

# Box River News

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## WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY IN BOXFORD'S GARDENS

Reverend Judith claims that she did not pre-order the weather, but we were truly blessed with blazing sunshine once again for the 17th Boxford Gardens Open on Sunday 1st June. After a bit of a slow start, the ticket desk was soon buzzing with a queue of visitors eager to follow the trail to our 21 beautiful open gardens. For many it was difficult to decide where to start first - a bit of plant retail therapy at the plant stalls in the school car park or maybe even an ice cream from Audrey the vintage ice cream van selling delicious Alder Tree ices? In the event most people set off for the gardens in the village, pausing for a delicious ploughman's lunch at the village hall. After lunch they boarded the shuttle bus to the outlying gardens and returned to the village hall for a cream tea or a ginger and rhubarb (my personal favourite) or equally fab flavoured ice cream. People were not only heard to comment about the surprising range of different types of garden within the village but also about how lovely Boxford and Edwardstone are and about the warm welcome they were receiving. We had just over 500 visitors and the day raised £4,400 for Boxford St Mary's Church. Thanks go to all gardeners who opened their gardens and to everyone who helped in any way before, during and after the day. Thanks also to our sponsors Copella, Suffolk Medical Clinic, The White Hart, Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel and Zinnia Garden Design.



*Florence & Daisy Joseph.*



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## THE COLCHESTER MILITARY WIVES CHOIR



### The Colchester Military Wives Choir

Oh wow, they did it again. The Colchester Military Wives came to visit us again at Boxford Church on a very pleasant Saturday evening in May. If you missed it, I hope it was worth whatever else you were doing because, my goodness me, can these ladies sing! Bearing in mind that this choir is not yet two years old, the difference between their 'sound' last year to that of this year, is simply incredible. Not that last year's performance was in anyway poor, it was not. But this year it was very evident that they have matured as a choir, producing sounds that make your hair stand on end. Harmonies to die for!

Working their way through a new full repertoire of 24 songs, we were treated to a miscellany of sounds where one simply had to close one's eyes and just let the music wash through one's ears and do its magic.

From John Denver through Paul McCartney to Elton John and Tim Rice, not to mention others, their voices sang out within the appropriate sound box that is the Church.

I was fortunate enough to be sitting, nay privileged, in the front pew, and so was able to pick out some wonderful individual voices. And the one that stood out for me was Raquel Robinson, and her rendition of Eva Cassidy's classic version of 'Over The Rainbow'. She was pitch-perfect. To be so close and listen to that woman sing that song is an experience that I shall remember for the rest of my life. As I say, a privilege.

So thank you, Ladies, for a simply superb evening. We look forward to you returning to Boxford to give us another wonderful evening of music. You are always most welcome here in Boxford. And perhaps I should also mention here Gareth Malone without whose foresight and inspiration, the concept of Military Wives Choirs, and indeed that of many other recently formed choirs, may never have taken root. One of the ladies, Cathy Dorrington who did a fabulous Nancy with 'As long as he needs me', said to me afterwards that it was a shame that it is only now that the choirs are in existence. "We could have done with the choirs during our 12 years in Germany!" she said. I responded by saying, "Ah yes that is probably true, but at least now you have them."

See you again soon, ladies.

*Nick Athorne*, who sings with the Upbeat Contemporary Choir in Lavenham.



## Fleece Jazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

**Friday, 4 July 8.00, Ticket £18**

### Clark Tracey Quintet

The much acclaimed and awarded musician returns to us with a great band - jazz at its best is in store. With Clark Tracey drums, Henry Armburg Jennings trumpet, Chris Maddock alto sax, Harry Bolt piano and Dan Casimir bass. "Clark plays with a keen-eared awareness that's rare among today's drummers ... has always been a highly tasteful and thoughtful drummer" - The Guardian "There is a calm authority about Clark Tracey's drumming: he appears undemonstrative, even cherubic, and scarcely seems to move, while all the time generating tremendous power"

**Friday, 11 July 8.00, Ticket £15**

### Frank Williams African Jazz Quintet

The band has its roots firmly in South African Township music combining the very best of African music with high voltage rhythm. This is definitely music for the heart and the feet! Frank Williams saxophone, Winston Delandro guitar, Alistair Gavin piano, Michael Bailey bass; drums to be announced. It is a joy to have this great band back after too long an absence. This is township music at its best.

**Friday, 18 July 8.00, Ticket £15**

### Gabriel Garrick

Lots of joyous music from a great jazz band. With Gabriel Garrick trumpet and flugel, Terrance Collie piano, Andy Hamill bass and Paul Cavaciuti drums. Gabriel says, "The quartet came together whilst Gabriel was guesting on a jazz session ... Terry Collie (piano) was hosting the session and had gathered

together Andy Hamill (bass) and Paul Cavaciuti (drums). The session was a breath of fresh air for each musician and just felt right." This gig will have an excellent combination of great playing and good fun...

**Friday, 25 July, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### Robert Habermann plays Gershwin

Award winning Robert sings the master's songs. With Robert Habermann vocals and Trevor Brown piano. Robert was voted Best International Performer 1994 by the prestigious Manhattan Association of Cabarets of New York, resulting in several major tours. He has performed with Margaret Whiting, Kay Starr, Steve Ross, Rosemary Squires and the late Loonis McGlohan who wrote songs for Sinatra.

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### Will Butterworth Quartet

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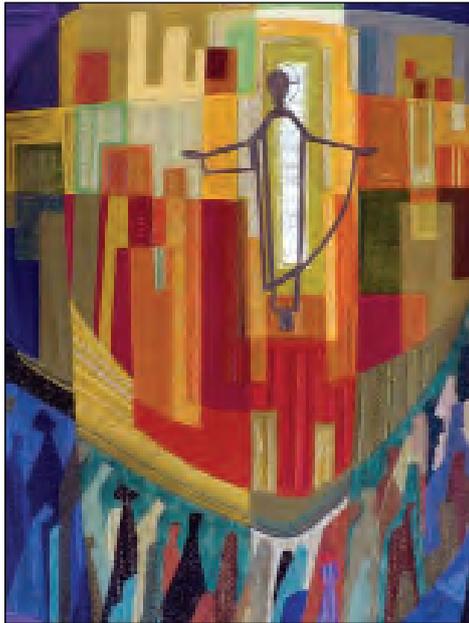
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## THE JULY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

*Dear friends,*

What does the word “nun” conjure up for you? Perhaps someone overly religious, very serious, maybe even boring? Let me disabuse you ! I have just come back from an overnight retreat at Turvey Abbey in Bedfordshire (Google it, if you want to find out more). It houses a small community of Benedictine nuns – just nine in all, with an even smaller number of monks in an adjacent building. When they attend chapel, they dress, as you might expect, in white habits, giving a wonderful impression of calmness and simplicity. But at other times, when they are about their ordinary business – cooking, cleaning, gardening, shopping, studying, they dress just like you and me, perhaps just keeping to fairly simple attire though. It felt quite surprising at first to see our hostess, Sister Judith (yes, my namesake), in a t-shirt and cropped casual trousers,



but then, why not !

What's more, she had a lovely sense of humour and clearly had her own opinions on the state of the church today, and quite able to see it with a critical – if loving – eye. Rather different from the way the media would portray such women, I think.

Most surprising of all, was the wonderful modern chapel – all light and airy, and the beautiful and striking modern works of art all around the building, including the small guesthouse which I and my friends had all to ourselves. Turvey

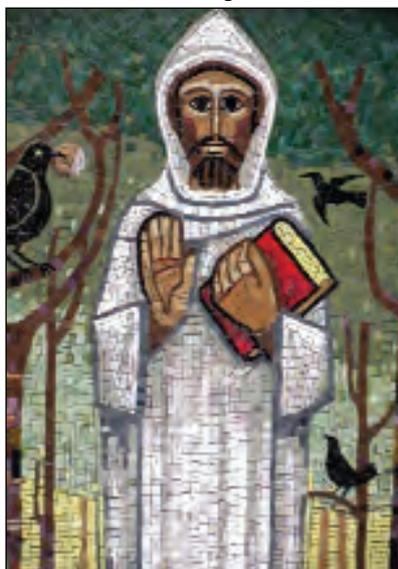
Abbey is renowned for its artwork, with many talented artists amongst the nuns, and how art can bring our lives and our faith to colourful life ! We believe in a Creator God, and, as it says in the marriage service, in a different context, God invites us to share in his work of being creative in our world.

What that means for each of us will be different, but one thing is for sure, we will all flourish more if we find out and use the creative gifts that we have been given. When we get older, we often doubt ourselves and our abilities, but children of course have no such inhibitions, and given pen, paper, pieces of fabric, will plunge into making and doing, led by their own imagination.

Jesus said that, if we are to follow him, we are to become like little children, to take the lead from how they are. That says something to me firstly about trusting God, but it also makes me think that we are to be as free, as imaginative, as creative, as children are.

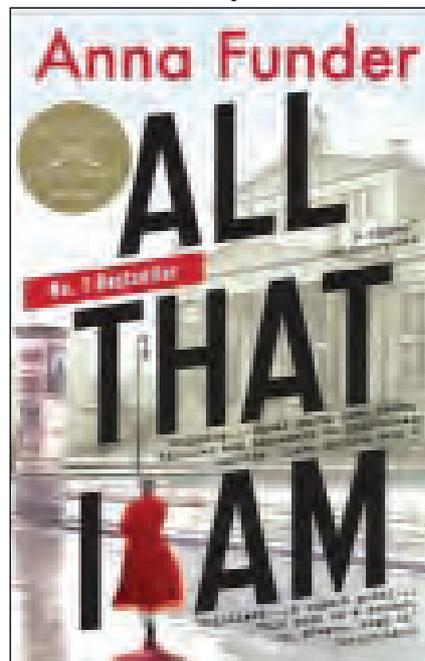
In some of our services over the past few months, we have been trying to free up space for people to be able to use their imagination and their creativity, whether they are adults or children. One of the places where we are doing this is in our new “Café Church” service, held at Boxford on the first Sunday of the month at 11 (though not in August !). We sit at tables arranged café-style and informality and fun are the keywords, with children and adults able to move around freely during the service and join in as they want. We still have our lovely traditional services during the month, but, if you are feeling you would like to try something different, why not come along? You may be surprised to find just how creative you can be! Blessings,

*Revd Judith*



## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

All That I Am by Anna Funder



Dr Ruth Blatt was lucky to survive the Second World War. She was German, Jewish and had left-wing views. In the early 1930s she and her militant friends fled Berlin for London, where they assumed they would be safe. All they wanted was the chance to write and print material alerting the British, and the rest of Europe, to the threat of Hitler. But their experiences in leafy Bloomsbury were not what they expected, and their story is stunningly told in this gripping novel by Anna Funder.

Ruth survived many horrors, but in 1947 she found a haven in Australia. She loved the warmth of the sun and the generosity

of the people and it was there, many years later, as an elderly lady, that she met the writer, Anna Funder. They became close friends and over numerous cups of tea, Ruth told Anna about those years of danger, excitement and betrayal in London. One can readily imagine Ruth's circle huddled together, living under threat of exposure, while printing and distributing their political pamphlets. But this was the era of Appeasement which made them vulnerable as it was easy for Nazi operatives in London to find them. When they did the violence that took place in their home made the front pages of the newspapers.

Researching the story, Anna Funder went to see the flat at 12 Great Ormond Street, where Ruth had lived and worked. A friendly gentleman invited her into the house and what greeted her was a scene of domestic peace and serenity with a mother breast-feeding her child. Anna did not have the heart to explain to them the atrocities that had taken place in that same room over seventy years before.

I feel this is an important book because it reveals to us the London of those years before the war, that time of conciliation towards Germany, when the establishment was suspicious of refugees with socialist convictions. 'All That I Am' is beautifully written and I think it will engage you to the last page.

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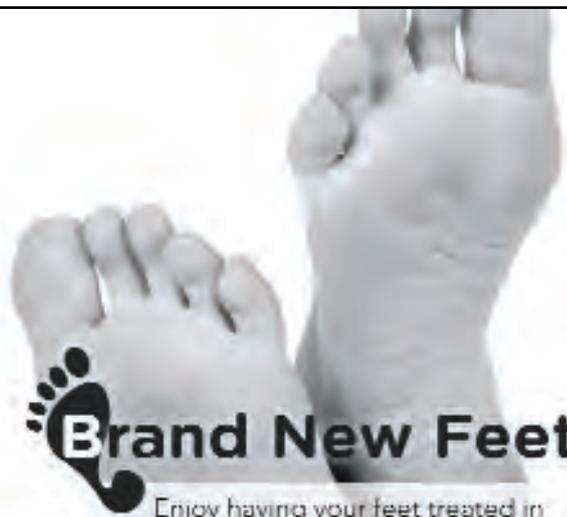
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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### Can you support and inspire a teenager through fostering?

SCC is encouraging potential carers to come forward and consider fostering an older child. This is part of the Fostering Network's national campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the shortage of foster carers across the UK. Suffolk's fostering service wants to encourage people to come forward to explore fostering, especially when it comes to older children. There are currently around 720 children in care in Suffolk, and over half are aged 11 or over. The fostering service deal quickly and sensitively with any queries. Foster carers can provide care on a short-term basis whilst permanent plans are made for children to return home to a birth family, to an adoptive family or another permanent foster family. Carers can also provide care on a long-term or permanent basis where the child will be fully part of the carer's family for the remainder of their childhood and hopefully throughout their adult life. Contact the Fostering Service on 0800 328 2148 or visit [www.suffolkfostering.com](http://www.suffolkfostering.com)

### Suffolk Records Office opening hours shaped by public

SCC received over 500 responses to a recent consultation to improve Suffolk Records Office opening hours. The consultation, which I highlighted to you last year, allowed members of the public to share their views on proposals which detailed the benefit in reducing week-day opening hours, improving the service on a Saturday and developing a key on-line presence. 66% of those who responded felt the proposals would bring a positive improvement to the service. There was a majority of support for closing the office one day a week to allow improvements to the online accessibility of information and digitised materials. This would allow SCC to focus on modernising the service. Those responding also showed great support for an improved Saturday service and later opening times, although some felt not opening until 10am was too late. SCC has listened to this, and will therefore be looking to implement opening each record office branch for 35 hours a week from 9.30am - 4.30pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### SCC Rural Estate project – "Space for Ideas"

A campaign was launched at the Suffolk Show following the policy review last year to find aspiring entrepreneurs who are looking for premises and opportunities to start or develop their own rural enterprise. The initial phase of the campaign is to identify what these potential tenants are looking for in terms of the size and location of properties and the types of facilities that they would need to make their business work. A rural business doesn't have to be farm related. We think it's any business that's carried out in a rural area. The consultation will continue over the summer with any potential tenants encouraged to complete the short questionnaire at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpaceForIdeas](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpaceForIdeas)

Next steps - depending on the outcome of the consultation, the County Council will probably create units of between 10 and 50 acres in size, some with buildings and in some cases residential accommodation. It is likely that these will be available on leases with a maximum term of 10 - 15 years. Following the close of the consultation and analysis of the results, expressions of interest will be invited in September 2014. Shortlisting will take place in early December 2014 and selected candidates will be invited to prepare a detailed business case for consideration in March/April 2015. The County Council is intending to provide a support package to help in the preparation of these business cases. Successful bidders are expected to be announced at the Suffolk Show in 2015.

### Unemployment falls in Suffolk by 32%

Total unemployment in Suffolk fell by almost a third in a year. The number of people claiming out-of-work benefits in the county reached pre-recession levels when falling to 8,592 in April, a 32.3% drop from 12,607 in April last year and the lowest since 8,486 in October 2008

### Number of youngsters not in education, work or training (NEETS) falls to pre-recession low in Eastern England.

National and local policies are beginning to pay dividends in the county. In a fresh boost to the local economic outlook, the Office for National Statistics have announced that there were 79,000 16 to 24-year-olds considered NEET in Qtr. 1 of 2014, the lowest figure since Qtr. 2 of 2008 when the figure was 74,000. In Qtr. 1 of 2013, it was 88,000. At its peak, the number of young people in the region classed as NEET was 121,000 in Qtr 3 of 2011. Nationally, the percentage of teenagers in NEET is now at its lowest since records began. These figures come following the recent launch of the "Greater Ipswich City Deal" in Suffolk which should further this improvement over the next three years by bringing in £millions of new investment for the local economy with an emphasis on youth employment and apprenticeships.

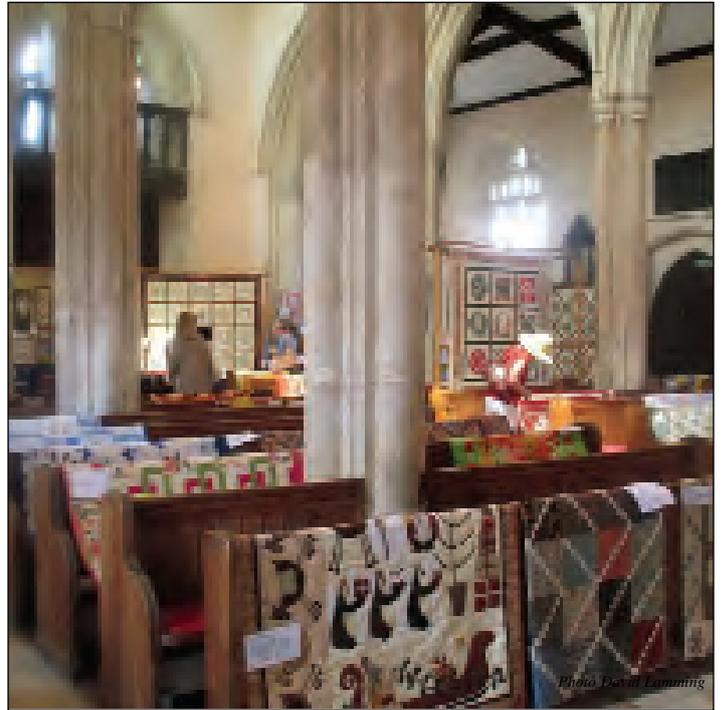
### Boxford Surgery

My next surgery will be on Wednesday 10th September at 4.00pm in Mary's House. It is open to all from Boxford and beyond living in my Division to come and share your views and provide me some feedback. If you require more information on any of these programmes please do not hesitate to ask. May I wish those of you who are going away for a summer break a very happy and restful holiday.

James Finch - Suffolk County Councillor - Stour Valley Division

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## QUILT EXHIBITION IN ST MARY'S CHURCH



Absolutely amazing! Stunning! Most of us who saw the quilt exhibition over the last May weekend were just lost for words. It was arranged by Shirley Bloomfield (Calais Street), together with many of her students who have been inspired by her work over the years.

Shirley herself "got hooked" back in 1992, by the Baltimore Album Quilts, which were made between 1840 and 1855 in the Baltimore area of Maryland USA. On retirement from teaching in 1997 Shirley gave more time to studying, and adapting from, these quilts, to develop a style of her own, mostly based on designs she worked out from the birds and flowers she found in her own garden. She began to share the skills with others, and so a wide career as quilt maker, teacher, designer and author was born. How good is our fortune that she lives so locally, and is part of our community.

The 100 or so quilts were colourful, individual and so varied, each needleworker bringing her own stamp to the design. It would be difficult to pick out one or two, as each one was a work of art both in technicality and colour, texture and vibrancy. The amazing hand quilting (demonstrated), the rich colour contained in 16 differently designed squares in one piece of work, the relief in the foxgloves, hydrangeas, zinnias and other flowers, the birds and trees in wall hangings, the wedding quilt with contributions from all the guests, not forgetting some - I'm sure well loved - children's quilts and toys!

As you can tell, I was overwhelmed! I have sewn all my life, love it, and have attended some of Shirley's classes. The inspiration which has produced such work of the highest quality, from many contributors, was a very humbling witness to great talent. Everyone who attended was saying the same things. Thank you Shirley, for all you have given many people, and enriched our village with a great show! £450 was raised for EACH.

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*Above: Percy Fletcher, D Day veteran from Edwardstone addresses the congregation at St Mary's Church, Boxford at the Commemoration service on Sunday 8th June. His address will be published in the August edition of the Box River News.*

## BOXFORD SOCIETY MEETING 31ST MAY



### Things you did not know about Boxford. Boxford Society 31st May

The bearded Saint is St Uncumber also known as St Wilgefort. In 1533 the churchwarden's accounts for Boxford St Mary's Church say that they paid 'Hadnom (the local blacksmith) for the iron work in front of St Sitha (Osythe) another Saint and St Uncumber. It is thought that statues of these three were side by side and metal hooks were set to hold various guilds banners.

St Uncumber is the Patron Saint of women troubled by their husbands, You actually needed to light a candle before her every day for a year to shorten the life of a troublesome husband. Looks as though she has risen to be in the Eurovision Song Contest this year!

## BGT - BOXFORD'S GOT TALENT!

The Boxford branch of Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts put on its very first show "Showtime 2014" on May 18th 2014. Not only was this Boxford's first show but the school also celebrated its very first birthday on the VERY same day - a year since the branch officially opened its doors in the village of Boxford.

Students at the school, ranging in ages from as young as four, danced and sang their hearts out, putting on a very professional variety show of exceptional standards to a packed audience of friends and family and certainly worthy of a performance in front of the Queen!

Miss Lesley, Principal of Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts said "I would like to take this opportunity to stress how proud I am of ALL my pupils. They have amazed with me their enthusiasm, talent and eagerness to perform to an audience."

A two hour show with costume changes, lighting and sound had children giving performances from Oliver, Annie, Grease, Les Misérables and much, much more resulting in the audience giving a standing ovation at the finale.

Just one quote from the fantastic reviews received after the show..."We thought the whole production was sensational, the choreography was superb and you managed to get the very best out of every child that performed. Most of all, they all looked as though they were having a fabulous time. I cannot thank you enough for the experience that my children have had this year. They have both grown in confidence and have loved every minute. They are both already looking forward to next year's show".

Needless to say, work at MLSPA Boxford has already started for the next show



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# ANCESTRAL ANGLIA

## Ancestral Anglia - A Presentation by Ancestral Voices

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Ancestral Voices, a collaborative project between Sarah Doig, Tony Scheuregger and Jane Scheuregger, to St Lawrence Church on a lovely summer's evening on Wednesday 14th May. We were also exceedingly pleased with the turnout, more than 80 members and non members alike, who were royally treated - Ancestral Voices were quite simply superb.

By combining music with the spoken word, Ancestral Voices aim to tell a story with each of their concerts and Ancestral Anglia was an historical journey in words, images and music from the beginning of the sixteenth century up to the early 1700s. It was a real celebration of our region's rich cultural heritage through the eyes of visitors such as Will Kemp, a Shakespearean comic actor, and writer and journalist Daniel Defoe (of Robinson Crusoe fame). East Anglia's royal connections were also explored, including the effect Henry the Eighth had on the region through the dissolution of the monasteries and the summer progress made by his daughter Queen Elizabeth the First in 1578.

It is fair to say the audience were spellbound throughout - a combination of great research by the players, amazing images on the big screen, authentic music brilliantly played along with a wonderful atmosphere in our delightful church all combined to produce just the right ambience. The choice of illustrations, the contemporary readings and the sheer quality of the accompanying music, played on a bewildering array of period instruments were truly excellent - it really was a superbly researched programme wonderfully presented.

I could easily carry on until I ran out of suitable adjectives to describe the overall performance, but instead have cheated a bit, picking up the following review highlights from the web, all of which were equally true for our event:

- The balance of music, narrative and illustrations was perfect - Leicester Mercury.
- Fascinating, virtuosic performance and a history lesson to boot - Brundall Concert Series.
- A vibrant and polished performance .... both informative and very entertaining - St Lawrence Centre for the Arts (no relation to our church of the same name).
- It was so atmospheric and informative, brilliant - Swaffam Arts.
- Absolutely brilliant, such a delightful variety of sounds and styles -

Leicester Early Music Festival.

We can't wait until we invite Ancestral Voices back for another of their tremendous presentations - watch this space.

On another happy note, Society Trustees opened an advance order book for "Little Waldingfield - Our Village History From 1840 to 2014", during the evening. Our book is the culmination of a Heritage Lottery Funded "All Our Stories" project and will soon be available to buy (£18.00 softback and £30.00 hardback). All proceeds from this 350 plus page full colour book will go towards preserving the fabric of St Lawrence Church, and it is great to report that we have got off to a good start. If you would like a copy, please contact any society trustee or email the writer on sheppard-andy@sky.com

Our next talk will be on 11th June when the ever popular Pip Wright will present "Lady Alice De Bryene of Acton", a Suffolk Noblewoman who maintained a complete record of all food & drink consumed in her significant medieval household between October 1412 & September 1413. Somehow the book survived, and Pip will take us through the records and enthrall us with his piercing insight to this far away time. We hope to see many of you there.

Andy Sheppard



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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## Boxford Spinney Annual Report 2013-2014

The Spinney continues to prove very popular with Scout, Guide and youth Groups from all over East Anglia and other parts of the country as well as provide our own Scout and Guide sections with an asset second to none for their weekly activities.

In the period April 2013 to March 2014 we had 51 bookings, including a Sudboree of 400 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the Sudbury District and a Halloween night for the local Community Council organised by Mark Miller which was an incredible event and converted the Scout store shed into a very scary place (more so than normal).

In all the site has yet again provided activity and fun for over 1000 young people and their leaders. This again is in addition to the weekly meetings of the Guides and Scouts of Boxford which take place every Monday to Friday evenings, local school visits and the keep fit class on Friday mornings.

Whilst we continue to be very proud of these figures and of the compliments freely given by our users it must again be realised that it is only by regular maintenance and commitment of those involved in running the Spinney that this accolade can be preserved.

Again this current year we are fully booked at weekends to the end of October, with camps during the holiday periods as well.

I must as usual thank the small team who ensure this standard is maintained. The activities team of Denzil Smith, Mark Miller, Mark Shaftoe, (all leaders in the Scout Group) and Dave Southgate, Jeremy Morgan, Phil King and leaders from around the District – Steve Cridland (Hadleigh), Steve Challis (Sudbury District) and others enable the activities of Kayaking, Canoeing, Climbing, Archery and Rifle shooting to be offered to the young people experiencing the joy of Boxford Spinney.

As always we must thank Charlie Partridge for the continued use of his lake, which is a big attraction to Groups booking the Spinney, and the forbearance of the Sudbury Angling Club who having experienced how much we use the lake have requested we restrict the times we are on the water. Not an unreasonable request and we thank them for their co-operation in reaching an agreed shared use of the lake.

Further thanks go to our other neighbour, John Burdall, who continues to allow us to use his 4 acre field at the top of the Spinney for archery and larger camps and our neighbours Jeremy and Ali Long at Spring Farm who at the beginning of May this year (2013) allowed us the use of their 12 acre field to hold a Sudboree camp for over 400 Scouts and leaders. This is an invaluable asset and enables us to take bookings which we would otherwise have to turn down. Many thanks John, Charlie, Jeremy and Ali.

Paul Rose continues trundling out the bins for us and assisting with plumbing maintenance. Sarah Kingsbury retired as our cleaner for the hall and kitchen and toilets and we now hire a commercial enterprise to perform this task.

Mike Hammond, back in good health, continues as treasurer and keeps our financial activities under control, many thanks to Mike for his work.

I must also thank the residents of Ash Street and Fen Street who are affected by the comings and goings of users accessing the Spinney, particularly the garage owners, we apologise for the occasional disruption to their premises.

There are many tasks involved in running the Spinney for the benefit of the Boxford Scouts & Guides. General domestic duties such as grass cutting, weeding (particularly around the Main Building and Car Park), painting and cleaning the exterior need constant attention. In addition we are always striving to improve the activities on offer together with the storage and security required.

Ivan Lindsell, Assistant Warden, has again been most helpful throughout the year with the projects which have been carried out. Ivan and I have a lot of fun working on the site in our retirement years. My grateful thanks to Ivan and please if there are any other willing helpers out there come and join us, it really is great fun.

As reported in our last report, at the beginning of April 2013 we began using the services of the Community Pay Back scheme where people who have been ordered by the courts to serve the community for a number of hours come with a supervisor to carry out such work.

This arrangement continues and over the year I have continued to be delighted with the results. Without this help much of the maintenance would not be carried out, but don't let this put you off from volunteering to help as well.

At the end of October there was a night of high winds which brought down twelve trees around the Spinney. Whilst I spent two weeks on the end of a chainsaw it was the Payback Scheme lads who moved the timber to the various stock piles. I had been concerned that we were running short of wood for the coming camping season but this issue was resolved overnight !!

The Spinney belongs to the Scouts and Guides of Boxford and I appeal to the parents and friends of the youngsters to come forward and offer to assist in running the facility.

I will be 70 yrs old this year and Ivan is a little older and whilst we enjoy 'playing' in the Spinney we won't be there for ever. It would be nice to have a service crew who could operate on a rota basis learning the procedures and requirements of hiring out the facility. It is good fun really, particularly when you see the youngsters enjoying the activities.

As always any offers of help will be well received.

**Gordon Edgar**, Spinney Warden / Chairman 01787 378983

**"Beyond Living memory"** "Beyond Living memory" (paperback) Revised edition 2014. Price £6. Proceeds to St Lawrence Church, Lt. Waldingfield. A history of Lt. Waldingfield from its early days as a small settlement upto the mid 1800 s. For newer residents of our village interested in local history, this is a great introduction to the beginning of Lt. Waldingfield. Copies available from either Felicity Gardiner. Tel 01787 247471. e-mail streetwisegranny @gmail.com, or Sue Sheppard on 01787 247980.

## Groton Calendar 2015

A good number of photographs have already been submitted for consideration for next year's Groton Calendar, but now we are hopefully due for some summer weather, how about some summer photos:---golden corn, combine harvesters at work, ripe mulberries on the famous tree and anything else you can find! But only Groton scenes please; you can send them to Pat Kennedy Scott, email address [pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk) or by post to Groton House, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EH, with the month they were taken, and the location. I shall look forward to receiving lots more photographs, but don't leave it too long, as the deadline is the end of August. Thank you to everyone who has already sent photos.

## POLICE PRIORITY MEETINGS.

The next POLICE PRIORITY MEETING is Tuesday 15th July 6-7pm in The Village Hall, Shimpling, IP29 4HS. These meetings are held every two months in different villages, for residents of South Suffolk (near & far) to be able to talk face to face with Police about their concerns.

MARY'S HOUSE will still hold Police 'Surgeries' with a Police Constable Support Officer, the next is July 22nd 10-10.30am.

If you wish to speak to the Police about an issue, please come along to Shimpling, Mary' House or ring 101. *Sue Green.*

**KEY FOUND** Last month on Election Day, Thursday 22 May, a key was found outside Edwardstone Village Hall. We assume it was someone who went into the Village Hall to vote.

If you have lost a key, please contact: Fiona Raymond on 01787-210461

**THANK YOU** James and Laura Williams would just like to say thank you to everyone who was involved in their wedding day on the 24th of May. We would especially like to thank Reverend Sweetman for her beautiful service, Clare and Jarred of the Fleece for their food and hospitality, Richard and Lisa from Bentleys Catering and Robert and Veronica Hobbs for all their work on the village hall We hope all our friends and family had a good time and we thank them for making it such a wonderful day.

Kind regards *James and Laura Williams*, Fen Street

## Senior Citizen's Outing

Boxford Community Council's Senior Citizen's Outing visited The Compasses at Pattiswick this year. A beautiful evening complemented an excellent meal along with a table magician and a good Old Tyme Singalong at the end. It was a wonderful event and our thanks go to all the volunteer drivers and those who kindly donated raffle prizes.



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## 420,000 BRITISH CASUALTIES AT THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME



*Troops gathering near Beaumont Hamel, Somme, Picardy, just prior to the attack on the first day of the battle 1 July 1916*

### **The Somme: a human catastrophe certainly, but was it also an inescapable learning experience?**

The First Battle of the Somme was one of the largest battles of World War I, in which more than 1,000,000 men were wounded or killed, 60% of them Allied troops, making it one of humanity's bloodiest battles. One cannot but be in awe of the courage repeatedly displayed, not merely by the special medal winners, but by hundreds of thousands of men – of all sides – who, almost certain that they would not survive unscathed, still followed orders to climb from the trenches.

During 1915 both sides “dug in” facing each other along a 500 mile front which stretched from the North Sea to Switzerland. So effective were these trenches and bunkers, protected by heavy guns, barbed wire and machine guns, that defence was much easier than attack. The war had reached a stalemate, with neither side able to break out.

A Franco-British commitment to a major offensive on the Somme was made during Allied discussions in December 1915 with the aim of breaking this deadlock. The Allies agreed upon a strategy of simultaneous action against the Central Powers in 1916, by the French, Russian, British and Italian armies, with the Somme offensive as the Franco-British contribution. The original intention was that the main part of the offensive was to be made by the French Army, supported on the northern flank by the Fourth Army of the British Expeditionary Force (“BEF”).

However, when the German Army unexpectedly launched the Battle of Verdun in eastern France in February 1916 in their attempt to break out, many French divisions intended for the Somme were diverted there. Very soon the French were experiencing severe losses at Verdun. France had planned to send 40 troop divisions to the Somme for the commencement of the battle. However, France was in such great difficulty at Verdun that they only sent five while Britain supplied 14. The Allied High Command decided to attack the Germans on the Somme on 1 July 1916, thereby forcing the Germans to move some of their men away from the Verdun battlefield, relieving the pressure on the French.

General Sir Douglas Haig still believed in vigorous attack followed up by horse-mounted troops - the cavalry. His plan was to begin with two weeks of heavy shelling of German lines and then to send in the Infantry (foot soldiers) to crack the enemy, followed by the cavalry. This had been

an appropriate tactic in conflicts during the 19th century, but by 1915 new technology and trench warfare required entirely new tactics.

On their sector of the Somme the British began to bombard the German front line trenches and barbed wire continuously from the 23rd June, ready for the advance planned for 1 July 1916. They hoped to decimate the German front line, but the Germans were on the higher ground and could oversee the British preparations. They had solidly built dugouts and underground redoubts that protected their troops during the bombardment. It was the best defended area along the Western Front. The massive week-long bombardment so cut up the terrain that it significantly slowed down the eventual attack of the infantry and made them easy targets. Shrapnel shells proved ineffective against the barbed wire which the British had expected to be cut through, so allowing them access to the German defences. The French attack to the south of the Somme was much more successful with a more accurate and limited bombardment.

The British soldiers, many of them inexperienced volunteers, faced an intimidating task. They went over the top and were mown down in their thousands by the German machine guns. 120,000 men attacked on that first day. By the end of the day 20,000 were dead and 40,000 wounded, missing or prisoners. It was a catastrophe without parallel in British history. The news was some time reaching Haig, as so many telephone wires had been cut and runners killed in the offensive. Both Haig and his German opposite number Fritz von Below were stubborn in the extreme and vowed to fight to the last man. Haig should have ended the slaughter when it was obvious the breakout had failed.

Instead Haig forged ahead with his plan and frequently the situation was not what the men had been led to expect, with undamaged barbed wire to contend with and previous waves of men not achieving their objectives so leaving the next wave vulnerable. Even those sheltering temporarily in shell holes were picked off by the enemy snipers above them.

The first day on the Somme was nevertheless a serious setback for the German Second Army, which was in several places forced out of its first line of defence by the French Sixth Army and by the British Fourth Army. However, 1 July 1916 was also the worst day in the history of the British Army, which suffered around 60,000 casualties, mainly on the front south

of Albert, where the attack failed disastrously, very few British troops reaching the German front line and unable to hold it.

The British Army on the Somme was a mixture of the remains of the pre-war regular army, the Territorial Force and Kitchener's volunteer Army which was in part composed of the Pals battalions. Each Pals battalion was made up of recruits from the same town and occupation, and their many deaths had a devastating and lasting effect emotionally and socially, not just in their home town but throughout the nation.

The Funeral of **Sergeant Ernest Frederick Peachey** No.14858 of Edwardstone was reported thus in Suffolk Free Press 19th July 1916.

*"A remarkable gathering and an impressive ceremony seldom seen in a country village, were those witnessed on Monday afternoon at the internment of Sgt E. F. Peachey, who was only 20 years of age. Almost the entire population of Edwardstone and numerous visitors from the surrounding neighbourhood attended to do honour to the memory of a gallant soldier.*

*Sgt Peachey eldest son of Mr Harry Peachey (for the last 18 years headmaster of the local Council School), was a very popular young fellow among the Scouts, the Oddfellows, in the choir, and among his comrades in his regiment. A member of the Nayland Scouts and a noted runner, he was accepted when war broke out, for guard duty on bridges. The Regulars having taken over these duties, young Peachey, with eight other men from the village joined the 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment (Kitchener's Army). In seven months he was wearing the Sergeant's stripes. He went to the front, and had been on active service 12 months when he was wounded in the thigh in the "great push" on the Somme on July 5th. On arrival in England he was taken to the Duke of Bedford's private hospital at Woburn, where he received every attention, but despite the best medical treatment and nursing he died on the 13th inst."*

It should be remembered that Britain was also represented by soldiers from across the Empire. On 14 July an Indian cavalry brigade was engaged. On the 15 July the South Africans took part, and on 20 July the Australians made their debut. Canada, Newfoundland, New Zealand and the people of the West Indies also played a part while France called upon its colonies using Africans from Senegal, Algeria and Tunisia and men from Madagascar and Indo China in a variety of roles.

The battle front for the Somme was 28 miles long. The British held the 14 miles north of the River Somme and the French the southern half. Except on the first day it should not be thought of as one simultaneous battle along the entire length of the Front. There were actually 13 specific allied attacks at different locations over the next 141 days, with the only pause being in the second half of August. Only small bits of ground were captured each time, but these objectives were often important in giving better observation and gunnery positions over German lines.

One of those attacks was the Battle of Flers–Courcellette, 15–22 September 1916. This was a major offensive mounted by the British Army with 50 battalions, which aimed to overrun the German second line of defence and reach their third line. It was combined with a French attack on their right flank and a supporting French attack on the south bank of the Somme. An intense preliminary bombardment began on 12 September and at 6.20am on Friday 15 September the advance began in mist and smoke. Haig had hoped a hole would be opened in the German lines to allow the cavalry penetration and a real breakout. It was not to be.

Something of the story of 1st East Kent Battalion on 15th September 1916 unfolds in a poignant letter from Pte. Henry Perfit to Lance Corporal Frank Wheeler's parents in Chatteris, Isle of Ely.

*"On the morning of the 15th, in connection with the great advance, the battalion was ordered to take the second line German trenches. The first line should have been taken by the other regiment, but owing to heavy gunfire from the enemy that battalion failed to reach their objective owing to the great loss in their ranks. Under the impression that the first line had been taken, we set forth to the second line and, like others before us, we were held up in the same way. I was with Frank during the whole time the advance was in progress, and owing to heavy casualties through shell and machine gunfire, we sought shelter in a shell hole and it was in that same hole that Frank met his death.*

*We had been in the hole half an hour, during which time we were watching for a signal to advance again, when a sniper, who had evidently been watching our movements, fired and hit Frank in the left eye by an explosive bullet, which proved fatal. He did not suffer, for his death was instantaneous. He was buried on the next day. I learned from my comrades that he was buried with other comrades near Ginchy." (His*

*grave has never been found.)*

The strategic objective of a breakthrough was not achieved, but the tactical gains were considerable. The front line was advanced by between 1.5 and 2 miles and many German casualties were inflicted. Adolf Hitler fought on the Somme. How different the world might have been had he been one of them.

Mark 1 tank with anti bomb "roof" and "tail" to help with steering at Thiepval, Somme, Sept 1916



This battle was the first time that the British had fielded tanks. Of the 49 tanks made available, seven failed to start. Only thirty two reached the starting point for the battle; of these eighteen managed to keep going, causing considerably more panic than casualties within enemy positions. Several hundred Germans are believed to have surrendered on their approach. Such was their unreliability that only fifteen got to the Flers-Courcellette area and took part in the battle. Seventeen had simply not got to the front line. Five fell into shell holes and were "ditched", nine suffered mechanical failure, ten were knocked out by enemy fire, and seven returned home damaged but repairable. In one sense, this fulfilled all that Winston Churchill had feared. A strong supporter of the tank, Churchill was worried that it was being put into use too early. "My poor land battleships have been let off prematurely on a petty scale." (Winston Churchill). However, their deployment here led to mechanical improvement and better tactical thinking with regard to their deployment.

A pilot of the Royal Flying Corps saw one of the four remaining tanks out of ten scheduled to attack Flers going down the main road of the village and radioed the following back: "A tank is walking down the High Street of Flers with the British Army cheering behind it." In addition the British were also learning to make effective use of aircraft in observation, communication and attack.

The final attack that autumn was the Battle of the Ancre 13 – 18 November 1916. The attack was the largest in the British sector since September and had a seven-day preliminary bombardment, which was twice as heavy as that of 1 July. Beaumont Hamel, St. Pierre Divion and Beaucourt were captured, which threatened the German hold on Serre further north. Four German divisions had to be relieved due to the number of casualties suffered and over 7,000 German troops were taken prisoner.

An infantryman described his feelings as follows:

*"There was a jumping off trench half way across no-man's land and the Brigade was sent out to line this trench. We were assembled at one or two in the morning but then had to wait until quarter to six. We stood there in dead silence, you couldn't make a noise, and the fellow next to you felt like your best friend, you loved him, although you probably didn't know him a day before. They were both the longest and shortest hours of my life. An infantryman in the front line feels the coldest deepest fear. Then all hell was let loose." (Sergeant Major Richard Tobin, Hood Battalion, Royal Naval Division) (He survived.). A colleague of his said, "this was the most intense battle I was ever in – it was really grim".*

The First Battle of the Somme thus ended with the onset of winter on 18 November 1916. The allies had won about 7 miles of land and a million men had been wounded or killed as a result. The German armies were able to repair and reinforce their positions over the following winter.

General Sir Douglas Haig, the commander of the BEF and General Henry Rawlinson commander of the Fourth Army, have been criticised ever since, for the human cost of the battle and for failing to achieve their territorial objectives. On 1 August 1916 Winston Churchill criticised the

British Army's conduct of the offensive to the British Cabinet, claiming that, although the battle had forced the Germans to end their offensive at Verdun, attrition was damaging the British armies more than the German armies.

The Battle of the Somme was the beginning of modern technological warfare, during which Kitchener's Army of volunteers and their commanders learned to fight and eventually to break the stalemate of trench warfare. The sheer horror at the slaughter is entirely justified (more than a million men died or were wounded), but this was where the British commanders learned to fight the first mass-industrial war the hard way. They were learning to use to their best advantage the full range of modern arms - heavy guns, tanks, aeroplanes, mines and a well-equipped infantry with mortars, grenades and flame-throwers. The British contribution was an important part of the wider coalition war and helped take the strategic initiative from the German Army, causing it irreparable damage, leading to its eventual collapse in late 1918.

There are 15 men who died at the Somme from the our local villages and many more returned maimed physically or mentally by their experiences. We believe that no-one from Newton died at the Somme.

**Archibald Bernard Griggs, Private G/28995 12th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment).** He was born at Groton but was a resident of Boxford. Enlisted Bury St Edmunds. Died aged 25 on 26 September 1916. Buried at Authuille Military Cemetery, Somme. He was Cecil Hughes maternal uncle.

The 12th Battalion was formed at Mill Hill, Middlesex in August 1914 as part of K2 (Kitchener's Volunteer Army) and came under command of 54th Brigade in 18th (Eastern) Division. It moved to Colchester, where Archibald probably joined them, and then on to Codford on Salisbury Plain in May 1915. They landed at Le Havre 26 July 1915.

During 1916 they were in action on The Somme. On the morning of 1 July 1916 Archibald was in reserve at Carnoy, moving in the afternoon into captured German trenches. For the next two weeks the battalion occupied several such positions as ground which should have been taken on 1 July was taken and then lost again. On the 14 July they attacked and successfully took Trones Wood with 283 casualties. The battalion was then withdrawn many miles back behind the lines for rest and recuperation.

On 24 September 1916 they were once again in front line trenches facing the German Leipzig Salient east of Authuille with Thiepval to the north. The Thiepval Ridge was a very heavily fortified German stronghold and thousands of men were lost trying to take it between 1 July 1916 to 27 September 1916 when it was finally captured.

On 26 September 1916 Archibald's battalion formed up across the road south of Thiepval. Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel F Maxwell once again inspired his men. Battalion Operation Orders ended with a message from the Commander saying that the regiment had been given a great chance that will be achieved 'on our heads'. He instructed the Battalion not to stop or retire a yard and to be out to kill and get Thiepval on its Colours. They went forward at 12.35 pm. The advance was held up for a time by enemy fire from Thiepval Chateau. A tank mopped up the enemy machine guns. During the battle two privates from Archibald's 12th Battalion Middlesex Regiment, F.J. Edwards and Robert Ryder, won the VC. Robert dashed forward absolutely alone at the enemy's trench and cleared it by skilful use of his Lewis gun, turning possible failure into success.

There were 432 casualties and Archibald Griggs was among them. The Battalion withdrew via Aveluy Wood to Martinsart on 27 September 1916 but Thiepval remained in British hands.

**James Gant, 5011 Private, 8th East Surrey Regiment.** Killed In Action, 1 July 1916. No known grave. Listed on Thiepval Memorial to the missing. He left behind a wife Minnie and seven children at Mill Green, Edwardstone. When he died his wife was required to vacate their tied cottage and she went to live in Stone Street, Boxford.

James Gant's Regiment, the 8th East Surrey, was formed in September 1914 as part of Kitchener's 2nd New Army (K2) and came under orders of 55th Brigade in the 18th (Eastern) Division. In April 1915 they were based at Colchester. The family story suggests he was working in a field up near The Fox and Hounds at Groton when he was encouraged to enlist at Sudbury. It seems likely that James then joined them soon after at Colchester.

James will have embarked for Boulogne, France in late July 1915. He soon found himself in trenches near Albert on the Somme in B Company where they spent the winter "digging-in". On the first day of the battle, 1st July 1916, B Company gained immortality when they had the effrontery to dribble four footballs across No Man's Land during the attack on Montauban at the Battle of Albert. They left their trenches at Carnoy to attack German positions 300 yards to the north. They lost 446

men killed, wounded or taken prisoner that day. James Gant and Harry George Butcher of Little Waldingfield both died in this battle.

The commander of "B" Company, Captain Wilfred Percy 'Billie' Nevill, and his fellow officers were concerned about how their men would behave when finally called on to go over the top. To provide his soldiers with a reassuringly familiar symbol, Nevill bought four footballs at Gamage's while on leave in London and took them back with him to France. In the face of murderous fire, and sustaining heavy casualties, they charged across the intervening ground with the footballs bouncing encouragingly before them. The combination of Nevill's initiative and their gallantry proved successful and they gained their objective. Nevill did not survive. He was killed just in front of the German barbed wire, aged 21. Two of his footballs were later found nearby and are on display in Military Museums in Guildford and Dover. A third was discovered in 2011 by a schoolboy who noticed it on the top of a fridge in a café at Pozieres near the battle ground. All the non-regular battalions including the 8th had fine fighting records, and in every way maintained the traditions of the Regiment, enhancing its prestige by their gallantry and endurance.

*"Roger and Tina Loose"*



*The next of kin of all those who died in WWI were given a memorial plaque. It was commonly known as The Dead Man's Penny. This one was received by James Gant's wife Minnie*



*Private James Gant's aluminium Identification Tag (the dog-tag), also sent to his wife Minnie, is one of the most personal of all items carried by the soldiers of WWI.*

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Private James Gant's medals. "Pip, Squeak and Wilfred" - see April on Newton.



Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme 1916-18

**Men from Groton:**

**Walter Tricker 19312 Pte. 7th Suffolk Regiment.** Killed in action 9 Aug 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

**Other men from Edwardstone:**

**Frederick Charles Everitt G/2782 Acting Sergeant, 7th Battalion East Kent Regiment (The Buffs).** Killed in action 5 Oct 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

**Ernest Peachey 14858 Sergeant 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Died in England 13 July 1916. Buried St Mary's Churchyard Edwardstone. (see funeral article above)

**Charles Henry Stribbling G/2912 Lance Corporal, 7th Battalion East Kent Regiment (The Buffs).** Killed in action 13 July 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

**Men from Little Waldingfield:**

**William Edward Parker Archer 16071 Pte. 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Died 16 November 1916. Albert Cemetery, France.

**Harry George Butcher 5151 Pte. 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment.** Died 1 July 1916. Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, France.

**Other men from Boxford:**

**Bertie James Clarke 11054 Pte. 2nd Battalion (Princess Charlotte of Wales), Royal Berkshire Regiment.** Killed in action 11 Nov 1916. Buried Guard's Cemetery, Lesbœufs, France.

**Thomas William Cobbold 13120 Pte. 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Killed in action 3 July 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

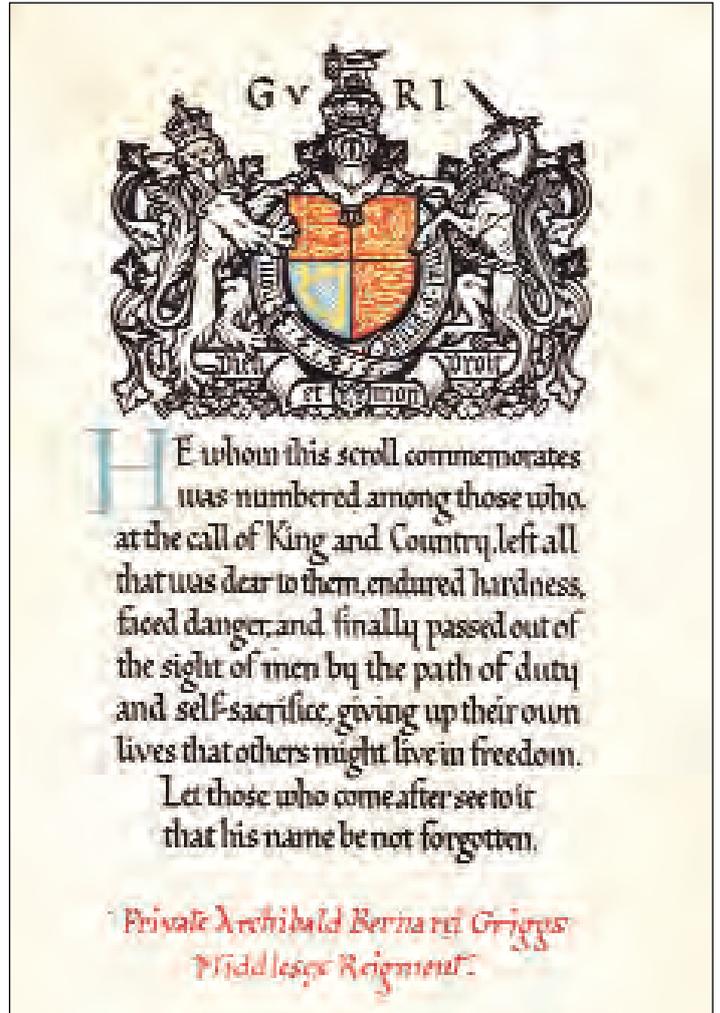
**Walter Cuthbert 25161 Pte. 1st/4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Killed in action 18 August 1916. Buried in Bulls Road Cemetery, Flers, Somme.

**Frederick George Gooden 24677 Lance Corporal 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Killed in action 3 August 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

**Percy Grimwood 3930 Pte. 4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Killed in action 18 August 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

**Ashton Harry Hughes 201306 Pte. 4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Killed in action 18 August 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

**Temple William Joslin 14411 Sergeant C Company 9th Battalion Suffolk Regiment.** Killed in action 13 September 1916. No known grave. Thiepval Memorial, Somme.



Above: The next of kin Memorial Scroll issued to the family of Archibald Griggs at the same time as his Dead Man's Penny.



Private Archibald Griggs 12th Battalion Middlesex Regiment. His family still have his swagger stick.

# Wot's On

## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Boxford Village Hall and guests (£5 each) are very welcome. Just turn up!

Many thanks to all who brought plants for and supported our recent successful annual Plant Sale held in Boxford Church.

The speaker on 3rd June is Sally Hopher, who will be talking on "Gardening for Bees - their foraging behaviour, nectar and honey".

## 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

## Newton Bridge

The next drive will thus be on Monday 7th July, but unless attendances improve it does look regretfully that we may have to discontinue the drives altogether. Alan Vince 01787 373963

## Nayland Open Gardens

Sunday 8th June 2014 2pm - 6pm

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

## SUFFOLK ART SOCIETY

Midsummer Exhibition Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford

Fri 26 July - Sun 11 Aug 10.00am to 5.00pm daily

Suffolk Art Society returns to these beautiful Churches for its early and mid summer exhibitions. These popular venues make an elegant setting for the work of some of Suffolk's finest artists. A wide spectrum of subjects and styles will give everyone something to enjoy

The Society has a selling policy for purchasers to take their pictures away with them directly they have paid. The artist concerned is asked to replace the picture with a new one. This always keeps the exhibition fresh, alive and vibrant with no gaps. This also avoids people rushing in at the end of the exhibition to collect their purchases. Standard of work remains high and the membership has several internationally well-known artists. Contact: 01440788836 delhoye@waitrose.com

## MIDSUMMER MEAL

Saturday June 28th at 7.30pm, Groton Village Hall

Following the successful 'Coronation Dinner' last year, we thought that this year we would celebrate 'Midsummer', so get your tickets soon at £10 each from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. There will be entertainment of some sort, as well as the usual excellent meal; all proceeds to Groton PCC.

ood, Licensed Bar. For Info call Paul Goodchild at 01787 372478

## Stoke by Nayland WEA 28th Annual Day School COLCHESTER CASTLE : PAST AND PRESENT

Illustrated talk by Tom Hodgson Colchester Development Manager

Saturday 12 July 2014 at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall

Doors open 10.30 am Followed by Lunch and afternoon visit to Colchester Castle by coach Fee £18 includes morning lecture, lunch, coach and castle entry. Limited spaces on coach so early booking is advisable Contact: Ruth Bellairs T: 01206 262312

email: r.bellairs@ucl.ac.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

## St. Matthew's Church, Leavenheath

Calling all Ruperts, Poohs and Paddingtons - and their Mummies and Daddies. If you come down to our church today, you're in for a big surprise, For every bear that ever there was is there today for certain because, Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.

Sunday 6th July, 2.30 til 4 outside St. Matthew's Church, Leavenheath Lots of games, prizes, fun and food (including the teddies favourites!) Just bring your teddy. Don't worry if you haven't got one, you can adopt one of ours, we have some very lonely bears! Mummies and Daddies, Grandmas and Grumpies, Aunties and Uncles all come free, just teddy has to pay £1 to get in. Ring Grannie Bear on 01206 263926 for an update.

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL EVENTS:

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, STARTING AT 1 P.M.

BBQ, Treasure Hunt, Children's Scarecrow Competition, Stalls:

Tickets £5 adults, £2.50 children. Tickets must be booked in advance. Bring your own drinks.

Please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210698 to book tickets and obtain details of scarecrow competition.

## QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 7 P.M.

Tables up to 8 people. Tickets £5.00 each to include light refreshments.

Raffle and licenced bar. Booking for tickets: Daphne Clark Tel: 01787 210698 email: daphne.clark@btopenworld.com

## Hadleigh Community Choir's

## ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT

We are delighted to announce that Hadleigh Community Choir will be presenting its annual Summer Concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 19th July in Hadleigh United Reform Church, Market Place, Hadleigh, Suffolk IP7 5DL. Tickets are now on sale price £6 each from Keith Avis Newsagents, The Idler bookshop and Walter Wright Accountants, all in Hadleigh High Street.

## HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH LAMARSH GREAT WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

Friday 1st August to Sunday 3rd August 2014

FRIDAY 1st August 7.30 pm A Concert of Music and Readings presented by a team of performers and also taken from recordings made at the time

SATURDAY 2nd August from 11 am to 5pm Exhibition of memorabilia and family stories in the Church

SUNDAY 3rd August 10.30 am Special Commemorative Service in the Church

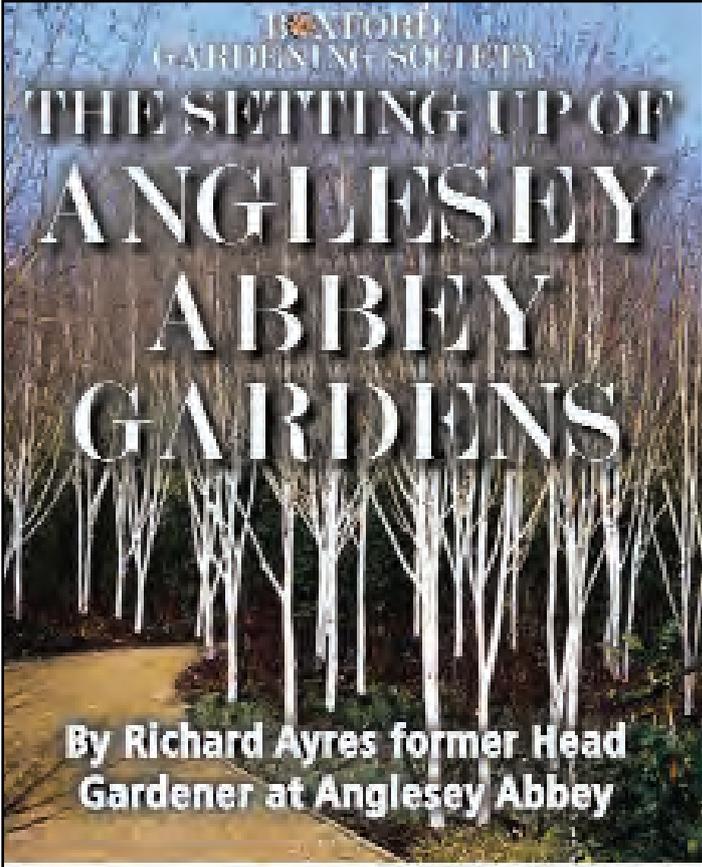
The centenary of the start of World War I is no cause for celebration, but it is a time for commemoration and thanksgiving; a time for recognition of how lucky most, but not all, of us have been to be unaffected by war during our lives; and to acknowledge that most of us are alive today because it was our ancestors who were spared the horrors of this conflict or came back against the odds.

## IT'S BACK!

## BOXFORD FIREWORKS NIGHT

WILL BE ON SAT. 1st NOVEMBER.

TICKETS ON SALE SOON.



BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

# THE SETTING UP OF ANGLESEY ABBNEY GARDENS

By Richard Ayres former Head  
Gardener at Anglesey Abbey

Tuesday 1st July  
at 7.30pm

# Wot's On

## BOXFORD WI

Our speaker this month was Ted from East Anglian Air Ambulance. The charity was launched in 2000 by Frankie Dettori. 7.6 million is needed each year to keep the charity running but they receive no funding from the NHS or Central Government. The counties of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk are covered by two helicopters. In Summer they join together with Essex/Herts Air Ambulance when the area is busy with holidaymakers. The helicopters are never more than 25 minutes from an incident, fly at 170 mph and spend £200 an hour on fuel. The charity employs its own Doctors, Paramedics are supplied by the NHS but they have to fund the equipment in the helicopters themselves. A trolley alone costs £22,000! Both helicopters are used every day making 6 to 10 call outs mainly to serious incidents. As Ted told us the East Anglian Air Ambulance needs us today, we may need them tomorrow.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

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
September 3rd	A peek at the life of the Essex Constabulary – village hall 2pm
September 11th	Bridge Project Ceramics Sudbury – morning
October 1st	Remarkable Women of Ipswich – village hall 2pm
October 9th	DIY or walk in Polstead

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding Ltd

### OPEN CLAY SHOOT Sunday 3rd August 2014

Coggeshall Gun Club (Sited under A12 Nr. Inworth on B1024 Between Feering and Tiptree. CO5 9SE). 40 BIRD SPORTING. CASH CLASS HIGH GUN £75.00. Trophy Class, Cartridge Class & Side by Side Class. Ladies High Gun Trophy. Plus 25 DTL Shoot £6.00. Top 5 scores go into a Final Shoot at 4pm. 250 Cartridges for Winner. \*POOL SHOOT\*. Hot And Cold Refreshments. Entries Open 10am. Last Entry 3.30pm £10.00 Re-entry £8.00. Details from: Jane Buy 07812513348 or Judy Lock 01787 460141 All proceeds to the Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding Ltd. Reg Charity No 1113636.

Friends of Boxford School

Registered charity 102710

## Summer Fete

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014

7 - 5pm

on the school field

Free Admission

Bring your friends and

Cash prize raffle, BBQ, bar, cakes, honey castle, donkey rides and lots more!

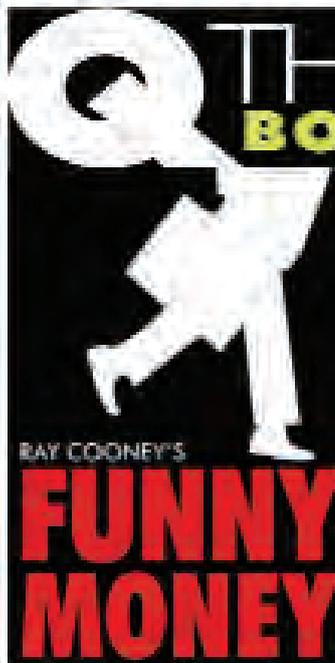
Performances from

Miss Lacey's School of Performing Arts

Sisters dance group

Tug of War Competition

Children's Fancy Dress Competition



# THE QUAY THEATRE

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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – BILLA BORSBERG'S LEADING LADIES SHOW** – bold, brassy and irresistibly funny! This is Drag de luxe! £15.00 7.30pm

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – SDS presents FUNNY MONEY – hilarious innuendo and really funny turns of event revolving around a briefcase of stolen money. Two – Four Other nights 9.30 (Friends £8.00) 9.45pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – FILM CLUB: DANCE IN FILM – How some of the most ingenious filmmakers have interpreted all types of dance. £35.00 season / £10.00 one-off 10.30pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Extra Night Added!! THE ONLY WAY IS ELVIS – Full length production based on 1970's Elvis Vegas shows with Marshall King as Elvis. £15.00 7.30pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – THE ONLY WAY IS ELVIS! – SOLD OUT!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – MY DALEK HAS A PUNCTURE – A light-hearted evening with Simon Fisher-Booker from the Doctor Who series (with adult themes & expletives) £12.00 (Students £10.00) Buy 5 for £40. Tickets and get one free! 7.30pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – People's Theatre Company presents DEAR MACHINA! – See the best-loved characters from the original dystopian musical Agnès! £7.50 (Children £6.00) 8pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Milk Bottle Productions presents COMPLICATED PLEASURES – A low comedy about a lottery winner from Artist in Residence Robert Brighton. 7.30pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Vikki V presents JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNIQUE FOR DREAMING  
Prepare to be singing and dancing in your seats! £8.00 7.30pm

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July** – Jongleurs Comedy Club Ltd presents JONGLEURS – The world famous comedy club live at The Quay! £14.00 8pm

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July** OPEN MUSIC NIGHT Free Entry – bring your instruments (acoustic) and get creative in The Quay bar! 7.30pm

ALSO: SUMMER SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS – Please see website or contact box office for information

# 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

## 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: 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.

## Newton Village Hall July Events

Monday 7th	9-11.00 am	Yoga Class
Monday 7th	7.00 pm	Bridge Drive at Golf Club
Tuesday 8th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club
Thursday 10th	11.00 am	Wendy's Walk
Thursday 17th	12- 5.00 pm	Upbeat Heart Support – Strawberry Teas
Sunday 20th	1.00 pm	Midsummer Munch (Barbeque and Jazz Band in Jubilee Garden)
Thursday 22nd	2.30 pm	Fireside Club
Friday 25th	11.00 am	Fireside Club – Boat trip to Henny Swan

## COLCHESTER CASTLE : PAST AND PRESENT

Come and hear all about the newly renovated Colchester Castle and Museum following a £4.2 million redevelopment, from the Colchester Castle Development Manager, Tom Hodgson.

The Stoke by Nayland WEA is having it's Annual Day School on Saturday 12 July 2014 at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall. Doors open 10.30 am.

The day will start with an illustrated talk, then lunch followed by a coach trip to visit the castle.

Fee £18 includes morning lecture, lunch, coach and castle entry.

Limited spaces on coach so early booking is advisable

Contact: Ruth Bellairs T: 01206 262312 email: r.bellairs@ucl.ac.uk

Saturday September 20th at 7.30pm in Boxford Village Hall

## CALL MY BLUFF - Strikes again!

We did a Celebrity Call My Bluff quiz back in 2010, it was an hilarious evening to say the least! This time the theme is Sitcoms on TV - on stage will be members of the Drama Group acting as characters from well loved sitcoms, giving definitions of some obscure words. All your team has to do is to guess the correct definition. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle and we will serve a Ploughman's supper at half time. Teams of max 8 people. Don't worry if you can't make up a team as we can help sort that out on the night. Tickets are £8.00 per person (available from July 1st) either from Boxford Post Office Stores (Shop Counter) or by calling David on 01787 211951

## Nayland Flower Show

Saturday 2nd August from 2pm-5pm at Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane (off High Street) CO6 4JH. Refreshments, produce stall, raffle - entry 50p. There are 87 classes; for vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging, photography, art, craft, cookery, as well as family and children's sections. Also best scarecrow and best hanging basket competitions. Non members are welcome to enter classes - schedules and more info from Nayland shops and post office, www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807.

## Box River Knitstitch Group

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

28th ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL  
Stoke by Nayland Village Hall  
10.30am, Sat, 12th July 2014



## COLCHESTER CASTLE

By Tom Hodgson



You all know this outside view of the castle which has changed little in the 800 years since it was built by the Normans.

Inside however, it has radically changed. A £4.2m scheme took 14 months and was completed in May this year and included the creation of new displays incorporating both digital technology and hand-crafted artefacts. The displays show both the unique history of the castle from Roman Temple to medieval structure, and the responsibility to protect an invaluable collection of England's oldest recorded town.

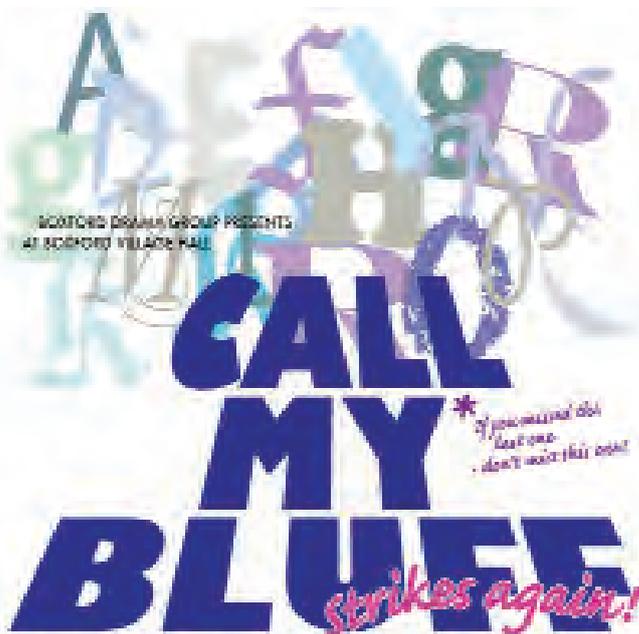


Our speaker Tom Hodgson was the project manager and led the redevelopment work.

Total cost is just £18 and includes coffee on arrival, morning lecture, lunch, visit to the castle by coach and entry fee.

To book please contact: Ruth Bellairs -  
Tel: 01206 262312 Email: r.bellairs@ucl.ac.uk  
Coach places are limited so early booking is recommended.

Colchester Museum Association (CMA) is a charity registered in England and Wales (number 111277) and is limited by guarantee. CMA is a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (number 0444116). Registered office: The Old Rectory, Colchester, Essex, CO1 1JL. (01206 262312)



A different kind of quiz, where Boxford Drama Group will act as characters from TV Sitcoms and define some obscure words. You have to guess which definition is correct!

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th AT 7.30PM**

Tickets £8.00 per person (teams max 8)  
Available at Boxford Post Office (shop counter)  
or call David on 01787 211951

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## Forthcoming Events Diary

### June

28 Cake Stall in Village Centre	Boxford 1st Brownies		8.30am
28 Midsummer Meal	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
29 BBQ and Treasure Hunt		Edwardstone Parish Hall	1pm

### July

1 Boxford Gardening Society	The setting up of Anglesey Abbey Gardens	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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	2-5pm
7 Bridge Drive at Newton Golf Club			7.00pm
10 Speaker	Boxford WI	Mary's House	2.00pm
17 Upbeat Heart Support – Strawberry Teas		Newton Village Hall	12-5pm
20 Midsummer Munch (Barbeque and Jazz)		Newton Jubilee Gardens	1 pm

### August

4 Rock School		Boxford VH and School Hall	TBA
6 WI Outing to Aldeborough and Snape			
9/10 Small World War I exhibition	The Boxford Society	Boxford Church	TBA
14 Boxford WI Diy or walk in Sudbury			
23/24 Flower Festival	Groton PCC	Groton Church	

### September

3 A peek at the life of the Essex Constabulary	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2pm
6 Coffee Morning	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		10.30am
11 Bridge Project ceramics	Sudbury Boxford WI	Mary's House	am
20 Call My Bluff	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

### October

1 Remarkable Women of Ipswich	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2pm
25 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.00pm
25 Quiz Night		Edwardstone Village Hall	7.30pm

### November

1 Boxford Community Council	<b>BOXFORD FIREWORKS</b>	Playing Fields	TBA
8 "Missing, 2nd Lieutenant Gordon Thorpe"	The Boxford Society	Boxford School Hall	7.30 pm

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in



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# The Box River Parishes Church News

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**Priest in Charge:**

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Antony Dodd, Mill Green End, Edwardstone CO10 5EX

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

**Benefice house:**

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



Photographs taken on Rogation Sunday by David Lamming.



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

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

Peter Patrick, Amberley,  
White Street Green. tel 210346



On Sunday 6th July we are holding a "Cafe" style All Age service with a cafe set up towards the back of church. This is of course an informal service with craft activities for the children, music & worship songs. There are lots of books in the childrens area to keep young

children amused and we all enjoy a coffee, tea or squash & biscuits in our informal cafe. Everyone is welcome- we would love to welcome you & your family

**Sunday 8th June** saw St.Mary's with a large congregation at a service to commemorate the 70th anniversary of D Day -6th June 1944 & the commencement of WW1. We are most grateful to D Day veteran Percy Fletcher, who gave an informative address, with many amusing anecdotes of his war time experiences.

**Open Gardens on Sunday 1st June** was a great success & blessed by beautiful sunny weather. £4385.84 was raised for church funds. We are most grateful to Angela Tolputt & her team for all their hard work & to all the gardeners who opened their amazing gardens & all those who ran stalls & served teas & lunches.

**More fundraising news-** Saturday 17th May saw the return visit of the stunning Colchester Military Wives Choir- £1200.00 was raised for church funds- many thanks to all who helped with this event including preparing the suppers.

**August 2nd - 3rd:** Make a date to visit the exhibition in church of World War 1 Memorabilia arranged by Tina & Roger Loose- In commemoration of the commencement of the 1st World War



**Pets Service: Sunday 7th September at 11.00am** - Make a note to come along with your pets- doesn't matter what they are! y are!

**Smile Lines:** A minister challenged the children at a family service to take some time to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letters back at the next service. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."

## MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

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

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

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

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 13th July**

**Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included**

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**

**Rota:**

**Flowers:** Pam Dodd

**Sidesman and coffee duties:**

July 6 – 08:00 - Holy Communion - Alex Nevill

July 20 – 09:30 - Family Morning Prayer - Jan Paul/Marlene Clarke

**Cleaning:** Justine Walters



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwarden:**

Christine Cornell,

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

**25th May:** Instead of having our service at Newton Church, Rogation Sunday Service was celebrated in a barn at Roger's Farm by Revd Judith. This seemed appropriate as Rogation means asking God for blessing on the crops to produce a good harvest. After the service we were shown the importance of the crops and saw various machines used on the farm. A wonderful spread of food was there for all to share. Thank you to our ever versatile Revd Judith for such a happy service as we sang to the accompaniment of her guitar. A huge thank you to our hosts, Shirley and John Taylor, their sons and other members of the family. We were blessed with ideal weather for this venture of bringing up to date an old tradition.

**8th June:** Church bells rang, greeting us to our Communion Service taken by Revd Judith robed in red in keeping with Pentecost. In her Address, she spoke of how the followers of Jesus were touched by the Holy Spirit in a fiery way, giving them gifts to benefit others. We have the challenge of using any gifts we have to communicate with others - love, joy, peace and justice. Revd Judith invited two very young brothers to help her to light a red candle, then she lit others for the apostles. Our hands were touched with oil, blessed in the Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds. We welcomed friends from other parishes and heard the Banns of Marriage read for two of our congregation. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all our helpers.

**29th June :** 11.00 am. Benefice Service at Little Waldingfield followed by bring your own picnic at Newman's Farm.



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** Jayne Foster:

*Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360*

*Sue Knight:*

*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

**MIDSUMMER MEAL**

**Saturday June 28th at 7.30 pm, Groton Village Hall**

Following the successful 'Coronation Dinner' last year, we thought that this year we would celebrate 'Midsummer', so get your tickets soon at £10 each from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC.

There will be entertainment of some sort, as well as the usual excellent meal; all proceeds to Groton PCC.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014** –£449.38 was raised by the house-to-house collection in Groton this year - a small increase on last year. Of this total £169.77 was gift-aided, raising the value of the collection, after Christian Aid recovers the tax from HMRC, to £491.82. Thank you, on behalf of Christian Aid, to all who contributed and to those who collected.

**PCC MEETING: Tuesday 1st July, 7.00 pm** at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail [djlamming@hotmail.com](mailto:djlamming@hotmail.com) by 22nd June.

**Rota:**

**Sidesman with sacristan:** Mrs Foster

**Flowers:** Mrs Lethbridge

**Cleaning:** Mrs Foster and Mrs Fearis



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

**On 15th May** the Revd Judith conducted the funeral service of Betty Alleston of Croft Lea, Little Waldingfield. Friends from the village joined the family for the service and burial in the churchyard. Our thoughts and prayers go to Mr. Alleston and the family.

**On 21st May** four singers from our parish joined others from the benefice, together with the choir of St. Gregory's in Sudbury and others from the Deanery, forming a Deanery Choir. The occasion was the Archdeacon of Sudbury's Visitation to welcome and install Church Wardens.

**On Tuesday 3rd June** we welcomed friends from the benefice to our evensong in the Lady Chapel. Revd Judith brought a most welcome guest, Bishop David, who had spent the day in the Deanery. We all enjoyed the simple informal service of prayer and contemplation on a beautifully sunny, peaceful evening.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014.**

£146.41 was raised during Christian Aid Week in Little Waldingfield. Of this total, £62.00 came from the cake stall and coffee morning on 17 May. A big 'thank-you' to all who made cakes, gave and to those who collected.

**Rota:**

**July 6:**

**July 13:**

**July 20:**

**July 27:**

**Sidesman**

Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell

Visiting

Mr Squirrel

Visiting

**Flowers**

Mrs Roser

Mrs Duffy

Mrs Ewen

Mrs Squirrel

## General Church News

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

Tickets are still available for the two events at the Ipswich Regent Theatre on Sunday 6 July to celebrate the diocesan centenary:

**Songs of Praise at 3.00 pm**

Join Bishop David in raising the roof with your favourite hymns. Hear and see the story of the past 100 years, from Suffolk people and places. Musicians and choirs from across the county.

**Contemporary worship at 7.00 pm**

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**DEANERY SYNOD**

Hallelujah! Following the synod meeting on 11 June we now have a secretary to the synod. She is Elke Cattermole, a new member representing Little Cornard. David Lamming was re-elected as lay chairman and Peter Patrick as a member of the standing committee. The next meeting is on 26 November 2014, when the Revd Dave Gardner, diocesan Director of Mission, will give a presentation on the diocesan growth strategy.

## Box River Benefice The Church At Worship July 2014

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

**Please let the Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or any situations for prayer: confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com)** The rota is: *Tuesday* 9.00 Edwardstone, 17.00 Little Waldingfield; *Wednesday* 9.00 Groton; *Thursday* 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

Wednesday 2nd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 3rd Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	tbc

<b>Sunday 6th</b> Edwardstone	<b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00	Holy Communion	<b>(G)</b> Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	All-Age Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 9th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	tbc
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<b>Sunday 13th</b> Groton	<b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00	Holy Communion	<b>(G)</b> Revd Judith
Newton	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 16th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 17th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline - Newmans Hall	Lay team

<b>Sunday 20th</b> Lt Waldingfield	<b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00	Holy Communion	<b>(G)</b> Revd Judith
Edwardstone	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 23rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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<b>Sunday 27th</b> Boxford	<b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b> 8.00	Holy Communion	<b>(G)</b> Revd Judith
Groton	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 30th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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## Soap Box

With an early summer delivering cloudless blue skies and temperatures in the mid twenties, walking our dogs around the village has been a particular pleasure. Or rather, it should have been. The amount of litter scattered along the roadside took some of that pleasure away and make me wonder just what people think they are doing after they have consumed that can of coke or takeaway meal in their car.

Every year we organize a litter pick in Little Waldingfield. Perhaps naively I had been under the impression that the amount of detritus we need to remove from our hedgerows had decreased. Perhaps it has, in the sense that much of the larger items we found in those early years of litter picking have not been replaced. But the casual throwing away of items from a car passing by continues unabated.

Discarding litter is, of course, an offence. The real issue for me, though, is the attitude of those who are prepared to degrade our countryside, rather than retain unwanted items until the end of their journey and dispose of them in a sensible and caring manner. To paraphrase a poster I have seen in our village, there is no such thing as a litter fairy, able to clear up after you.

Some years ago we lost our village bottle bank because the owner of the land on which it was sited became fed up with the number of bottles simply tossed to the side when the bank was full. Throwing bags of bottles over the wall, often broken, even when there was room in the container was not rare either. Such an attitude is much the same as that of those who discard litter indiscriminately.

May I urge parents to teach their children that littering is anti-social – as well as being illegal? Respect for others is crucial in this busy age we live in. If you are a culprit, I hope you feel suitably ashamed. Better still, I hope you can see the error of your ways and desist from such inconsiderate behavior in future.

The observant amongst you might have noticed that I am no longer describing myself as the Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council. Indeed, I understand the editor of this esteemed publication received an email suggesting I had been ousted from the PC and had not been seen much in the village. On this latter point, the older I get, the more I hanker after warmer climes, so I trust I can be excused for

taking as many holidays as I can fit in.

I would, though, like to put the record straight regarding the first point. As anyone who attended our Annual General Meeting in April (and quite a number did) will know, an alternative chairman was proposed at that time. I was not aware in advance that such a development was being contemplated and chose to vote for the new nominee myself, thus removing conflicts that might have arisen from a contested election.

Subsequently I decided to resign from the council. In a way, that should not have come as too much of a surprise. I had already announced my intention to step down next year when I would have completed nearly a quarter of a century of service to the parish, twenty years of which as chairman. Leaving a year early removes the chance of me talking out of turn at a PC meeting and making the life of the new chairman difficult.

My counsel will be available, though, if requested. I remain dedicated to ensuring the warm and vibrant community in which we live continues to prosper. Elizabeth and I have lived in this village for nearly thirty years, after all. But with a biggest change amongst the people who live here I have ever seen taking place during the past year, it feels appropriate to stand to one side and let new blood come to the fore.

I am particularly pleased at the way in which some of the younger incomers are engaging with village institutions. We attended a most enjoyable petanque and barbecue event on the playing fields last month, where many of those taking part were relatively new to the village. I wish all those who play a part in running activities, facilities or, indeed, committees, every success for the future.

*Brian Tora*

### BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL June Draw Results

1st No 62	Mrs Young	White St Green	£40
2nd No 131	R Wilson	Colchester	£20
3rd No 139	S Prescott	White St Green	£10
4th No 111	D Tait	Boxford	£5

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# GARDENING IN JULY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

July is a busy month in the vegetable garden even though the main sowing and planting has been done. It is this month when the vegetable garden looks at its best with maturing and growing crops. As crops are used and land becomes vacant there is still plenty of time to make more sowings and plantings. French and runner beans sown now will mature in September when the early sowings are over. Carrots, Red beet, Turnips, Perpetual spinach and lettuce will provide an autumn and winter supply from a July sowing. Leek plants can be set out eight inches apart by making a hole with a blunt ended dibble, drop the plant in and water and do not fill the hole with soil.

Sun is the most effective weed killer you can get - so make good use of the hot dry weather by regular hoeing with a Dutch Hoe. Most weeds will die in a few hours of being cut up and even the more persistent perennial weeds will not stand continual hoeing in dry weather.

Regular use of the hoe creates a dust mulch which conserves moisture and prevents the soil from cracking. Dig up and divide Iris that have been undisturbed for three years. Replant new single rhizomes from the old clumps in soil that has been cleaned of all weeds and enriched with old, well rotted manure or compost together with bonemeal and general fertiliser. Plant with the tops of the soil below. Cut the top half of the leaves to prevent wind rock and evaporation. Planting distance should be about six to ten inches depending on the height of the variety.

This is also the month to take cuttings of alpines and various soft wood cuttings. Most root easily in a seed tray of half compost and half sand mixture. Water cuttings well and cover with a hard plastic top made to fit a normal seed tray. Give plenty of light, but shade from sunlight until the cuttings are well rooted.

Continue cutting back early flowering herbaceous plants and dead heading those that are still flowering. Cut Lupins, Delphiniums and Centaurea down to ground level and feed with a general fertiliser to encourage a second crop of flowers.

Peonies are best not cut back, simply remove the dead flowers. The foliage is attractive and peonies need to die back naturally to ripen properly.

During this hot weather all plants need to be checked daily for signs of pests and disease. Any affected plants should be sprayed immediately to prevent wide spread damage. Hedges are often breeding places for aphids

and other pests with little apparent damage. Beach hedges sometimes become infected with white fly which can migrate to other plants where they can do more serious harm. It is safer to spray a hedge than plants you are going to eat.

Dhalsias need water and feeding this month to make good strong plants. Some disbudding is necessary to obtain long clean stems for cutting. Remove the two small flower buds below each main bud leaving the terminal bud to develop into a flower.

## Top ten jobs to do this month

1. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
  2. Place conservatory plants outside now that it is warm
  3. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
  4. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
  5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
  6. Treat apple scab
  7. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
  8. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
  9. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
  10. Give woodwork a lick of paint or preserver, while the weather is dry
- This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and remember, hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

For recently planted large shrubs or trees, leave a hose trickling around the base for an hour. The same goes for established plants in very dry periods - pay particular attention to camellias, rhododendron's, azaleas and hydrangeas which will abort next season's flowers if they get too dry. Mulch around the roots when moist to help avoid this. Recently planted hedges are best watered with a trickle hose (a length of old hose punctured with little holes) left running for an hour or so.

Ensure trees or shrubs planted in the last couple of years on lawns or in areas of rough grass have a circle of clear earth around them - this must be kept clear or grass will prevent essential moisture getting through.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Annual General Meeting 22 April 2014

**Present:** B Tora, M Ewen, A Sheppard, D Kiddy, S Braybrook

13 members of the public

**Apologies:** None

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Police Matters/Speedwatch:** No police report received, at which disappointment was expressed.

A Speedwatch report submitted by R Ridgeon confirms that the mobile speed unit was first used for a two week period in February and initial findings are that traffic is slowing down as the signs come into view. 49 offending motorists were recorded over a four day period in March with a top speed of 42 mph recorded. Feedback is that only three of the reports were rejected by police, meaning that 46 letters were sent out. The unit was used for a further fortnight during the end of March/ early April but only two days of using the camera due to volunteers being unavailable. Over these two days 15 offenders and a top speed of 37mph were reported. This supports the value of the mobile unit as usual reported offenders over two days are between 22 – 30. Councillors recorded there thanks to R Ridgeon for his commitment and splendid results.

**Election of Chairman:** The Chair was temporarily handed to M Ewen. S Braybrook proposed A Sheppard as Chairman and this was seconded by D Kiddy. There being no votes against this proposal A Sheppard was elected to the role of Chairman.

**Election of Vice Chairman:** M Ewen declined to stand and S Braybrook was proposed by B Tora, seconded by M Ewen and was elected to the role of Vice Chairman by a unanimous decision.

A Sheppard thanked B Tora for all his years service as Chairman.

B Tora spoke briefly about Millie Heptinstall, the previous Parish Clerk who died suddenly on 11 April, and a minutes silence was held in her memory.

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

**Matters Arising:** Nothing not covered by the agenda.

**Public Session:** The issue of dog fouling was raised, the problem is again on the increase, particularly on the playingfield and footpaths. Sarah Hurrell volunteered to take on the role as village 'dog warden'. Guidance will be sought from Babergh DC on legislation, and a letter from the Council will again be circulated. A wall belonging to R Abery opposite Wood Hall is collapsing. It has been brought to his attention, and it was noted that this is in the Conservation Area.

**Appointment of External Auditor:** It was noted that BDO has again been appointed as external auditor.

**Planning Matters:** Between meetings no objections were raised to the felling of a leylandii and an immature oak tree at 2 Woodhall Barns. Permission for this has been granted. Permission has been granted for a two storey rear extension at Rose Cottage. An application to remove 4 yew trees on land opposite Wood Hall was discussed and comment will be made that the Council is unhappy with this application as the applicant is not the owner.

Permission for the change of use of land east of Bridge Cottage from agricultural to domestic use, and the erection of a timber frame building was discussed. No objections were raised to the change of land use, this has been used as a garden for many years. More information on the application for the building and further time to comment is to be requested as councillors felt unable to comment on the information available.

A retrospective application for upvc replacement windows at Brookwood Manor has now been received. This has previously been the subject of correspondence with Babergh DC. Disappointment in regard to the completed works on this site will again be expressed with a request for consistency in respect of colour and material with the windows.

Confirmation will be sought from Babergh DC on the advice given in respect of the erection of a double garage at Heathfield House given that the site is in the Conservation Area.

**Financial Matters:** Between meetings cheques were signed in favour of Suffolk Tree Services and R Ridgeon for Speedwatch travel expenses. Cheques were signed as follows – SALC subscription, Community Action Suffolk subscription, Little Waldingfield Parish Room room hires and NALC subscription.

Accounting statements, Annual Governance Statement and Review of Internal Audit were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer following acceptance by the Council.

**Correspondence:** It was decided to carry forward to the next meeting the request for the reinstatement of the 'no parking on verge' sign outside Boston Cottage.

**Village Website:** Visits to all areas continue to increase and further information has been posted.

**Community Engagement/Village Review:** The results and Action Plan have been published on the website.

**Public Transport:** Nothing to report.

**Footpaths:** James Kossick volunteered to take on this role.

**Churchyard:** A report on further works required to the lime trees and an estimate has been received. A further report and estimate will be sought.

It has been confirmed that no grant will be available from the War Memorials Trust for the cleaning and relettering of the memorial. Advice has however been given to simply scrub with water and a bristle brush to remove lichen. Relettering is advised only once, and a councillor has been told this has previously been carried out.

Clive Memorial: A Sheppard will contact B Squirrel to ascertain progress of the history of the Church.

**Risk Register:** This will be reviewed in June.

**Any other Business:** James Kossick was proposed under the co-option procedure and unanimously elected as a councillor, Babergh DC having confirmed there was no request for an election. Councillor R Williams has not attended 6 meetings and as such is deemed to have resigned. The resulting vacancy will be advertised and Babergh DC notified as required. Date of next meeting is 20 May following the Annual Parish Meeting.

## Minutes of a meeting of Newton Parish Council 14th May 2014

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

**Attending:** D Crimmin (Clerk) and one resident.

**Election of Chairman:** Cllr Presland was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

**Apologies for Absence:** James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) and James Cartlidge (Babergh District Councillor) sent their apologies.

**Declaration of Interests:** None declared.

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

**Election of Vice Chairman:** It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Gardner be elected the Vice Chairman of NPC.

**Minutes of meeting held on the 12th March 2014:** The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**HR and Standards Committees:** Cllrs Gardner, Taylor and Williams were appointed to the HR Committee. Cllrs Presland, Parker, Schwenk and Vince were appointed to the Standards Committee.

**Representatives to Outside Bodies:** It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| a. Newton Green Trust                | Cllrs Vince and Gardner                      |
| b. Village Hall Management Committee | Cllr Schwenk                                 |
| c. Alston & Plampin Charity          | Cllr Vince, Mr H. Buckledee and Mr J. Taylor |

d. The Clerk was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).

**Internal Auditor:** It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2014 / 2015 and the Clerk to send the letter of engagement.

**Annual Subscriptions:** It was resolved to renew the annual membership to SALC, community Action Suffolk and The Society for Local Council Clerks for 2014 / 2015.

**Public Forum:** The report is contained in Appendix A.

**Correspondence (Appendix B):** Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated the Clerk was asked to nominate Cllrs Presland and Parker as NPC's representatives to BDC's Parish meeting on the 3rd June starting at 6.30pm.

**Clerks Report (Appendix C):** Following a review of the Clerk's Report there were no further actions required of the Clerk.

**Finance:**

a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the Internal Audit report from Heelis & Lodge for 2013 / 2014.

b. The councillors resolved to approve the NPC Receipts and Payments Account (Appendix D) for the year ending 31st March 2014.

c. The councillors resolved to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2014 and the Chairman signed both sections on behalf of NPC.

d. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix E, 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.

**Planning**

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/14/00366 Plot 2, Whisper Wood - Erection of a single storey side extension (to partially completed dwelling approved under B/11/00638/FUL) and resolved to support the application.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/14/00452 The Deans, Sudbury Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of windows to the rear of dwelling and resolved to support the application.

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

d. The Chairman will contact the owner of Gouldings Farm to accept his invitation to visit the development and see if Wednesday 9th July at 6.30pm is convenient. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

**Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:** The councillors reviewed the options and costs for a bench to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee and resolved to purchase from John Robertson Ltd a Suffolk Teak bench at a cost of £348 which will include the inscription "Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee 2012". The councillors also resolved that S Scammell builds an 8 foot by 4 foot paved area in the playing field and installs the bench at a cost of £260.

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

**NPC Byelaws:** Cllrs Presland and Roy Gardner signed and sealed the two copies of the byelaws on the 23rd April 2014. On the 1st May 2014 the byelaws were advertised in the Sudbury Free Press. The Department of Communities and Local Government will notify NPC of any representations received which NPC must consider and provide a response to the issues raised prior to any application for confirmation from the Secretary of State. Following the month of deposit, NPC will write to the Secretary of State to have the byelaws confirmed.

The councillors resolved to budget £450 for the provision of new notice boards around the Green should the SoS confirm the new Byelaws. The Clerk to review NPC's Enforcement processes of the new Byelaws with both insurers and legal

advisors.1

**Newton Youth Council:** The Youth Council held its first meeting on the 23rd April with Paul Presland and Phil Taylor being co-opted to make the meeting quorate. The two youth members are keen to try and get a fully eligible council and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th June 2014 starting at 6pm in the Village Hall.

**Local Housing Needs Scheme:** NPC's preferred partner for the Local Housing Needs scheme, Hastoe, is reviewing potential sites in the village where the scheme could be developed. Update on the progress of the project and the process that will be following should land be identified for the scheme will be included in the Chairman's response in the Newsletter, following a question raised at the Annual Parish Assembly.

**Road Safety:** The councillors agreed to consult with residents over their priorities for the various road safety initiatives suggested for Newton via a questionnaire. Cllr Presland will now draft a questionnaire for formal adoption at the July meeting.

**NPC's methods of communicating with residents:** The councillors will review NPC's communications strategy at the July meeting.

**Village Hall and Trust representative updates:** The Village Hall Committee has decided that it is not appropriate at this stage to install solar panels at the village hall. With a good level of bookings over the past 12 months the committee has agreed not to increase hire charges. Issues with the new chairs has necessitated referring the matter to the Furniture Ombudsman. The Midsummer Munch will be on the 20th July and a Quiz evening on the 22nd November.

The Trust has resolved the ditch maintenance issue with the Golf Club; the Saracens Head Car Park resurfacing has now been completed; the garage roof will be maintained over the coming month; the Trust has written an article for the Newsletter regarding layby parking; the Trust has increased its contribution towards the Fireside Club following the cancellation of this year's Fete. NPC's Trust representatives to raise councillors H&S concerns regarding the ponds around the Green.

Questions to the Chair:

- The Clerk was asked to refer the fly tipping in Plampin Close to BDC.
- Clerk to get updates from SCC Highways on the broken Rectory Road sign and the flooding issue in Rectory Road
- Clerk to raise concern of dog litter along A134 between Airey Close and the Green in the Newsletter
- Clerk to speak to landowner re hedge growth along A134
- Clerk to ask James Finch for accident statistics for the A134 junction with Valley Road and question whether the statistics confirm the councillors' views that the junction is not fit for purpose.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July 2014 starting at 7.30pm.

**Appendix A Public Forum:** "This report covers the period from 10/03/2014 to 13/05/2014. During this time there has been 4 crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to 2 crimes for the same period last year.

2 reports of Burglary Other Building - Between 01/10/13 and 23/03/14 a garage has been broken into on Church Road by an unknown offender and an air rifle stolen. Due to lack of evidence and witnesses this crime has now been finalised. - Between 2030 on 29/04/14 and 0720 on 30/04/14 an unknown offender has broken into a property on Sudbury Road but nothing was stolen. The investigations are ongoing.

2 reports of Criminal Damage - Between 12/03/14 and 17/03/14 an unknown offender has caused damage to a vehicle on Airey Close. Due to the lack of witnesses and evidence this crime has been finalised. - Between 19/03/14 and 20/03/14 an unknown offender has caused damage to a vehicle parked on Airey Close. This crime has also been finalised."

#### Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 20 May 2014

**Present:** A Sheppard, S Braybrook, D Kiddy, M Ewen

11 members of the public

**Apologies for Absence:** J Kossick

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police Matters/Speedwatch**

Speedwatch report presented at the preceding Parish Meeting.

**Parish Council Vacancy**

Following confirmation from Babergh DC that there had been no call for an election it was proposed that the vacancy be filled under the co-option procedure. 2 residents had expressed their interest in becoming a councillor, C Miller and M Foster. Mr Miller was not present at the meeting and so Matt Foster was proposed as a councillor by A Sheppard and unanimously elected to the role. Following the resignation of B Tora at the preceding Parish Meeting a Notice of Vacancy will again be posted on the village noticeboard and Babergh DC notified accordingly.

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

**Matters Arising**

A Sheppard and S Braybrook will reinstate the 'no parking' sign outside Boston Cottage. Contact numbers of 2 x tree surgeons were passed to the Clerk for requesting reports and quotes for any works necessary to lime trees in the churchyard following emergency works undertaken following the October storms.

**Public Session:** Concerns were again expressed regarding the narrowness of the approach road to the village by The Lodge. Opinion is that the bank is encroaching onto the highway and as a result although the hedge is not strictly overhanging the bank the road is gradually becoming narrower. The Clerk will report this to Suffolk Highways and request an inspection.

**Planning Matters:** Permission has been granted for the removal of yew trees x 4 opposite Woodhall Barn. The condition of the wall opposite Woodhall will be monitored.

**Corporate Policies:** A Sheppard has been exploring other Parish Council websites

and proposes that we consider adopting certain policies/protocols. He will circulate initial ideas/suggestions in readiness for discussion at the next meeting.

**Financial Matters:** A Sheppard will circulate proposals to publish more financial information such as annual accounting statements and budgets on the website. The first half of the precept and the grant has been received from Babergh DC. A cheque was signed in favour of D Gotts for 3 x churchyard grass cuts. It was proposed and unanimously decided that a donation be made to the Jubilee Sailing Trust in memory of Millie Heptinstall despite this not meeting our policy of donations which directly assist residents of the village, due to the hopefully unique circumstances. The request for a donation towards flood relief for those living in the Somerset Levels was turned down.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Village Website:** The site continues to be developed, and visits show an increase. **Public Transport:** Mr Bowden monitors the Suffolk CC website. Members of the public confirmed that it is essential for them for the service to be retained as it is a lifeline for those with no other means of travelling to Sudbury or connecting to other bus routes. It was suggested that regular users write to the Clerk expressing these views so that they can be forwarded to Suffolk CC, as rumours are that the already minimal service may be discontinued.

**Footpaths:** No timetable for cuts has yet been received.

**Churchyard:** The war memorial has been scrubbed and both councillors and members of the PCC feel that this is sufficient and names are now legible. The proposed works have been cancelled with the memorial mason.

**Clive Memorial:** The Clerk will contact B Squirrel for confirmation of the expected print run and costs for the printing of The History of the Church.

**Risk Register:** This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Any Other Business:** S Braybrook will revarnish the noticeboard. A training need has been identified given the majority of councillors are relatively recently elected. Available courses have been circulated, so requests to be submitted to A Sheppard. Mr Sheppard will attend the next Planning training course.

Dates for next meetings set as 1st July, 19th August and 30 September.

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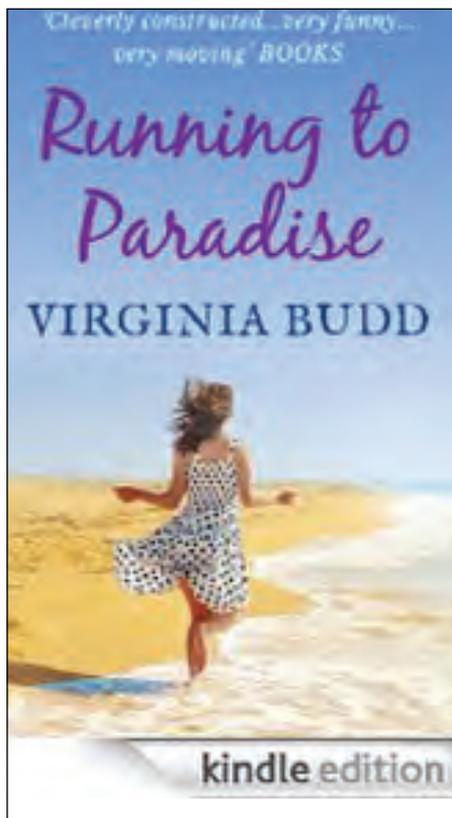
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## Boxford Parish Council

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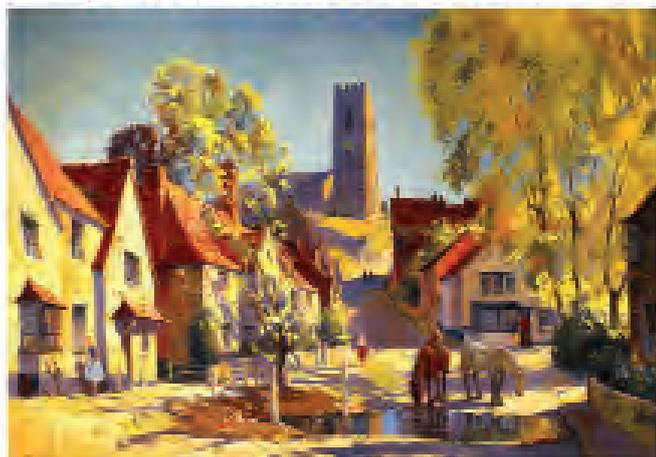
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## Boxford School News

At last it seems that summer is finally with us and as I sit here writing this news the sun is shining brightly and we are all looking forward to what should be an exciting end to this academic year.

As you will all be aware our school has grown over the past two years as we have moved from a First School to a Primary School and the pressure on places continues to grow. One of the biggest challenges with having the older children is the Year 6 SATS tests which, over the years have become increasingly important in determining the success and future of a school. These tests are scrutinised by the powers that be and the outcome of a school's OFSTED can be heavily dependent on how well the children perform in these tests. For many years we have been testing our younger children and submitting these results for analysis and we have always taken the view that our children need to approach the tests in a relaxed manner with confidence. With this in mind I am indebted to all of our staff, who with the support of parents prepared the children thoroughly without creating undue stress and pressure. The children actually seemed to enjoy the experience and I am confident that they have done very well with many attaining the higher levels. These tests are marked externally so we await the results with interest.

On a lighter note at the end of the last half term we took our Year 6 pupils for their residential visit to the outdoor activity centre Kingswood in North Norfolk. It was the first time we have organised such a visit and we all felt it was a fantastic success. The children were treated to a wide range of activities which tested their courage, their determination and their ability to work as part of a team. The children had the opportunity to abseil, climb, experience caving, take part in archery and even ride a quad bike but probably the highlight was a challenge known as the Leap of Faith. The children had to climb a 10 metre pole and then leap off the top onto a hanging trapeze. It was fascinating to watch the children pushing themselves to complete the challenge and the feeling of exhilaration when they had completed it. In many cases it was the children who we least expected to complete the challenge that did so. If you would like to find out more about what we did our website contains pictures and a commentary of our visit.

On the 5th July we will be holding our Summer Fete. This year the whole fete will have an American theme: Cheer Leaders, Line dancing and a fabulous American themed refreshment tent. I hope that many of you will be able to join us for what promises to be a great afternoon.

On the 21st June the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project will be holding the Big Box Balsam Bash which is a family event on our school field. Matt Holden will be hosting activities for the children and will be organising a working party for adults and older children to remove the very invasive Himalayan Balsam which is invading our river bank along the Box. If you would like more information please visit the Dedham Vale projects website at [www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org](http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org)

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## MILDEN CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

We are now well into the season and the preparation that we put into the ground is bearing dividends this season. The wicket has improved into a great playing surface and the team continues to go from strength to strength. At the time of writing, Mildens sit in 4th place in the Hunts County League and have an opportunity to break into the top three.

Whilst Mildens Cricket Club is a small club, we are well run with people helping to sustain the high facilities that we have. A big thank you must go to Ian Leeder for his work in cutting grass at the ground, it is very much appreciated. Also thanks to the Mildens Pavilion Committee who continue to advise and support. We have built a second sight screen and are in the process of raising funds and sponsorship for the covers. If you would like to sponsor Mildens Cricket Club on either the shirts, covers or banners around the ground, please do get in touch with us via the website [www.mildencricketclub.com](http://www.mildencricketclub.com) or via our skipper Richard Robinson 01787 211 114.

Some important dates for your diary. The local Mildens versus Monks Eleigh game is on 5th July and the Twenty20 tournament is on the 19th July. Both events will have a bar and BBQ and entry is free so please bring the family and your friends and watch some friendly and entertaining cricket.

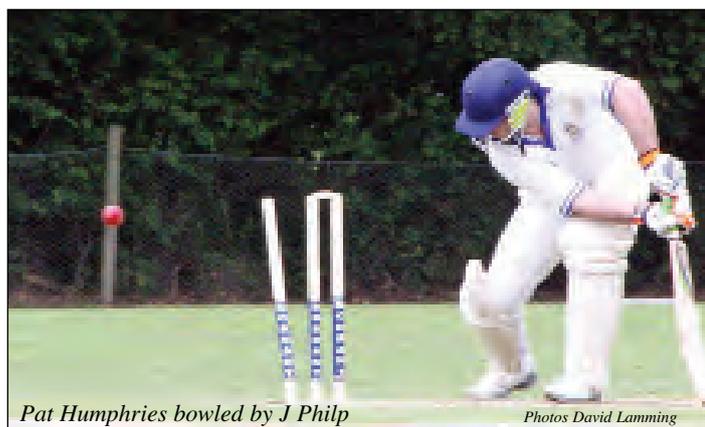
Finally, Mildens are always on the look out for new players, young and old, of all abilities. We have a great net facility and hold practice sessions on Thursday from 6.30pm. If you would like to attend or have any questions please either just turn up or contact us via [www.mildencricketclub.com](http://www.mildencricketclub.com) or via our Skipper Richard Robinson.

## CASTLE HEDINGHAM CC V MILDEN CC



*Matthew Jossy hits out again - but is caught on the boundary*

The match was won by Castle Hedingham by two wickets



*Pat Humphries bowled by J Philp*

*Photos David Lamming*

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## SANTIAGO TAKES PGA SENIORS TITLE



Spain's Santiago Luna evoked the spirit of Seve Ballesteros after eagling the 16th on his way to a brilliant final round of seven-under-par 64 to win the ISPS Handa PGA Seniors Championship at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa.

The Madrid golfer revealed he had been thinking of the late Ballesteros throughout the last day which eventually saw him edge out Steen Tinning by two strokes after the Dane had initially carved out a four shot lead in the early part of the round. Luna picked up four birdies on the front nine and the horse loving golfer reeled in Tinning with birdies on 12 and 14 before galloping clear with that decisive eagle on 16 as he finished on 14-under-par, two clear of Tinning and four clear of Mark Mouland who also had a 64.

Victory secured Luna his second European Senior Tour title after pipping Sam Torrance to the Scottish Senior Open last year and he pocketed a cheque for £37,000 of the total 235,000 euro pot.

"I was definitely thinking of Seve over certain shots today," said Luna. "It's unbelievable to win such a prestigious tournament as this. I played great, with few mistakes and tried to be in the right place and make a few putts and that was the key."

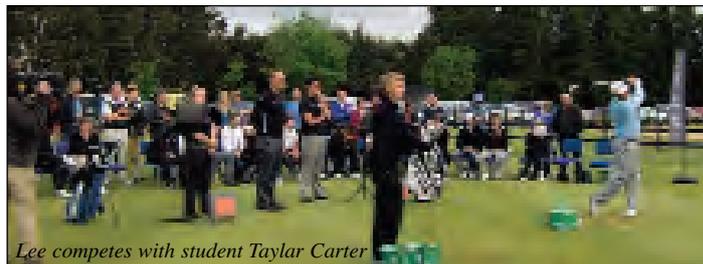
This exciting finish concluded a very successful 4 days at Stoke by Nayland and the one hour highlights of each day were televised on Sky Sports TV. The event was also featured on both BBC Look East and ITV Anglia news, and in the local press.

The championship was preceded by a Pro Am during which the top 30 professionals played in teams with 3 amateurs and gave them top tips on the way round. Former Ryder Cup captain, Mark James, played in a team with BBC Look East's Stewart White and Stoke by Nayland Managing Director, Susanna Rendall. On the second day of the championship James was leading the field with 8 under, only to be overtaken by Tinning and finally Luna over the weekend.

### LEE WESTWOOD OPENS HIS GOLF SCHOOL AT STOKE BY NAYLAND

Arriving hot foot straight from the BMW Championship at Wentworth, former World No 1 golfer, and Ryder Cup team player, Lee Westwood paid a quick visit to Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa on May Bank Holiday Monday, where he officially opened the Lee Westwood Golf School at the venue's Driving Range - before flying back to Florida later the same day.

Lee was greeted on the 18th tee by managers of the LWGS, and by the family owners of the Hotel. He then took a great iron shot off the renowned 18th tee of the Stoke by Nayland Gainsborough Course across the lake, along with Golf School students Simon La Font, Joseph Fryer and James Lanigan, and even after a 2 hour journey and no warm up he landed just a couple of feet from the par 3 hole in front of the hotel, caught on camera by BBC, ITV, Sky Sports and European Tour film crews who were all keen to capture the moment.



*Lee competes with student Taylar Carter*

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