

Box River News

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RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE BOX VALLEY!



Photo Rebecca Wade

The proposed Solar Field looking towards Edwardstone Church

There is a planning application (B/13/01107) to build a 65 acre solar farm (about the size of 37 football pitches) in between the villages of Newton Green and Edwardstone. It will be clearly seen from Edwardstone Church, a Grade I* Listed Building which occupies a unique position in the valley it overlooks. If approved this part of the Box Valley will be spoilt, most likely, forever.

Villagers have expressed concern that the proposed site, which is next to ancient farmland and a few hundred meters from a wood which is a 'site of special scientific interest', would ruin this part of the countryside. They feel that this is the wrong place for a solar farm of this scale.

This farmland was originally graded class 2, but has been downgraded by an independent body to 3A however it is still quality agricultural land. *"Local planning authorities should take into account the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land. Where significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, local planning authorities should seek to use areas of poorer quality land in preference to that of a higher quality."*

The site is expected to produce 9 per cent of Babergh's domestic needs. The PV panels will be there for 25 years but there is a bond in place for decommissioning after that period, with the money guaranteed to do so. However, the then owners could re-apply for another 25 years of solar panels and the field won't necessarily go back to agricultural use. In fact, the biodiversity of the site would have increased so much after 25 years that it might be difficult to return it to agricultural land. It is argued that the land might have become too valuable because of its good biodiversity to return to agricultural land, and it would most likely stay for "industrial" use.

"Legally-binding "renewable" energy targets are to be ditched by the European Commission in a major about-turn an admission that the policy has failed industry and consumers by increasing electricity bills. The binding target for renewable energy has probably had more impact on

how power is generated and the bills paid by households in Britain than any other single piece of EU legislation. Officials will outline the European Union's "2030 framework for climate and energy". The Brussels Paper will no longer impose requirements on how those reductions are made via "renewable" energy power sources, including solar farms. The cost of subsidising expensive renewable energy technologies has been blamed for soaring energy costs for industry and consumers across the EU. Officials confirmed that the proposal would come "without binding national targets" to avoid high subsidies for expensive renewable energy technology such as SOLAR PANELS. One recent study estimated that every British household faced an average £400 increase in energy bills over the next six years to pay for subsidies under government plans to meet the EU's renewable targets.

Following a site meeting the Babergh Planning committee is due to meet to discuss the plans on 19th Feb after the March BRN has gone to press.

THE SAND HILL DEVELOPMENT

Plans for the proposed development of 20 affordable houses and 5 market sale houses on land east of Boxford Court, Sand Hill, Boxford, have been withdrawn by the developer. Icen Homes said it had been withdrawn to allow amendments following feedback during the planning process. Revised plans are expected in March.

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BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our Annual Fun & Games Night held on Saturday 25th January proved to be yet again a very enjoyable, sociable, hectic and at times very competitive evening, which seemed to be enjoyed by all whether regular competitors or new this year. For those of you who may not have heard the outcome, the top three places were:

- 1st IF BUTS AND MAYBE 263 Points
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A very big thank you to everyone who helped with this event, which requires a lot of hard work: organising teams and helpers, buying all the food and drink, preparing the food, serving behind the bar, setting the games up, manning each game and clearing up afterwards. We are indebted to all who helped in any way, as we could not have done it

without you. Thank you also to all the local businesses and individuals who kindly donated raffle prizes, which is much appreciated. Finally, thank you to the 16 teams who took part and we hope you all enjoyed the evening, which is essentially about having fun. It also helps us with our fundraising, where the funds are then granted out to organisations in the local villages. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!
Boxford Community Council



Veronica and Robert at the bar

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday, 7 March, 8.00, Ticket £15
RIP RAP QUARTET

Kevin Flanagan and David Gordon do amazing things with beat poetry and music inspired by Miles Davis, Keith Jarrett, Ralph Towner, Jan Garbarek, Joshua Redman et al. With Kevin Flanagan sax, David Gordon piano, Russ Morgan percussion and Andrew Brown bass. American born Kevin brings new grooves and atmospheric improvisation to this excellent band. He has worked in a range of genres, from classical to rap. David is a beautiful, thoughtful musician, very funny at times. Russ and Andrew are the perfect engine room for the band..

Friday, 14 March, 8.00, Ticket £16
Tammy Weis & Tom Cawley

"Isn't she great! Now there's a vocalist!" (Michael Bubl ). An evening of Canadian cool "with a luscious sound full of feeling" (Julian Joseph). With Tammy Weis vocals and Tom Cawley piano. "Not many people reduce me to tears, but Tammy's song about her mother was the most touching I've ever heard, and her voice is beautiful." (Jenni Murray, BBC). "An engaging live performer with a Peggy Lee-like sense of cool" (Clive Davis, The Times). At last a chance to hear this classy Canadian along with one of our favourite pianists. We are recording this gig, so do come and be part of this special night.

Friday, 21 March 8.00, £18
Ian Shaw

Unmissable, unmistakable, (sometimes un-repeatable), a

master singer! "A profoundly sophisticated artist with a broad grasp of music ... as well as an affecting, emotional and sometimes very funny singer" The Guardian.

With Ian Shaw on vocals and piano.

Ian Shaw has been named, along with Mark Murphy and Kurt Elling, as one of the world's finest male jazz vocalists. He is a stunningly good pianist too. At this gig we get both of him. If we are lucky, Ian might give us some of his third persona as a standup comedian!

Twice winner of the BBC Jazz Awards Best Vocalist, people say of him "Our finest jazz singer" (Time Out) and "The contemporary scene's class act" (The Guardian).
More Ian Shaw.

Friday, 28 March 8.00, Ticket £16
Renato D'Aiello International Quartet

Tenorist Renato's "weighty, behind-the-beat sound shows how a poetic imagination can rekindle a long-gone style without nostalgia". (John Fordham). Joined by vocalist Marc Thomas, tonight Renato provides a chance to wallow in something rather special. With Renato d'Aiello sax, Hiroshi Murayama piano. Marc Thomas vocals and Lionel Boccara drums.

"His solos tell a story. Their lines unfold with a natural flow, especially on the ballads" (Jack Massarick) "D'Aiello's weighty, behind-the-beat sound shows how a poetic imagination can rekindle a long-gone style without nostalgia" (John Fordham) Renato's playing is intense, but at the same time warm and poignant. He showcases one of the most attractive and affecting tenor saxophonist sounds in contemporary jazz.

His excellent companions are pianist Hiroshi Murayama, singer Marc Thomas is a French version of American crooners like Frank Sinatra and Nat King Cole, and Lionel is a classically trained percussionist swiftly gaining a world-wide jazz reputation.

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THE MARCH LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

Floods on a Biblical scale...?

As I sit writing this, strong winds are still buffeting the rectory and lashing the trees all around. Last night, the wind somehow even found its way through tiny gaps at the window edges of our bedroom, whining and moaning eerily like the proverbial banshee. This is nothing, of course, compared with the experiences suffered across the west-country and more recently the Thames Valley. How one's heart goes out to the thousands whose homes, businesses and communities have been swamped by several feet of water.



I have noticed recently how journalist after journalist, in the newspapers and on TV, has begun to use the same word "Biblical" in their reports, to try to get across the sheer scale of the devastation the extreme weather has brought in its wake. It's understandable that people should be reaching for a word, a concept, which indicates that this situation is something outside our human ability to control - which, to a great degree, of course, it is. Even with the best will in the world, even with all the dredging or rivers and watercourses that could have been done, even with all the flood defences which could have been put in place - experts seem to agree that the effects of such exceptional weather could never have been fully mitigated or prepared for.

When we use - or hear - that word Biblical, though, we need to sound a note of caution. All too easily, "Biblical" can put across the idea that the current floods are sent as a punishment sent from God. And there are those religious extremists who have already suggested that such events are a judgement on the way our society is going, citing gay marriage specifically. What a travesty of the God of love that Christians believe is most truly shown in the life of Jesus. Yes, in the Old Testament, as people tried to interpret the events of their day, many natural events and disasters would be ascribed to God, interpreted as his punishment. But Jesus showed us an utterly different way. The best example of this is perhaps when some of his disciples encountered people who didn't receive their message gladly, but rejected them. They were clearly angered and asked Jesus - Lord, shall we call down fire from heaven to consume them? The Bible says that Jesus did not just politely decline their request, he actually rebuked them. The God he knew and embodied was a God who came not to punish people, but to change their hearts and minds by loving them and serving them, who had sent his Son not to strike people down dead, but to lay down his life for them.

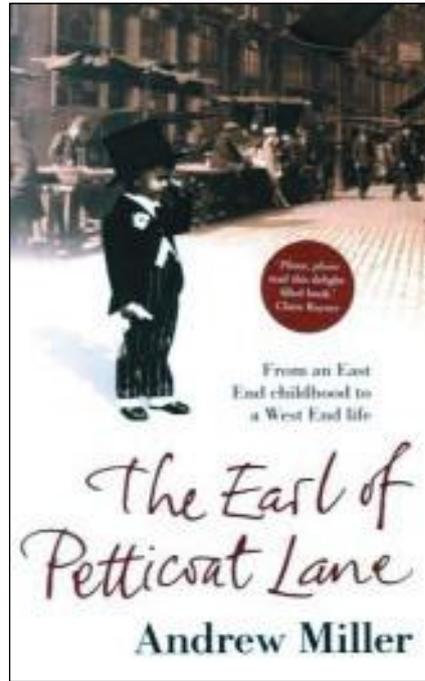
This is so different from the extremes of "religion" we sadly see today, in so many parts of the world, where God's will is believed to demand suicide bombings, murder and atrocities. What a ray of hope to see on the news yesterday one brave church minister in Central Africa, risking censure and attack himself, to take into his church for shelter and protection hundreds of Muslims imminently threatened by Christian militia seeking revenge for Muslim attacks on their own communities. No one community in this tragic situation, Christian or Muslim, is immune from accusations of violence, but this pastor has taken a courageous first step in showing that, somehow and somewhere, the bloodshed has to end, and that Christian and Muslim must be shown to be able to forgive, living together with mutual respect and in peace.

So, yes, "Biblical" may be a useful word in conveying our sense of helplessness in the face of such great forces of nature, but let's beware of slipping into a way of thinking in which God is out to punish his people and ravage the earth. The whole story of Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter - for which the reflective period of Lent prepares us - tells of a very different God. Through Jesus, it tells a story of unconditional love, of humility and service to others, of an untiring seeking of those who are lost, of a willingness even to lay down one's life so that others - so that we - can find new life, new hope.

Blessings, Revd Judith.

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

The Earl of Petticoat Lane by Andrew Miller



When you leave Liverpool Street Station and cross busy Bishopsgate, you find yourself in the narrow old streets of Spitalfields. You can admire the beautiful Georgian homes of the Huguenots, and the old warehouses of the East India Company, now known as Devonshire Square. The shops and cafés are a delight, attracting tourists, and it is difficult to believe that this was once an area of poverty and deprivation.

This was the heart of the Jewish Quarter, where Jews lived and traded from their small market stalls scraping a living in their newly adopted country.

In the early twentieth century this was home to Henry Friedman; where he

went to school, attended the synagogue and where he honed his skills as a young market trader. It is his life that his grandson Andrew Miller, a journalist writing for the Economist, describes for us in his first book *The Earl of Petticoat Lane*. It is a perfect example of a "rags to riches" story, of how an impoverished immigrant becomes English and contributes to society.

His sensitive writing allows us to smell and taste the hardships of those early days, and to witness the struggle to survive, to find enough money to pay the rent. But Henry is resourceful, clever and charming. His days of being brow beaten are over as he takes his beautiful wife Miriam out of the East End to Harpenden, far from the bombs of the Second World War. He sells lingerie made in his make-do factories and, despite a shortage of elastic, frills and ribbons for his pretty underwear, his business expands and he becomes wealthy enough to buy himself a Rolls Royce and a chauffeur to drive it. He rubs shoulders with the rich and famous and, ultimately, royalty.

I found this enchanting and intimate portrait of his Grandfather a very moving experience. From his lowly background Henry was ambitious to make something of himself, to assimilate into the English way of life, to prove to that he was somebody. This country allowed him to achieve his dreams.

The Earl of Petticoat Lane is beautifully written, and I found myself fingering the book long after I had finished it. I reluctantly put it down.

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LWHS ART DISPLAY Held on Wednesday 15th Jan

Once again LWHS members did the society proud by turning up in force for our member only display of signed art prints by renowned local artist Roger Lane, with around 40 making the evening a huge success.

With 24 USAAF 486th Bomb Group related local scenes on view, plus a most interesting display of local wartime photos by our Chairman Dennis Duffy, there really was lots to see and much discussion ensued. The buzz our members created with their lively discussions was then much enhanced with lots of US and British bunting, liquid refreshments and some lovely pastry savories courtesy of Sue Horsley, which were scrummy.

With first guests arriving well ahead of the 7.30 start and the last not leaving until after 9.00, it was apparent a very good time was had by all, and testament to the efforts put in by Roger, Dennis, Sue and the rest of the LWHS committee.

We now very much look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the LW Parish Room on Wednesday 19th February for our next talk, on Boudica and the Iceni 60-61 AD by local expert Dr Nick Sign, who is Vice-Chairman of the Suffolk Local History Council and Hon. Editor of their journal Suffolk Review. Do come along for what is sure to be another entertaining and informative evening, though it is recommended that you bring along a crash helmet; once Boudica got going, not even the might of the Roman Army in Britain could stop her! *Andy Sheppard*

SAND HILL, BOXFORD,

PLANNING APPLICATION WITHDRAWN. cont'd from page 1

It has been announced that the planning application for twenty affordable houses and five marketable houses has been withdrawn.

This follows the significant amount of objections to the proposal and the recommendations of the Suffolk Design Review Panel which listed a large number of concerns on the plans of overall site layout, the design of the houses, both exterior and interior, the vehicular and pedestrian accesses and many other areas regarding parking, drainage etc. The Panel also suggested that the village green layout was too like a housing estate and no consideration had been given to the superb views of the surrounding countryside. English Heritage has commented 'to fill the field with houses would be a significant change to the village'.

The yourBoxford group is delighted that the objections of the residents from all over the village have been listened to. They feel that this has given the village a huge opportunity to look at its whole future planning. They have urged Boxford Parish Council to reconsider their options in the light of potential other sites originally put forward which could be developed with considerably less problems than the Sand Hill site. The 2010 Housing Needs Survey states there should be two different sites containing a maximum of 15 houses each. Consideration should not be given to one part of the survey which outlines the need for housing for 40 people without observing its recommendation of how this should be achieved on smaller sites.

The yourBoxford group recognises the need for affordable housing in the village and is concerned that this should be planned in a constructive way for the benefit of those who will be living there, at the same time retaining the essential features of a village rather than allowing a drift into something approaching a town environment.

For further information:

Sue Beven, 01787 210021 or e-mail: suebeven@talktalk.net.

SESAW

There has been much talk of "The New Website" at Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare recently. It's a wonder the humans don't trip up as they peer at their mobile phones and post comments on the SESA Facebook page which is now linked to <http://www.sesaw.co.uk/> You can even click on my photo to read my blog!

There are also photos of some fluffly little bundles even smaller than me. Yes, we have Guinea Pigs again, long and short haired in pretty colours, ready and waiting for new homes. If they are still with us, some of them will be going to a Pet and Poultry show next month. SESA has been invited to the event at Hollow Trees Farm Shop, in Semer, IP7 6HX on Saturday 5th April from 10am to 4pm. Pop in to see us and enjoy the barbeque too.

There are lots of SESA events planned including our annual Fete and Fun Dog Show on Sunday 27th July. Apart from the usual attractions there will be a foot tapping Jazz Band to make sure the day really goes with a swing.

Meanwhile, you can take your mind off the weather at our Quiz Night at Leavenheath Village Hall next month. Phone 01206 799424 for tickets at £9 each, including a plate supper. If one of the questions asks how much rain fell this winter, the answer is too much for little old me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua! SESA, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.

Have your say about ambulance services in Suffolk

Healthwatch Suffolk finds out what you think about health and social care services in Suffolk so that it can use your views to improve services for everyone. It is working with the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust to obtain views from patients about their use of the service.

A survey has been created to obtain feedback from patients and the public about perceptions and experiences of the ambulance service. It is a fantastic opportunity for people to share their views and make a difference to the service now and for the future.

Teresa Church (East of England Ambulance Service General Manager - Suffolk) said

"The vast majority of people who use the ambulance service receive a very high level of clinical care. However, this survey gives us the opportunity to hear the views of a wide range of people from across Suffolk. At a time when we are making important improvements to the Service, it is vital that we hear the thoughts of the people we serve, so that we can best meet their aspirations. I am delighted that we have the opportunity to work so closely with Healthwatch Suffolk. Together we can develop an even better understanding of the views of local people and, as a Service, make further progress to tackle the challenges we face".

If you have used the service recently, it only takes a few moments to give your views.

It is easy to take part. Hard copies of the survey can be obtained from Healthwatch Suffolk by calling 01449 703949. You can also take part online by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/s/hwsamb. Surveys will be handed out directly to patients by ambulance crews wherever it is appropriate to do so for a period of two weeks. More information is available on the Healthwatch Suffolk website (www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk).

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL February Draw Results

1st No 65	Steve Skinner	Calais Street	£40
2nd No 155	J Phillips	Butchers Lane	£20
3rd No 54	C Day	Daking Avenye	£10
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GROTON'S KITCHEN, AN INVITATION

The kitchen at Groton Village Hall is starting to look like a kitchen again, it has been insulated and plastered, the new kitchen is being installed as I write this. We would like to invite all Groton residents and any interested people from other villages to the official opening of the new kitchen {which has been funded by The National Lottery} on Saturday 8th March between 12.00 and 2.00pm Please come and enjoy nibbles, fizz and celebration cake provided by the Management Team. Please come and see our splendid new kitchen. See you then.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH ROOM



Another very enjoyable quiz was held on 8th February, with Mary's quiz racking the brains of the assembled competitors. The questions were put to them by Brian Tora, who set a testing music round, as usual. As can be seen from the photo, at least one contestant got carried away with the beat. There was a very close finish with only half a point separating the best teams. The "true" winners generously shared the prize with the runners up. Everyone enjoyed Sue's excellent two course meal, in the interval.

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**By
Paul Whiteley**

Paul Whiteley is Professor of Government at the University of Essex. He specialises in research on elections and voting behaviour and has many publications in these fields. He was a Director of the British Election Study for the last three general elections and has also directed research programmes in democracy and participation. He appears on local TV and radio stations on this subject. He is married to Sue, our branch secretary. In his talk he will be looking at the history of elections: who votes and why?

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Here are two good news messages together with reports on some activity following the unrelenting spell of prolonged rain which we have all experienced throughout January and February:

Suffolk County Councillors approve at Full Council proposed budget savings and council tax freeze for 2014/15

SCC Elected Members gave its approval to the budget at the Full Council Meeting on 13th February for the new financial year. The savings proposals are the first part of a four-year plan designed to fill an estimated budget gap of £156 million, equivalent to 30% of the council's current annual budget (excluding schools). This on top of more than £90 million saved since April 2011. The agreed savings were:

- £8.2 million in landfill taxes next year thanks to the new Energy from Waste site, which is scheduled to open next year;
- £9 million from administrative costs following the end of the Customer Services Direct contract;
- £10 million from the Adult and Community Services budget including a greater focus on early prevention and closer working with the NHS;
- £6.7 million from the children and young people's budget – including a review of children's centre services, to ensure they can best meet the needs of young families,
- £4 million from the capital budget. All four years, between now and 2017 will also see a complete freeze in SCC's portion of council tax. Final approval of the budget is in the hands of the full council, who will debate it at their next meeting on 13th February 2014.

We are determined to meet the budget challenge head-on: managing the county's money extremely carefully; seeking new and better ways of providing the services people need, while helping with residents' cost of living by keeping council tax down.

Call for a fresh approach to Health and Housing in Suffolk

Securing better-quality housing, and preventing the ill health that can come with poor housing, were issues discussed by housing organisations and local councils at a key meeting this week. County Cllr. Joanna Spicer, Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board,

was joined by Dr Dan Poulter, Under Secretary of State for Health and MP for Central Suffolk, together with representatives from both the private and public sector and independent landlords, to look at the connection between health and housing. Speaking on the issue, Joanna Spicer said: "The evidence clearly points to close links between people's health and where they live. Well-planned homes can combat depression, support family cohesion and go a long way to boosting overall health and happiness." Those at the meeting considered how future housing needs can be met for people with mental health needs, young people and older people, and how to develop opportunities to work together in these areas to improve housing to meet the needs of Suffolk people.

Suffolk comes to the aid of Somerset

One of our Fire and Rescue Service's specialist rescue vehicles has been sent to help out in Somerset, where communities are struggling to cope with the effects of the severe flooding. The 'Unimog', a four-wheel-drive vehicle, is capable of driving through several feet of water. It can be used to transport people and equipment where other vehicles can't go, including off road. Suffolk Fire and Rescue has a second Unimog which is to remain in the county. The response came as part of established national arrangements to provide assistance to other parts of the country when needed. By this system, our fire service was able to call upon fire engines from other services across the country to help in Suffolk last December, in response to the tidal surge.

Boxford Activity - Flooding in Ash Street

I am actively and urgently supporting the plans for the remedial action in Ash Street which is long overdue. In conjunction with the Parish Council this is now a matter of urgency to be done. May I thank the local residents for their patience.

James Finch - Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley Division
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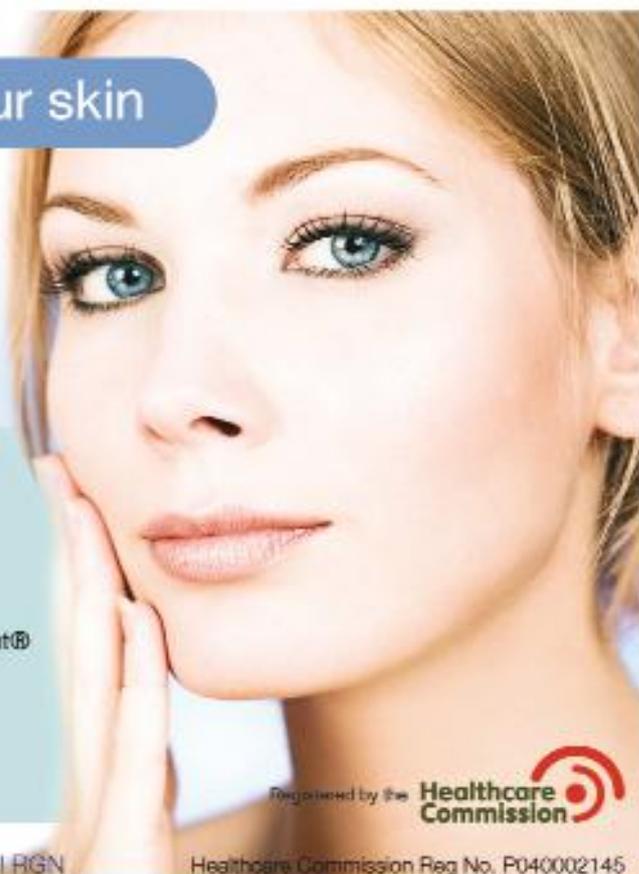
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Did You Know.....?

The Boxford Community Car Scheme grew out of an idea from one of our local Doctors about 4 years ago. A group of volunteers provide transport for residents registered with the Hadleigh or Boxford Practice for appointments at Hospitals and Health Centres? we also include Dentists, Opticians, Physio etc., for medical appointments.

We are increasingly called upon to help. To maintain this 'service' we really do need more men & women volunteer drivers. To help with fuel costs, patients pay drivers 45p per mile.

If you are able to support us, the amount of time given is entirely up to you, and would be greatly appreciated. For more information: Please ring Sue Green on 01787210603.

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

Polstead Playgroup

Polstead Playgroup was set up over 30 years ago. Based in Polstead Village Hall, it is run for the parents by the parents with a strong team of qualified Staff. In 2010, it achieved an 'Good' Ofsted rating. Our philosophy is learning through play whilst introducing pre school children to the basic concepts of numeracy, literacy and developing a creative interest. Polstead Playgroup runs term time Mon- Fri 9.15am - 12.15noon and in addition, there is a lunch club until 1pm which runs Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. Each session costs £8.50 which includes a light snack and drink. Children are very welcome to attend from 2-4 years of age.

Should you require any more information or would like to pop in for a free trial session with your child, please contact Aimee Perry, Playgroup Leader on 07799706927 or see our website www.polsteadplaygroup.org or visit our Facebook page to see the range of activities we get up to.

GIFT AID DONATIONS

With the departure of Tim Harbord to 'Pastures New', would parishioners please note that all matters relating to Gift Aid donations for St Lawrence's Church are now being dealt with by Chris Bowden, 2 Priory Cottage, Church Road; 247784

Armchair Players - Keeping Drama Alive in Hadleigh

Launched in 2009, Armchair Players is Hadleigh's play-reading and drama club. We meet on the second Monday of every month at The George pub in Hadleigh High Street.

Our name says it all. We read plays aloud in a friendly and informal atmosphere - bringing drama to life with the minimum of dramatic 'fuss'. On occasions we make group visits to local theatres to see plays performed and/or participate in theatre-related events such as tours of the backstage areas and presentations by Directors and other theatre managers. Our meetings also include themed readings and other drama-based activities. We even have plans to present Rehearsed Play Readings for the benefit of small audiences who can sit, listen and enjoy. Armchair Players support the BBC Children in Need appeal with a special fund raising event every year in November. To date we have raised £2800 for the appeal.

Everyone over 16 is welcome to join. Come and take part as a 'reader' or as a 'listener'. Enjoy the fun of 100% participation either by reading aloud a part in the selected play, or by just sitting back and listening as the drama unfolds. Our next meeting date is March 10th at 7:30pm. Why not come along? For more information call Maddie on 01473 824033.

Volunteer Cadet Scheme

Suffolk Constabulary is starting up a Volunteer Cadet Scheme and we are seeking young people to be part of the Babergh unit.

Do you know anyone aged 13-16 years old that is living in the Babergh area?

Would they like to... help make the community a safer place?

• get involved with the Police? • support their local Safer Neighbourhood Team? • wear a uniform? If "yes" could be answered to any of the above then why not come along and find out more? An Information Evening for all prospective Cadets and their parents/guardians is to be held at: The Curve at Ormiston Sudbury Academy, Tudor Road, Sudbury Suffolk, CO10 1NW

Starting at: 7pm Wednesday 22nd January. If you can't make this date you can email us at: hayley.fraser@suffolk.pnn.police

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Another wonderful response to our shoebox campaign again! The village filled 186 boxes this year - our highest total yet.

The lorry left Sudbury bound for Belarus on Saturday 7th December and in the words of Nena Harding, our District Co-ordinator

"filled with love for the children". We are told that many children have never received a present before and can't believe that someone cares enough to send them one. To all those who helped us with bags of toys, knitted hats, gloves and scarves and to those who filled their own boxes we can't thank you enough. Also thanks to all who supported us at the "Cream tea afternoon" and the cake stall and coffee morning. We all enjoyed them and hope you did too.

Please get the knitting needles out again for next year - Ann has patterns for glove puppets if you get tired of knitting hats and mittens! Thank you once again from the shoebox team.

Any further information from Ann Porter on 210581 Shirley Watling on 210024 Jennie Lindsley on 210520

Leaders Wanted

The 1st Leavenheath Scout Group are looking for more adults to join their leadership team and ensure that a full and challenging program is delivered. This is a very rewarding form of volunteering as you will have a major impact on the personal development of local children. No previous experience necessary as you will be working alongside existing experienced leaders. Full training for the role will be given and there will also be the opportunity to obtain recognised qualifications. If you are looking to enhance your CV or to give your time for local children then please consider Scouting. We currently have four sections at Leavenheath and these are; Beavers aged 6-8 years, Cubs aged 8-10? years, Scouts aged 10?-14 years and Explorers aged 14-18. All sections include boys and girls. If you would like to give some of your time to Scouting please get in touch with Garry Debbage-Philp on 07908 173396 or garph@hotmail.co.uk who would be pleased to discuss the volunteering

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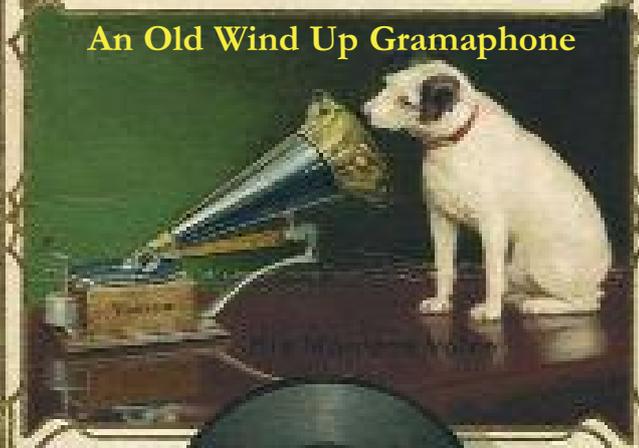
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Above: Charles William Tricker and Susannah Maria Tricker née Beere. This photo, a small postcard taken end of February to early April 1919, when Charles returned to England from a German POW camp. Charles was a Private in the 1st Suffolk Regiment. Note on back of card, in Susannah's hand, says, "With love from Nell + Ben, from Sue + Charl, April 13th 1919".

Charles William Tricker, a Story of his World War One Service

Charles William Tricker was born on 8th February 1877, in "Hadleigh Hamlet", a small parish which included Ellis Street and Cox Hill, Boxford. He was the sixth child, and third son of Charles Bedford Whymark Tricker, and Sarah Eley. The large family consisted of eleven children, of whom ten survived into adult hood. As was the family tradition, no sooner than he finished his schooling, Charles William Tricker took up his father's profession of Bricklayer; a profession that the four previous generations had faithfully followed.

According to a "Militiaman's Small Book", thought to be that of Charles William Tricker, on 9th July 1900, a Charles Tricker enlisted in the Militia of the County of (unreadable but looks like "ESSEX"), and was appointed to the 4th Essex Regiment, at Warley in the County of (unreadable but looks like "ESSEX"), at the age of 17 years, 10 months. (Warley Barracks, Brentwood was the home of the Essex Regiment.) This small book gave the following details for this Charles Tricker. Born in the Parish of Hadleigh, in or near the Town of Colchester in the County of Essex; Trade or calling: Brickmaker; Last Permanent Residence: Colchester; Height: 5 feet, 2 ? inches; Complexion: Fresh; Eyes: Blue; Hair: Black; Marks: Nil; Religion: C of E. He was allotted the Regimental number of 7905 or 1905.

His age given would have meant that this Charles Tricker was born on 9th September 1882. However the details above differ significantly from our Charles William Tricker and they could be for another Charles Tricker. Possibly Charles Thomas Tricker, a first cousin, once removed, who was born about this time, in March 1881. Charles William Tricker would have been twenty three years, five months old on 09 July 1900, but as we will see elsewhere, Charles's recorded age in Army records was often different from his actual age.

So what do we know of the First World War Army Service of Charles William Tricker? Charles William Tricker's Army Service Record could

CHARLES TRICKER'S WAR

not be traced by the Ministry of Defence in June 1992; the reason given was that, "a large proportion of the records of soldiers who served during the period 1914 - 20 were totally destroyed by enemy air action in 1940." The only remaining Army record is Charles William Tricker's Medal Card.



Above: World War One Service Decorations of Charles William Tricker, ex 17901, 1st Suffolk Regiment. A photo of Charles and his wife; his Service Medals; his original 'German Metal' 1914 - 1915 Star ribbon bar; and an inscribed plaque describing all.

[The Medal Card shows that Charles was recruited to the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment with their HQ at Bury St. Edmunds. This was a battalion of regular soldiers in France, which needed rapid reinforcement in 1915 because of recent heavy casualties. They were part of the British Expeditionary Force that had tried to stop the rapid German advance into Belgium and France. Whilst there is no documentary evidence for Charles's front line service, we can deduce his experience in action from the recorded exploits of his battalion.

Charles would have probably received initial training at Felixstowe and in Hampshire before embarking for France from Southampton via Le Havre. The Medal Card indicates that Charles's first theatre of war was France, entering on 11th March 1915.

Initially he would have probably joined the 1st Battalion where some members were resting. They were encamped just to the west of Lille, behind the Front, in training and reserve. The Battalion was under the command of the 28th Division of the First Army, under the then Lieutenant-General Sir Douglas Haig, and were one of four battalions in the 84th Brigade to which Charles belonged. A German attack was expected soon on the Front Line to the east of Ypres, about 15 miles away.

The first German assault of the Second Battle of Ypres was launched on the French sector on April 22nd 1915, behind a cloud of chlorine gas. This was the first time it had been used. The French troops were not prepared and it is thought 6000 died that day. Gas masks were only issued later and the British did not use poison gas for another six months. Men of the 28th Division already in the line (and possibly including Charles Tricker) suffered that day the heaviest and most intensive artillery bombardment which the Germans could devise. The main assault was launched at 9.00 am and was beaten back mainly by rifle fire. All day the Germans kept up the pressure, mounting attack after attack, each preceded by accurate concentrations of artillery fire. Casualties were appalling, but the German advance was briefly halted. The rest of Charles's 28th Division was rapidly brought into the line to reinforce it where the fallen French had left a gap.

The German Fourth Army Commander, Albrecht Duke of Württemberg, moved his artillery forward and grouped three Army Corps opposite the weakened British 28th and 27th Divisions holding the Front at Frezenberg Ridge in readiness for a further attack. The new British defensive line was not satisfactory and included many unfinished narrow trenches, some only three feet deep. There were few available sandbags and only small quantities of barbed wire for the outer defences. There were practically no communication trenches or dugouts. Some sectors of the new positions were very exposed to enemy fire.



Above: Photo taken at Brook Hall, Boxford in 1913. Left to right: Cordelia Maria Tricker née Griggs, b. 1873; Ellen Mary Richardson née Tricker, b. 1884; holding her baby, Edith Grace Richardson, b. Oct-Dec 1912; Cordelia's daughter, Elsie May Whymark Tricker, b. Nov 1898. Identity of young boys not known

A "Protection Certificate and Certificate of Identity,(Bottom Right) (Soldier Not Remaining with the Colours)" was issued on Friday, 7th March 1919, at the Dispersal Office, Bury St Edmunds, to: Surname: Tricker, Christian Names: Charles Wm, (William); Regimental No: 17901; Rank: Pte, (Private); Record Office: Warley; Unit: 1st Bn; Regiment or Corps: Suffolk; Pay Office: Warley; Address for Pay: Brook Hall, Boxford; Theatre of War: Eastern; Born in Year: 1881; Place of rejoining in case of emergency: Thetford; Specialist Military Qualification: P. of W., (Prisoner of War).

"The above-mentioned soldier is granted 28 days furlough from the date stamped hereon pending * 1 (as far as can be ascertained), which will date from the last day of furlough after which date uniform will not be worn except upon occasions authorized by Army Orders." ("pending * 1" meant for final demobilisation.)

[The clerk has listed Theatre of War as "Eastern", but we know he was captured whilst fighting on the Western Front. This may be because the 1st Battalion returned in early 1919 from Macedonia in the Balkans, where they had been fighting the Bulgarian Army on the Eastern Front, at about the same moment that Charles returned to his battalion in the England from Germany for demobilisation. The clerk may therefore have just ignored his P.O.W. history and recorded "Eastern" as this was where the battalion he belonged to had recently been fighting.]

Charles was issued a Ration Book by Cosford RDC Food Control Committee on Tuesday, 11th March 1919. (Cosford RDC was local district council for Boxford at the time.)

We tend to not remember and think about the hard times had at Home by the general population as a result of rationing during the 1st World War. I often wonder how my grandmother Sue made 'ends meet'. A young mother with a family of five children, the youngest only four and 'a bit' years of age on his father's return, how hard was it? In my pondering of this situation, I am reminded by my father's family stories about how he had to go out and work in order to help his mother by bringing money into the household. He was just twelve and a half years of age when his father returned home!

Charles cashed three Army money orders on Wednesday, 2nd April 1919, at the Boxford Post Office, these no doubt being his final Army pay.

With the end of his 28 days furlough, which as we know commenced on Friday, 7th March 1919; Charles William Tricker was demobbed from the British Army to return to his civilian job of work, on 4th April 1919.

An incredible thing to think about is that all the photo post cards sent to Charles William Tricker in Germany survived. This is a testament as to how important they were to him at the time. A link with his home, through all the hard and dreary times he experienced, whilst a prisoner of the Germans.

So what was the impact of the Great War on my Grandfather? Little is actually known by me of the grief and trauma that he suffered. I know

from family stories about his brother-in-law, Benjamin Thomas 'Ben' Richardson, who was also a Prisoner of War of the Germans, that they were treated quite badly in the early days of their captivity. As to 'shell shock' to my grandfather, again little is known by me. With the death of my grandfather's youngest son, my Uncle Arthur Donald Tricker in August 2003, I inherited my grandfather's 1st War World Service Decorations from him.

It suffices to say my Grandfather's medals had never been mounted; and therefore never been worn by him. They have rattled around in an old glasses case for many years, complete with their original ribbons. Such was the impact of his Great War service on him!

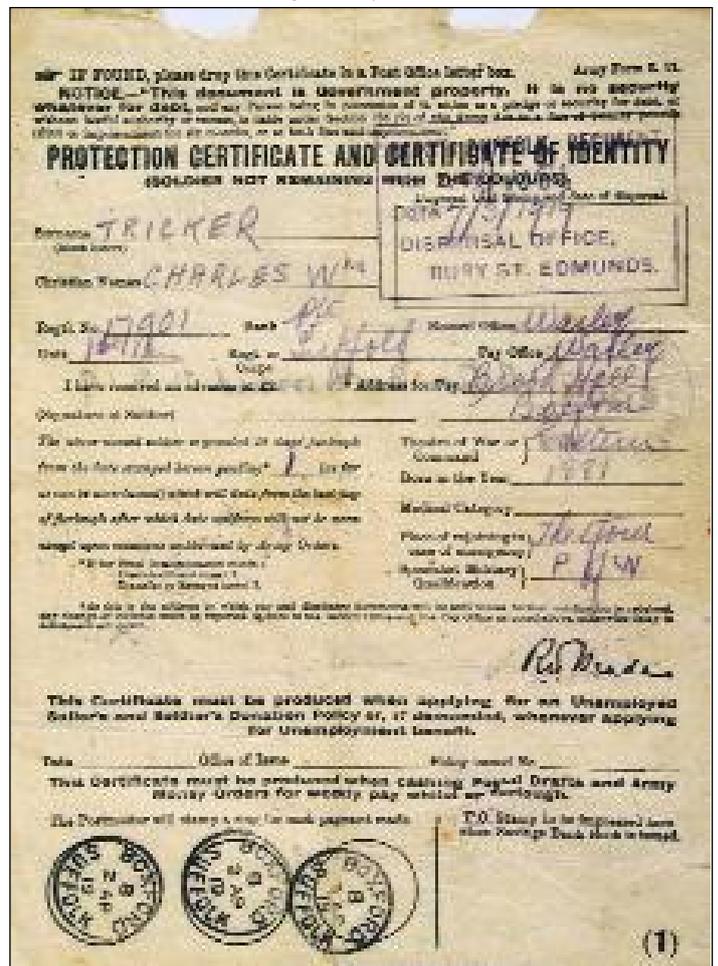
These days my grandfather's original World War One service medals; a small photograph of him in uniform, with his wife, taken whilst he was on furlough; his original 'German metal' 1914-1915 Star ribbon bar, (he is wearing it in the photograph taken in 1919), and a suitable inscribed plaque all sit proudly, mounted in a small picture frame hanging on my lounge room wall.

Charles William Tricker continued to live and work within the local Boxford area and community for the rest of his life. He died on 19 January 1956, predeceasing his wife, Sue, by some eleven months. At the time of his death, he resided at 12 Cox Hill, Boxford. Within recent times, the wider family in England, Australia and New Zealand had a gravestone erected over their Grandparents grave site in the Boxford Lawn Cemetery.

[At least two local men died in the Battle of Frezenberg Ridge - May 1915.

Herbert Tricker, ex 8474, Private, 1st Suffolk Regiment enlisted Ipswich. Killed in action 8th May 1915 aged 19 years. Born Groton, Boxford. No known grave. Remembered on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium, Panel 21. Herbert was the fourth child, and third son of Edgar Tricker and Selina Jane Whymark, (both from Groton, Suffolk), out of a family of seven children. Herbert Tricker is a second cousin, two times removed to Edwin S. M. Tricker.

James King, ex 6840, Lance Corporal, 1st Suffolk Regiment, enlisted Bury. Killed in action 8th May 1915. From Little Waldingfield. Remembered on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium, Panel 21. We cannot be sure which James King this was and if any reader has any further evidence it would be gratefully received.]



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Wot's On

Newton Bridge

With several people away there were only four and a half tables in play at the Bridge Drive held on Monday 3rd February.

Unfortunately there was some very slow play and we were only able to get five rounds in.

The prize winners were;

Geoff and Phena Nott 1840 Barbara Latta and Ruth Crabtree 1420

There were only two prizes in view of the small numbers.

The next bridge drive will be on Monday 17th March, and then Monday 14th April (both a week later than previously stated).

I hope to see you all there and I promise to try to speed up play! Please arrive by 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

We play friendly Chicago bridge and are pleased to welcome new members. If you need a partner please let me know and I will try to fix you up. Alan Vince. 01787 373963

BOXFORD WI

This month's speaker was enjoyed by all the members. Thomasin Newton gave us an informative talk about the colours that suit us and how we can choose clothes, make up and jewellery that is stylish and appropriate to our life style.

Thomasin is a colour expert and an image consultant, who uses various coloured drapes to identify which shades suit us best. These colours are divided into the four seasons, and regardless of age and changes of hair colour, we fit into one of these groups.

Several members volunteered to act as models for how this idea works. During the tea break most of the members had the chance to ask Thomasin which season they fitted into. We all thought we should go home and have a good look at the clothes in our wardrobes, and see if we had made the right choices. A few shopping trips are probably on the way!

This month's craft group made boxes from card and decorated them with flowers using special punches.

Future Meetings

March 5th – Ugandan Beads – Alison Brain – Village Hall 1.30pm

March 13th – Knitting for the shoe-box appeal – Mary's House 2pm

April 2nd – The East Anglian Witch Hunt of 1645-7 –Village Hall 2pm

April 10th – DIY or walk at Ager Fen

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Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

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Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages)

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

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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].

Spring Concerts 2014

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SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2014, 6.00 p.m.

St Mary's Church, Boxford

Claire Tomlin soprano

Psalmody & members of Essex Baroque Orchestra directed by Peter Holman

The Young Bach

JS Bach	Gottes Zeit ist der allebeste Zeit (Actus tragicus)
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Buxtehude	Herr, wenn ich nur dich hab
Buxtehude	Membra Jesu nostri

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

Box River Knitstitch Group

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

Monks Eleigh Whist

Come and join a group who play whist every second Wednesday of the month(apart from December when its the third!) in Monks Eleigh Village Hall. We play 12 hands, refreshments are provided and we have a raffle. We aim to have a social game of cards and a fun evening so beginners to experienced players are welcome.

Gardening Talk: 'Horticultural Photography'

Tuesday 18th March

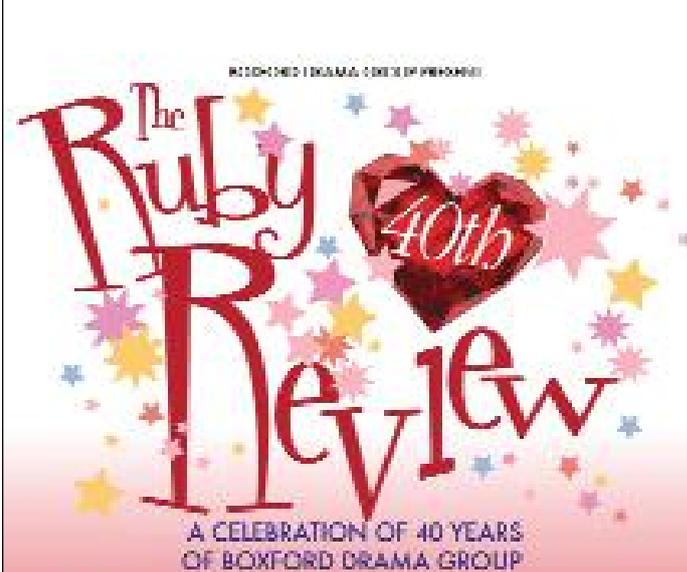
Michael Warren will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Through the Year with a Horticultural Photographer'. Church Hall, Bear Street , Nayland CO6 4HY at 7.30 for 7.45pm. Entry free.

More info www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807

Nayland Spring Flower Show

Saturday 22nd March

Enjoy displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments. Cakes on sale & raffle. Open to view 10am-12noon, entry free, Church Hall, Bear Street , Nayland CO6 4HY Exhibits to arrive 8.15am-9am - schedules from www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk



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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.

Little Waldingfield History Society -

History in the making

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

Membership of LWHS costs £10.00 per person pa

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

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

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.

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

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 Saturday March 1st 'One Chance'

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

Films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. "Hitchcock" for 21st MARCH

POLICE 'SURGERIES' IN MARY'S HOUSE IN 2014

PCSO Siobhan Hemmett will be holding an informal police 'surgery' in Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford, between 10.00 am and 10.30 am on the following Tuesdays: 25th February, 29th April, 22nd July, 14th October, Do drop in if you have anything to report or that you would like to discuss with Siobhan. There is a room upstairs that can be used for any confidential conversation.

But You Don't Look Ill - cheerful support

Thursday 13th March 2 - 4pm

Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard £1 07950 436584

BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 1st June 2014, 11am-5pm

This will be the 17th year of Boxford Gardens Open and the event is still proving as popular as ever, drawing visitors from a wide area to see our lovely gardens. This year we will be doing lunches back in the village hall and there will be plant stalls in and around the church and school. There will also be an exhibition of quilting in the church. Please put the date in your diary and also pray for good weather! The event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help are always extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (call 01787 212264 or email angela@tolputt.com)

LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY MARCH 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

Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 21st March
 Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
 All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

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3 March Edward Thomas
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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

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Tuesday 4th March – Friday 8th March Sudbury Dramatic Society presents **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER** by Oliver Goldsmith - A rollicking Tale of Confusions! £9.00 (friends £8.00) Tuesday only; all tickets £7.00 Groups of 10 or more students £7.00 7.45pm

Sunday 9th March – HISTORY SUNDAYS: Local Horsemen - Their Lives, Memories and Secrets / Discoveries in Local Graveyards – Continuing Local history lectures £7.00 7.30pm

Thursday 13th March – FILM CLUB: THE HAYS CODE – £10.00 / £35.00 season 10.30am

Friday 14th March - Sudbury Museum Trust presents **CAUGHT ON CAMERA** – Sixty evocative photographs from the local collection displayed and explained £7.00 7.30pm

Saturday 15th March – OPERA AND MORE: THE BIRDS AND THE BEES – Fun, fundraising event including fizz and canapés in aid of The Bridge Project, The Quay and The Kernas Project, £15.00 7.30pm

Sunday 16th March – FILM: PUCCINI'S LA BOHEME – A Gala performance starring Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazon £9.00 including glass of bubbly 7pm to start at 7.30pm

Tuesday 18th March – Eastern Angles presents: PALM WINE AND STOUT by Segun Lee – Based on the writer's own eventful journey back to a Nigerian village in search of his father. Highly entertaining! £12.00 (Friends £11.00) 7.30pm

Friday 21st March – LARRY MILLER – Highly respected blues/rock guitarist Larry Miller brings his mesmerising style to this high octane show! £13.00 (Friends £12.00) 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd March – QUAY HISTORY SUNDAYS: The Fleary Fate of Two Famous Sudbury Inns / Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Sudbury £7.00 7.30pm

Thursday 27th March – Saturday 29th March – Coggeshall ADS presents 'ALLO 'ALLO – Based on the ever popular tv series £9.00 7.30pm

Monday 31st March – HANG by Artist In Residence Robert Crighton – a new play involving humankind turning into animals! To be streamed online – Pay What You Want – limited availability 7.30pm in Geoff Kishy room

Forthcoming Events Diary

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	1.30pm
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
17 Newton Bridge			6.45pm
20 Stoke by Nayland Club Hotel	Free CCA facelift treatment	Stoke by Nayland Club	6.30 to 8.30pm
22 Pig Race	Boxford Village Hall Mgt Committee	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
29 Spring Food Market	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	10.30 to 2.30pm
30 Spring Concert		Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm
April			
2 Esat Anglian Witch Hunt of 1645	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2.pm
9 Little Waldingfield History Soc	Printing in the 19th century	Parish Room	7.30pm
10 DIY or Walk at Ager fen	Boxford WI		
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
14 Newton Bridge			6.45pm
28 Boxford Community Council AGM		The Pavilion	8.00
May			
2 Milden Singers	Songs from the West End and Broadway	The Pavilion	7.30pm
June			
1 Boxford Gardens Open		Boxford	11-5pm
22 Open Gardens	Little Waldingfield		11am-5pm
September			
6 Coffee Morning	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		10.30am
October			
25 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.00pm
First and Third Monday each month	Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm



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

Benefice house:

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

St Mary's Church, Boxford

MARION BLOWER

Fundraising

Coffee Morning

at Mary's House,

Swan Street, Boxford

Saturday March 15th

9.30 am to 12 noon

Please come and give generously

in support of Marion,

a Boxford resident,

paralysed after a fall.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

*Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236*

Peter Patrick, Amberley,

White Street Green. tel 210346

On Sunday March 2nd we are holding an "All age service" at St. Mary's church at 11.00 am which lasts about 45 minutes. Why not come & join us? You will be most welcome. For the children we seek to have fun and teaching within a biblical framework, including craft work. For adults as well, we look at what the Bible means for our daily lives. There will be some music & worship songs. We aim to make people of all ages comfortable in a church environment and help to nurture them in their faith journey. In church we have a children's area with a range of toys and activities to interest those who are too young to cope with the service or whose attention span has come to an end. There are also books & crafts which can be taken into the pews.

WC facilities are available in the village hall nearby. After most services refreshments are served, with the option of squash and biscuits for the children. Do you have to be a "church person"? Absolutely not - there will of course be a Christian ethos, but you do not have to be a church member to attend

Sunday March 23rd- We are delighted to welcome the St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir to sing Choral Evensong - 5.45pm. The visit is being arranged by Canon Precentor Philip Banks. Everyone is most welcome to come to the service.

Sunday 30th March - is Mothering Sunday- We have a Family Service at 11.00 am to which everyone is welcome- we will have posies of flowers to give to our mothers - made up by the Brownies to whom we are most grateful.

Also on Sunday 30th March a Concert by The Suffolk Villages Festival The "Young Bach" is being held in church at 6.00 pm. Full details may be found on the concert brochure at the back of church or from the box office Tel: 01904 651485

The Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on Sunday 6th April after Evensong @ 7.30pm.

The Church Electoral Roll is due to be revised this year- notices may be found on church notice boards & application forms are available at the back of church.

Saturday May 17th - We are looking forward to a return visit by the stunning Colchester Military Wives Choir. Make a date to come: doors open 6.30pm - A supper will be available in the Village Hall following the concert. Tickets will on sale soon in village shops.

Sunday June 1st Boxford Open Gardens: - Make a date to explore lots of wonderful gardens in and around Boxford - Plant stalls & cream teas will be available.

Sunday June 8th- A service to reflect upon, remember & commemorate the 70th anniversary of D Day & the start of the 1st World War.

A concert by Hadleigh Choral Society is being planned followed by a supper- more details soon.

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

Copy Date for Church News section in the April 2014 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 13th March Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Rota for March 2014

Flowers - no flowers over Lent

Sidesman and teas/coffee duties:

March 2 08:00 – Holy Communion – Pam Dodd

March 16 0930 – Family Morning Prayer –
DebbieLewis/Anita Steel

March 22 – 2pm - Wedding of Robin Harris and Charlotte
Tolhurst – David Saddleton

Cleaning - Debbie Lewis and Jan Paul

Notice of thanks for Christmas Carol Service, St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone

A belated but heartfelt thanks must go out to Liz and Jim Henderson for putting on a magnificent carol service. All their efforts in putting together an enthusiastic choir, fuelled on delicious mulled wine, in the service of the parish, paid off beautifully. Many thanks too to the choir for giving up their free time to join the practices and give rousing performances.

The monies raised for the East Anglia's Children's Hospice amounted to £595, £200 more than the year before.

Jim mentioned hopes of getting the choir back together for Easter, which sounds like an excellent plan.

Please note that the service rota for Edwardstone and Little Waldingfield has now changed - with the first service of every month for Edwardstone being Holy Communion and the 3rd service being alternately Family Morning Worship and Holy Communion. This will now be the set rota every month. Please see Service Rota for details.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:
Rambler, Bulmer Lane. 211360
Sue Knight:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

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].

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF JOHN SELLERS: As announced last month, a service of thanksgiving for the life of John Sellers, who died in October and whose funeral took place in Yorkshire, 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.

PAROCHIAL FEES – Small increases in the fees for marriages and funerals came into effect on 1st January 2014. A copy of the 2014 fees list has been posted on the porch noticeboard. Please contact the Revd Judith or David Lamming if you have any queries about the new fees.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION – A reminder that the church electoral roll is being revised between 23rd February and 8th March. Please contact me to check if you are not sure if your name is on the roll. 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. Forms must be returned to me by 8th March. David Lamming (Tel: 210360).

ANNUAL MEETINGS: This year's **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (to elect churchwardens) is on **Tuesday 25th March 2014 at 7.30 pm** in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at **7.40 pm** by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** ("APCM"). This is the meeting that elects representatives to serve on the PCC for the coming

year. Also, this year, the APCM will elect two representatives from the parish to serve on the deanery synod for the next 3 years (see the note about this in General Church News). The PCC will present its report and accounts for 2013 and there is an opportunity at the meeting to ask questions or raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote. Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say. A copy of the accounts and the annual report will be on display on the church noticeboard at least a week before the meeting.

PCC MEETING: Tuesday 25th March 2014 in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2014-2015).

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Foster

Flowers: No flowers in Lent

Cleaning: Mrs Smith



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Lt. Waldingfield will be held on the 1st April at 7pm in the Parish Room. Refreshments will be available. Prior to this meeting there will be a revision of the current church electoral roll, commencing with notification of the revision displayed in church on the 15th February.

The revision period will be between 1st March and 15th March. Following this the revised electoral roll will be exhibited in the church for two weeks, prior to the Annual Meeting

Any parishioner (not already on the roll) who wishes to be included on the revised roll and feels they qualify for this, should contact Felicity Gardiner on 01787 247471 for forms to complete, or further information.

Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
March 2	Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington	No Flowers in Lent
March 9	Visiting	"
March 16	Mr Squirell	"
March 23	Visiting	"
March 30	Visiting	"



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

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

23rd January: A Service of Holy Communion was led by Revd Judith and her address and the reading encouraged us to avoid quarrelling and dissension and come together to solve problems - so appropriate as World Leaders were unable to meet in the same room at their recent meeting. We welcomed three students from Canada who were staying and family members. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all helpers.

2nd February: Candlemas service at St. Mary's Boxford was conducted by Revd Judith. She took us on a walk to the four corners of the church stopping at each to consider the use of candles in our lives and in the life of the church. After the blessing of the candles we were encouraged to light a candle at home.

9th February : Holy Communion was celebrated by Revd Judith and she spoke of 'the salt of the earth and light in the world'. We were asked what sort of qualities we would look for in a person that was regarded as the salt of the earth or shone a light on the world. Thank you to Michael Colleer who played the organ and to each one who helped in our service.

Notice: Wednesday 19th March at 7.30 pm - Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held in The Village Hall. All are welcome.

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches have been arranged in the Benefice as follows:

Boxford – Thursday 6th March - at the Rectory

Edwardstone - Tuesday 11th March - at Mill Green end
(Pam and Antony Dodd's)

Little Waldingfield – Thursday 27th March at Newman's Hall

All from 12:00 till 14:00. Please come and support them!

Please see next month's BRN for details of Groton's Lent Lunch

DIOCESAN CENTENARY – VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN, SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Hon and Most Revd Justin Welby, will officially launch the centenary celebrations at the Cathedral on Saturday 29th March. Other than Choral Evensong at 5.30 pm, attendance at this occasion is by invitation only, but will include two representatives from each benefice to the 12 noon Eucharist. A Centenary Candle will go out to all church schools and parishes with a letter of goodwill from the Archbishop to be read out in

parish churches on Sunday morning. Tickets for the Evensong are being allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you would like to attend, please apply in writing for tickets to the Cathedral Office, Abbey House, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS. Applications must include a SAE so that tickets can be sent in advance.

DEANERY SYNOD ELECTIONS: This year every parish, at its Annual Parochial Church Meeting, is required to elect representatives to serve on the deanery synod for a 3-year term, commencing 1 June 2014. Each of the parishes in the Box River Benefice is entitled to elect two lay members to the Sudbury Deanery Synod. The role of the deanery is likely to become increasingly important in promoting the mission of the church in our part of Suffolk, so please consider carefully whether you might be willing to serve on the synod. Additionally, those elected to the deanery synod this year will form the electorate for the elections to the diocesan synod and General Synod, both of which fall due in 2015.

Saturday April 12th: We are holding a Benefice Children's Morning in Boxford,

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship March 2014

Village Daily Prayers • PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME/PLACE FOR LITTLE WALDINGFIELD TO END OF MARCH •

Each week, said in the five churches*: an informal, friendly service, lasting between 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, for concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us!

Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or any situations for prayer:

Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: rvjudithboxriver@btinternet.com.

The rota is: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, 16.00 Little Waldingfield (*At Newman's Hall Farm) Wednesday 9.00 Groton; Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

Sunday 2nd	Sunday before Lent	(G)
Edwardstone 8.00	Holy Communion **New time**	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield 9.30	Morning Worship **New service, new time**	Revd Judith
Boxford 11.00	All Age Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford 8.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Ash Wednesday 5th	Lent begins	
Boxford 10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Boxford 19.30	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	Revd Judith
Thursday 6th		
Little Waldingfield 19.00	Home Communion Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Revd Judith and team

Sunday 9th	First Sunday of Lent	(P)
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

Sunday 16th	2nd Sunday of Lent	(P)
Lt Waldingfield 8.00	Holy Communion **New time**	Revd Judith
Edwardstone 9.30	Family Morning Worship **New time**	Revd Judith
Boxford 11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 19th		
Boxford 10.30	Holy Communion Mary's house	Revd Judith
Thursday 20th 19.30	Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord (tbc)

Sunday 23rd	3rd Sunday of Lent	(P)
Boxford 8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Groton 9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton 11.00	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford 17.45	Choral Evensong	Revd Canon Philip Banks
A Special Service with St. Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir - all warmly welcome!		

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

Sunday 30th	Mothering Sunday (4th of Lent)	(P)
Groton 8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone 9.30	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	Revd Judith
Boxford 11.00	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	Revd Judith
Newton 15.00	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	Revd Judith

Soap Box

Last month's furore over the future of our local MP has rather overshadowed another fierce political debate that has been taking place recently. No, I'm not referring to the sight of senior government and opposition figures wading in their wellies through the flooded streets of the Thames Valley and Somerset. Unsurprisingly, the more cynically minded members of the media poked fun at their sudden interest, reminding us that politicians do not generally rank highly in popularity stakes amongst the general public.

But while even the national media was marveling at how an MP of more than 30 years standing could be effectively ousted by the rank and file of his local party, another example of disenchantment was emerging in the corridors of power. Education Secretary, Michael Gove, was busy attracting the ire of the teaching profession by calling into question how they went about their daily business.

At the same time, a programme on the radio reminded me of the apparent incongruity in the way in which we describe our educational establishments. Try explaining to a visitor to our shores that a public school was anything but open to all and you start to get a flavour of what this particular item on British education was all about. It set me thinking about my own experience at school and how the education system in this country developed.

Prior to the 19th century there were very few schools in this country. Those public schools that had been established were just that – schools for those thought fit to receive an education, but whose families lacked the resources to hire a private tutor, which is how the sons of the wealthy were taught. And I say sons quite deliberately. Few girls were fortunate enough to receive any form of schooling.

Many of the schools that existed were run by the church for the church. Indeed, the Church of England resisted early attempts for the state to provide a wider secular education. But in August 1833 Parliament voted sums of money to be provided each year for the construction of schools for the children of poor people – the first time the state had become involved in education. The rationale was simple – they wanted to make workers more productive.

Even so, before 1870 education remained largely available for the better-off members of society, with wealthy parents sending their children to fee-paying schools, some of which had been founded to provide

schooling to those unable to pay. It was in 1870 that local authorities assumed responsibility for schools and the concept of compulsory education was introduced for children under the age of 13. However, attendance was not made compulsory initially, with the provision of education for children up to the age of 10 being the only stipulation.

Ten years later in 1880 compulsory education for 5 to 10 year olds was introduced, with the school leaving age increased to 12 in 1889, further raised to 14 in 1918, 15 in 1947 and 16 in 1973. It makes you realise how relatively recent the right to education is in England. In Scotland, universal education was introduced in 1561.

As for me, I am a product of an aspect of the state system no longer available. After infants and junior school in south east Essex, I was fortunate enough to gain a place at a direct grant school, based on my 11+ results. Direct grant schools received local authority funding in exchange for a proportion of pupils being accepted from the state, although other pupils would have been fee paying.

To say that Bancroft's School in Woodford provided me with the impetus to do well in the world is probably no exaggeration. Founded in 1737 in Mile End by Archbishop Francis Bancroft, it was for the poor children of the East End of London, but eventually became fee paying. It is owned by the Drapers Company, a City Livery Company with significant resources, so that when the direct grant system was abolished, they simply reverted to fee paying only.

It is a source of some personal regret that the sort of opportunity afforded to me is no longer available to those with modest family means, although I acknowledge that there is a counter argument. Whether Mr. Gove has ever considered reintroducing this system, I do not know, but I suspect a shake-up of our education system will not go amiss.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN MARCH HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Pruning of established Hybrid T and Floribunda roses should be completed without delay, otherwise it will be late in summer before the first crop of blooms appears. Cut out completely all diseased and frost damaged wood. Healthy wood has a creamy green colour when cut. A brown cut indicates that the stem is frost damaged or diseased and further cuts should be made until healthy wood is reached or, if necessary, the stem removed completely. Sometimes in mild winters, the bushes do not drop their leaves completely. Any leaves that are left on after pruning should be removed, otherwise frozen rain may lodge in the angle of the leaf stalks causing damage to the dormant bud and setting up disease.

Standard roses should have all weak shoots cut back to the main stem. Remaining stems should be cut back to three or four dormant buds taking care that the buds are pointing outwards and upwards in the direction to which new shoots are needed to maintain a good shaped head.

Carnations and Pinks, both members of the dianthus family and noted for their fragrance are amongst the most popular garden flowers. Now is the time to order plants and prepare beds for planting. Choose a sunny, open situation raising the bed about six inches if the drainage is poor. They need an alkaline soil so apply lime or chalk if necessary and mix four ounces per square yard of bone meal into a depth of four inches.

Choose a warm frost free spell and drain about three quarters of the water from garden pools and replace with fresh clean water. This will reduce the concentration of toxic material and salts which accumulates during winter, caused by decaying plant material and it will also benefit the fish. Begin regularly feeding fish as soon as they appear active.

March is your last chance to plant bare rooted shrubs and trees. After this month all planting should be from container grown plants. After the dry summer of 2013 which caused much grass to die off, the invasion of moss in lawns is quite a serious problem now. Steps should be taken to correct poor physical conditions and treat with lawn sand. Proprietary brands of lawn sand are very effective but can be expensive if you have a large area to treat. A good home made mix can be made up by using the following: 3 parts Sulphate of Iron, 5 parts Sulphate of Ammonia, 8 parts of dry sharp sand or fine dry peat. Mix thoroughly and apply to the lawn at a good handful per square yard. The Sulphate of Iron will kill the moss and the Sulphate of Ammonia will encourage the grass to grow above the moss. Some blacking of the grass may occur especially if there is no

rainfall for two days, but this is only temporary.

Cut back to two buds the following shoots of winter Jasmine as soon as flowering has finished. Failure to do this will result in a plant with a lot of non-flowering wood.

Winter flowering Viburnums and bodnantense require little pruning but if necessary they can be trimmed now that they have finished flowering. All that is needed is the removal of any old and over crowded wood to make room for shoots to grow.

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
2. Protect new spring shoots from slugs
3. Plant summer-flowering bulbs
4. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
7. Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
8. Weeds come back in to growth - deal with them before they get out of hand
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
10. Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days

Sow now

Broad beans, carrots, parsnips, early potatoes, radish, peas, lettuce, spinach, chard.

Harvest now

Brussels sprouts, leeks, kale, winter salads and rhubarb.

Visit the garden centre and choose some summer flowering bulbs to plant. and remember, as the weather gets warmer the weeds will begin to grow get weeding to keep your garden looking lovely.

Keep feeding the birds in your garden and why not put up nesting boxes for them.

Sow some wildlife friendly flower seeds such as honesty or verbena to encourage insects in to your garden in the summer.

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Parish Council Matters

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 20th January 2014 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: S Norman (in the Chair), C Britcher (Vice-Chair), M Childs, P Clarke, S Flack Garry Peacock & Jim Robinson

In attendance: B Hurren (District Councillor) S Gray (Clerk) and 54 members of the public

Councillors Clare Britcher, Melanie Childs and Paul Clarke handed to the Clerk a request from the Councillors requesting full dispensation from the Clerk with regards their pecuniary interest when discussing and voting on the Precept for the term of their office. The Clerk granted this dispensation for the term of their office.

Apologies for Absence: There were none

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

- Chairman Sharon Norman declared an interest in Agenda item 5 Planning Application No: NoB/13/01107/FUL.
- Vice-Chair Claire Britcher declared an interest in Agenda item 5 Planning Application No: NoB/13/01107/FUL.
- Garry Peacock declared an interest in Agenda item 5 Planning Application No: NoB/13/01107/FUL

All the above signed the Declarations of Interest Book.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the November 2013:

The Minutes were approved; proposed by Shirley Flack, seconded by Vice-Chair Clare Britcher.

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

Bryn Hurren reported that Babergh District Council was expected to do more with less with a £1.25 million cut from Government. The Council is expected to set a nil increase as the Government will give 2% if they do.

With regards Planning Application No: B/13/01107/FUL Bryn said that he would stay to hear the views of the Parishioners and asked them to copy him on the e-mails to John Davies the Planning Officer.

At this point, Chair Sharon Norman, Vice-Chair Clare Britcher and Garry Peacock left the room and Councillor Jim Robinson was elected as Chairman.

Over 50 Members of the Public attended and some raised concerns about the lack of notice/publicity given about the planning application. It was pointed out by the Chairmen that the application had been listed on the agenda for the November 2013 meeting and posted on the notice board in compliance with the Parish Council's requirements and that the application notices were posted in accordance with the planning regulations.

Members of the Public raised concerns about the lack of notice/publicity given about the planning application. It was also acknowledged by Frank Laursen District Councillor for Waldingfield that the erection of Solar panels on agricultural land is not in the Babergh District Council guidelines for planning and that this needed to be rectified.

They were asked to give their name and approximate address before speaking and it was noted that of those who spoke at the meeting more than half of them were not resident in Edwardstone

The objections raised by parishioners and other members of the public were as follows:

- The loss of agricultural land
- The field detailed in the planning application was classed as Grade 2 agricultural land by DEFRA only two years ago now it was Grade 3A.
- Residents were unsure of the exact location of the field and its size which now in the winter months with less vegetation was more defined and that the beautiful area needed to be protected.
- There was concern at the size of the solar panel site and its impact on the landscape by the St. Mary the Virgin Church
- The photographs accompanying the application were misleading as they were taken when the trees and hedges were in full leaf and were also taken from a low viewpoint.
- The change of use from agricultural could set a precedent meaning that the land could be used for industrial purposes in the future.

In response to these objections, the applicant, Philip Taylor, pointed out that the loss of agricultural land was minimal compared to the recent development at Copella. The energy created by the Solar Panels has the potential to produce 9% of domestic power for the Babergh district. The development would include various environmental enhancements and the fact that the stock proof fence would inhibit predators would lead to an increase in bio-diversity over the lifetime of the project. A bond would be lodged at commencement of the development to ensure the site would be restored to agricultural use at the end of the expected 25 year lifespan.

Both the Chairman and the District Councillor encouraged anyone with an objection to write directly to Babergh District Council and the email address of the planning officer was given as John.Davies@Babergh.Gov.UK

A Parishioner asked if an Edwardstone Parish Council website could be created. The Council said that this would be a future Agenda item.

One member of the public complained that the minutes did not appear in the Box River News and it was pointed out that the minutes were sent to the editor.

It was noted that some parishioners were forthright in their demands to be heard and complained at the previous "no objections" to the planning application.

1) Planning Matters

a) Applications

Planning Application NoB/13/01107/FUL Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane, Newton Sudbury CO10 5LA. Change of use of agricultural land to use as solar farm for generation of electricity from solar energy together with associated works

comprising solar panels on mounted frames, security fencing, inverters, transformers and a switch gear cabinet as amended by revised plans received plans received on 19 November 2013 including amended plan, updated tree survey and root protection plan, additional information pack, construction access plans and hedgerow and tree impact report, cross section views from Church of St. Mary the Virgin, amended plans of proposed structures. layout Councillors discussed the above application as an adjoining parish and, after the strong representations from the Parishioners of Edwardstone, the Council agreed to object to the loss of agricultural land, the intrusion on an area of natural habitat and the visual impact from Edwardstone.

The Council felt that the summer photos sent in the original planning application mis-represented the view of the solar panels from Edwardstone due to the summer vegetation. Now in the winter months the site is fully exposed to view.

It was felt that the proposed screen planting of trees that will reach 16 metres after 10 years and would have to be coniferous to provide adequate year round screening would have an adverse effect on the natural part of the landscape.

At this point Chair Sharon Norman and Vice-Chair Claire Britcher returned to the room and Sharon Norman took the Chair.

Financial Matters:

a) Precept

The Clerk reported that the tax base for Edwardstone has resulted in a reduced grant of £249 from Babergh. The Responsible Financial Officer reported to the Council the Accounts to date. The Council discussed the financial commitments for the coming year; in particular the update of the lights at Mill Green. It was agreed for the 2014/15 precept to be £5625.00 (an increase of £1.00 per elector) in order to ensure there were enough in reserves for the maintenance and update of the lights.

Future Agenda Items: • Telephone Kiosk • Maintenance of local Footpaths • Standing Orders • Street Lighting • Website

Dates of Future Meetings: 17th March 2014, 19th May 2014 (AGM & APM), 21st July 2014, 15th September 2014, 17th November 2014

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Editors note. The BRN has never failed to publish the minutes of Edwardstone Parish Council whenever they have been submitted

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 8th January 2014 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

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

In attendance: S Gray (Clerk) A. Robinson & S Osborne

Apologies for Absence: There were none.

Presentation from Sunila Osborne: Sunila Osborne presented to the Council a summary of the Housing Needs Survey in Groton, conducted in July 2013. There were 48 completed surveys returned out of 150 delivered, which is a 32% return. The average return is 30%-40% and the average age of those who returned forms was 60-74. One household was in need of a house for two people indicating that the need for the Parish is low. The Gateway to home choice register states that a further four households have a local connection to Groton and are in need of houses.

It was agreed that the Council would discuss the results of Housing Needs Survey and its results and inform Sunila whether they would pursue it further.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 13th November 2013: The Minutes of the 13th November 2013 were approved, proposed by Chris Kennedy, seconded by Vice Chair Jeremy Osborne.

Planning Matters: Housing Needs Survey

Councillors agreed that Housing Needs Survey results meant that the need was low. After much discussion the Council asked the Chairman to contact Sunila at Community Action Suffolk to discuss the distribution of a survey to find out the number those households who would like to downsize. The Council agreed this information would enable them to make a more informed decision with regards the size and viability of an affordable housing plot.

Precept 2014/15: The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) reported to the Council the forecast to the end of the financial year 2013/14.

The tax base for Groton for 2014/15 has resulted in a reduced grant of £159.00 from Babergh.

The Councillors discussed the precept for 2014/15 and, after much discussion and consultation, agreed that an increase of £100.00 (£0.45 per elector). This would ensure that the Reserves could be maintained.

Chairman's and Clerk's Reports & Correspondence: The Chairman reported that Anita Robinson had been appointed as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council as from 1st February 2014.

Councillors thanked the Chairman for arranging and paying for the cleaning of the Groton War Memorial.

Future Agenda Items: • Local Housing Needs Survey • Notice Board • Speeding Traffic • Groton United Charities

Dates of Next Meetings: 5th March 2014, 7th May 2014 (AGM & APM) 2nd July 2014, 3rd September 2014, 5th November 2014,

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Parish Council Matters

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES of the MEETING held on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: R Balls (Chairman), M Norman (Vice Chairman), C Hughes, S Impett, J Fincham-Jacques, R Gates, C Wilson, R Hobbs, J Finch (County Councillor), B Hurren (District Councillor) [arrived 8.30pm]. PC Enise Bala 1 Member of the Public.

APOLOGIES: were received from D Hatterell (clerk); S Green, S Impett agreed to take notes of the meeting

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 6 January 2014: Accepted as correct.

Questions from the public: D House asked what had happened to the dog and litter notices promised from B Hurren Bryn to be asked when he arrived later in the meeting. M Norman confirmed that the dog fouling was certainly worse over the last few weeks, probably due to people not being able to get out of the village as fields and footpaths were very muddy. Action B Hurren

POLICE REPORT: NOTE- Report to be resent as dates incorrect. Update at next meeting.

PC Bala reported that during 15 Dec & 15 Jan there were 3 crimes against 5 in the same period last year. 1 vehicle damage in Swan Street no witness so crime will remain unsolved. Public order offence, both offender and victim are known. There appeared to be some problem with the report and PC Bala will check dates as those in report all state November!! Report to be resent. Action DH to check when report resent and Police item to be resubmitted at the next meeting.

PC Bala reported that burglary is on the increase. Police patrols are out in areas being targeted but they have no leads. She urged vigilance particularly in/around outbuildings. She also confirmed that Boxford School Parking would be on the Police Priority list until March. Council outlined the idea of "one way" system round the village during school times, PC Bala thought this seemed a good idea. She would also discuss with other officers any other ideas that might be useful. Action: SG - Next Neighbourhood Meeting, 18 March at Alpheaton.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Councillor James Finch attended and reported as follows: -

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

Action: All Councillors should be aware that there is a real need for new families to be found.

Investing in Apprenticeships

The SCC 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.checkatrade.com, which is the on-line directory of local tradesmen and women who have been checked by SCC Trading Standards.

Monks Eleigh Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School - Update
This is an update statement reference the future of this school which was managed by the Governors of Boxford School. "Monks Eleigh Primary was inspected by Ofsted in summer 2013 and deemed to be inadequate. As a result it has been placed in Special Measures in September 2013. The school has been part of a federation

with Boxford England Voluntary Controlled Primary School for two years and the Head Teacher at Boxford has also been the Head Teacher at Monks Eleigh during this time. The governors at Boxford decided to dissolve the federation with Monks Eleigh with effect from 31st December 2013. The governors at the school tendered their resignations during the autumn term and requested that the LA apply to the Secretary of State to establish an Interim Executive Board to oversee the school. The Suffolk County Council (SCC) has successfully applied to the Department for Education to establish an Interim Executive Board. Suitably qualified and experienced individuals have been identified as members of the Interim Executive Board. The SCC has secured the services of an experienced Head Teacher - Karen Harman - who will lead the school from January 2014 while its future is being planned. The first tasks of the IEB will be to ensure standards of teaching are appropriate; pupil attainment and progress are secure and to look at the future viability of the school. This work will be done in liaison with the Local Authority (SCC), the Diocese and the Community. "

My next Boxford Surgery: There will be one on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 4.00pm in Mary's House, Swan Street Boxford. They are open to all from my Division. Please come and see me if you have some specific issues to discuss.

New lighting schedules to start w/c 10 February. In the meantime JF-J asked James to look at lighting at Homefield. Following some work carried out before Christmas there is now no lighting outside the Homefield Flats. Action: J Finch 24 January: Site meeting with Jane Burchall to seek answers to drainage/flooding. JF offered some locality money to any works carried out.

RG reported severe flooding in Assington Lane near Turks Hall Action JF
Speed Watch: JF offer 50% towards high visibility jackets. JF

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: BH reported that Babergh are hoping to see a 0% increase. If this is possible they will get a top up of 2% from Government. Core Strategy Plan has been accepted. New housing proposed in all "core" villages, of which Boxford is one. Homefield Flats (Flagship) Following the very wet weather the flooding at the Playingfields is severe. BH met with David Burdon chair of Playingfield Management Committee. David Burdon agreed to a meeting with Flagship to get the drainage mended/working.

Sandhill Development: The plans have been returned to Icen to improve the design to be more suited to a village environment and the drainage has to be improved to meet Environmental Standards. Babergh in turn have been able to extend the deadline for funding to end of March. BH reported that the Goodland's development also has to improve drainage before the development can proceed.

MN reported that the mechanical sweeper is out of action, if this is true then sweeping in the village will not be possible. Action: BH

Chicken Farm: Site is looking badly neglected. BH asked to seek assurance from Babergh that they will be serving a notice on the owner. BH asked Boxford Parish Council to back him up with a letter of concern from the council. Action: SMI email to be sent to Jill Harris/ Chris Thurlow/Peter Burroughs.

CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE: Read an accepted

FINANCE: Invoice from Martin Creighton cheque was raised and MN will pass to MC. Work carried out - Fallen tree in cemetery £50, Clearing of leaves from graveyard £260, Cutting hedge by Village Hall ad clearing ditch £130. Total cheque: £440.

CEMETERY: It has been reported that paths are slippery. This is likely during the bad weather we have experienced but MN is aware and has been putting own moss killer to improve the situation. It was not felt necessary for a notice to warn of slippery paths.

MERGER OF BOXFORD AND GROTON UNITED CHARITIES. Letter received from Guy Godfray. Council in agreement for merger. Proposed RG seconded JF-J.

FITZGERALD MEADOW: Council agreed that we need the roads to be adopted. ACTION RB to contact Peter Black to proceed with legal requirements.

FOOTPATH COX HILL TO BOXFORD CENTRE: Site meeting changed to 5 February 10.00 am to discuss changes to permissive path and also a footpath down Sand Hill. The following councils agreed to attend MN, RH, SMI.

VOLUNTARY ONE WAY SYSTEM IN BOXFORD DURING SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICKUP TIMES Letter for Newsletter, Council to decide if this would be an article in the Newsletter or a leaflet to go on coloured paper for more impact. - Action: SMI to prepare draft for councillors. R Giles, Boxford Head Teacher to be informed of proposal. Action SMI. It was agreed timings to be 08.50 - 9.15 and 14.45 - 16.00 during term times. Notices would be placed in shops and also to go into children's school bags.

PRECEPT AND BUDGET: £34,850 was agreed, proposed SMI, seconded MN. Action: RB will secure form and complete to send to Babergh.

REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMERS: Letter from PCC re mobile mast. General in agreement but have asked Parish Council to get further information. RB will speak to Judy as it was felt the diocese will have the information required.

RG - 25 pot holes in Assington Lane and a number in Stone Street. Site meeting to be requested for both sites. Action: Clerk CW - broken glass outside The Fleece n the patch and in the road. MN agreed to have a word with Claire at The Fleece. RH Leaves are being blown into a pile but not cleared causing path around Village Hall to be slippery and dangerous. This had already been cleared with Martin Creighton completed his jobs in cemetery. Cycle Route sign needs cleaning. Action Clerk. Homefield Flats - a manhole cover has been damaged with concrete "rubble" around the outside. JF-J said the Water board were in the area and it may have been something to do with them. Both RH and JF-J would monitor over next couple of weeks.

Notice for Boxford Residents

Would Boxford residents please avoid contacting the Parish Clerk until further notice. Please Contact any of the parish councillors if there is anything you wish to draw to their attention.

Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Newton Parish Council

15th January 2014

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

Attending: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), James Cartledge (Babergh District Councillor), 5 residents and D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: The Police sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Gardner and Vince declared personal interests in item 14/009d and 14/010a as they are members of the Newton Green Golf Club. Cllr Taylor had a pecuniary interest in item 14/010d and left the meeting while this item was discussed.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 13th November 2013: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Newton Youth Council: The councillors reviewed the draft constitution of the Newton Youth Council and following discussions with the young people's representatives present at the meeting unanimously resolved to adopt the constitution. With the NYC being a working group of NPC and the Clerk acting as Clerk to the NYC the councillors agreed to:

- The Clerk will investigate what NPC need to undertake under the Disclosure and Barring Service
- The Clerk and one councillor will be present for each NYC meeting
- An NYC budget to be agreed by councillors
- A Notice of Election to be issued for NYC candidates with an application closing date of the 28th February. Clerk to act as returning officer.

Public Forum: The reports are contained in Appendix A.

Correspondence (Appendix B): Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated the councillors resolved that no further action was required in connection to a farm track closure from Rotten Row after the update received from Cllr Schwenk on the matter.

Clerks Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors wished to note their appreciation to all the residents who provided Christmas Lighting along the A134 and to Richard Morris of Mill Green in Edwardstone who donated the Christmas Trees on the Green to NPC.

Finance

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

b. The councillors resolved to award the 2014 Footpaths Cutting contract to D Gots at £50 per cut.

c. The councillors resolved to award the 2014 Playground Maintenance grass cutting contract to G Flowers at a total cost of £700.

d. The councillors considered the request from Newton Green Golf Club for a donation towards their project to build the Arthur Davey Starter shelter and resolved to donate £100.

e. Following a review of the agreed Expenditure budget and proposed reserves (Appendix E) the councillors resolved to set a Precept of £9,067.02 for 2014 / 2015 which will mean a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax. The councillors further resolved that if the Government introduces a Precept Cap on NPC for 2014 / 2015, then the Precept is to be set so that the Band D Council Tax is 0.05% below the threshold of the referendum criteria so avoiding a referendum.

Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/13/01445 Newton Green Golf Course - Erection of shed for starter's shelter at 1st tee on the golf club and resolved to support the application.

b. The councillors noted Planning Application B/13/01351 Land north of Redwoods, Church Road - Application for Hedgerow Removal Notice - Section of hedge removal to allow work on burst water pipe.

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

d. The councillors noted that a further mobile home is to be located on Gouldings Farm and asked the Clerk to confirm with Babergh if this is also part of the conditions given with the planning permission. The councillors reviewed the communication from BDC regarding NPC's response to Planning Application B/13/01107 and resolved their acceptance of the proposal.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: No issues raised.

NPC Byelaws: The Clerk updated councillors on the feedback from the Department of Communities and Local Government on their review of the draft byelaws compliance to DCLG's guidelines. It is hoped to have these discussions completed and feedback given to stakeholders by February.

Local Housing Needs Scheme: Hastoe and Orwell will present their portfolios to NPC on the 24th January following which NPC will appoint its preferred partner.

Road Safety: The councillors agreed to consult with residents over their priorities for the various road safety initiatives suggested for Newton via a questionnaire. A working party to draft questionnaire for formal adoption at the March meeting.

Effectiveness of Internal Controls and Internal Audit process: The councillors reviewed the current system of NPC's internal controls and internal audit and resolved that they were satisfied:

- With the review of the Internal Audit as per Appendix F
- That the scope of the audit is in accordance with The Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England and Wales, A Practitioners Guide 2011 and the guidelines issued by BDO LLP and by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils
- With the report provided by the internal auditor at the conclusion of audit for review by NPC.

• The councillors further resolved that Heelis & Lodge scope of internal audit work was in accordance with the role required to be undertaken by the internal auditor for NPC

• With the Internal Control processes undertaken by the council.

Risk Management Register: Following a review of NPC's Risk Management Register the councillors considered that it was appropriate for NPC's operations.

Spring and Autumn cleans: The councillors agreed Saturday 5th April and Saturday 1st November for the 2014 litter picks. Both events to start at 8.30am in the Village Hall.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: The Village Hall committee are reviewing solar panels for the Village Hall as well as running a Summer Munch on the 20th July. Newton Green Trust have nearly completed the project to resurface the Saracens Head car park.

Questions to the Chair: The Chairman requested that the Clerk contact the agency responsible for the sewage pipe replacement in Church Road to see when the field used as a depot will be restored to field.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday 24th January starting at 9.45am.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Appendix A: Public Forum

James Finch updated councillors on Adopting a Child, Investing in Apprenticeships, Further investment in Local Broadband, Good rail service for Suffolk, Managing a Masterpiece. James Cartledge updated councillors on the Core Strategy being found sound after examination.

The Clerk read the Police report. "This report covers the period from 12/11/2013 to 10/01/2014. During this time there has been 1 crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to 1 crime for the same period last year. 1 report of Burglary Dwelling - Between 1500 and 1600 on 21/11/13 a property was broken into on Church Road. Nothing was stolen but damage was caused. Due to lack to evidence, witnesses and CCTV this crime has been finalised."

Minutes of Newton Parish Council 24 January

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

Attending: Gregg Dodds (Orwell Housing Association), Isabel Wright (Hastoe Group), Kim Best (Babergh District Council) and D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Presland and Taylor sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 14th January 2014: Following the change of the date to the 20th July 2014 for the Midsummer Munch, the minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.

Appointment of Registered Provider for Local Housing Scheme: Gregg Dodds, New Business Manager of the Orwell Housing Association, gave councillors the background to why OHA should be chosen as the Registered Provider for the proposed Newton scheme. OHA is a registered charity which currently manages 3,500 dwellings of which around 5% were unoccupied. In the last year OHA had developed 100 new dwellings to the CSH Level 3 standard.

Isabel Wright, Senior Development Office at Hastoe Group, gave councillors the background as to why HG should be chosen as the Registered Provider for the proposed Newton scheme. HG is an Industrial Provident Society which currently manages 4,000 dwellings of which 2 - 3% were unoccupied. In the last year HG had developed 300 new dwellings to the CSH Level 4 standard.

The councillors then considered the presentations given, and the responses of each provider to the questions asked by the councillors, in assessing which provider would best suit the needs for the Newton scheme. The councillors resolved to appoint Hastoe as NPC's Registered Provider.

Statement of Community Involvement Consultation: Following a review of Babergh's consultation draft on their Statement of Community Involvement, the councillors resolved to send the following response with regard to section 2.4 Duty to Co-operate. "NPC consider that BDC should work closely with county and district councils outside Suffolk in order that cross county boundary issues are resolved collaboratively. This is of particular relevance to the Sudbury area where the issue of cross border highway needs is still unresolved."

Questions to the Chair: The councillors moved the Autumn Clean date to Saturday 25th October 2014 after hearing that the Village Hall was in use on that date.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March 2014. The meeting closed at 11.59am.



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Jeremy Wagener
Boxford

Sir

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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.

This year will see the setup of Healthwatch Suffolk Hubs, which will 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 also bring together local people in each district so that Healthwatch Suffolk can obtain their views about the health and social care services that they use.

The Healthwatch Suffolk Community Development Team currently attend a variety of events, groups and meetings across the county to talk to people about Healthwatch Suffolk. They are starting to recruit volunteers to act as Healthwatch Suffolk Champions within their hubs. The process of volunteer recruitment will begin in St Edmundsbury and Waveney, followed by all other districts soon thereafter.

Look out for more information coming soon about how you can become involved with your local hub to make a difference to health and social care services in your community. 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.

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Photos Jane Martin

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Suffolk Preservation Society

The Suffolk Preservation Society has been active in your area in recent weeks. In December we raised concerns over the Sand Hill development of affordable houses in Boxford regarding the size, design, layout of the development and access to the site. We were therefore pleased to learn that the application has been withdrawn to allow these issues to be addressed. We have also voiced our concerns over the proposed Solar Farm at Newton Green due to the loss of agricultural land and the effect on the setting of important listed buildings including Rogers Farmhouse and Edwardstone Church.

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1. If you are **not going to the school** please exit and enter the village via Sand Hill. This will avoid the overcrowding in School Hill and around the school and church. Try not to use School Hill even if you are going to Sudbury, going via Sand Hill will only add a very little to your journey time, and will probably be quicker as you will not get held up negotiating around the church and up School Hill.

2. If you are **going to the school** - enter via Sand Hill and exiting via School Hill. For parents coming from outside Boxford, Sand Hill is at the top end of Boxford coming down into the village passed the garage and round by the Church. Parking will be easier either in the village or up School Hill as all school bound cars will be travelling in the same direction and you will be on the right side of the road to park in both the village and up School Hill.

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3. For the healthy option, if you are able, try to walk to and from school.

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