

# Box River News

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## BLUE SKIES FOR THE BOXFORD 2014 TORNADO



Blue skies and sunshine greeted the 500 riders in the 3rd annual Boxford Tornado cycling sportive, organised by the Boxford Bike Club. The riders were blessed with the near perfect weather as they attempted to complete the various routes. 20 mile, 40 mile and 60 mile routes were available to riders, with the 60 mile route taking them to Ixworth near Bury St. Edmunds at its furthest point. All of the riders managed to complete their chosen distance, except for one who had to retire due to a broken spoke! The event had sold out in a matter of weeks, proving again how popular the sport of cycling has become in this country. Riders came from as far as Brighton and Norwich to participate in the event, with one, international rider, travelling from Finland to ride.

An amazing spread of cake, donated by the members of the bike club and Boxford residents awaited their return. The refreshments were organised by a very efficient team of helpers from the Boxford Community Council who did a brilliant job. The riders donated very generously for the refreshments, with the proceeds going directly to the Community Council. The feedback from riders was extremely positive, most enjoying the undulating, picturesque route and the friendly, welcoming atmosphere

*Above: some of the 500 riders set off from the Boxford Playing Fields*

of the event, not to mention the abundant amount of homemade cake! A successful event like this obviously wouldn't happen without the help and cooperation of many. Our thanks to the Boxford Community Council for offering to run the refreshments, the Playing Fields Committee for the use of the pavilion and field for parking, local Boxford residents for accommodating all the 2-wheeled folk, bakers of Boxford for donating all the cake and lastly to the army of volunteers for helping on the day.

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## GROTON'S SPRING FOOD MARKET



**GROTON SPRING FOOD MARKET**  
The Food Market held on March 29th was well attended and good fun! We also made nearly £400 for St Bartholomew's Church.

### WANTED

Do you know anyone who can repair valve radios or record players. If you do or can, please contact Eddie on 01787 211507 or email ed.kench@btinternet.com

## 3PR DINNER AND PRESENTATIONS



**Above:**  
Some of the 3PR members and partners enjoying their annual Dinner at the Boxford Fleece

**Left:**  
Roger Balls, Chairman of Boxford Parish Council, presents Nick Tribe with his certificate for serving 930 hours on duty during 2013. Other recipients were:

Elisabeth D'Astur  
547hours  
Ben Woodfield  
558hours  
John Moles  
2306 hours

# FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

### Friday, 2 May, 8.00, Ticket £15 Karen Sharp Quartet

From the tender playing of a Strayhorn ballad to the urgency of a Mingus gospel number: With Karen Sharp saxophone, Nikki Iles piano. Dave Green bass and Steve Brown drums. These are four Fleece favourites, for whom the word "great" applies. They all play on Karen's recent CD on Trio Records; the album has garnered some excellent press. What a delightful way to start our new season.

### Friday, 9 May, 8.00, Ticket £16 Frank Harrison Trio

From Jazzwise: "Lucid, intelligent, spacious and beautifully controlled explorations". With Frank Harrison piano, Dave Whitford bass and Enzo Zirilli drums. The piano trio is the purest form of jazz, giving each musician space to be dangerous. These three grab that possibility in their fists and run with it. Ronnie Scott said of Frank, "one of the most talented young musicians I have heard".

### Friday, 16 May 8.00, £18 Spike Heatley Trio with Art Themen

Spike and Art are at the heart of British Jazz. With Spike Heatley bass, Art Themen saxophone, Andy Williams guitar and Malcolm Mortimore drums. Spike, Andy and Malcolm were with us in 2011, and it is a delight to see them return. Make no bones about it, Art Themen is a class act. Together they celebrate over 7 decades of Spike's career.

### Friday, 23 May 8.00, Ticket £16 Gilad Atzmon The Spirit of Coltrane

A stunning interpretation of the great John Coltrane. With Gilad Atzmon tenor and soprano saxophone, Frank Harrison piano, Ernesto Simpson drums and Tim Thornton bass. Gilad will be playing tenor for this gig, a Selmer Mk.6, the same as Trane played. Of Gilad, John Fordham said, "A formidable improvisational array...a local jazz giant steadily drawing himself up to his full height..." He is funny too, and the band is great. Don't miss this one.

### Friday, 30 May 8.00, Ticket £15 Jon Lloyd Quintet

"Powerful and... magical stuff" - Downbeat, USA. With Jon Lloyd reeds, John Law piano, Rob Palmer guitar, Tom Farmer bass and Asaf Sirkis drums. The group's CD, "Vanishing point" got four stars and this review from Jazzwise: "Intimate pastoral moods, angular rock riffs and haunting minimalist grooves... fluid and engaging". The music is very accessible without losing its improvisational power. All five musicians are virtuosi.

### Friday, 6 June 8.00, Ticket £15 Gabrielle Ducombe Quintet

"Astonishingly beautiful voice" - BBC Radio 4. With Gabrielle Ducombe vocals, Nicolas Meier guitar, Dan Teper accordion, Nic Kacal bass and Saleem Raman drums. Gabrielle and her band are currently touring the UK with her latest album Notes from Paris, which in February 2014 had a sell-out launch at London's Pizza Express Jazz Club and was Jazz FM's Album of the Week.

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

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## THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

**“This is our story...”**

Nineteen Easter gardens! That was one of the wonderful creative outcomes to emerge from the Benefice Easter Family activity morning recently held at Boxford Village Hall. Considering that there were about twenty-one children there, that seems pretty good going, over two hours, especially as there were so many other activities on offer. Most children seemed to manage to get round the whole lot: baking their own hot cross buns, sewing colourful felt finger puppets and Easter chickens, creating “stained glass” crosses, decorating special holy week bunting, adding paint and all kinds of textures to three large outline pictures of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, cleverly produced by Esther Gray. Thanks again to Esther and to all the other wonderful helpers who made it possible!

It has been a month when young people have taken centre-stage in other ways for me too. Elsewhere in this magazine, you may find a photo of



Joshua Gray, who was invited to take part in the Archbishop’s Eucharist at Bury St Edmund’s Cathedral. Joshua carried out his role of starting the intercessions with great sensitivity and dignity, and received warm commendations from all who were present. Even the Archbishop himself sent words of encouragement via his staff in an email afterwards!

Then I had the privilege of being invited to talk about the meaning of Holy Communion to a class at Boxford School and about the meaning of Easter to the 1st Boxford Guides. At school we looked at all the special silver vessels and colourful robes and the children took delight in the

perfect miniature versions of chalice, paten and candlesticks which are used to take communion in homes and hospitals. Up at the Spinney, the guides took part in re-imagining and retelling the story of Holy Week and Easter by focusing on four trays set up with objects relating to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. I then joined them as new guides were enrolled beside a campfire, complete with action songs (including a very bizarre one enacting being a penguin....!), seriously piggy drinks of warm milk - into which we dipped chocolate on sticks - and hot cross buns.

What is so appealing about making an Easter garden, or telling the Easter story, using small objects placed on a tray? I think it has something to do with making the events more immediate, bringing them to life. Instead of just reading words on a page, we can touch, hold, feel – almost step into – the past. And by doing so, we realise that it still matters, it can still affect and move us today. We can be part of it.

On Palm Sunday, we changed the special prayer that we say whilst preparing to take communion. The one we used tells the story of Jesus and all that he did in Holy Week, loving us, giving up his life for us, rising again for us. The response we use in this part says, after each section, “This is his story”. But then the prayer changes. We realise that, in following Jesus, in receiving his love, his forgiveness, his story has become our own and so the response changes then to “This is our story...”

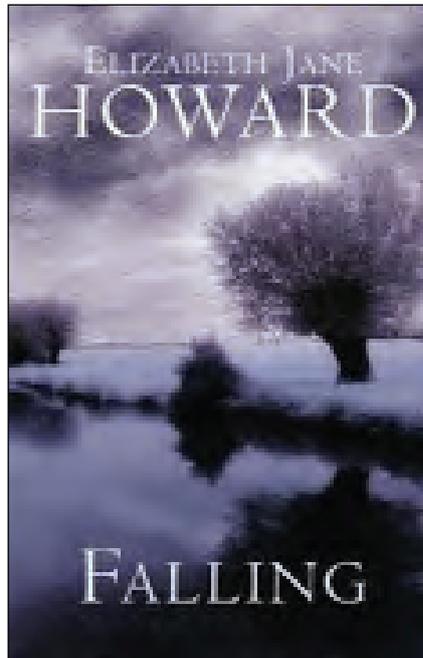
Anyone – young or old can make an Easter garden for their own home. Anyone with a little imagination can set up a tray with objects which tell the story of Good Friday, Easter Sunday – or indeed any of the stories about Jesus - the Good Samaritan, the lost sheep.... In this way, we can enter more closely, more intimately into the events which took place so long ago, but which still matter, still move us, today. May his story become your story!

Blessings,  
Rev'd Judith



## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

### Falling by Elizabeth Jane Howard



In 1995 the author Elizabeth Jane Howard (known as Jane) was interviewed by Sue Lawley on Desert Island Discs. She was famous for her beauty, her many love affairs and three marriages, but it was her heart-breaking loneliness that revealed itself during the programme. Listening to the programme was someone keen to take advantage of her; her vulnerability, her low esteem, and her money. Gradually and cunningly he inveigled himself into her life. This event really happened, and Jane’s novel *Falling* was published four years later, directly inspired by their relationship.

There are two main characters in *Falling*: Daisy and Henry, and they tell their story in alternate chapters. Daisy is a writer living in London, but after two disastrous marriages is looking for a change and finds a pretty cottage in the country. She wants peace and quiet to gather her wounded self together. As she unpacks her boxes Henry offers his services as a gardener. This will do for the time being he thinks.

We follow their private thoughts as the story develops. Henry is penniless. He lives in squalor on an old leaking boat not far from the cottage. He is charming and clever, well read and approachable. We painfully observe how Daisy is manipulated, how she falls for this con-man’s charms, listens to his lies and believes them. All the while she is confused, disoriented and yet flattered. Behind his amenable and kindly façade he is a smooth operator, cruel and despicable in his dealings with women. The unwitting Daisy has no idea what is happening to her, imagining that she is in love. Her alarmed friends and daughter observe her gradual entrapment, and make their plans.

*Falling* is a study of seduction and we can well see how Jane was devastated by her experience. But like all good writers she turned this part of her life into one of her most accomplished novels. “It’s very painful, very humiliating”, she said, having been taken in. “But it was



worth writing.” But be prepared; it is a shocking and bewildering read. By the way, should you wish, you can listen to the BBC podcast and hear the interview on Desert Island Discs. After all, the events it triggered created this powerful novel.

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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### ?Suffolk County Council (SCC) responds to Ofsted findings

SCC has responded to a report, published by Ofsted this month, following an inspection into council's arrangements for supporting school improvement. The report recognised that the county council has a vision for improving education attainment, is ambitious and that head teachers value the support they receive from the authority in strengthening governance. However, overall, it rated our approach to helping schools improve as being ineffective. In doing so, it identified four areas of improvement for the council to focus on:

- Urgently finalise strategic plans which demonstrate how the Learning and Improvement Service can contribute to the realisation of the council's vision for improvement;
- Improve communication with school leaders so that they understand the local authority's role in school improvement;
- Ensure that the challenge to, and intervention in, maintained schools that are underperforming, lead to rapid improvements in progress and attainment; and
- Implement systematic and robust checks to evaluate the quality of work provided by the Learning Improvement Service.

All four areas had already been identified by SCC as needing focused work, and this was already underway when Ofsted visited. In my view and that of Lisa Chambers, SCC's cabinet member for education: "Ofsted's report makes sobering reading, and rightly so. There are few issues of greater significance than the education our young people receive and if advice needs to be given, it ought to be heard – loud and clear. We welcome the report and absolutely agree with the four areas of improvement they have identified. So much so that work to address them is already well underway. Results are improving in Suffolk, but too slowly. And although 70% of schools in Suffolk are rated good or outstanding, this isn't enough. We must all work to drive up standards. Key to solving a problem is recognising there is one in the first place. By launching the Raising the Bar inquiry, seeing the Schools organisation review through and challenging under-performing schools to improve, we have demonstrated this recognition. Schools also know full well the scale of the challenge facing Suffolk. We're already working, together, to make improvements and will leave no stone unturned in our pursuit of a better future for our children."

### Joint campaign launched to tackle under-aged smoking

SCC's Trading Standards and Public Health teams have joined forces this week to launch a campaign aimed at reducing the number of under-aged smokers. Starting on National No-Smoking Day, the "Don't get me Started" campaign aims to encourage parents, schools and retailers of tobacco to play their part in helping prevent under-aged people from smoking. The campaign reminds retailers of their legal duty to make sure that they do not sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18. If they break the law, they risk receiving a fine. Campaign messaging has also been sent to all high schools in Suffolk. To report underage tobacco sales, Suffolk residents are urged to call Suffolk Trading Standards, 9am 5pm on 08454 040506, or alternatively email [tradingstandards@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@suffolk.gov.uk). All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence.

James Finch - Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley Division  
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## PRINTING IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

A Talk and Demonstration by Chris Bowden



Little Waldingfield History Society was most pleased to welcome Little Waldingfield resident Chris Bowden to the Parish Room on April 9th to present to us and demonstrate his hobby.

He began his talk by describing how recorded history of printing in this country has greatly favoured William Caxton at the expense of Johannes Gutenberg, who was the person who introduced printing to Europe. Around 1439, Gutenberg invented mechanical movable type printing; in combination with wooden printing presses, which were similar to the agricultural

screw presses of the time, and oil based inks, this created his a ground breaking practical system which allowed mass production of printed books. The Gutenberg system was viable for both printers and readers alike, beginning the printing revolution widely regarded as the most important event of the modern period; it introduced mass communication, which quickly and permanently altered the structure of society.

Caxton on the other hand was an English merchant, diplomat, writer and printer, thought to be the first Englishman to introduce a printing press into England in 1476, circa 40 years after Gutenberg's invention. That said, Caxton was named among the 100 Greatest Britons in a 2002 BBC poll!

Chris described the rapid spread of printing presses across Europe and then the rest of the world, commencing with Mainz in the 1450s, Cologne 1466, Rome 1467, Venice 1469, Paris 1470, Cracow 1473 and then London in 1477. According to one estimate, around 1,000 printing presses were in operation across Europe by the year 1500 which between them had produced some 8 million books, an enormous number when compared to the length of time it took monks and scholars to hand write books previously. By 1720 there were 12 London newspapers, with 24 in the provinces.

Chris then described how printing houses were run by Master Printers who owned printing shops, selected and edited manuscripts, determined the size of print runs, sold the works produced, raised capital and organised distribution. Printers' apprentices prepared ink, dampened sheets of paper and assisted at the press whilst those wishing to become compositors also had to learn Latin and spend time under the supervision of a master. Compositors assembled the type one letter at a time into the frame, backwards, upside down and in Latin – not at all easy!

Chris next described the mechanics and subsequent development of printing, introducing metal in place of wood. In 1800, Earl Stanhope introduced an iron press, which was not only stronger and more durable but could create a much larger impression at a time as it had a much bigger platen. This was followed by the Columbian press, invented by George Clymer in 1813, which could print a whole newspaper page in a single pull. Mr Hopkinson then improved on the Stanhope by creating the Albion Press around 1824; amazingly Albions continued in production until the 1930s and quite evidently Chris really liked these presses. What he was not too keen on was the apparent complete disregard for health and safety, with many printers suffering the effects of lead poisoning from the movable type, often with damage to the ends of the fingers that required excruciating and frequent treatment in very hot water that, according to Chris, left the fingers looking as if they had been "par-boiled" – cue many groans from the audience who could not quite believe their ears at this point.

Chris concluded by printing a page on a small, though still very heavy hand press, demonstrating how the various components worked, how the ink was applied and what to watch out for.

LWHS would like to thank Chris for an enthralling presentation much appreciated by the audience.

Our next talk will be on 14th May, when Ancestral Voices take us on a historical journey through East Anglia, from the beginning of the sixteenth century up to the early 1700s, in words, images and music (played on period instruments). It will be a celebration of our region's rich cultural heritage through the eyes of visitors such as Will Kemp, a Shakespearean comic actor, and Daniel Defoe. East Anglia's royal connections will also be explored, including the effect Henry the Eighth had on the region, as well as the summer progress made by Queen Elizabeth the First in 1578.

This "experience" will be held in Little Waldingfield's beautiful St Lawrence church, which should considerably add to the sense of occasion and ambience. There will also be a licensed bar, before the event and during the interval; we can hardly wait, so do come along with friends and family for a truly great evening of entertainment for an incredibly modest £4.00 (or just £2.00 for members). Andy Sheppard

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## Cygnets Child Minding

From April, Cygnets Child Minding will be accepting babies, toddlers and children of all ages into their childcare setting. Cygnets is a new venture, headed up by Denise Woodfield. Denise has many years' experience in the childcare industry, is a fully qualified Nursery Nurse, and a mum of two and is fully prepared for looking after your children.

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Denise has a positive outlook on Cygnets, "I'm looking forward to offering my skills of childcare to other parents, providing fun activities, such as arts & craft, cooking, growing fruits & vegetables, day trips and much more. It's all about the children having fun whilst learning, growing and becoming individuals".

Please feel free to call and speak with Denise, regarding your present or future childcare needs on 01787 211922 / 07956 653413. She looks forward to hearing from you.

## Sweep Dreams Chimney Sweep

New to Boxford, Sweep Dreams Chimney Sweep is available for all your sweeping needs. This new business has been setup by Ben Woodfield, who for a number of years has swept his own chimney, plus those of friends and family.

Following a phone call from his home insurance company, he was informed that his home insurance would not cover his house following a chimney fire due to it not being swept by a qualified chimney sweep, and having a certificate issued by his chimney sweep.

Being a fulltime Fire Fighter, Ben has seen the devastating effects a chimney fire can have on families, houses and possessions. He said "I have been to many chimney fires, and they're not pleasant. The effect they have is unforgettable for everyone. I then decided to train and become qualified in chimney sweeping, so I can protect my own family and friends. I also found out during my training, my chimney should be swept 1 or 2 times a year depending on what fuel I am using".

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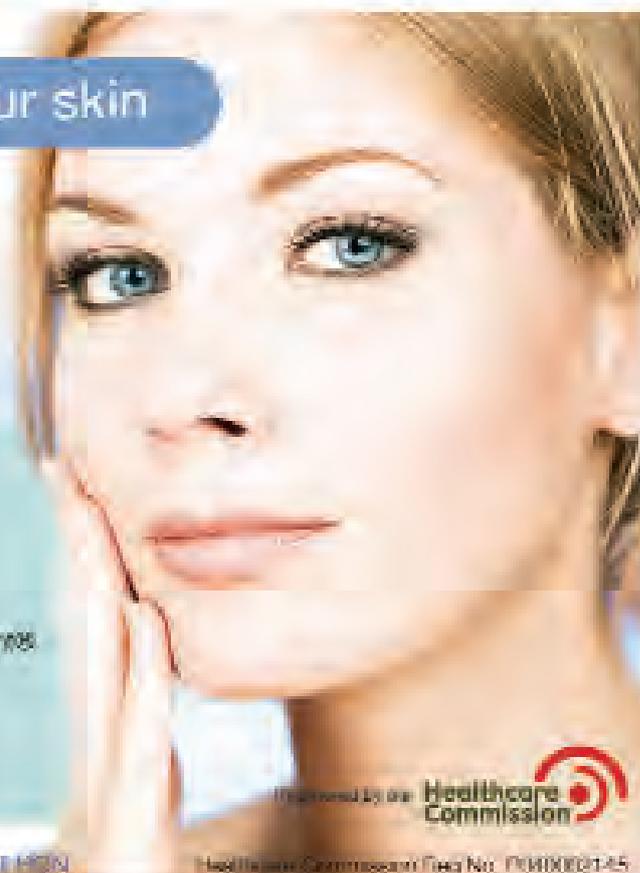


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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## Groton Calendar 2015

Oh well, we didn't have any snow or frosts for the photographs, but now that we have some Spring flowers and blossom etc, perhaps you could snap some Groton scenes for the Calendar with a Spring-like feel instead. We still have until the early autumn to collect photos, so please send anything that you think would do, Groton Scenes only please, to Pat Kennedy Scott by email to [pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk) or by post to Groton House, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EH; please say when and where the photo was taken, and give your name. There will probably be a Launch Party in the Autumn, when the calendars are ready for sale.

## Getting the right healthcare advice and treatment

If you feel unwell, here's some advice which we hope will help you choose the right route to fast treatment and get well soon!

For good self-care, keep your medicine cabinet well-stocked with the items you and your family need.

For minor illnesses, advice on medications and colds, coughs, minor burns, strains and sprains - or if you need emergency repeat prescriptions - contact a pharmacist.

Your surgery is great for advice on health problems, and examinations and treatments. All main surgeries are open between 8am and 6.30pm Monday to Friday. On the day appointments are available if your need is urgent.

If you need help when your surgery is closed call 111. You will be asked for information to direct you to the correct service, or to arrange for an ambulance where appropriate.

Ipswich Hospital and West Suffolk Hospital have Emergency Departments for emergencies only. Call 999, only for life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

## TENNIS CHARGES

It's that time of year again when we look to fine weather and being outside! Tennis charges are now due for the coming season, and I will get letters out to our regular players.

We have increased the family and adult charges this year, while keeping the annual child and hourly rates the same. I'm sure you will have appreciated the new posts, and maintenance to the court, and the additional money will help us maintain the courts in good order.

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Please send your subscriptions to myself, cheques made payable to "Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee", at 20, Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5HU.

The cash for occasional play can be left still at 22, Homefield, kindly collected by Mr. R Tricker.

I look forward to hearing from you - have a good season, enjoy playing! and let's hope it's fine!  
*Pauline Lamming*

## Little Waldingfield

### Over 60's and Friendship Club 2013/14

We have 25 members from Little Waldingfield, Great Waldingfield, Lavenham and one from Alpheton. We have enjoyed another successful year with various activities, we meet at 2pm on the last Wednesday of the month in the Parish Hall when we have speakers.

In April we enjoyed our annual visit to Scotsdale Garden centre near Cambridge.

In May we had our usual coffee morning at Anne Miller's house. We raised the good sum of £116.50 for club funds

In June, Sue Mitchell and her grand daughter gave us our usual strawberry tea.

In July, Pip Wright came to give us one of her talks, this one on 'The Watery places of Suffolk. It was a fascinating insight into many places in our county. Sue Mitchell made a lovely cake for her 90th birthday.

In August we had an outing to Horsley bay to see the Suffolk Punch horses

In September we went to Bressingham - a place we we always enjoy going to.

In October we had our annual outing to the Rose and Crown at Tollerton Knights for lunch, calling at the Tiptree jam factory on the way for coffee and a visit to the shop.

In November we had a representation from Age UK, Diana Patrick, who

told us of all the food work this charity does.

December saw us at The Swan Inn, Little Waldingfield for a very enjoyable Pre Christmas lunch and January saw us at the Newton Green Golf Club restaurant for another good lunch.

Finally in February, Gordon Kennet came to tell us about Arger Fen, a suffolk Wild-life Trust property, where he is warden.

With the AGM in March we ended another very successful year.

Betty Rattee

## Spare a thought!!

You've parked your vehicle on the footpath? Then spare a thought for those who are visually impaired or use a wheelchair have you left enough room for them to get past safely?

## BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP NEWS

Thank you Boxford! Due to the generosity of the packed audiences over the 2 nights of The Ruby Review we collected £100.00 in the pink buckets positioned on the bar and on the way out. This has been sent to Breakthrough Breast Cancer, by our director for this show, Margaret Clapp. Margaret and all of us in the Drama Group would like to thank you all for your continued support and generosity in supporting this very worthy cause.

Our next offering will be a One Night Only "silly quiz", on September 20th and we promise that Monopoly will NOT feature! Watch this space for details.

## Red Cross

### Can you help the Red Cross this Red Cross Week?

May 4-10th is Red Cross Week 2014; please help us to carry on helping vulnerable people in your Parish. National Red Cross Week 4-10 May Help us to help local people in crisis.

Could you hold a coffee morning? Could you help collect? • Could you hold a raffle or bake a cake? • Contact Jane on 01284 727247 to help.

All money raised is used to help people in Suffolk.

**Happi project:** (Health Awareness: Prevent, Promote, Inform)

This summer look out for Red Cross first aid teams at events providing free blood pressure checks to members of the public. Around 40 per cent of all strokes could be prevented if people with undiagnosed high blood pressure were identified and treated.

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

A number of people have been seen riding horses on footpaths in the village, in particular the path near Christmas House in Sherbourne Street. This is causing damage to the paths. Riders are reminded to use bridleways rather than the footpaths.

## Christian Aid week 2014 is May 11th to 17th

This year the organisation is focusing on the many areas of the world where people are suffering because of conflict.

They are helping to provide basics such as medical care, water, food & shelter. They give emotional support and are still there, helping, when the fighting stops.

We shall be having house to house collections where possible. If you feel you are able to help with these please get in touch with Janet Daniels 210798, for Boxford, Edwardstone & Newton or David Lamming, 210360, for Groton & Little Waldingfield.. Help is needed in all our parishes but especially in Edwardstone.

Jennie & Ian Lindsley are holding a Coffee & Bring & Buy morning at their home on Saturday May 10th, 9.30 am-12.00. Everybody welcome. Also there will be a cake stall and raffle plus coffee in Mary's House on May 17th, starting at 9.00 am. Please come along to see us, and, if you are able, do some baking for us. Thank you for all your help in the past and we hope for yet another very successful year. Janet Daniels.

## Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund

The GWMF was set up in 2008, in memory of Gareth Weiland who sadly died in a tragic accident. We wanted to organise events in his memory to raise money for local groups and charities. Since 2008 we have raised over £15,000, which has been distributed to local causes, such as the Scout Group, Village Hall, BRFC, Boxford Bike Club and many many more. All these distributed funds would not have been possible, if it wasn't for the generous nature of the villagers and local businesses.

So please continue to support the GWMF, and please come down to the White Hart on Sunday May 25th from 2pm till late. Remember the events are always FREE, and will include things for all the family. We hope to see you there for Live music, drinks, food and lots of fun.

## FAMILY EASTER ACTIVITY MORNING



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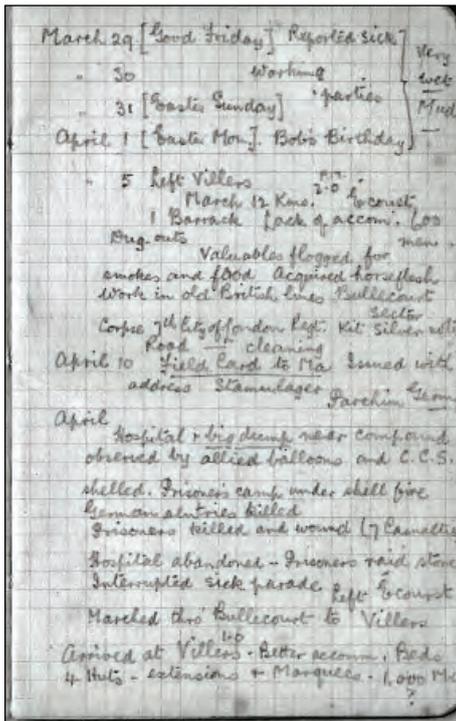
- Tess of the Compasses
- Green Goose
- Tornado Smith
- Mad Old John

## William Sore's War



*Above: The Sore family in late 1917. Probably all together for the last time. Left to right: Alf, Bill, Walter back row; Bob, Sarah, child not known, Maud, front row. Percy had probably already died in Palestine by the time this picture was taken*

This is the previously untold story of a man who served the children and parents of Boxford as Headmaster of its school for thirty years. He was a pillar of the community and, like so many of his generation, William (Bill) Sore rarely spoke of his experiences of the Great War, either to his pupils or even to his daughters, Dorothy, Sylvia and Marjorie. This story can only be told because Bill meticulously recorded it in a small, neat, pencil script in a thin notebook whilst a German prisoner of war. He purchased this little black notebook for a hard won 30 pfennigs whilst in



*A page of neat script from Bill's black notebook, purchased and filled with his 19 year old life story whilst a prisoner of war.*

Mullheim German Prisoner Camp close by the Rhine, in July 1918.

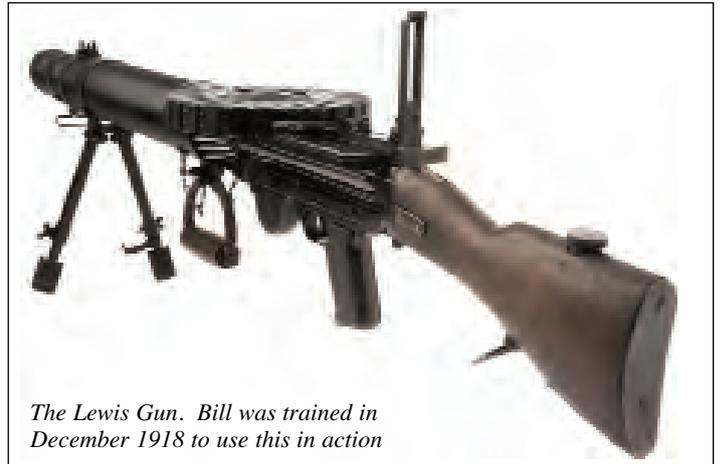
His boyhood and the period 1917 and early 1918 he probably recorded using his detailed recollections immediately he bought the notebook. His captors had taken away his diaries for those years immediately he became a prisoner. The detailed notes show that the final few months in the prison camp were undoubtedly recorded contemporaneously. One can imagine that being able to write up his 19 year old life gave him great solace whilst suffering such privation.

He writes in a "matter of fact" style with precision and little emotion, given the circumstances, and it is all the more moving as a result.

William Sore was born on the 6 August 1898, the sixth son of seven born to John and Sarah Sore of 12, Reid's Buildings, Northgate St., Bury St Edmunds. His father died in 1903 when Bill was only five, leaving a family of 10 children, although the eldest would have been out at work by then. After St John's Infant School and the Guildhall Feoffment Boys Elementary School, Bill won a "free place" to the West Suffolk County School and Pupil Teacher's Centre. He records his marks in his 1914 diary and was obviously a very successful student. As a result he became a Pupil Teacher Apprentice. (During the war Training Colleges could not turn out sufficient numbers of qualified new teachers to fill the gaps left by teachers enlisting. Numbers in training dwindled and bright youngsters were trained locally as apprentices to fill the gaps in schools.) For Bill this included classroom training at Cockfield Elementary School on a salary of £1 9s 2d (£1.41) a month.

He passed all his exams and in Aug 1916 he became a Qualified Uncertificated Schoolmaster at St Gregory and St Peter's School, North Street, Sudbury, travelling by train each day from his home. By this time, five of his older brothers had already enlisted. On 14 Feb 1917 he voluntarily attended the Medical Board at Bury St Edmunds Barracks and was declared unfit for General Service, Category B1, due to a systolic heart murmur. This did not prevent him from being posted to the Clerks' Section, Army Service School, Bath.

There in May 1917 Bill appeared before the Travelling Medical Board and was passed Category A1. He was immediately transferred to the infantry and drafted to 1st Training Reserve Battalion, Rugeley Camp, Staffs., as Acting Lance Corporal Army Schoolmaster on the Brigade Education Staff. In December 1917 he was transferred to "C" Company, 3rd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, Patrington Camp, Hull for training as a Lewis gunner.



*The Lewis Gun. Bill was trained in December 1918 to use this in action*

Bill's notes on his war experience, reproduced below, are taken directly from his notebook with a few minor additions and explanations in brackets. The sections below in italics have been extracted from an article that fellow students wrote with his help for the Saltley Training College Magazine in June 1925. These words are clearly based on his own account of those events in his life 6 years earlier.

**1 Feb 1918** Overseas Active Service Order. Train Hull to Folkstone arriving 5.30am 2 Feb. quartered in Folkstone, but that evening embarked 5.30 pm for Boulogne. Arr. 7.30pm.

**3 Feb 1918** Transferred to Rest Camp, Calais and (joined) 1/5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, British Expeditionary Force. Issued with complete active service kit: Rifle and "pull through", oil bottle, leather jerkin, waterproof sheet, identity discs, cap badge, emergency rations etc.

Then Calais, Boulogne, Etaples, Bethune by lorry(?) and on to Lillers. Then marched Lillers to Allouagne where billeted on French civilians and passed anti-gas measure test following a lecture. Saw children going to school with gas masks tied to their satchels. Lorry back to Bethune then marched to join rest of battalion in Front Line at La Perol (near Givenchy) where we were quartered in barns. Night working parties in the line, but quiet enough to move freely.

42nd Division of Battalion relieved by Liverpool Scottish Regiment. Marched for 6 weeks back behind line to Houchin. Routine training and parades everyday, including Lewis gun, rifle and bomb. Attack and gas drill. Fatigues and guard duty. Rank of Lance Corporal confirmed and placed in charge of No.1 Section Riflemen (Bill was aged 19). Football

matches, sports, cross country runs with Canadian YMC. Divisional Concert party and pantomime Cinderella. In wiring party taken to work under shell fire at Noyelles, (near Lens).

**23 Mar 1918** Battalion by motor lorry from Houchin to Arras - Cambrai - Somme sector via Brouay, St Pol and Douzens. (Note that the first Battle of the Somme and its mass slaughter had started on 1 July the previous year and had reached a stalemate.)

*One night a fleet of motor lorries appeared and the whole of the 42nd Division was taken to the Somme to counter the great German offensive of March 1918. Men were being poured on to this front in their thousands with the utmost speed, for the Germans were literally 'advancing at the run.' Bivouacking in a wood one Saturday night toward the end of March, they stocked in with tea and 'fags' and on Sunday the 'fall-in' was sounded before the finish of dinner.*

**24 Mar 1918 (Palm Sunday)** Division moves by night march to relieve the line beyond Achiet le Grand, (4 miles North of Bapaume). In the line, ammunition issued.

*Marching for 12 hours with intervals for rest they fixed bayonets at 1.30am and at 2 o'clock were on the front line, although they did not realise it because they were extended in line in a field. The order came to dig themselves in and by daylight Bill had burrowed up to the chest.*

*The front line crossed a field; passing through it was a typical French sunken road. To the right of the road was a small copse, while the battalion headquarters was situated some miles behind the line. In the night dim figures were observed stealing along this road from the direction of the German lines and rifle fire was immediately opened. Then an officer appeared, who it was no one could say, but he spoke perfect English and ordered "cease fire" saying that the men in the road were a returning English working party. In the morning it was realised that the Germans had circulated this false message and by its agency had penetrated the front line completely, cutting the Division off from the supporting troops.*

**25 Mar 1918** Under machine gun fire. Village of Ervillers on right flank shelled and snipers. Enemy aircraft overhead. Slight artillery action returned. Confusion of orders, and communication with HQ lost. Enemy attack on right flank at dawn. Casualties. "A" and "B" (Bill's) Companies held in reserve on 2nd line. "C" and "D" Companies in front line, but forced to retire under heavy machine gun and shell fire. SOS sent, but attacked in rear and forced to surrender. (here Bill's note ends with the French phrase "Suave qui peut" meaning stampede, mad rush or run for your life!)

*The position at 9.30am was desperate. Enemy machine guns enfiladed the line from the copse on the right, while from the left came a heavy artillery fire of explosive and gas shells. This lasted for half an hour, when the enemy made a combined advance from the right and the front. They were met with rifle fire up to a range of 100 yards when the remnant of the English troops, surrounded by the enemy, their officers killed, their headquarters taken, laid down their arms and equipment. Mercifully their lives were spared and they proceeded to the German lines. The first thought on the part of the prisoners was that they were lucky to escape from such an inferno and looked forward to a comparatively 'cushy' time. Events soon confounded this last belief.*

*The first rude awakening to the rigours and indignities attendant on a prisoner of war came when a Germany Cavalry Officer rode up and indicated his desire to possess the leather jerkin which Bill was wearing. On being denied, he pulled out a revolver and used remarkably guttural language indicative of disapproval. Now Bill has never been proof against gentle persuasion of this sort and he thereupon handed over the jerkin without another word.*

*The prisoners, owing to the urgency of the German advance, were left pretty well to themselves for some time, but at length they arrived at a field dressing station and had the task of carrying wounded Germans some 20 miles behind the line. At night they reached Villers de Cagnicourt, which lay between Arras and Cambrai; a barbed wire compound with a large army hut in the centre. Fifteen hundred men were turned into this and most had to sleep out under the stars.*

**10.0 am 25 Mar 1918** Behind German Lines. Rifle dumped in trenches. Lined up by German guards and Sergeant put in charge as interpreter. Passed through enemy lines. Leather jerkin taken by German Warrant Officer. Long march to Field Dressing Station. Numerals, badges etc. taken away by officers.

From 12 Noon to 9.30pm carried wounded on improvised rough German stretchers some 15 - 20 km to Ecourt St Quentin. Then marched another 6 km by moonlight to Villers les Cagnicourt Prisoners Camp Compound (6 miles NW of Cambrai) arriving 11.0pm. Slept in the open.

**26 Mar 1918 5.0 am** Breakfast of coffee and 1/8th loaf. Paraded and searched for papers all of which were taken and destroyed. (removed



*Above: Lance Corporal William Sore and his sister Maud, July 1917, while he was still on the Brigade Education Staff.*

Bill's diaries for 1917 and 1918 and many letters.) Many were able to retain their valuables though. Lunch: barley and horseflesh. Moved to next compound.

**27/28 Mar 1918** Working parties: marched 3-12 km to work on ammo dumps, light railways and roads behind enemy lines. Slept in open as no hut accommodation free. Day's ration? loaf, 1 soup and coffee. Big sick parade. Very wet weather. Improvised dug out as protection against Allied bombing raids.

**29 Mar 1918 (Good Friday)** Reported sick. Very wet with thick mud. Next two days, working parties.

**1 April 1918 Bob's birthday.** (his younger brother Robert, who was still at home)

**5 April 1918** Left Villers 2.00 pm to march 12 km to Ecoist (3miles north of Bapaume and close to where Bill had been captured). One barrack with insufficient accommodation for 600 men. Slept in dugout. Valuables flogged for smokes and food. Acquired horseflesh. Work in old British lines at Bullecourt. Found corpse from 7th City of London Regiment with kit, silver and notes whilst road cleaning.

**10 April 1918** sent Field Card to Ma (Bill's mother). Issued with an address to use: Stammlager, Parchim, Germany. (A "Stalag" or POW Camp 50 miles east of Hamburg. Bill was still in France and was never sent to north Germany!)

**11/17 April 1918** Hospital and big dump near our compound observed by Allied balloons and casualty Clearing Station. Shelled including our camp. German sentries killed and 7 prisoners killed or wounded. Hospital abandoned. Prisoners raided stores. Left Ecoist and marched through Bullecourt to Villers. Better accommodation - 4 huts with extensions and marquees - 1000 men?

**18 April 1918** Card to Ma. Bath and fumigation. Long intervals between fumigation before and after capture meant it was impossible to keep down vermin (Lice and fleas?). Marched 10 km to Queant (to SSW). Accommodation 3 huts each 50ft by 20ft containing 1800 men. Better food, good soups, but no suitable water for washing or drinking available for 6-7 weeks. Huts badly constructed and weather very wet and muddy. Thunderstorms. Reported sick. Diarrhoea. Many others ill. Admitted to Revier (German for sickbay).

*(By now Bill was seriously ill. To be continued next month.)*

## IT'S ALMOST SHOWTIME AND THE STARS ARE GOING TO SHINE!



It's a very special year for the Boxford branch of Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts. This month the school will not only be celebrating its first birthday but will also be putting on its very first variety show.

The students at the Boxford school, range in ages from 4 – 18 years and have all been working incredibly hard, rehearsing choreographed routines, learning songs and lines and are all very excited to be showcasing their skills to a huge audience of family and friends. The show which takes place on Sunday, 18th May, will feature routines from top musicals such as Annie, Wizard of Oz, Matilda and Les Misérables as well as routines to popular music from artists such as One Direction, Little Mix and Queen to name just a few!

Lesley Woods, Principal of Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts (MLSPA) is so pleased with how far the children have come since opening the school last year; she has seen how their confidence has grown and is amazed by their talents and can't wait for the show! MLSPA will also be performing at this year's Boxford School Fete which takes place on Saturday, 5th July - so please come down and see the talented children perform for yourself!

The Boxford school teaches on a Saturday during term time and registration for new students at the Boxford branch will be open after 18th May and anyone interested in joining the school should contact Miss Lesley for an information pack and registration form by emailing [lesley@misslesleysperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:lesley@misslesleysperformingarts.co.uk) or by calling 07957 351941.

### Lavenham Art Festival

**Bank Holiday Weekend May 24,25,26**

Open studios, interactive art, food, drink and music and hands-on fun for children. This is the weekend when Lavenham, home to so many artists, turns into a walking art tour. Come and join us for three days of fun and activity throughout the village. There will be 11 Open Studios where you can meet and see the work of artists, painters, sculptors, glassmakers, spinners, potters and weavers. In the Market Place two shetland ponies will be models for local sculptor Kate Denton. Also in the Market Place, demonstrating in marquees and in the Little Hall museum, will be weavers, spinners, potters, tapestry and quilt makers. Jeweller Jonathan Lambert and his team will be designing and creating unique pieces of jewellery For more information go to [www.lovelavenham.co.uk](http://www.lovelavenham.co.uk)

### BOXFORD WI

Our speaker this month was Dr Alison Rowland with a talk on the East Anglian Witch Hunt of 1645-7. This took place during the English Civil War and was the biggest witch hunt in the Country. The witch finders were two Suffolk men John Stearne and Matthew Hopkins described as minor puritan gentlemen. The hunts started in Manningtree, Essex and then moved to Suffolk, Norfolk and other Eastern Counties. At least 300 people were questioned and 100 executed. The largest ever mass hangings took place in 1645 with 15 people executed in Chelmsford and 18 in Bury St Edmunds. It was generally the community that brought suspects to the attention of the witch finders and those accused were often dependent on poor relief and the majority were women. There was a high rate of confession as both Stearne and Hopkins used dubious methods to extract these. Interestingly there was no hunt in Boxford. Whilst the reasons for this are not known, it could have been because the Clergy were involved or perhaps there was no enthusiasm for the witch finders' services. By late July 1645 jails in Bury St Edmunds and Colchester were full to overflowing with those awaiting trial. On 26 August 18 people were convicted and were executed the next day. The hunts came to an end in 1647 and there are a number of possible reasons for this: a number of influential men started to criticise the practice; the communities had achieved what they wanted; it cost too much to pay the witch hunters for their services and enthusiasm for the trials declined. It was a fascinating talk about this era of history and we thanked Dr Rowland for taking the time to come and talk to us.

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# Wot's On

## Little Waldingfield History Society

14th May Sarah Doig with Tony and Jane Scheuregger

Ancestral Anglia is an historical journey, in words, images and music, from the beginning of the sixteenth century up to the early 1700s. It is a celebration of the region's rich cultural heritage through the eyes of visitors to the region such as Will Kemp, a Shakespearean comic actor, and Daniel Defoe. We will also explore East Anglia's royal connections, including the effect Henry the Eighth had on the region, primarily through the dissolution of the monasteries, as well as the summer progress made by Queen Elizabeth the First in 1578.

**11th June Pip Wright.** Between October 1412 & September 1413, Lady Alice De Bryene of Acton, a Suffolk Noblewoman, maintained a record of all food & drink consumed in her significant medieval household. Somehow the book survived, and Pip will talk us through the records and enthral us with his piercing insight to this far away time.

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/>

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting will take place at Edwardstone Village Hall on Monday 19 May at 7pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm.

## Suffolk's Artists Open their Doors

Over 130 Suffolk artists will be opening their studios to the public over the weekends of June 2014 as part of the long-running Suffolk Open Studios initiative.

Spanning a huge range of art, including oils, watercolours, acrylics, photography, textiles, ceramics, jewellery, glassware, sculpture, 2D and 3D mixed media, printmaking, mosaics and much more, the Open Studios event grows bigger each year with more artists participating and more members of the public visiting the studios.

"This is a great opportunity for people to meet the artists, ask them questions about their inspiration and choice of medium. It's welcoming, friendly and not at all pretentious. The whole point is that artists want people to come and visit them – artists welcome the chance to share their work with a wider audience."

Suffolk Open Studios has been running since 1993 and has grown from a group of around 15 local artists in the Snape and Aldeburgh area. The network now covers the whole of Suffolk. More and more artists are collaborating these days to create a great experience for visitors, with artists trails incorporating several studios, some with refreshments provided. Information is also available via the website, [www.suffolkopenstudios.org](http://www.suffolkopenstudios.org)

## KERSEY PLANT SALE

on 10th. May 2-4 pm. In St. Mary's Church.

Shrubs, perennials, annuals, basket plants and much more.

Cream teas will also be available. Proceeds to church funds.

## Nayland & District Horticultural Society

Morning Market, Saturday 17th May

Nayland & District Horticultural Society's sale of plants, including bedding and vegetables, and cakes. Refreshments and raffle. Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4HY at 9.30am-11.45am, entry free.

For more info: 01206 262807 or [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk)

## "FITNESS CLASSES - Boxford

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00pm at Boxford Primary School.. A variety of exercise techniques including circuit, weights, aerobic work and stretches. Open to both men and women. Friday 9.15 - 10.15am at Both classes are payable by the term. Call 211822

## LEARN A NEW SKILL

Boxford Bowls Club are holding free coaching lessons on the club green, situated behind The Fleece Pub, open to anyone over the age of 18, starting on Saturday 3rd May at 10am and on every Saturday during May. We cater for both competitive and social bowlers. Club facilities now include a bar, so come and join us, have fun and make new friends. Interested? Then contact Malcolm on 01206 263301 or Steve on 01787 211153 for further information.

## Little Waldingfield History Society

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## What's On

### BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Boxford Village Hall and guests (£5 each) are very welcome. Just turn up! For any further information between mid March and 1st May while Rosie Osborne is away, please contact our Chairman, Maggie Thorpe, 01787 211 346 or email maggiethorpe37@gmail.com

### 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

### Box River Knitstitch Group

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

### Boxford Scout Group Open Day

Sat 10th May 2014 - 1st Boxford Scout Group Open Day. At The Spinney, Fen St, Boxford. Come and see all the things scouting has to offer. Open 11:00 17:00 - For more details contact Sally Gooderham 01787 211805 sally.gooderham@btinternet.com

### Newton Bridge

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

### MILDEN SINGERS

#### Songs from The West End and Broadway

Shows on Friday 2nd May, doors open at 7.30pm show time 8pm with licensed bar and buffet. Saturday 3rd May doors open 1.30pm show time 2pm with afternoon tea and licensed bar.

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

### WORMINGFORD ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saint Andrew's Church, Wormingford (off B1508 between Colchester and Sudbury)

#### Spring Bank Holiday weekend - 24th, 25th and 26th May

Open from 10.00am - 5.00pm daily. No entry charge.

Our intriguing theme for this year:- PUB NAMES

Wonderful and imaginative floral displays! Bric-a-brac sale in the old barn! Teas, Cakes, Lunches and Refreshments!

Raffle with many exciting prizes!

Songs of Praise service 25th May at 6.30pm

### Little Waldingfield Open Gardens

Sunday 22 June 2014, 11am - 5pm

We are looking forward to opening our lovely gardens again, and welcoming you to our friendly village. Admission is £5 which includes a programme with map, obtainable from the Parish Rooms in Church Road, where we will be serving refreshments including delicious homemade cakes. There will also be plant and produce stalls. Plenty of parking on our Playing Field, about 150 yards from the Swan Inn. All proceeds will benefit our beautiful St. Lawrence Church. For more information go to [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk).

### Nayland Open Gardens

Sunday 8th June 2014 2pm - 6pm

Enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cake in the Village Hall

### Long Melford Open Gardens

26th May 2014 10am - 5.00pm

Lots of gardens to see including new ones for this year.

£5 programme available from Fine Foods in the village and any open garden on the day.

Refreshments & plant sales available

Raising funds for Holy Trinity Church Long Melford

### But You Don't Look Ill

Cheerful, chatty support Thursday 12 May 2-4pm

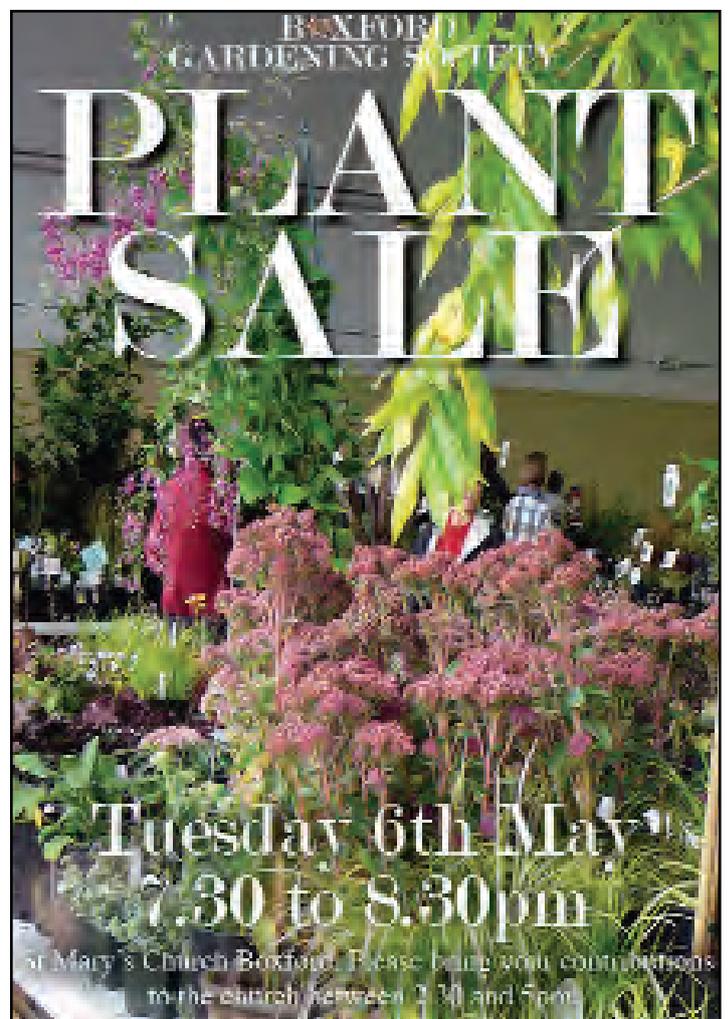
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£1. Please bring own mug

### Stoke by Nayland Bridge Club

A Duplicate Bridge Club that plays every Thursday at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall from 1.50pm to 5.0pm.

Contact Roger Loose on 01787-210538



BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY  
**PLANT SALE**  
Tuesday 6th May  
7.30 to 8.30pm  
at Mary's Church Boxford. Please bring your contributions to the church between 2.30 and 5pm.



**BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN**  
Sunday 1st June 2014  
11.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Beautiful gardens to view  
Ploughman's lunches in the village hall  
Cake and cream teas • Plant and cake stalls  
Quilting exhibition in the church  
Church tower open - fabulous views  
Start at the church or look out for the 'Gardens Open' signs and pay £4.50 at the first garden you come to (children free)  
Proceeds to Boxford St Mary's Church  
For more details call Angela Tolpelt on 01787 212264





# 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 Parish Room

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 starts 7.30pm SAT 3RD MAY - THE BUTLER

## Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

Arrive at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm.

May 9th "The Railway Man" June 6th "12 Years a Slave"

June 27th "The Invisible Woman". There will not be a film in July.

## 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: 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.

## 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](mailto:angela@tolputt.com))

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Sudbury Dramatic Society

## Monstrous Regiment.

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## Boxford WI Future Dates

May 7th Tales from the Bench - Village Hall 2pm • May 8th WI Bunting and Banner - Mary's House 2pm • June 4th East Anglian Air Ambulance - Village Hall 2pm • June 12th DIY or walk from Hadleigh to Aldham • July 2nd Patchwork and Quilting - village Hall 2pm  
July 10th Speaker - Mary's House 2pm • August 6th Outing - Aldeburgh and Snape • August 14th DIY or walk in Sudbury

# THE MILDEN SINGERS

## Perform Songs From

## THE WEST END & BROADWAY

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May doors open 7.30pm

Show time at 8pm

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Show time at 2pm

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refreshments

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At and in aid of Milden Pavilion

## 1st Boxford Scouts Open-day A fun day out for all the family

Canoing



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Archery



Bar & Quiz



Saturday  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2014  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
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Fen Street CO10 5HL

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Kaiz hoaxes



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Bridge Building



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For further information please contact Sally Goodenham 01787 211805  
[Sally.Goodenham@1stboxfordscouts.com](mailto:Sally.Goodenham@1stboxfordscouts.com)

## Forthcoming Events Diary

### April

26 FOB's Quiz Night	Boxford School	7.30pm
28 Boxford Community Council AGM	The Pavilion	8.00

### May

2 Milden Singers	Songs from the West End and Broadway	The Pavilion 7.30pm
3/10/17 Coaching	Boxford Bowls Club	10am
6 Plant Sale	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford St Mary;s Church 7.30-8.30pm
7 Tales from the Bench	Boxford WI	Boxford Village Hall 2.00pm
8 WI Bunting and Banne	Boxford WI Craft Club	Mary's House 2.00pm
10 Boxford Scouts Open Day		Boxford Spinney 11-5pm
14 Ltl Waldingfield Hist Soc	Ancestral Anglia	Parish Room 7.30pm
19 Edwardston PC AGM		Village Hall 7pm

### June

1 Boxford Gardens Open		Boxford 11-5pm
4 East Anglian Air Ambulance	Boxford WI	Boxford Village hall 2.00pm
14 Ltl Waldingfield Hist Soc	Pip Wright	Parish Room 7.30pm
12 DIY or walk from Hadleigh to Aldham	Boxford WI	
22 Open Gardens	Little Waldingfield	11am-5pm

### July

2 Patchwork and Quilting	Boxford WI	Boxford Village Hall 2.00pm
2 Clairvoyant evening	Sunnies	Boxford Village hall 7.30pm
5 FOB's Summer Fete		Boxford School TBA
10 Speaker	Boxford WI	Mary's House 2.00pm

### August

4 Rock School		Boxford VH and School Hall TBA
6 WI Outing to Aldeborough and Snape		
14 Boxford WI Diy or walk in Sudbury		

### September

6 Coffee Morning	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	10.30am
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<b>October</b> 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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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

**Priest in Charge:**

The Revd Judith Sweetman

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David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU

Tel: 210360; Fax: 329770; 07968 791135; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com

Antony Dodd, Mill Green End, Edwardstone CO10 5EX

Tel: 210397; e-mail: doddpanda@btinternet.com

*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.*

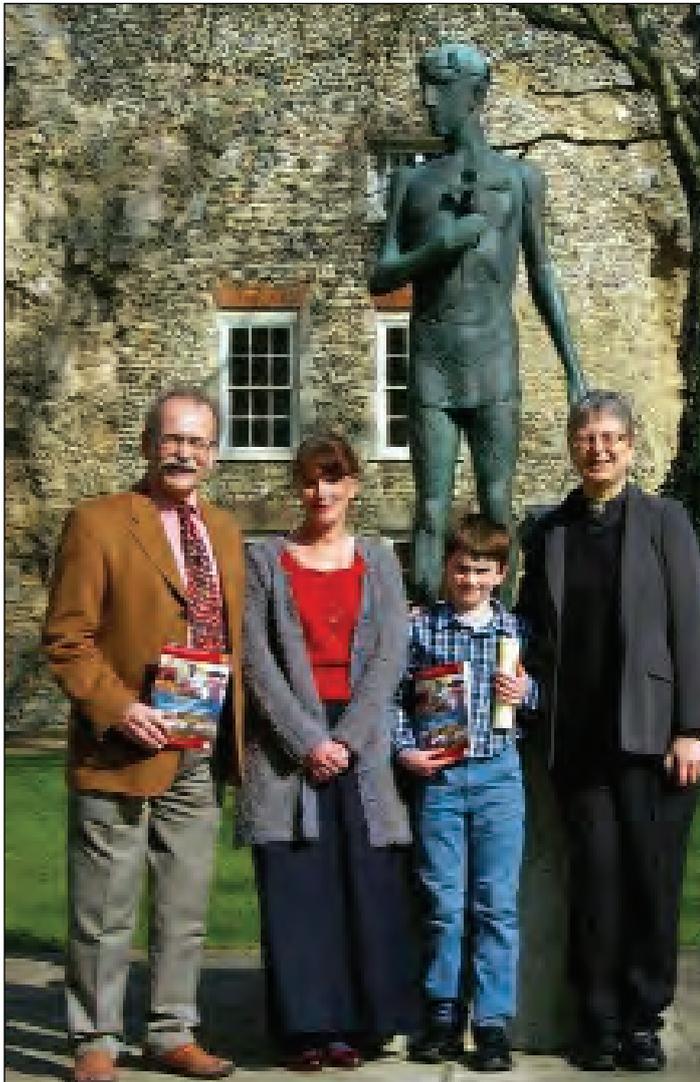
**Benefice house:**

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

## AN INSPIRATIONAL DAY

Joshua Gray had the privilege of reading the first of the prayers of intercession at the midday Eucharist at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on 29th March, held to celebrate the launch of the centenary of the diocese. The cathedral was packed to capacity for the inspirational service at which the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, presided. Joshua is shown photographed after the service in front of Elisabeth Frink's sculpture of St Edmund. Also in the picture are David Lamming (who was a chalice administrator during the communion), Sandra Gray and the Revd Judith.

Tickets are now available for the two celebration services at 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Sunday 6 July at the Regent Theatre, Ipswich. Contact the theatre box office direct for tickets: 01473 433100 or online at [www.ipswichregent.com](http://www.ipswichregent.com). Minimum donation £5.00 (Under 16s free if attending with a donating adult.)



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

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

*White Street Green. tel 210346*

**Sunday 4th May we are holding an "All Age Service" at 11.00 to which your family are warmly invited.** This is an informal service with craft activities for the children, music & worship songs.

There are lots of books & toys in the children's area to keep young children amused and we all enjoy coffee, tea or squash & biscuits afterwards. Everyone is welcome – we would love to see you & your family.

**Giving in Grace:** St. Mary's Church here in Boxford costs about £45,000 per year to run, excluding restoration of the building! Can you give one hour of your time per week to the work of the church- i.e. it may be £6.50 or £25.00 per hour you earn, but giving one hour to the work of the Church here should be what we do (as a minimum). Do think about it please!

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 6th April:** At the meeting Peter Patrick & Ruth Kingsbury were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year. Deanery Synod members elected: Peter Patrick & Denis Picton. PCC Members elected: Mr J Copeland, Mrs F Munro, Mr P Rich, Mr M Gray, Mrs S Gray Mr P Dilnot (Co-opted)

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

**Saturday May 17th: We look forward to a return visit by the stunning Colchester Military Wives Choir.** See Genearl News

**Sunday June 1st:** Boxford Open Gardens: Make a date to visit & explore lots of wonderful gardens in and around Boxford.

**The 70th Anniversary of D Day (1944-2014)** A Special service will take place at 11.00am on Sunday 8th June to commemorate this event. Everyone is most welcome

**Saturday June 21st-** A concert by Hadleigh Choral Society is being planned - more details soon

**On the weekend of 2nd- 3rd August there will be a 1st World War exhibition** in church presented by the Boxford Society (Tina Loose) together with a service of reflection & commemoration at 11.00 am.

**Christian Aid Week** is 11th-17th May this year. We will be holding a Christian Aid Service on May 11th. Coffee morning & Bring & Buy at Jennie Lindsley's Home will be held Sat. May 10th from 9.30. Sat. 17th May a Cake stall & Coffee Morning at Mary's House 9.00am. Offers of help please to Janet Daniels Tel 210798.

**Copy Date for Church News section in the June 2014 Box River News:  
Please, NO LATER THAN 14th May Failure to meet the date  
will mean your copy may not be included**

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785  
email address: [sedwards1946@btinternet.com](mailto:sedwards1946@btinternet.com)



**THE PARISH OF  
ST MARY THE VIRGIN,  
EDWARDSTONE**  
Churchwarden:

**Rota:**

**Flowers:** Claire Belcher 210650 claire\_belcher@hotmail.com

**Sidesman and coffee duties:**

**May 4th** - 0800 - Holy Communion - Alex Nevill

**May 18th** - 0930 - Family Morning Prayer -  
Alex Nevill/Caroline Williams

**Cleaning:** Chandos and Sally Hoskyns



**THE PARISH OF  
ST BARTHOLOMEW,  
GROTON**

**Churchwardens:** Jayne Foster:

*Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360*

*Sue Knight:*

*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

**Groton Spring Food Market:** The Food Market held on March 29th was well attended and good fun! We also made nearly £400 for St Bartholomew's Church.

**Groton Calendar 2015:** Oh well, we didn't have any snow or frosts for the photographs, but now that we have some Spring flowers and blossom etc, perhaps you could snap some Groton scenes for the Calendar with a Spring-like feel instead. We still have until the early autumn to collect photos, so please send anything that you think would do, Groton Scenes only please, to Pat Kennedy Scott by email to pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk or by post to Groton House, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EH; please say when and where the photo was taken, and give your name. There will probably be a Launch Party in the Autumn, when the calendars are ready for sale.

**Churchwardens:** Jayne Foster and Susan Knight were again re-elected as churchwardens at this year's Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 25th March 2014.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2014:** At the APCM on 25th March, which followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the following were elected to serve on the PCC for the year 2014-2015: Sheila Gooderham, Pat Kennedy Scott, Simon Marchant, Diana McCorkell, Pat Smith and Howard Knight. David Lamming was elected as a representative of the parish on the Sudbury Deanery Synod for the next 3 years and thereby becomes an ex-officio member of the PCC. Together they join the Revd Judith Sweetman and the churchwardens, who are also ex officio members. A copy of the PCC annual report and accounts for 2013 is available to read in Mary's House.

**PCC MEETING: Tuesday 20th May 2014, 7.00 pm** (note time) at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming – 210360;

e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 11th April.

**WAR TEARS LIVES APART: YOU CAN HELP PIECE THEM BACK TOGETHER. CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014, 11th—17th May.**

A reminder that Christian Aid Week 2014 is nearly upon us. Helping war-torn countries is the theme of this year's campaign. The 2014 poster, headed "FEAR LESS" is followed by the above message. If you would be able to and would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in either Groton or Little Waldingfield, please contact me on 01787 210360. David Lamming.

**Rota:**

**Sidesman with sacristan:** Mrs Knight

**Flowers:** Mrs Gill

**Cleaning:** Mrs Knight



**THE PARISH OF  
ST LAWRENCE,  
LITTLE WALDINGFIELD**

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11th —17th May:** Please see the paragraph in the Groton section.

**Rota:**

**May 4**

**May 11**

**May 18**

**May 25**

**Sidesman**

Mr & Mrs Tora

Visiting

Mr Squirrel

Visiting

**Flowers**

Mrs Squirrel

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor Smith

Mrs Roser



**THE PARISH OF  
ALL SAINTS, NEWTON**

**Churchwarden:**

Christine Cornell,

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

**9th March:** Holy Communion for the first Sunday in Lent was led by Revd Judith. The purple colour of the vestments and absence of flowers reminded us of the coming Easter. Revd Judith spoke of how we try to give up some favourite thing for Lent but in doing so we might give in another way. If three people stood up and the middle one turned their back on one of the persons then they would be facing the other person. So we could give up something but do something positive instead. Think about it. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all who helped with refreshments.

**23rd March:** The Service of Morning Worship was taken by the Revd Judith and the reading and the sermon dealt with water and the lack of it. We take for granted that water comes out of the tap but in some countries even young children have to walk three or four miles to get water, which is not even clean. This impressed a four year old. Thank you to Michael Colleer for the organ accompaniment and to our helpers.

**30th March:** Mothering Sunday was led by Revd Judith. A story by Archbishop Desmond Tutu of the baby Moses placed in a basket, hidden in the bullrushes of the river to avoid the King's order to kill Hebrew baby boys showed the love and resourcefulness of the mother. The second reading re-enforced God's mother love for us as his children. During the service the pots of flowers were blessed and given out by the youngest in our congregation. We were invited to light a candle for our mothers. We all shared in the tradition of eating a delicious piece of Simnel cake made by one of our congregation. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and bringing his wife to our service. Thank you to all who helped to make this a happy and moving service.

**Notices:** 25th May: A Benefice Service for Rogation Sunday to be held at Rogers Farm at 11.00 am.

**Benefice News ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION, 7.00 pm on Wednesday 21st May 2014.**

The "Archdeacon's Visitation," when the churchwardens of our benefice and other churchwardens from the Sudbury Deanery are formally admitted to office by the Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven. Dr David Jenkins, is to be held this year in St Gregory's Church, Sudbury. The service is not just for the churchwardens: all members of the PCCs and congregations of our five parishes are invited to attend. Do please come to support our churchwardens on this significant occasion. (Note that this year separate "visitation" services are being held in each deanery rather than, as in recent years, our deanery joining with five others in a combined service in the cathedral.)

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING:** The Ministry Team meets next at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th May 2014.

**General Church News**

**CHOOSING OUR NEW BISHOP:** As mentioned in last month's BRN, the Vacancy in See Committee of the diocese met on 24th March to elect six of its members to serve on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC). Their names and contact details can be found on page 7 of the May East Anglican. They join the six 'central members', elected by the General Synod, and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Together, the 14 members of the CNC will be meeting in September and October to choose a new bishop to succeed Bishop Nigel. Please continue to pray for the work of the CNC, and if you wish to suggest any name(s) for consideration by the commission, please contact one of the diocesan representatives by 30th May.

**DEANERY ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST AND BRING-AND-SHARE SUPPER:** This biennial deanery event (hosted by Edwardstone Church in 2012) is to take place this year at St Mary's Church, Glemsford on Thursday 29th May at 7.30 pm. Do please come and join other Christians from our deanery as we celebrate Christ's ascension on what has largely become a neglected date in the church's calendar.

**CTIS&D Prayer Breakfasts in May:** Saturdays, 8.00 am to 9.30 am. All are welcome. **3 May:** St Gregory's Church **10 May:** Sudbury Baptist Church **17 May:** Cornard Christian Fellowship, **24 May:** New Life Church.



## Soap Box

Killing time waiting for our flight home at Rome airport in the middle of April, I decided to while away the hours by checking my emails, using the now almost ubiquitous wifi facilities available. Imagine my concern when I found I was being chased for copy by our esteemed editor. Surely my article was not due until the following week, I thought, (it was actually due four days after the reminder from Eddie), but I duly replied explaining where I was. This Soap Box is what I eventually wrote on my return.

I mention this because it made me think about how our lives have become constrained by the communication devices and channels that have developed over recent years. While not all of us own smart phones or tablets (as an i-pad should, perhaps, be known), they are now so commonplace that they are changing behavior and demanding a new form of social etiquette. On many occasions I have seen couples at tables in restaurants or cafés engrossed in their own on-line experiences on their personal devices, ignoring each other.

Social networks have also transformed the way in which many of us interact with each other. I must confess to having a Facebook page, but it is seldom visited and never updated, while I have yet to venture into the world of Twitter. To my way of thinking, life is too short to clutter up with an apparent requirement to keep anyone who might be the slightest bit interested abreast of what is going on in my life. But I accept that not everyone agrees with that point of view.

In the world of work, the pressure generated by the rapid expansion of personal communication devices has mounted exponentially. These days your boss might well send you an email from his home at the weekend and expect you to respond before the working week begins. I know my wife despairs at the way in which I feel obliged to ensure all my emails are read and responded to promptly, regardless of where we are. The trouble is, such an approach leads to heightened expectations from those you work with.

Of course, improved communications can bring advantages. It was valuable to be able to talk to our son in Australia, via Skype, and to see how he was shaping up. And never more should an appointment be missed or arrived at late due to unexpected circumstances, given the ability to call from just about anywhere from a phone which fits comfortably into a small pocket.

For me as a writer of articles, the internet has transformed the way in which I communicate with my editors. As recently as the turn of the new millennium I might have filed hand written copy by fax. Today a word document attached to an email is standard practice and speeds the editing process. Even filing old articles has been transformed, with the expansion of so-called cloud storage facilities allowing access from just about anywhere on any device available – more useful than you might think if you wish to avoid repeating yourself.

It happens that my return from Rome followed a cruise on which on-line communication was less readily available. Passengers could have internet access, but at a price I felt unwilling to pay. The result was ten days of virtually no checking of emails or filing of articles. I say “virtually” as our trips ashore often allowed a quick peek at my inbox while taking a libation at a bar with wifi. But quick was the word if I was not to attract the ire of my wife. I suffered no withdrawal symptoms as a consequence, so might try it again – not on a cruise, though, as that was a holiday experience we have no wish to repeat.

*Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.*

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Make three plantings of Gladioli at fortnightly intervals to give a supply of cut flowers during summer and early autumn. As well as making excellent cut flowers gladioli are a great way to provide extra height and colour to summer bedding. They need a well drained soil and sunny position. The corms should be planted four to five inches deep or even deeper if your soil is very light and sandy. The tall spikes when heavy in flower are likely to blow over if planted too shallow. Plant the corms six inches apart in clumps and mark each position so as not to cut off the new shoots before they appear above the ground. Sow dwarf French and runner beans in the open ground - by the time they have germinated the danger of frost is fairly remote. Sow, also late greens such as savoys, white and purple sprouting broccoli, autumn cauliflowers and winter hardy cauliflowers using varieties like St George and leamington for cutting next April and the variety May Queen to extend the cutting period until June.

Hardy biennials such as wallflowers, Sweet Williams, Forget me nots should be sown now on the vegetable garden for planting out in the autumn. Alternatively they can be sown in seed boxes and the seedlings pricked out into boxes for eventual planting out in a nursery bed. This method gives more control over germination and is useful if the soil is cold and wet at sowing time and by allowing them to be planted singularly makes sturdier plants.

Thin out vegetable and hardy annual seedlings as soon as they are big enough to handle, failure to do this results in the plants that are left being weak and spindly. Carrots are best thinned in the evening to avoid the carrot fly which is attracted to the smell of the foliage, spraying with a weak solution of Armillotox is a good deterrent.

Prune Forsythia by cutting out some of the old wood and cutting back the flowering stems to two buds. Remove suckers from roses, trees and shrubs, especially lilacs. Lilacs flower better if grown on a single stem allowing suckers to form seriously reduces the vigour of the plant and its capacity to produce good flowers.

Gooseberries are prone to attacks of mildew which can render the fruit useless for eating. Keeping the soil moist at the roots by providing a thick mulch will help prevent an attack. Watch out for caterpillars of the Magpie Moth which usually attack the centre of the bush and can completely defoliate the bush in a few days. Spray with Derris to control.

Roses are beginning to make good growth and already greenfly are attacking the succulent young shoots and if steps are not taken to control the plant will be severely weekend. Spray regularly with a combined insecticide to protect the bush from all pests and diseases.

All plants are making new lush growth and will soon use up soil nutrients so feed regularly with any fertiliser to avoid any check in growth.

With the bulbs fading and the herbaceous border growing in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month brings.

## Top 10 jobs this month

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
2. Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
3. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
4. Collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation
5. Regularly hoe off weeds
6. Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
7. Mow lawns weekly
8. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
9. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs
10. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

Water is a precious commodity - instigate good practices such as using kitchen and bath water (as long as it is neither too dirty, greasy nor full of detergent) for watering, collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for your irrigation. Automatic watering systems are economical with water, as well as convenient! The trick with watering is to water thoroughly once or twice a week rather than little and often (containers etc do need watering every day).

Mulch away while you can still see what you are doing and before the herbaceous growth really takes off. Use your own garden compost or leaf mould, well rotted manure, the contents of out-of-date grow bags or ready-made soil conditioner.

Now the soil is warming up and things are starting to grow, add general purpose fertiliser before covering with mulch.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Minutes of a meeting of Newton Parish Council

12th March 2014

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

**Attending:** James Cartlidge (Babergh District Councillor), PC Darren Marshall, PCSO Siobhan Hemmett and D Crimmin (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Gardner sent his apologies (holiday) as did James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor).

**Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs Schwenk and Vince declared non-pecuniary interests in item 14/038a as they are members of the Newton Village Hall Committee. Cllr Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in item 14/039d and Cllr Schwenk declared a pecuniary interest in item 14/039b with both councillors leaving the meeting while their items were discussed.

**Requests for councillor dispensation:** None were received.

**Minutes of meeting held on the 24th January 2014:** The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Public Forum:** The reports are contained in Appendix A.

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

**Clerks Report (Appendix C):** Following a review of the Clerk's Report the Chairman updated councillors on the invitation from the owner of Gouldings Farm for councillors to visit the site to see how the re-development of the barn is progressing.

### 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 Sudbury Newstalk a donation of £50.

c. The councillors resolved that a budget will be allocated for the Newton Youth Council once a quorum of eligible members is attained by the Youth Council.

d. The councillors resolved that the following Earmarked Reserves be carried forward to 2014 / 2015:

### Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/14/00021- Adjoining Parish Old Joe's Driving Range, Great Cornard - Change of use from 4 no. golf driving bays to specialist golf shop and resolved that they had no comment.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/14/00039 - The Auction Centre, Assington Road - Application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) to vary condition 03 attached to P. P. B/13/00876/FUL - Use of overflow parking for 15No Fridays and 15No Saturdays per year and resolved to conditionally support the application if:

i. The car parking facility used all of the paddock area thus ensuring that all vehicles can be accommodated on site without the need to use nearby roads in the village.

ii. The entry / exit of vehicles to / from the site onto the A134 ensured that no hold-ups were created on the A134.

c. No further planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted. d. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

**Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:** The Clerk updated councillors that a recent survey by a contractor and himself revealed that all bar one of the wooden ground supports of the play equipment were sound and showing no sign of rot. The councillors resolved to accept the quotation from S Scammell of £130 for the replacement of a wooden ground support on the swing bridge.

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

### NPC Byelaws

a. The councillors reviewed the request by the Newton Green Trust for NPC to manage The Green by the enforcement of the Village Green Byelaws. The councillors resolved to manage The Green on NGT's behalf by the enforcement of the Village Green Byelaws.

b. The Clerk had received confirmation from the Department of Communities and Local Government on the 11th March 2014 that in relation to NPC's draft Byelaws "We are content with what is being proposed. We will look at giving provisional this week." On this basis the councillors resolved to adopt the the Village Green Byelaws but would await final confirmation of provisional approval being received from the DCLG before two councillors sign and seal the document.

c. Following the sealing of the Byelaws the Clerk will place a Notice in the Suffolk Free Press notifying the public of NPC's intention to apply for confirmation of the byelaw, hold the byelaw on deposit for a minimum of at least a month and invite representations to the Secretary of State during the consultation period.

**Newton Youth Council:** Two applications had been received to become members of the NYC. This will mean that two other members will need to be co-opted at the first council meeting on the 23rd April in order for the council to be quorate. The councillors reviewed the NALC Legal Topic Note LTN 86 on the requirements of the Disclosure and Barring Service in relation to the Clerk servicing the NYC. The councillors resolved that as the NYC activity of the Clerk did not meet the period condition of the Regulated Activity relating to children then there was no requirement for the Clerk to be registered under the DRB scheme. The council confirmed that its policy for the Clerk to meet members of the NYC would always be conditional on a member of NPC or another adult being present at all times.

**Local Housing Needs Scheme:** No further update since the appointment of Hastoe as NPC's 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 will now draft a questionnaire for formal adoption at the May meeting.

**Village Hall and Trust representative updates:** No update received from either organisation.

**Community Achievement Awards:** The councillors agreed on the recipients of the Community Achievement and Lifetime Achievement Award for 2014 which will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on the 23rd April 2014.

**QDJ Commemoration:** The Clerk to provide quotations for the installation of a bench in the playing field to commemorate the QDJ.

**NPC's methods of communicating with residents:** Councillors to consider NPC's existing methods of communicating with Newton residents to see if any improvements can be made.

**Questions to the Chair:** The Annual Parish Assembly on the 23rd April will have a traditional format of presentations by Village Organisations to the residents followed by cheese and wine. New items for 2014 will include Fireworks, Byelaws, Road Safety and Speed Watch. The Clerk was asked to contact the Orwell Housing Association re Alston Close.

**Exclusion of Public:** No members of public present.

**Clerk's Contract of Employment:** The councillors resolved to increase the Clerk's Working from Home Allowance by £1 to £3 per week from the 1st April 2014.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Friday 14th May 2014 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.07pm.

### Appendix A Public Forum

James Finch sent a written report updating councillors on Proposed Budget Savings and Council Tax Freeze, Highways and his next Boxford Surgery. James Cartlidge updated councillors on the recent Planning Meeting which reviewed the Solar Farm application.

PC Marshall gave the Police report. "This report covers the period from 11/01/2014 to 12/03/2014. During this time there has been 3 crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to 6 crimes for the same period last year. All 3 were vehicle related crimes in Church Road and Airey Close."

## Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 17 March 2014 at Edwardstone Village Hall

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

**In attendance:** J Finch (County Councillor), B Hurren (District Councillor), PCSO D Rudd, A Robinson (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

**Apologies for Absence:** There were none.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 20 January 2014

The Minutes were approved; proposed by Chair Sharron Norman, seconded by Shirley Flack.

**To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary:** PCSO Debbie Rudd introduced herself as the new PCSO for Babergh West. She advised that there had been one crime reported in Edwardstone during the period 17 November 2013 to 12 March 2014, where money and tools were stolen from a property on Sherbourne Street. The investigation is ongoing.

**To receive a report from Suffolk County Council:** James Finch reported that Suffolk County Council (SCC) had approved its budget proposals for the new financial year, including substantial savings proposals. SCC has responded to a report published by Ofsted following an inspection into SCC's arrangements for supporting school improvement. The report rated SCC's approach as ineffective and identified 4 areas of improvement to focus on, which SCC is already working towards. SCC's Trading Standards and Public Health teams have launched a campaign aimed at reducing the number of under-aged smokers. One of SCC's Fire and Rescue Service's specialist rescue vehicles was sent to help out in Somerset during the recent floods. James is aware of the highways issues arising from the recent bad weather and is doing what he can to support the parish council's efforts to have repairs made.

**To receive a report from Babergh District Council:** Bryn Hurren reported that Babergh District Council (BDC) had set a 0% budget increase and advised that in 4 years' time it was unlikely that it would receive any money from central government. BDC does make money from business rates and new housing, but not from car parking in the area. 600 new homes are needed in the area, 60% of which will be in the towns, with the remaining 40% mostly to be built in hinterland villages. BDC have a scheme to put solar panels on as many council houses as possible. Bryn thanked Melanie Childs for attending the planning hearing into the solar farm application and putting forward the parish's objections. Garry Peacock raised the issue of lorries trying to get to Copella getting stuck in Stone Street and causing congestion. Bryn reported that the company has paid for a sign to be put up and this should be in place before long.

**To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public:** Daphne Clark thanked the Council for allowing so many people to have their say about the solar farm application at the last meeting. She also thanked James Finch, Bryn Hurren and Melanie Childs.

**Planning Matters:** No new planning applications had been received.

The Council ratified the attendance of Melanie Childs at the planning hearing regarding the solar farm, proposed by Sharron Norman, seconded by Paul Clarke.

**Financial Matters:** Following discussion, the Council agreed to make donations to the Millennium Green Trust, Edwardstone PCC and Edwardstone Village Hall.

**Highway and Footpath Matters:** The Chair Sharron Norman thanked Garry Peacock for his work on getting SCC to deal with the potholes. Garry had gone

round the village with Paul Gant from Suffolk Highways and Paul had noted the issues on a map. Some of the holes have been filled but others have still to be dealt with. The street light has been repaired and is working.

**Telephone kiosk:** The telephone kiosk has several broken panes of glass but the phone still works. BT has offered the Council the opportunity to adopt the kiosk, with the phone removed, for a cost of £1. Councillors considered the issue and the possible future cost of maintenance was a concern. However, some felt that the box is used as a landmark in the village. Councillors agreed that villagers should be asked whether or not they wanted to retain the box and what use should be made of it. The Clerk will establish how much the box is used for telephone calls, if at all, from BT.

**Dates of Future Meetings:**

19 May 2014 (AGM at 7 pm & APM at 7.30 pm), 21 July 2014 at 7.30 pm  
15 September 2014 at 7.30 pm, 17 November 2014 at 7.30 pm

## Groton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 5 March 2014 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton**

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

**In attendance:** A. Robinson (Clerk), J Fudge, B Hurren

**Apologies for Absence:** James Finch.

**To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2014:** The Minutes of 8 January 2014 were approved, proposed by Vice Chair Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Gerald Smith

**To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary:** PCSO Jamie Fudge reported that during the period 12 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 there were 3 reports of burglary, 1 report of vehicle crime, 1 report of theft and 1 report of criminal damage. He also reported that there had been a theft of heating oil locally this week. The Priority Setting Meeting would be held at Alpheton Village Hall on 18 March between 11am and 12 noon. The first meeting of Babergh Police Cadets had been held recently. PCSO Fudge advised that any suspicious vehicles or incidents of speeding should be reported via the 101 non-emergency number, or by calling 999 if it was thought a crime was in progress. He informed the Council that the Police were aiming to increase visibility, including in relation to parking issues around Boxford School.

**To receive a report from Suffolk County Council:** James Finch had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Suffolk County Council (SCC) is looking for more people interested in adopting a child to come forward. SCC approved the budget proposals for the new financial year as part of a 4 year plan designed to fill an estimated budget gap of £156 million. SCC approved a 3 year investment plan to increase apprenticeship numbers across the county. SCC had organised the 2013 Suffolk Rail conference which demonstrated how rail improvements could help connect businesses and benefit the local economy. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service had sent one of their specialist rescue vehicles to help those affected by severe flooding in Somerset. James Finch asked the Council to keep Suffolk Highways informed of problems arising from the recent severe weather.

**To receive a report from Babergh District Council:** Bryn Hurren reported that the potholes in the area were appalling, particularly at Frog Hall. He will contact Suffolk Highways to back up the Council's efforts to have the potholes dealt with. He advised that the budget had been set with a nil increase, although the local government grant nationally had been cut heavily. The Planning Core Strategy had been established in place of the Local Plan – for growth, the aim is for 60% of housing in urban locations and 40% in some villages. The planning application for Sand Hill has been withdrawn and is likely to be reshaped. The application for a solar farm in a nearby village was rejected.

**Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence:** The Chair confirmed that the Noticeboard near the Fox and Hounds is still in poor repair. The Clerk will tidy it up and the Chair will do what she can to make repairs. The Chair reported that owing to the resignation of Mark Mayhew, there was a vacancy for a Councillor. The post was being advertised and it was hoped that it would be possible to find someone to fill the vacancy. David Elliott advised that after 35 years as a Parish Councillor for Groton, he had decided to retire following the AGM/APM on 7 May. The Council expressed its thanks to David for his many years of service to the village.

**Highway and Footpath matters:** David Elliott reported that he had met with Paul Gant from Suffolk Highways early in February and had shown him the various potholes and other Highway related issues around the village, including the culvert near Frog Hall. Suffolk Highways had agreed to send a jetter to clear the culvert but this has not yet been done, and the potholes had not yet been fixed. The Clerk is to contact Suffolk Highways again, and will also report the new large pothole which has appeared in Groton Street near the entrance to the Croft. The Clerk will also contact UK Power Networks as David Elliott reported that the tree which came down in the recent storms near the substation at the top of Swan Street near the Fox and Hounds was removed from the road by their operatives but they have left the trunk of the tree in the ditch, causing a blockage. The Council expressed its concern at the number of ditches in the area which have not been cleared out, adding to the flooding problems. David Elliott agreed to check on the situation and will report back to the Council before next winter.

**Housing Needs Survey:** Having considered the information received from Sunila Osborne from Community Action Suffolk at the last meeting, the Council agreed to go back to Sunila and propose some suggested sites for a small development of affordable houses. The Chair will contact Sunila and report back.

**Planning Matters:** The Clerk reported that the Informal Hearing of the appeal against the planning refusal in relation to Castlings Hall, Castlings Heath is to take place at Babergh District Council's offices on 3 April 2014 at 10 am and is expected to last 2 days. The Council had previously had no objection to the application and this remains the case.

**Donations and s137 payments:** The Councillors discussed the donations and s137 payments to be made from the 2013-2014 budget. To date only one donation had been made, being £25 to the British Legion, as the Council had waited to see what expenditure was necessary in relation to the Village Hall before committing itself to further payments. After discussion the Council agreed to make increased payments of £320 to Boxford Playing Fields and £330 to Groton PCC. In addition the Council agreed to make donations of £100 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and £150 to the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

**Future Agenda Items:**

• Local Housing Needs Survey • Notice Board

Dates of Next Meetings:

• 7 May 2014 (AGM & APM) • 2 July 2014 • 3 September 2014  
• 5 November 2014

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

## MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 17 March 2014

**PRESENT:** R Balls (Chairman), M Norman, C Hughes, J Fincham-Jacques, S Impett, R Hobbs, S Green, C Wilson, R Gates, S Impett, J Finch, B Hurren (late had a previous meeting)

**APOLOGIES:** were received from Debbie Hatterell due to illness

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS:** None were declared.

**MINUTES 3 March 2014:** Accepted as correct.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None. Minutes were signed as a true record.

**POLICE REPORT:** Attached. 4 reported crimes, 3 of which were related. Notice regarding protecting property to go in notice board. Action: RBalls.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** DHouse reported that he had checked the "deposit of statement from S Taylor was to ensure that the land off Butchers Lane/Ash Street to remain agricultural and could not be turned into recreational. B Ferris reported that 15 forms (plus 3 from R Balls) from residents in Ash Street and relating to flooding had been returned. B Ferris had also included a 40 year report of previous flooding. R Balls thanked B Ferris for his assistance. Photos of flooding would be scanned and all paperwork, forms and photos would be sent to SCC at Endeavour House. D House suggested that the Philips and Mr Leader be asked to construct a bank 10 metres from the river to hold back water surges. He also reported that Gorden Edgar (Scouts) had been asked by Environmental to remove the weir which holds back silt. G Edgar was not convinced that this would solve any problems and is therefore in discussion with the Environment Department. Mr Keeble had spoken to R Balls he believes that some device could be used to keep silt back from his lake at the top of bridle path Running Waters.

However this would be expensive and R Balls was not sure Mr Keeble was able to/willing to afford the work. Brian Ferris had contacted Andy Graham (tree man at Babergh) regarding the large trees on the river bank in Ash Street registering concern that they need managing. Bryn Hurren was able to update on this - he said that new trees would be planted and once established the large trees would be removed. He reported that the trees have been looked at and are considered safe.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:** J Finch report attached. JF stated that education is the responsibility of Suffolk County Council, Head teachers & teachers but also school governors and parents and all should pull together to provide better education for our children. D House (public) was concerned that people moving to the village can not get their children into the catchment school. JF said it was not possible economically to "save" spaces in classes for possible children moving to the village. He said that 98.5% of children got their first choice of school.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL:** B Hurren reported that the District Council and Police had agreed a nil budget with small increases from parishes. The Local Plan Core Strategy is available to view on line. Solar Panels are proposed to be installed in around 2500 council houses. If successful it may be possible to install on private homes a reasonable cost. The proposed 65 acres of solar panels had been turned down by the Council. The Ladies Cycle Race will be through Boxford on 11 May coming down Sand Hill, through the village and up School Hill at approximately 11.30 am. Homefield Flats Drainage - David Burden met with Flagship and they have accepted responsibility for the broken drains and will repair the damage. D House (public) asked what provisions had been made for transport/deliveries to the Goodland site during the build. BH said there were still an number of issues to be sorted out - drainage and water run off and there was some way to go before building began. B Ferris (public) asked about the large trees in Ash Street, see above.

There was some discussion regarding the news that one of our shops was closing (Boxford News) and the concern that the Post Office might close at the Boxford Shop and Post Office. J Finch suggested that the council should meet with Post Office Services and he would send details.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** SMI had emailed R Webster (lights) and P Gant (Potholes etc) and written to Mr & Mrs Mann refusing reservation of grave as they are out of the parish.

**QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS** Insurance for the Community Car Scheme. RB to ask Debbie Hatterell for her advice. RH - a number of drains covers need attention. One on the bypass, another in Ash Street and one in Swan Street (outside number 26). Meeting to look at new proposals for Sand Hill should be held in about 2 weeks.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** Meeting confirmed for Monday 7 April at 7.30 pm. Councillors to meet at 7.15 pm. SMI to bring tea, coffee, milk, sugar and biscuits.

**PLANNING:** Mrs Galvin, Boxford House B/14.00166/TPO/DP, approved. Mr Southgate, Swan Street, B/14/00033/LBC/NC, approved. Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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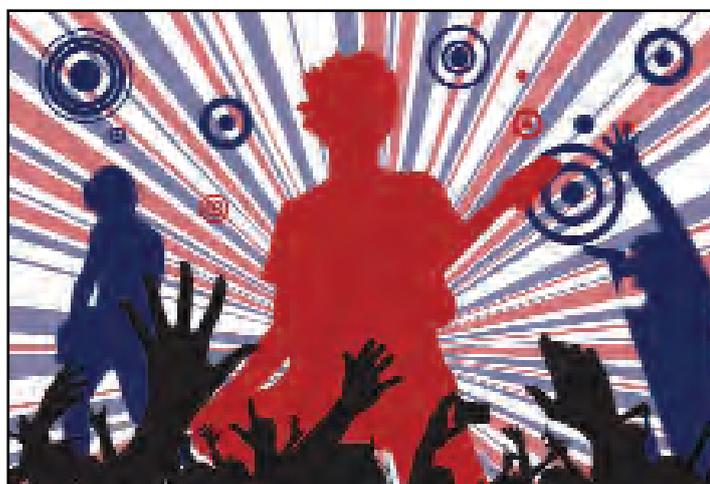
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The lanes into the centre of Boxford from Groton and Edwardstone, as well as other villages further afield, were designed and built in the age of horse transport. They are not meant for speed. Many are single track, most have blind bends and most are not in the greatest of condition. Many act as short cuts and have become notorious in the mornings and afternoons as 'Rat Runs'. In Groton Street alone some 6 young cats have been killed by speeding cars in the last few months. It is only a matter of

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*(Issued by local residents and fully supported by Groton Parish Council)*

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## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

would like residents' views on whether or not to adopt the red BT telephone kiosk next to Tudor Cottage, Mill Green. The kiosk has not been used for any calls for at least the past year. If it is no longer required as a phone box, it can be adopted by the Council for £1, but responsibility for the cost of maintenance would then fall to the Council. Please let the Clerk know if you would like the kiosk kept as a phone box, or whether you would like it adopted and used for another purpose - some villages use theirs as notice boards or book exchanges, for example. Alternatively it could be removed altogether.

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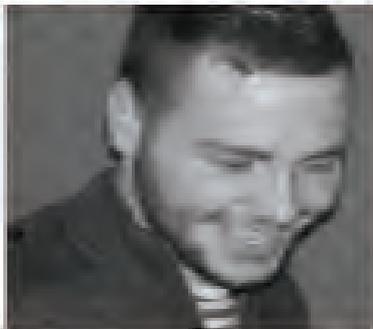
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*No confirmation of make up of new council yet*

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**Lucy Garner** (GB - Giant-Shimano): "A major race in Britain is really important for people to understand that women's racing has come on so much. People in Britain know we're very good on the track and Team Sky are good on the road, but it's good for British women to show that we can be successful on the road too."

"The route looks suited to me, I'm hoping. The stages aren't too long, and I ride a lot of the roads around there - one of the stages comes through Cosby, my village. I kind of know what to expect."

**Emma Pooley** (GB - Lotto-Belisol): "I hope this race gets the support it needs and a permanent place in the calendar. We have the chance to innovate a bit in the UK - other countries are often dominated by tradition."

"I'll be brutally honest, the course is not currently iconic. It doesn't have an individual time trial or mountain stages and I think spectators do like to see the impressive, amazing bits of the country. It's the Tour of Britain, go around Britain a bit! But this will provide entertainment and they're doing a great job of getting it on TV - it will be exciting to watch."

**Lizzie Armitstead** (GB - Boels-Dolmans): "I'm just really proud. I've expressed how I feel about the inequalities within our sport and I'm proud that Great Britain is taking one of the first steps."

"They are doing it properly. It's on the same level as the men: the same prize money, the same hotels, the same set-up. What an opportunity, and it's not just the British girls who are excited about it."

The tour is due to pass through Boxford in its final stage on Sunday 11th May. It will approach Boxford via Sand Hill, through the Broad Street and up School Hill at approximately 11.30 am. Let us be there in great numbers to cheer them on.

## Stoke By Nayland Ladies Bronze Team

### Essex Ladies County Golf Association

Wednesday 9th April saw the Stoke By Nayland Golf Club Ladies Bronze Team of Roz Clements, Anne Hemmings, Corinne Jackson, Barbara Jones, Lesley Hitchcock, Maria Gilgar, and Teresa Close, take on Canons Brook Golf Club in their first match of the 2014 season.

Both Maria and Corinne won on the 15th hole 4/3, Anne, Lesley and new member Teresa won on the 14th green 6/3, 5/4, 5/4 respectively. Roz had a closer match but won on the 16th green 3/2. Barbara was given a walkover.

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Jose Rivero

Ryder Cup stars set to sparkle at PGA Seniors

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The Spaniard was part of Tony Jacklin's team of 1985 which famously reclaimed the iconic trophy for the first time since 1957. He was then part of the European team two years later which firmly re-established itself as a credible force in the face of overwhelming American dominance during the 60s and 70s with an unforgettable first ever victory on US soil in 1987 at Muirfield Village, Ohio.

Others of the class of '87 who have regularly competed in the PGA Seniors Championship are Sam Torrance, Ian Woosnam, Gordon Brand Jnr and Eamonn Darcy. Rivero and Brand Jnr were fortunate to never taste defeat to the Americans. Rivero, followed in the footsteps of his fellow Spaniards Seve Ballesteros, Antonio Garrido, Manuel Pinero and Jose Maria Canizares.

Many past Ryder Cup stars regularly compete on today's European Senior Tour and among past players already confirmed for Stoke by Nayland will be Gordon J Brand, Barry Lane and Maurice Bembridge who made four appearances and also once held the course record at US Masters venue Augusta National. Sky Sports pundit Tony Johnstone is also competing – and Wesselingh is trying for a hat trick this year.

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