Impett and Wilson agreed to attend website training.

Reports from Members: A grit retainer had been installed at Fitzgerald Meadow. Graffiti on the road signs from Sand Hill into the village was reported. The Rectory Park sign had fallen over and this was reported to the District Council. The worsening road surface in Stone Street was reported.

Meeting on 2nd December

The venue was re-located to the school hall to enable further residents to comment and observe (in excess of 40).

Public Forum: The Chairman directed the public to be respectful to each other whilst points were being made in relation to the Sand Hill proposal. Some letters and requests to speak had been received ahead of the meeting. The Chairman first read the letters including one from Boxford Society and then invited various people to speak to ensure all points were made. Tim Beven spoke on behalf of "Your Boxford". Adrian Chalkley went through his report about the drainage and flooding issues. District Cllr Bryn Hurren then spoke of the need for Affordable Housing and if the development went ahead that the homes would be for Boxford people only. The majority of people who spoke had concerns about the proposed development and 2 people spoke in favour of the development and felt the very valid issues could be overcome. All points were listened to and duly noted. The Chairman provided updates regarding flooding issues and the pressures during the project on financial viability which influenced some aspects of the scheme and timescales. The question of a Neighbourhood Plan for the village was raised. The Chairman confirmed the next Parish Council Elections were due to take place in 2015. He hoped the interest in the room would mean more people standing for Election and that the new Council may consider putting together a Neighbourhood Plan. When all the comments had been made, the Chairman thanked everyone and asked them to keep quiet during the members' deliberations.

Planning: Land East of Boxford Court, Sand Hill – 20 Affordable Houses and 5 Market Sale Houses

Each Member of the Parish Council was given the opportunity to state their views. This led to proposals and the following response was then agreed: -

"After much discussion and many objections from the public (letters of which have been sent to Babergh District Council) the Parish Council recommends approval BUT has the following strong recommendations: -

a) The drainage system for the development MUST result in less water flowing off the site than the current green field site. In a report sent to the Parish Council from Jane Burch Flood & Coastal Policy Manager at Suffolk County Council, this requires a sustainable drainage system which retains, at minimum, the current amount of water falling during a 1 in 100 year storm with 30% added to take account of climate change. Following the appropriate investigation and design, this will be subject to approval by yourselves – the Planning Authority. This Parish Council believes it essential that lower level parts of the village are not adversely affected by this development. These findings were echoed by resident Adrian Chalkley who spoke during the public forum at the Parish Council Meeting and you will be in possession of his written report.

b) Concerns need to be addressed regarding sewage/foul water storage and pumping with appropriate back up in the event of power cuts. The last power cut experienced in the Parish lasted up to 3 days

c) Safe pedestrian access to the village centre is essential and therefore a commitment from the Developers and the County Council to work with the Parish Council to achieve safe access MUST be a condition of approval. Please take these three strong recommendations into consideration."

This resolution was carried with 6 votes in favour and 3 against. The alternative proposal to Recommend Refusal unless strong conditions were met was not supported.

On other Planning matters the Parish Council had No Objections to tree applications at 14 The Causeway and Wynne Ho, Swan Street.

Reports from Members

Pot holes along Assington Lane were reported. Cllr Norman had requested our grit supplies be replenished. Cllr Green was to represent the Parish Council at a Highways Meeting in Stone Street.



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Well I never!!!



Whilst preparing to close down for the winter, Malcolm Grimwood, our Green Keeper, tried to repair a slight subsidence. His fork went through the ground and excavation revealed an old well about 3 feet below the surface and about 8 feet deep. The well contained clean water. The area was properly cleared, a metal plate was put over the well and surrounding area, shingle and top soil were laid down and the original turf was replaced.

Photographs were taken by the Boxford Society, the local village recorder and Boxford Bowls Club.

We will be open for the 2014 outdoor season on Sunday 20 April this year and prospective new members are welcome to come along.

National President:

My year as National President of the English Bowling Federation ended in November.

It was a great privilege to represent my own club, Boxford, and my county, North Essex during 2013.

I enjoyed my year immensely. Daphne travelled everywhere with me and the mileage for the year was in the region of 22,000 miles travelling between Suffolk and Northumberland.

Les Clark President, Boxford Bowls Club

NEWS FROM SESAW

by **Kenny (The Boss) Chihuahua.**

Brrr! It was good to get home to Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare after a walk with Mandy this morning. We dogs really appreciate the volunteers looking after us, whatever the weather and we always welcome new faces. If you would like to help look after me and my friends, (including the cats!) please get in touch.

We are also grateful to another human dynamo, Natalie White, who will brave the cold on her trusty steed, Claude, to ride 25K on 23rd February. Natalie wants to raise lots of money for SESAW. Please encourage her by visiting: <http://www.justgiving.com/Natalie-White9> or pick up a Sponsor form from us.

Over the winter I have put on a little weight which is good for me, the same cannot be said of my new labrador friend, The Honey Monster! When she arrived just before Christmas, four year old Honey weighed forty six kilos, I'm told that's over seven stones! At the time of dictating, she is down to forty one kilos, thanks to a strict diet and gentle exercise in her foster home. You can follow Honey's progress and sponsor her slimming programme at: <http://www.justgiving.com/thehoneymonster>

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The status recognises his service to the club, as well as his development role in the game at club, schools and county levels.

In addition to running his own academy at Newton, he has been a lead coach with the Suffolk Golf Partnership, and carries out teaching in local schools, with support from the Golf Foundation.

He has also broadened the appeal of golf to a wider range of young people by introducing the sport to pupils with learning difficulties.

In recent years the coaching of young players at Newton has moved to a new level, with a large number of juniors now holding single figure handicaps.

They include schoolgirls Ellie Aldous and Alice Barlow, who have been regular members of the all-England girls' training programme, and recently captured the Suffolk ladies' Haskell Trophy.

Trainees as young as 12 have recently featured in the club's senior men's, Suffolk Tolly Cobbold knock-out team.

A number of the club's juniors have moved through PGA training with Cooper, and gone on to take up professional appointments in the sport.