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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT



The Cast

Boxford School Year 6 children performed their version of the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic musical Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. With William Thomas as Joseph and Cameron Taylor-Willis and Saskia Walter as the narrators the children put on an amazing show.



Take Five

It was performed in the village hall and attended by full houses on both nights. We were all so proud of the children who managed to put the whole thing together in less than six weeks. A big thank you to them all and to all those members of staff who worked so hard supporting them with the production.



Nail Painting at the School Fete



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GROTON'S MIDSUMMER MEAL

On Saturday, June 28th Groton celebrated Midsummer in style, with a delicious meal in Groton Village Hall; there were a select group present, as not all the tickets had been sold, but it was a pleasant evening, finishing with a most interesting talk from David Burden about Westminster Abbey, and a profit of nearly £400 was made for St. Bartholomew's Church. Many thanks to all who supported us.



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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS



We were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day, and from the moment we opened there was a steady stream of appreciative visitors, who enjoyed our gardens, delicious refreshments and produce stalls. £846 was raised on the day.

The yard sale held at Harvest Barn, courtesy of Jill and Dennis Duffy, contributed an additional £717, from items generously donated by the family of the late and much-missed Millie Heptinstall. So, in all, the grand sum of £1,563 will go to our church.

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who worked so hard in the weeks and months leading up to the event, and on the day itself, to make our Open Gardens such a success. We're now looking forward to our Flower Festival next September, and our 2016 Open Gardens!

Fran Gregor-Smith

If you love the sound of a big, talented band, this will be a joy.

Friday, 29 August 8.00, Ticket £16 Loz Speyer - Time Zone

"Imaginative fusions of Cuban dance forms and pungent contemporary jazz" - John Fordham

With Loz Speyer trumpet/flugel, Martin Hathaway alto sax/bass clarinet, Stuart Hall guitar, Dave Mannington bass, Andy Ball drums and Maurizio Ravalico congas.

"Timezone have a deep, organic understanding of Afro-Cuban rhythms and textures, which they fuse cleverly and compellingly with the more improvisatory jazz of the US mainland... All in all, another delicious evening of first-order live music." - *Ian Kingsbury*

A not to be missed gig to end our season. "Imaginative fusions of Cuban dance forms and pungent contemporary jazz" - *John Fordham*

"There is an intriguingly saturnine quality in both the leaders compositions and the bands execution, a sense of hard-edged modernity that has a side-winding thrust reminiscent of Dave Holland's ensemble at times... An ensemble led by a trumpeter/composer who has absorbed the essence of Cuban music and distilled it quite cunningly into an improvisatory context with no compromise to either culture. The result is gritty, graceful sounds with a dark-light intensity."

Kevin Legendre, Echoes

Unusual, deeply humorous music expressing some of the surreal complexity of life in Cuba, and of human life in general

Andy Shepherd with the Dylan Howe Trio, 5 Sept Alex Dankworth World Jazz Trio, 12th Sept

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Friday, 25 July, 8.00, Ticket £15

Kevin Flanagan's Rebob Sextet

Kevin returns with a stonking, stomping band.

With Kevin Flanagan saxophone, Colin Watling saxophone, Steve Fishwick trumpet, Chris Ingham piano, Andy Brown bass and George Double drums.

Friday, 1 August 8.00, £15

Will Butterworth Quartet

"effortless poise and crisp, attractive classically-trained sound" - Jazzwise. With Will Butterworth piano, Pete Ibbetson Drums, Seb Pipe alto saxophone and Nick Pini bass. We have been lucky at the club to hear Will, and know his prodigious talent.

The band will play Will's music based on Oscar Wilde's children's story 'The Nightingale and the Rose'. It will feature the brilliant Seb Pipe on Alto Saxophone. This suite of music employs beautiful melodies and rich and dark harmony, to retell Wilde's story of love and sacrifice. The quartet uses these melodies as starting points for improvisation, and the result is intense, exhilarating and riveting music making.

Friday, 8th August and 15th Summer Break

Friday 22 August, 8.00 £15

The Horn Factory big band

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THE AUGUST LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

Once before on this page, I have described being somewhat “kippered” by standing close to a bonfire! Last time, it was when I was watching a wonderful outside “raku” firing of pots at Sandy Larkman’s pottery in Edwardstone. This time, it was a little nearer home for me, just up at Boxford Spinney, and the output of the fire (or should I say barbecue – sometimes it was hard to tell, with all the flames and smoke...) was rather less artistic – no insult to the cooks intended.

It was a delight to have been invited to the Guides Watersports and Barbecue evening, but I must admit that I did wonder what to expect, and whether or not I should don my waterproofs just in case. As it was, I kept (fairly) safely to one side and just stood back and watched all the fun.

“Watersports” has rather an uplifting sound to it, bringing to mind water-skiing, synchronised swimming, diving and other such skilful pursuits. This wasn’t quite the case here... The first game was supposedly “rounders”, but then why did we need no fielders, and why were there no posts to run to? All was revealed when the first “ball” was produced – a

balloon, only partially blown-up and filled with water ! Once hit effectively, the outcome was obvious – the balloon disintegrated explosively, firing water at the person batting and anyone standing close enough by. Shrieks of laughter followed of course, and as the evening progressed, with more and more watery games and battles, the Guides were reduced to a dripping, not to say sodden, but happy mess!



Fortunately, they had been forewarned and before the barbecue were able to go and dry and get into a change of clothes.

We then moved further into the wood, to find a rather reluctant barbecue, and some very slowly cooking burgers. Eventually though, with the help of a little kindling, things began to hot up – rather literally. Are there supposed to be so many flames, I wondered? It all looked rather devilish, to me, with Elaine Carpenter appearing and disappearing through puffs of smoke....

As always, though, the Guide leaders came up trumps, and sausages and burgers were soon being readily devoured by all the girls.

Two things struck me about the evening. One was, in an age when young people spend so many hours on their mobile phones or at their computer screens, how good it was to see this group of girls having fantastic fun with nothing much more than a safe space outdoors, copious amounts of water, some buckets and sponges, their own high spirits and willingness to ambush each other at every opportunity.

The second thing that struck me was rather different. This Guides evening was taking place on a momentous day in the life of the Church of England. We had just heard that, finally, women were to be allowed to be bishops. At last, women could be free to exercise their God-given talents and skills, alongside men, in the service of God and for the benefit of the church and the community.

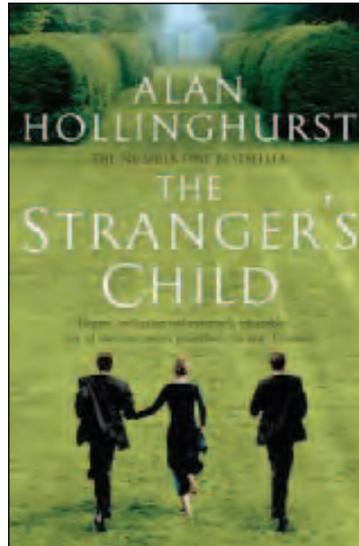
It seemed to me that this was so in keeping with the freedom in which these Guides were being encouraged to be themselves, to allow their spirits to soar; so in keeping with what they were discovering and learning through fun - that being together is so much better, so more fruitful and fulfilling, than being apart.

Blessings, *Revd Judith.*



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

Alan Hollinghurst – The Stranger’s Child



The novel opens in 1913 when Cecil Vallance visits the country home of his Cambridge University friend George Sawle. Cecil is wealthy and attractive, socially superior and successfully charms George’s family so that before long they all adore him. But he is not interested in them. Unknown to the family George and Cecil are lovers and they pursue their relationship over the weekend. Later, Cecil writes a poem to his lover, but confusingly dedicates it to George’s much younger sister, Daphne. This poem is central to the story.

Cecil enlists to fight in the First World War and his death traumatises those left behind. The mysterious poem and his reputation live on and by the nineteen-eighties his poetry has acquired a cult following. The love Cecil had for George at the beginning of the century is a buried family secret but Rob Bryant, a modern day biographer, is prepared to dig deep. He wants to know the truth behind the rumours and he interviews all those now elderly people who at some point were close to Cecil. Despite his persistence Rob is dealing with faulty memories and the unspoken secret. After all, 1912 is so long ago and one can hardly remember everything. So Rob is going nowhere. I feel he is an unlikable character anyway, so I think the reader will feel quite pleased that his note-book remains empty!

The story spans a complete century with many characters woven into it: this could prove frustrating if you were to put the book down for too long. There are five parts to the book, each one moving the story forward in time. The characters change and evolve, occasionally acquiring new names as the years pass. The novel’s chief virtue is that each part is full of period detail so that one gets a real taste for the particular era. Persevere! Alan Hollinghurst is one of our most accomplished authors.

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Suffolk County Council 2013/14 Outturn for Revenue Spending

At the Cabinet meeting on 1st July, the financial year end results for the Suffolk County Council were presented. The outturn for the year ending 31 March 2014 was £1.6m lower than the approved budget. This is 0.3% of the net budget (£484m). When excluding the Dedicated School Grant (DSG) which is ring fenced, this figure reduces to £0.4m, approximately 0.09% of the net budget of the Council (excluding schools). This is a particularly good set of figures in the context that last year's budget had been reduced by £24.9m to reflect the planned savings that had to be made because of reduced central government funding. In addition there was the significant pressure on purchased care placements for Adults and children which have proved difficult to contain within their budgets (+£4.3m higher than budget). This was offset by other savings.

This set of figures demonstrates that SCC exercised firm financial management over its budgets during 2013/14 and ended the year in a reasonable financial position. This is a sound basis upon which the Council can continue to address the significant financial challenges of cost savings over the period 2014/15 to 2017/18 and still retain no increase in Council Tax. I believe that the SCC senior management team deserve high praise for their strong financial management and control.

New team to safeguard Suffolk people

Organisations responsible for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children in Suffolk are to form a new, single, team. This will make sure information needed to keep people safe is held, and immediately accessible, in one place. By the end of the summer, the organisations, including SCC, the police, health services, district and borough council housing services, education, Probation and the Youth Offending Service, will have come together to create Suffolk's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The MASH is being implemented in stages to make sure that the high standards of safeguarding already in place in Suffolk don't suffer during the transition from current arrangements. Once fully operational, the MASH will be made up of approximately 60 professionals from across the county. The majority of these staff will be located at Landmark House in Ipswich. Members of the public who are concerned that a child, young person or adult is at risk of abuse, harm or neglect, should still contact Customer First on 0808 800 4005 (free from landlines and most mobiles). Further information about the Suffolk MASH is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/MASH. Can you support and inspire a teenager through fostering?

Options for the future of Suffolk Record Office discussed

SCC's cabinet considered options for an enhanced Suffolk Record Office service. The consideration comes as part of a longer-term strategy for preserving, collecting and providing access to the recorded history of the county. Each of the options presented addressed the projected shortfall in storage capacity at current facilities. In addition, the options shape the way for further heritage services collaboration through shared working with University Campus Suffolk, creating an improved and more efficient service for Suffolk. The options presented include a single-phase replacement of Ipswich Record Office and the potential to phase the build programme over the longer term, building on partnership arrangements with UCS. It was the latter that was recommended at the Cabinet on 1st July. A full business case on this option will be developed by December 2014, with the urgently needed storage in place by 2016.

My priorities for Suffolk

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth
Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength -
all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax

Boxford School News

The past month has been a very busy for all of us at Boxford with so many events and activities. Last Friday our Year 4 class went on a day visit to Northern France. Setting off at 6.00am they went via coach and a cross channel ferry to Boulogne. The ferry was a new experience for many of them and fortunately the weather was kind enough for us to go up on deck and enjoy the crossing. On arrival the children visited the old walled town of Boulogne and a chance to visit a boulangerie for a croissant or a pain-au-chocolat. This was followed by a visit to the fantastic sea-life centre just off the beach near to the port. We had a great time and pictures of the day can be found on our website.

At this time of year we begin to hear about ex-pupils and their achievements and I was delighted to hear that Jamie Hyde has just graduated from Cambridge. Congratulations to Jamie who has done outstandingly well following his time at Boxford. I would also like to mention Josh Lane, another ex-student, who visited the children in our Foundation class to tell them all about what it is like to be an airline pilot. Josh flies for Easyjet.

In one of my earlier news items I mentioned that our swimming team won the local Sudbury and District Schools Swimming Gala and qualified for the County Finals in Bury St Edmunds. I am delighted to report that they competed in the finals and finished a very creditable 4th finishing above many much larger schools.

Last Saturday we had our annual summer fete and I am pleased to say the weather just about stayed fine and we all had a wonderful time. If you were able to attend I hope you had an enjoyable time and thank you for coming.

Finally as this is my last news for this academic year can I issue a huge thank you to everyone who works at the school and has supported the school in so many ways. From us all at Boxford we would like to wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break.



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Lady Alice de Bryene - a talk by Pip Wright

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Pip Wright back to the Parish Room to talk to us once again. As we had anticipated, the packed Parish Room was enthralled with his account of the life of Lady Alice, particularly the golden nuggets unearthed from her Household Book. This was a daily record maintained by her Steward, and amazingly one year of the book, from 1412 to 1413, survives to this day.

Alice de Bryene (pronounced de Breeon) was born around 1360 to Sir Robert de Bures, a wealthy Suffolk Knight, and his lady. Her father died in 1361, one year after her grandfather, and it is very possible both were victims of the second epidemic of the Black Death (Bubonic Plague). Two years later her mother remarried, to Sir Richard Waldegrave, another prominent knight from Northampton who had settled in East Anglia.

Around 1375 Alice married the eldest son of Lord Guy Bryan, a wealthy minor aristocrat and together they had two daughters. Sadly Alice was widowed in 1386, inheriting all her husband's property (some of which came from her dowry) and which amounted to some 6,000 acres, half of which were in East Anglia. As Pip observed, it was illuminating to see just how quickly a family could enhance its fortunes by marrying daughters carefully when they were very young, to much older and wealthy men. Seemingly this was a well-trod path in medieval times and in the space of three generations, a considerable family fortune could be amassed.

Over the following decade and still single, Alice moved from the West Country to the Suffolk estates that were her patrimony. By the early 1400s she had established her home in Acton where she lived until her death in 1435 and still on her own; as Pip noted, she must have been one formidable and determined lady.

We heard that the household book recorded every serving of every meal (i.e. breakfast, dinner and supper) - together some 16,500 over the period at an average of around 45 meals daily. This activity incurred much effort and expense, but the provision of hospitality to workers, friends, neighbours and strangers was it seems an essential part of medieval English social politics - dispensing patronage and reminding people of the social hierarchy.

Pip told us the medieval diet was rather limiting, in particular because there were so many 'fast days'; apart from the month of Lent and the many Saints days, also every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. With no fridges or freezers, meat and other foods had to be salted, smoked, preserved in other ways or a very heavy use made of spices to disguise rancid flavours and smells. Meat or milk from four legged creatures, including butter and cheese, could not be eaten on fast days and would not have been provided by Lady Alice. Mealtimes must therefore have been extremely boring during Lent when fish and poultry became the main source of protein, again always heavily preserved. Pip then showed us some of the food purchase details - it was incredible just how much salt was consumed, at considerable expense and probably quite unhealthy.

Everyone had a most entertaining evening, learning much from a narrator who both knows his stuff and can put it across in such an entertaining manner - most appeared grateful to live in the 21st Century where food is both more plentiful, varied and (despite various scares) more healthy.

Sadly this talk concluded our very successful programme of events for 2013/14, but the good news is that we have already booked 8 (of the 10) events for 2014/15. These commence on 17th September, when Peter Rednall will entertain us with the story of when 'The railway was king in Sudbury - a time when tracks for freight wagons radiated from the heart of the town'.

We look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room for what is sure to be a fascinating evenings entertainment and a great precursor of many more great talks to follow.

Andy Sheppard

Little Waldingfield History Society - Programme of Events 2014 / 2015

17th September, Peter Rednall

When the railway was king, Sudbury rail station is unmanned but at one time the railway was a major presence and employer in the town. Peter tells the story of the time when tracks for freight wagons radiated from the heart of the town.

15th October, Geoffrey Kay

Death, sex and drugs - the story of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

A group of English painters, poets and critics founded in 1848 by William Holman Hunt, John Everett Millais and Dante Gabriel Rossetti - joined by William Michael Rossetti, James Collinson, Frederic George Stephens and Thomas Woolner.

19th November, Anthony Arbuthnot

The history of Great Yarmouth

10th December Ashley Cooper

300 years of countryside history along the Suffolk-Essex border.

Former brickyards, potteries and limekilns, local hop-growing, cheese-making, straw-plaiting, wildflowers and herbal remedies are up for discussion.

21st January 2015, Len Manning

Member only event - War escapades by our local master of escape.

18th February, Pip Wright

The dissolution of the monasteries. Enjoy the economic jiggery-pokery of 16th century life & hear how Suffolk's up and coming young men made their fortunes.

18th March, James Hayward

Ship of dreams - Suffolk people connected to the Titanic

15th April, Sarah Doig

Youth must have dalliance. A romp through Henry the Eighth's life through the eyes of his wives and mistresses - it should be a riot.

All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp. Please book & pay in advance to guarantee your place, as seats are limited.

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage Phone: 248298

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What is yoga?

Anyone can start yoga even if you don't feel very flexible or strong. Both these things will improve as you practice. Yoga encourages a non-competitive attitude where you focus on your own needs working without force. As an ancient system for uniting the body, mind and spirit, yoga brings a sense of calm and release from the stresses of the fast pace of modern life.

Yoga helps to relieve the body of stiffness and fatigue through a series of physical postures which work to stretch and strengthen the muscles and joints. As well as working on the skeletal frame and the spine the postures work internally to help cleanse the organs and sooth the nerves which helps keep us in radiant health. Many people think that yoga is just stretching. But while stretching is certainly involved yoga is firstly about creating balance in the body through developing improved tone and flexibility and maintaining our strength as we get older. Working long hours, having irregular meals and sitting for long periods with poor posture we can build up muscular tension and impurities in the body. Through the practice of twists, bends and inversions our systems can be purged tapping into new energy and strength.

Mentally the practice of postures (called asanas) can help to still and focus the mind. If the mind is constantly jumping from one thing to another it can lead to a sense of turmoil and restlessness. By focusing on our breathing our thinking can be calmed bringing a greater sense of well-being. Practicing yoga encourages emotional stability and clarity of mind.

The school of yoga I teach is known as Hatha yoga which is suitable for both beginners and the more experienced. The word 'Hatha' comes from the Sanskrit 'ha,' or sun, and 'tha,' meaning moon. The principle behind Hatha is uniting pairs of opposites: the positive and the negative, the sun and the moon. Hatha yoga is a slow paced gentle form of yoga. I am a fully qualified British Wheel of Yoga teacher and also an Alexander Technique teacher (focusing on posture and alignment).

Classes are on Thursdays in Boxford Village Hall 9.00-10.00am and 5.45-6.45pm. All are welcome. For more information on these classes and others or the Alexander Technique contact Marianne Marshall on 01787 210323 or email marianemarshall@fastmail.fm.

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THE BLESSING OF "BONNIE"



Bonnie the rocking horse was welcomed last month into St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone in style.

Her journey began many months ago in Blackheath, London, at the residence of Morden College, where her talented creator Derek Thorp had spent long hours carefully honing every sinew of this sleek white mare.

Mr Thorp lives in Morden College, a charity which provides homes for the elderly and shares ancient links with Edwardstone, dating back to the seventeenth century.

Sir John Morden, who was born in 1623, founded the college for former merchants like himself, who had fallen on hard times. He was married to Dame Susan Brand who was brought up in Edwardstone.

Last year Derek Thorp joined a busload of fellow residents for the annual Harvest Festival service in Edwardstone. He was clearly thrilled by the hordes of children scoffing sausages and causing mayhem, and mentioned that he used to make a living as a carpenter and, amongst other things, rocking horses.

Obviously, that was seen as an invitation for one Edwardstone resident, who asked him to create one for the children of the parish on the spot... And it will certainly provide entertainment during a long service.

Nine months on, the rocking horse emerged – named in memory of Bonnie Abrey, a much-loved resident of the parish who died last year.(check)

During her evolution, the children of Edwardstone were asked to fill a capsule, which was placed inside her: of messages to future generations as well as a lego toy, a Sylvanian bear and photographs.

After a magnificent lunch, provided appropriately by the White Horse pub, the 25 visitors of Morden College and their vicar joined villagers for a delightful blessing and dedication of Bonnie at Edwardstone parish church. As well as blessing the mess of the children's corner, the congregation prayed that Bonnie "bring happiness and delight to every child who rides her", before tucking into a huge and welcome tea.

A passing family who were camping in the area, was encouraged to join the throng. "Well, this isn't usual," said the father. You could say that again!

Photo's David Lamming

Derek Thorp (right) with the rocking horse that he made



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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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 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.*



Chair Carey Fraulo presenting David Elliott with his certificate and photograph, while former Parish Clerk John Kent and former Chairmen Brian Waghorn and Gerald Smith look on.

Edwardstone Millennium Green

The Millennium Green Trust are making a bid for funding with a view to enhancing the facilities on the Green. There is only a small amount of money available, and we are restricted by the original terms of the Millennium Green Commission and the conditions for spending the funding. The Trust are seeking the input of anyone who uses the Green as to what they feel would make a useful addition to the facilities. At the moment we are considering a swing, but would really value your input. Please email the Secretary: cmailto:claire.mortimer@btinternet.com.

Boxford Gardening Society 'Spud Day'

In March members were given one potato to grow in a bucket which they then brought to Rosie and Jeremy Osborn's garden on Sunday 13th to weigh the results. Quite a few people were put off by the very heavy downpour but 25 hardy folk turned up and the winner with the heaviest was Frances Tebbutt whose bucket produced 2lb 11oz. A delicious tea was enjoyed by all.

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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The Trustees will meet on Thursday 4th September 2014 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, those parts which were included in the Tithes Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263

Applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

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Course Fee: £70 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting. Newcomers to these classes are very welcome.

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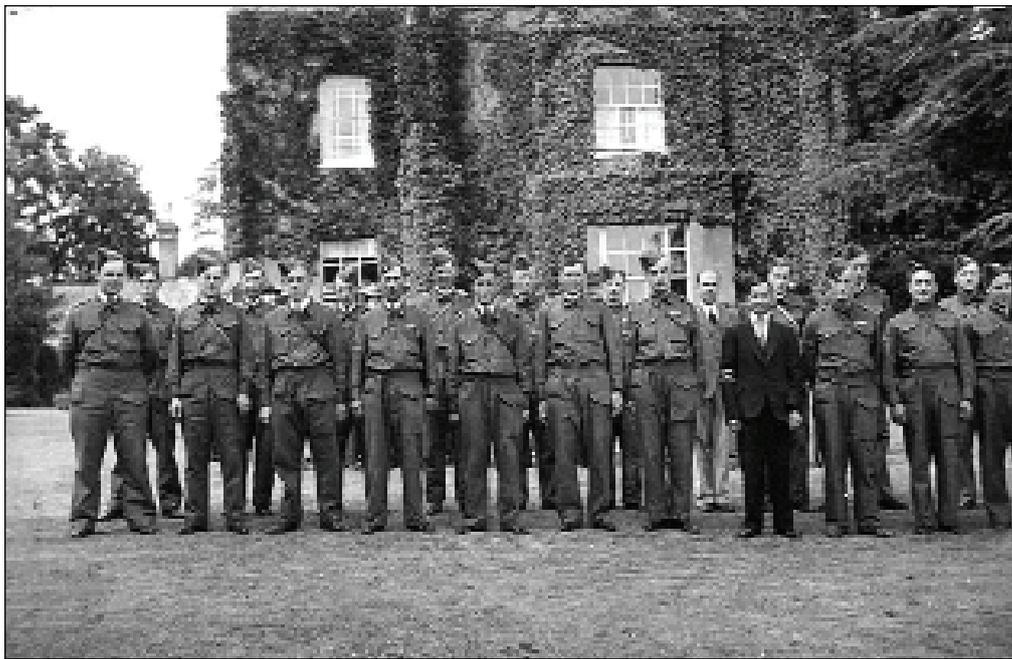
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D-Day and the Great War Remembered



Boxford Home Guard "on parade" at Boxford Rectory in 1940 or 1941. Front row, left to right: Geoffrey Elmer, 5th lft George Cobbold, Bill Goody, 8th lft Clackson (in civvies), 10th lft Alf Peachey, Back Row, left to right: 2nd lft Harry Schofield, Kew Hughes, Vic King, 8th lft Stan Smith, Archie Rule, Bill Wylie.

Percy Fletcher, a long-time resident and well-known figure in Boxford, shared his remembrance of these events and those who served in two world wars in an address during a special service at the Church on the 8th June. Percy himself undertook 3 months intensive training in 1942 at the School of Survey to become a battery surveyor. He was posted to the 1st Heavy Regiment of the Royal Artillery attached to the First Canadian Army, and being in the advance party landed on Juno Beach at 23.00 hours on D-Day. Percy found himself fighting alongside Canadians on a French beach firing American guns, when it became possible to land them. His task was to set firing co-ordinates and after Caen they were in all major actions until the end of the war. He remained in Germany as a Bombardier/Sur until his demob in 1947.

Doesn't time fly – hardly seems possible that it is ten years since I last stood in this Church and gave an address recalling D Day 60 years ago, and here we are assembled again to recall 70 years since that eventful day. But not only that, but also the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. Contrary to popular belief I cannot recall that event, and of course we have no survivors who fought in that war, so maybe this is an occasion when we have an even greater duty not to forget them.

I do not intend to recall in great detail the events of 70 years ago, as that was my theme last time and they have already been documented, but to concentrate instead on Remembrance. No doubt you have seen on television and read accounts of the two World Wars by more learned persons than I, but I shall try in this small address to concentrate on those men and women from this Benefice who served their country in its time of need, and in this respect acknowledge the sterling work of Roger and Tina Loose for the articles in the Box River News.

I have had the honour for many years to read on Remembrance Sunday the names of those from this village who lost their lives in both world wars. I do not doubt that descendants of those men are in the congregation today. I have a copy of the Parish Magazine dated April 1919 which gives details of the purchase and cost of erection of the War Memorial within these grounds, and upon which are inscribed the names of those servicemen from this village who gave their lives in the service of their Country. On 11th March 1919 a public meeting was called to view and decide upon the design of the memorial. The design submitted by Messrs Mowbray was approved at the cost of £155 with the additional cost of engraving, making a total of £195. In today's money that equates to approximately £7,353.

The village was divided into districts and volunteers collected money from residents. What I find most unusual is the fact that the names and the amounts given by individuals were published in the Magazine. The amounts vary from pounds to shillings, but it must be remembered that the wage received by the working man was in many cases hardly enough to live on, and therefore the one shilling subscribed was to them a great deal of money, so willingly given. One is reminded of the story of the Widows Mite in Mark Chapter 12.

I know that the parishioners of Edwardstone subscribed to their War Memorial. I have a copy of the Service Sheet dated March 14th 1920 at which a window in the Church was dedicated to the memory of Frederick Lowry-Corry. The Cross, which is situated on the cross roads, was built by Mr Fred Kingsbury of Boxford and dedicated by the Archdeacon of Sudbury. I do not doubt that the memorials erected in other villages were also subscribed by their parishioners.

In this modern world of computers it is amazing what one can find if only one knows where to look, but unfortunately

many records of service personnel of the First World War were destroyed by fire during the raids carried out on London during the Second. I have had sent to me details of a distant relative of mine who is commemorated on the Boxford War Memorial. His name was Harry Fletcher who lived at Hadleigh Heath and who joined the Army in 1914 aged 19 years. He was in the Army Service Corps and was killed in action on 26th March 1918. His record of service shows an interesting item – on the 2nd June 1915 he was given 28 days misconduct for "Carelessness in driving an ambulance, being asleep and colliding with a tree" It somehow depicts the degree of exhaustion that many suffered, and maybe also explains why his present family may have inherited the ability to sleep at any time! Whilst we cannot now recall those persons whose names appear on the War Memorial who lost their lives in the 1914 -18 conflict, let us remember them in name.



A Second World War Army Group containing Boxford men from the Suffolk Regiment : Vernon Tricker, Back Row 2nd from left, died Thailand 1943; Maurice "Bob" Tricker Front Row 2nd from right, returned to Boxford. We do not know whether there are any other Boxford men in the picture or where it was taken.

There are seven other names engraved on the Boxford war memorial – those who fell in the last war 1939 - 45. Some of us, and of course their families, can recall those persons. I can, for I attended school with at least 3 of them. Let us remember them by name. In many instances the graves of the fallen are in foreign fields. In Boxford Cemetery are two War Graves, both from the Second War. In Edwardstone churchyard is a grave to a soldier who died in 1919. What I have said about the Boxford



Private Charles R. L. King of Whitestreet Green. He died in action with the Cambridgeshire Regiment aged 32 in Malaya on 28 January 1942, leaving a widow and four young children. He is remembered on the Singapore Memorial.

Boys applies equally to those from other parishes within the Benefice. Each of the other churches in this Benefice displays a Roll of Honour. In fact, in Little Waldingfield Church a stained glass window was erected by relatives of a soldier killed in the First War, whilst in Groton a plaque records the death of a naval chaplain in the second.

One must also remember those who saw their husbands, sweethearts and friends off to war. They stayed at home, many not seeing their partner or friend for years.

I think particularly of those who served in the Middle East or were prisoners in Japanese hands. How they must have worried – dreading every moment during the Great War the notification from the War Office on army form B 104/82 that he had been killed in action – and in the Second, the dreaded telegram.

I am sure that we all have something tucked away which we think may come in handy one day. The ladies, a drawer or cupboard with a piece of material; the gents, a lump of wood stacked away in the back of the shed. I have been accused by my family of being a collective maniac – it may come in handy one day! Well in my case that day has arrived, for tucked away are many letters that Evie and I exchanged during the war. I have here the letter she wrote to me on D-Day and whilst I am not going to



Harry Grimwood, Special Constable, and Percy Fletcher, Home Guard, outside the Village Stores on their way to the White Hart in 1941.

read it all to you – after all we were only 20 years old, and loves young dreams.....! I think it expresses the feelings of people at that time: “At 10 o’clock Mr Ladbrook (the bank manager) heard the news on the wireless and brought us word that the invasion was on. I cannot describe to you what an awful feeling I had in my tummy!” It goes on to say that the main topic of conversation throughout the day was the invasion and the different tales they heard in the Bank. By the time the day was out they began to wonder if the whole world was invaded,. Some said Holland, some Belgium or Norway - it really was quite amusing in a strange way. One dear old soul came in and thought the Germans had invaded us! Of course my letters home were censored, but those that I received reveal interesting stories. Let us then remember those who were anxious as to the well being and whereabouts of their loved ones.

You will I am sure appreciate that I am not renowned for quoting from the Bible, but in Matthew Chapter 24, verse 6 are these words – and I quote: ‘And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars.’ How very true those words are today. This country still has men and women fighting throughout the world, suffering injuries and facing death. Fortunately those who are injured both physically and mentally are able to receive far better treatment than those in the First World War. It is recognised that in many cases those suffering mentally are victims of either Post Traumatic Stress or Combat Stress Disorder. In the conflict 1914-18, terrible trench warfare took place under heavy artillery fire and the troops came home suffering what was then known as shell shock.

Men returned home after that terrible war, put on civilian clothes again and looked to everyone as they did before 1914. But they had not come back the same men. Something had altered them. By the end of World War 1 the British Army had dealt with 80,000 cases of shell shock.

Before troops invaded France on D-day they were issued with a booklet containing the Do’s and Don’ts and explaining the suffering and hardships the population had experienced during the occupation. I have been up into the attic and found the booklet I received. It is somewhat dog eared now, but nevertheless most interesting to read. After the introduction the first word is Remember – “Remember that France has been directly occupied.” Further on: “if you should be offered wine or spirits, remember that this will be a stronger drink than you are used to.” I have a faint recollection of that fact! The person who compiled the booklet, which was comprehensive with its details and historical facts, was not really aware of the needs of the troops. The “useful” French words and phrases toward the end include such phrases as: “where is the railway station?” and: “what time does the train leave?” Not exactly that which a 20 year old fighting soldier needed to know. Similar booklets were issued as one advanced through Belgium and Holland.

I said that I wanted the theme of this address to be one of Remembrance and I would be failing if I did not mention the members of the armed forces who are today engaged in battles throughout the world. In today’s



Boxford Home Guards, Ben Rose Junior and Ben Rose Senior.

modern world, through television, mobile phones and all the other gadgets, we are kept informed of events as they happen. Serving personnel are able, with certain restrictions, to speak with those left at home. It certainly was not so during the two world wars.

During the 1914 – 18 war soldiers were able to write home or send cards which were elaborate in so much that they were designed in silk and contained small messages. I have two such cards which were sent to Mrs Grimwood, my late wife's mother, from France, by her brother, Joe Richardson of Edwardstone. She ran the shop now known as The Village Stores and years ago gave me the service sheet of the Dedication of Edwardstone War memorial to which I have already referred

During the Second War, one had to rely for information on the old fashioned wireless set. It only worked if one remembered to have the accumulator (a lead acid battery in a glass jar) charged by Harold Peachey who ran his business in Broad Street where the newsagents was until recently. Should the set break down because a valve had failed, there was little chance of it being repaired due to the shortage of parts. If you were unfortunate enough to suffer such a calamity, word of mouth or listening to the neighbour's wireless was the only means of keeping abreast of happenings. There were of course the Pathe Newsreels which were shown at cinemas during performances at the County Cinema and Gainsborough Cinema in Sudbury. However they were heavily censored and quite often out of date. Again facts borne out in my letters from Evie.

On my left in the church are seven vases purchased by members of the Boxford Mothers Union shortly after World War 2. Each vase is engraved with the name of a soldier who did not return after the 1939-45 war. They used to be on permanent display in the North Window of this Church, but now sadly they have to be locked away for safe keeping.

In the window on my immediate right are two Rolls of Honour – one listing men from this village who served in the First War, and another those men and women who served in the Second. It is interesting to note that in the 1914-18 conflict 138 men served, and during the 1939/45 conflict some 91 men and 6 women served. Engraved on the War Memorial and listed on the Roll of Honour on my left are the names of the 38 men who fell in the First War – 27% of those who served. The 7 names of those who did not return from the Second War are also listed – 7% of those who served. Unfortunately the names of the ladies who served in the Land Army are not recorded.

One must not forget those civilians who in various capacities also gave of their time during both wars which we commemorate today. Members of the Red Cross detachment, Special Constables, members of the Home Guard, and the Auxiliary Fire Service. It may not be well known but on the 24th November 1943 a fire broke out in this very Church. This was not due to enemy action, but to the overheating of a flue pipe from a stove, which caused a beam to catch fire. It was successfully dealt with by the volunteer firemen and men of the village.

I feel that I should mention the 'Bevin Boys' who were conscripted, not to serve in the armed forces, but down the coal mines. They produced the vital coal for the furnaces to further the war effort. Ernest Bevin was Minister of Labour and Nation Service, and as he was responsible for their recruitment they were named after him. They wore no uniforms and it was not until well after the war that their efforts were fully recognised. One must also remember the sterling work undertaken in both wars by the Salvation Army and Toc H organisation.

The Volunteer Training Corps was a voluntary home defence militia in the United Kingdom during World War 1. It was a means of service for those men who were over military age, not physically fit or already engaged in important occupations. Membership of the Corps was only open to those who had genuine reasons for not enlisting in the regular armed forces. By 1918 there were 285,000 volunteers. These men undertook a wide range of duties, including guarding vulnerable points. In 1918, 13,000 volunteers undertook 3 months coast defence duties here in East Anglia because of the threat of an invasion to these shores. The Corps was sometimes ridiculed by the general public. The initials G.R. on their red arm bands were said to stand for 'Grandpa's Regiment'. I have the Certificate of Service of Private Harry Grimwood, Evie's father, which reads as follows: "I am commanded by the King to express to you his Majesty's thanks for services which you have rendered to the nation during the Great War as an enrolled Volunteer in the 5th Suffolk Regiment." It is evident that this type of certificate was given to all members of the Force after the War.

Let us now turn our attention to the Volunteers in the 1939-45 conflict – very similar to those I have described in the first conflict. On the evening of 14th May 1940 the Secretary of State for War, Anthony Eden, gave a radio broadcast announcing the formation of the Local Defence Volunteers and called for men to report to the local Police Station to



*Boxford Detachment of the Red Cross at Boxford Rectory 1944.
Back row from left to right:-Doris King, Brenda Moody Nee Rule, Jennie Rice nee Walker, Mrs Corry, Mrs Ward Nee Crompton, Trixie Gunn, Mrs Manson
Front row from left to right:- Katie Younger, Mrs Williams, Elsie Ward, Evie Fletcher nee Grimwood, Peggy Matthews, Eileen Kingsbury nee Skim.*

register. Many thousands answered the call as it was evident that the German Forces were about to launch an invasion of this island. This force of men were later renamed the Home Guard. At the time of the announcement, the Adjutant General of the Army was General Sir Gordon Finlayson whose role it was to organise the Force. Incidentally, upon his retirement he lived at Wicker Street Green just outside Boxford. This Force, just like their fore runners in the first war, were given a name which even today is still widely used – 'Dads Army'. It was stood down in December 1944..

There are war-related buildings and structures locally which we often see, but to which we pay little regard. As one travels along the road towards Sudbury, at the entrance to Airey Close in Newton Green, one sees a concrete building on the right. This is a military 'pill box' fortification erected in 1940 as part of Eastern Command Stop Line designed to hold back the Germans should they invade the country, as every one thought they would after the Dunkirk evacuation.

In Groton is a wooden building now used as a modern Village Hall after much improvement in recent years. This building was originally a First World War army hut at Colchester Barracks. It was purchased by the Groton Women's Institute in 1926 for the sum of £48, which in today's money is approximately £1,500. Mr Dansie of Boxford, who lived in the property adjacent to this Church, now known as Box River House, dismantled and re-erected the structure on its present site. On reflection one cannot help but wonder who had lived in the building and for what purpose it was used. Was it sleeping quarters for troops or maybe a hospital hut? We will never know the answer, but let us remember those to whom it gave shelter.

During the course of my research for this most inadequate address, I have discovered many similarities between the two World Wars. For instance, blue uniforms were worn by service personnel recovering from their wounds. The 'hospital blues', as they came to be known, were worn so that the general public would know that they were members of the armed forces receiving treatment. One may remember seeing such persons at Brent Eleigh Hall and Hintlesham Hall, both being convalescent homes. During the First conflict 'Star and Garter Homes' were created by the Royal British Legion for the care of disabled veterans, and such homes still exist today. Another similarity was the issue of Green Envelopes to troops so that they could write home knowing that their letter would not be censored by an Officer of their own Regiment, but subject to censorship at a higher level.

You may recall that I have already spoken in a previous address of the tinned ration with which we were issued in the Second World War. Well believe it or not, it was also issued in the First. A firm in Aberdeen, founded by two brothers from Lowestoft, manufactured tinned Maconochie stew in 1914 for consumption by the troops, just as it had in the Boer War and did again in 1944. I think from the taste of it, the firm had some left over and issued it to us some 30 years later!

In this address I have attempted to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War and to honour the men from this Benefice who answered Earl Haig's call, "Your Country Needs You", and to recall certain aspects of the second conflict. I do not know how many times I have used the word Remembrance in this address, but in closing I will use it one more time. When you leave this Church at the conclusion of this service, don't forget to Remember!



Maconochie was a stew produced by the Aberdeen Maconochie Company. It was a widely used food ration for British soldiers in the field during the Boer War and in front-line trenches during World War I and II. It was even marketed for families on the Home Front as this advertisement from 1916 shows.

The cans claimed it contained the "finest beef", potatoes, haricot beans, carrots and onions, but an account from that time described it as "a tinned ration consisting of sliced vegetables, chiefly turnips, and carrots in a deal of thin soup or gravy" (no mention of the meat!). It had an accumulation of fat on the top when opened. The directions stated, "contents may be eaten hot or cold" and that the unopened can should be heated in boiling water for 30 minutes. This was a pretty ridiculous recommendation under most front-line circumstances in World War I. As one soldier put it, "Warmed in the tin, Maconochie's was edible. Cold it was a man-killer." Many soldiers detested it.



**Boxford Bounty Winners
May Jun 2014**

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank members of the community council for drawing the following numbers at their meeting on Monday 16th June.

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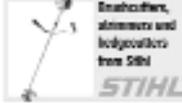
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BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

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. This month's speaker is Gill Stitt - Planning, Planting and Maintaining a Shrub Border.

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL EVENTS: 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

HOLY INNOCENTS' CHURCH LAMARSH GREAT WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATION A WEEKEND OF EVENTS

Friday 1st August to Sunday 3rd August 2014

FRIDAY 1st August 7.30 pm A Concert of Music and Readings presented by performers and also taken from recordings made at the time. Performers needed!

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 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 we are alive today because it was our ancestors who were spared the horrors of this conflict or, like all the four brothers above, came back against the odds.

Tucked away in many a drawer are cherished mementos: postcards, letters, photographs, medals and other relics. We would like to invite you to produce a 'family board' for display in the church, telling us about your grandfather who came back, or his brother who didn't. Perhaps a photograph or painting you have, or even a collage you or your children could create for this special occasion. Perhaps now is the time that your children could start the research online that you always intended to do but never had time for. Or just a family tale you would like to write down and display.

"How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Pared?" went the 1918 song. Old Lamarsh families have spread their descendants far and wide. So the exhibition we want is of YOUR family history, whether you have lived here 6 months or 60 years, and whether your ancestors were English, German or any other nationality. The invitation is warmly extended to other villages.

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Sunday 24 August Music from the European Courts: Telemann, Handel, Vivaldi, Leclair, Rebel & Marais Florilegium, directed by Ashley Solomon, St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland 6.30pm Florilegium's debut at the Suffolk Villages Festival

Monday 25 August Twenty Waies upon the Bels: Grounds and Rounds from Shakespeare's Time, Pellingmans' Saraband (Susanna Pell viol, Jacob Heringman lute) with Faye Newton voice,

St Mary's Church, Boxford 10.30am, A vivid glimpse of sixteenth and seventeenth-century domestic music making

Heinrich Schütz: Rembrandt in Music

Claire Tomlin & Sarah Potter soprano & Daniel Auchincloss tenor

Psalmody, The John Jenkins Consort, directed by Peter Holman St Peter's, Sudbury 6.30pm A concert in conjunction with the Rembrandt exhibition at Gainsborough's House in Sudbury

Box Office: National Centre for Early Music (www.ncem.co.uk), 01904 651485

For further information: (www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com), 01206 366603. Follow us on Twitter (@suffolkvf) & Facebook

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

BRING-AND-BUY COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, August 2nd at Mary's House, 9.00am

Please come to this coffee morning on August 2nd; there will be a Cake Stall as well as Bring-and-Buy and Coffee, run by Groton PCC. The money raised will be used to buy flowers for Groton's Flower Festival which is on the August Bank Holiday weekend [23rd, 24th and 25th Aug.]

St. Elizabeth Hospice

There will be an exhibition and sale of paintings by John Colleer on Saturday 27th September, from 10am until 4pm at Polstead Village Hall. All the proceeds from the sale and any donations will be sent to St. Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich.

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

Coach outing: Peter Beales Roses & Bressingham Gardens Monday 8th September

Coach will leave Nayland 9am and depart from Bressingham Steam & Gardens at 4.30pm. The cost will be £25 to include travel, entry at both venues and a guided tour at Peter Beales Garden. This is proving popular so please book early to avoid disappointment. More info on



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Wot's On

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE WALKS

We meet at the Pavilion on the Playing Field at 10.00. a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Walks usually take an hour to an hour and a half but there are opportunities at various points for people to return by shorter routes. Walks finish at the pavilion where light refreshments are provided. Anyone may make a donation to the Playing Field funds before, or after, the Walk.

Little Waldingfield 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

Newton Village Hall August Events

Monday	4th	7.00 pm	Bridge Drive at Golf Club
Tuesday	5th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club
Tuesday	19th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club
Friday	29th	11.00 am	Fireside Club – Trip to Ipswich Transport Museum

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

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BOXFORD WI

Our Speaker this month was our very own Marie Paddon who talked to us about patchwork and quilting and brought along some amazing examples of her work. Marie has just completed a City and Guilds course with the WI and has now moved on to a Diploma course for a further 2 years. During the course Marie looked at design work, line, shape, colour, texture and form. This involved drawing, painting and taking inspiration from her areas of interest such as the Egyptians, windows, architecture and pebbles. She also visited Ipswich Museum to look at Anglo Saxon jewellery. One of the pieces Marie showed us was a wall hanging which she had called 'Belfast Reflections'. The idea for this came from her visit to the Titanic exhibition in Belfast and was a tribute to her family from Northern Ireland many of whom had worked in the area. Another piece was called 'Edinburgh Rock' drawing inspiration from pebbles; this was exhibited at the Festival of Quilts last year. Marie also exhibits her work in a number of other places. We learnt so much from Marie's talk especially her dedication and enthusiasm for this wonderful work. We are so grateful that she took the time to talk to us and for sharing her talent and skills with us.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Boxford Over 60's Club

We do not meet in the village hall again until 1st September Wstart the meeting as usual at 2.30pm and finish approx 3.45pm During July and August we have two outings by coach, 28th July Felixstowe with a meal at a fish and chip restaurant. C oach leaving Homefields at 11.00am and picking up at the Fleece. 18th August Corn Craft for a cream tes coach leaving Homefield at 2.00pm then picking up at The Fleece. On September 8th we have been invited to Sam's for a garden Tea Party. I am hoping to arrange another garden get together.

Shirley Watling 210024

Bridge at Newton Green

After having a break in June a Bridge Drive was held at Newton Green Golf Club on Monday 7th July.

There were four and a half tables in play and the prize winners were:

Geoff and Phena Nott	2740
Alan Vince and Liz Ward	2460
James and Andrew Ward	2420

The next drive will be held on Monday 4th August at 7.00 pm when hopefully there will be a better attendance which will mean that it will be worthwhile continuing to hold these bridge drives.

We are always happy to welcome new players; we play Chicago bridge in a friendly and (fairly) easy going manner in comfortable surroundings. If you would like to play but need a partner please let me know and I will try to help. Alan Vince

LIGHTS OUT

One Million Candles to Remember

11pm, Monday 4th August 2014.

LIGHTS OUT is an invitation? to everyone in the UK to turn off their lights from 10pm until 11pm, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment of reflection to mark the 100th Anniversary of the date Great Britain entered the First World War.

From the **BRITISH LEGION**.

GROTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

August Bank Holiday Weekend at St. Bartholomew's Church, Groton . Please do put the dates [August 23, 24, 25] in your diaries, and be sure to come and visit Groton over that weekend. The title of the Flower Festival is "Joy to the World" and the flower arrangers of Groton are depicting Hymns in their arrangements, under the guidance of Jayne Foster . There will be a Preview evening on Friday Aug. 22nd at 6.30pm, with wine and nibbles. The church will then be open on Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th and Monday 25th from 10.00am until 5.00pm each day with stalls on Saturday morning and Songs of Praise on Sunday evening [please see The Church at Worship for time] Coffee, Lunch and Tea will be available each day and we are hoping for a large number of visitors, so do please come, we will look forward to seeing you all.



A promotional poster for the 'Call My Bluff - Strikes Again!' quiz night. The poster features a colorful, stylized illustration of a group of people in a room, possibly a pub or a hall, with various objects and furniture. The text is prominently displayed in large, bold, blue letters. At the top, it says 'A BIG QUIZ NIGHT' in a decorative font. Below that, it reads 'CALL MY BLUFF' in very large, bold letters, with 'Strikes Again!' written in a smaller, pink, cursive font underneath. At the bottom, there is a purple banner with white text that says 'SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20th AT 7.30PM'. Below the banner, it lists 'Tickets £8.00 per person (teams max 8)', 'Available at Boxford Post Office (shop counter) or call David on 01787 211951', and 'BAR - RAFFLE - PLOUGHMAN'S AT HALF TIME'.

Forthcoming Events Diary

August

2 Bring and Buy Coffee Morning	Groton PCC	Mary's House	9.00am
3 Cream Teas	Boxford Shoebox Appeal	Corner Cottage Wash Lane	2pm
4 Rock School		Boxford VH and School Hall	TBA
4 Newton Bridge		Newton Village Hall	7.00pm
5 Newton Fireside Club		Newton Village Hall	2.30pm
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			
18 Boxford Over 60's	Corncraft for tea	meet Fleece	2.00pm
19 Newton Fireside club		Newton Village Hall	2.30pm
23/24 Flower Festival	Groton PCC	Groton Church	
25 Suffolk Village Festival		Boxford St Mary's	1030am
29 Newton Fireside Club	Visit to Ipswich Transport Museum		11.00am

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
8 Boxford Over 60's Garden Tea Party		At Sam's	2pm
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	BOXFORD FIREWORKS	Playing Fields	TBA
8 "Missing, 2nd Lieutenant Gordon Thorpe"	The Boxford Society	Boxford School Hall	7.30 pm

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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.



Pet Blessing Service

St Mary's Church
Boxford

Sunday September 7th
11 am

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

100 years since the start of the 1st World War - On the weekend of 2nd-3rd August there will be an exhibition of 1st World War memorabilia, held in church & presented by Tina Loose. The exhibition will relate to the people here at the time & stories about those times. Please make a date to come & see.

Also At 11.00 am a special service of reflection & commemoration will be held recalling the events of 100 years ago.

Pets Service: Sunday 7th September at 11.00am - Make a note to come along with your pets- whatever they are! This is a special service for all the family.

Saturday 13th September is the Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride day. Please contact Ruth if you would like to ride & collect sponsors. Forms will be available in church or village shops.

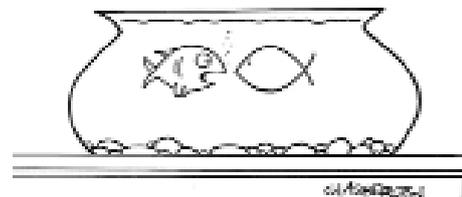
Sunday 21st September- Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Boxford
Sunday October 19th- St. Mary's Church is delighted to present a concert by the Kelvedon Singers at 6.00pm followed by wine & nibbles- tickets will be available soon, please make a date to come.

Advent Celebration 2014- This year will be on Saturday 29th November at 6.30pm followed by a supper- more details soon.

Boxford Calendar 2015: We are looking ahead now to the 2015 calendar! So plenty of photos please! - forward to. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars is for the upkeep of the Parish Church.

Boxford Church Tea Towels are available in village stores £5.00 each or 2 for £8.00 Proceeds for the care of the church.

Smile Lines:



"Can't we talk about something besides religion for a change?"

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 September 2014 Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 13th August

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Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785
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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Sidesman and coffee duties

August 3 – 08:00 – Holy Communion – Pam Dodd

August 17 – 09:30 – Holy Communion – Pam Dodd/Ineke Morris

Flowers Jan Paul 210972 jancpaul@gmail.com

Cleaning Jan Paul and Debbie Lewis

Bonnie the Rocking Horse's arrival: We had a splendid lunch at the White Horse pub ahead of the blessing and dedication of Bonnie the Rocking Horse at St Mary the Virgin on Saturday 28 June. Two dozen residents of Morden College and family came to Edwardstone, including Derek Thorp, her maker. Villagers and children came out to see Bonnie installed and had a very bonny day indeed, with tea and prayers.

Harvest Festival Village Lunch:

After last year's hugely successful lunch, we hope to host another lunch at Edwardstone village hall on Sunday 21st September at around midday for all our villagers and friends. Charges and menu to be confirmed, but please put the date in your diaries and get in touch with Alex Nevill (alclair@hotmail.com/210783) if you'd like to come!

Christian Aid Collection 2014: A big thank you to all those who contributed to this year's Christian Aid appeal. We managed to raise £147.61. Thanks also go to those who gave their time, helping to deliver and collect the envelopes in the village



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*
Ramblers, Bulmer Lane, 211360
Sue Knight:
Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

FROM THE REGISTERS

MARRIAGE: On 31 May 2014 - Elise Frances Teverson and Nathan Jacob Muschamp Last.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD: On 7 July 2014 – Christine Lavinia Phillips, aged 76 years.

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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@fiscali.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.

Clopton Family Association: On July 3rd we were pleased to welcome a large number of visitors of all ages from America, here for a reunion and to visit places linked to their Clopton Ancestors. They spent time in the Church, where Thomasine Clopton, one of John Winthrop's wives, is buried, and then went on to Castlings Hall, former home of the Clopton Family. We hope they enjoyed their visit – they certainly seemed full of enthusiasm and interesting questions.

Rota:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Gooderham

Flowers: Ms Finch

Cleaning: Mrs Gooderham



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Little Waldingfield PCC received £846.90 from our Open Gardens day on 22 June, and £717.00 from the sale of some of the contents of Camilla Heptinstall's house, which were kindly donated by her family.

Millie, as we knew her, was a friend and neighbour who lived at Butcher's Cottage, The Street, Little Waldingfield. She died suddenly in May. We are grateful to all who worked so hard to make the day such a success, and to Millie's family for their generosity.

On **29 June** we welcomed friends from the benefice to our service at 11am and afterwards at Newman's Hall Farm for the benefice picnic.

Anne and Charlie Miller had erected marquees in their lovely garden and we were happy and comfortable in spite of grey skies and a chilly wind. Nothing could take away from the warm welcome we always receive at Newman's. Numbers were disappointing, but those of us who were there had a very enjoyable time.

Rota:

August 3:

August 10:

August 17:

August 24:

Sidesman

Mr Bowden & Mrs Ridgeon

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Mr Squirrel

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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Christine Cornell,
"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton, Tel; 370331

22nd June: We had Holy Communion instead of our usual service led by Revd Judith. The Banns of Marriage were read for the second time. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to our willing helpers.

22nd June: We welcomed back The Millwheel Singers and Martin Nutton of the Sudbury Recorder Consort who gave a wonderful experience of sacred and secular music. The amazing acoustics of our church make a magical musical event. A four and three quarters years old enjoyed the music so much that he asked when was the next concert. The congregation was very generous in giving donations.

28th June: At Edwardstone church a special service led by Revd Judith was held for the Blessing and Dedication of "Bonnie" the Rocking Horse made by Derek Thorpe from Morden College. A coach load of the residents of the college accompanied the horse to the church.

29th June: The Five Villages Service was held in Little Waldingfield. Revd Judith led us with the theme of "welcome one another as Christ welcomed you" which continued with a poem by George Herbert called "Love bade me welcome" movingly read by a member of the congregation. Following the service a "bring your own" picnic was held at Newman's Hall Farm.

General Church News

The diocese celebrates its centenary



Bishop Aaron from the Diocese of Kagera (our 'link' diocese in Tanzania) joined Bishop David and about 500 other people from across Suffolk to celebrate the diocesan centenary with an evening of contemporary worship on Sunday 6 July in the Regent Theatre, Ipswich. A DVD of the Centenary Eucharist at the Cathedral on 29th March at which the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, presided and at which Joshua Gray led a section of the prayers, is now available to purchase, price £5.00. Contact David Lamming for details.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship August 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!

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Sunday 3rd	7th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 1st World War Commemoration Service With a 1st World War Exhibition in Church	Revd Judith
	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 6th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 7th			
Little Waldingfield 19.00		Home Communion Newmans Hall	(Minister tbc)

Sunday 10th	8th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Groton	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	15.00 Christening of James Robbie	Revd Judith

Wednesday 13th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith

Sunday 17th	9th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Lt Waldingfield	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 20th	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Boxford	11.30 tbc	Marriage of James Gay and Laura Beasley	Revd Judith
Thursday 21st			
Lt Waldingfield	19.30	Compline Newmans Hall	Lay team

Sunday 24th	10th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Groton	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 27th	10.30	Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd Judith
Boxford			
Saturday	30th	Marriage of David Lowe and Karen Brackley Lowe	Revd Judith

Sunday 31st	11th Sunday after Trinity	(G)	
Newton	10.00	Five Villages Family Service <i>with Holy Communion</i>	Revd Judith

'Bring-and-Share' Benefice lunch at Newmans Hall



The Blessing of Bonnie



Soap Box

I have been caught a bit on the hop with this one as I have only had a few days' notice to jump up on the Soapbox, which is no one's fault in particular. There are numerous subjects currently upon which I could spout forth, ranging from M Juncker's 'appointment' as President of the European Union; raising yet again the spectre of the UK leaving the EU, whilst at the same time we have the very same conundrum going on amongst us in the UK, namely Scottish Independence and the forthcoming referendum. 'Questiontime' recently had a lively debate from Inverness on the issue. Or we could open up a can of worms that is the recent passing of the "rushed through" surveillance legislation - or if you prefer, "snoopers' charter". Or we could debate the recent Public Sector strike. Let's do the lot. Damn, life is good!

Personally, I have views on all of these, and it is right that we should have the opportunity to debate them. Whilst I am a pro-European, I am most certainly not a Federalist. Federalism is not what I think many of us signed up for back in the '70s. It does concern me that more powers are appearing to be given to faceless unelected Eurocrats. However I do fear also that should we have the opportunity to vote in a referendum, that we vote in such a way as to let the baby out with the water, in other words, many of us may not have thought through the implications of exiting from the Union.

The same I fear could be levelled at the Scots as they battle with their consciences over whether or not Scotland should remain a part of the United Kingdom. For any of us watching Questiontime in the middle of July, we would have noticed that feelings run high up north of the border. I do not envy them the choice that they must make. Personally I would prefer that they remain within the Union, as we can achieve much more together than apart. Or so I believe.

The recent 'Surveillance Legislation' is for our own safety and protection. The world today is much more transparent with the

emergence of the World Wide Web, and information can now flow far more easily, thus creating for our intelligence services a huge role that requires disseminating vast amounts of information. Frankly I do not believe that they are particularly interested in 'snooping' for just the hell of it, they are otherwise far too busy protecting this country.

Finally the Public Sector strike. Firstly let me be clear, the right to strike in this country is a fundamental human right and must be respected. I myself have never been on strike, I have never been a union member. I negotiated my Terms and Conditions of Employment with my employer. One goes on strike because one has not been successful at the negotiating table, and not because you disagree with your employer over policy. For that you demonstrate, another fundamental human right. There will I am sure be those who disagree with me, but I think that it is important that there is a clear differentiation between striking and demonstrating, for to attempt to merge the two serves no useful purpose.

In conclusion these are testing times for us all, so let us engage in constructive and amenable debate on matters that affect us all. By the way I had a great time at a recent Open Mike night at the White Hart where I got to play my keyboard, something that I have only recently been able to do following my stroke. See you next time.

Nick Athorne.

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GARDENING IN AUGUST HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Lift Autumn sown onions of the Japanese varieties now. Do not leave them in the ground until they begin to split and render them useless for storing.

The last week in the month is about right for sowing seed of these onions for next year. The soil should be well prepared and moderately rich and cleared of weeds. Too rich a soil will cause them to grow soft and fail to stand the winter. An easier way is to plant sets of these varieties in early October.

Early in the month make the main sowing of spring cabbages. This sowing will not so readily run to seed as earlier ones. Sow the seeds individually in cell trays, (40 to a tray) and plant out into deep trays when large enough to produce good strong plants for planting out in the open ground early in October.

There is still time for a sowing of lettuce for late use, All The Year Round is a good variety for this. Or why not try a sowing of Corn Salad, or Lamb's Lettuce as its often called. It is a native of Britain and grown as a salad crop. Sow seeds in drills 12 inches apart and thin seedlings out to six inches.

Continue to feed tomatoes twice weekly with a high potash liquid fertiliser such as Tomorite.

If you have the space it is worth sowing hardy annuals outside. Our winters are getting warmer and most will come through quite well and will flower better and longer than those that are spring sown. Clarkias, Godetias, Candytuft are suitable and there are some lovely colours in Escholtzias which make a magnificent display.

Evergreen hedges such as Yew, Holly, Laurel and Conifer should be clipped in August. Hornbeam and Beech should also be trimmed and the remaining leaves will hang on all winter. Lavender hedges can also be trimmed by cutting off the dead Flower stems to tidy them up but the final pruning should be delayed until early spring.

As soon as rambler roses have finished flowering, all the old stems which have borne flowers should be cut right back to the base, this will allow all the food and energy to go into the new shoots which will flower next year.

Earwigs are a pest on Dhalias and ruin many good flowers. Set up earwig traps by placing plant pots upside down on top of stakes with a little hay or straw inside.. Examine them every day and destroy any earwigs

sheltering there, it is important to check them every day otherwise you will just be providing a hiding place for them during the day so they can come out at night and do their damage.

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs.

Top 10 jobs this month

1. Prune Wisteria
2. Don't delay summer pruning restricted fruits
3. Deadhead flowering plants regularly
4. Watering! - particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
5. Collect seed from favourite plants
6. Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
7. Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
8. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
9. Keep ponds and water features topped up
10. Feed the soil with green manures

Boring but vital. Keep on top of weeds in borders, the vegetable garden and all your pots and containers. Little and often will reduce what will become a Herculean task if left to spiral out of control.

Weeds not only look messy but use valuable moisture in the ground. The best and easiest way to weed is to use a Dutch hoe which will cut the weeds just below the surface. Weeding on a sunny day will ensure weeds left on the surface dry out and die in the warmth.

Now is the time to look at your borders and note any gaps / congestion that you'll want to rectify later in the season when everything has gone over, ahead of next year. And start your shopping list for Autumn bulbs.

Most of all the most important thing this month is to enjoy your garden; heady scents, glorious colours, an abundance of fruits and vegetables and hopefully more sunshine. What could be more enjoyable and satisfying than surveying the results of your hard work throughout the year?

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Parish Council Matters

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 7 May 2014 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

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

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk)

Election of Chairman of the Council: Jeremy Osborne chaired the meeting and proposed Carey Fraulo as Chairman, seconded by Gerald Smith. Carey Fraulo was unanimously elected as Chairman, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice-Chair of the Council: Carey Fraulo chaired the meeting. Gerald Smith proposed Jeremy Osborne as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Adam Dixon-Smith. Jeremy Osborne was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 5 March 2014: The Minutes of the meeting of 5 March 2014 were approved and signed, proposed by David Elliott, seconded by Gerald Smith.

To co-opt a new Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy: Rona Kelsey was introduced to the Council and was proposed as the new co-opted member of the Council by Chris Kennedy, seconded by the Chair. Rona Kelsey was unanimously elected as a Councillor and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

To appoint Council representatives to Babergh Area Committee of SALC

Jeremy Osborne was elected as the representative, proposed by Adam Dixon-Smith, seconded by Chris Kennedy

Boxford Community Council: Carey Fraulo was elected as the representative, proposed by Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Chris Kennedy.

Groton Village Hall Committee: Carey Fraulo was elected as the representative, proposed by Chris Kennedy, seconded by Jeremy Osborne.

Planning Matters - 1 and 2 Horners Green

The Chair and Councillors Elliott and Kennedy had visited the site and met the owners on 29 April 2014. All Councillors considered the plans and the issues. The Council resolved that it had no objections to the application. The Clerk will advise Babergh District Council.

Housing Needs Survey: The Chair and Chris Kennedy had met with District Council representatives to discuss the next steps in the provision of housing. Councillor Kelsey has considerable relevant planning experience and is willing to assist in taking the matter forward. Following the District Council's advice, the Council resolved to identify potential sites in the village and mark up a map accordingly.

Highway Matters: - General Highway Matters: It was noted that the majority of the potholes had been filled but there were some, particularly between Castlings Heath and Groton Wood, that had been cut out and not filled. The large pothole near the Croft in Groton Street has been badly filled and is already starting to break up. It was resolved that the clerk will continue to chase Suffolk Highways regarding the potholes and councillors will notify the Clerk of any new ones that appear.

Speeding Traffic: Jeremy Osborne congratulated the Chair and her helpers for the poster campaign regarding speeding traffic in Groton Street and Church Street. It was reported that several residents have expressed approval for the project. The Council agreed that it was important that the police should keep up a presence. Other measures were considered, including getting any overgrown hedges cut to improve visibility. It was resolved that the Clerk will obtain quotes for having a 30mph circle painted in the road.

Financial Matters - Annual Accounts: The Clerk advised that the Internal Audit had been carried out by SALC. The accounts were in order. The accounts were agreed and the Annual Return read and signed by the Chair, proposed by Jeremy Osborne and seconded by the Chair.

Statement of Finances and Orders of Payment: The Council authorised the proposed payments, proposed by Jeremy Osborne and seconded by the Chair.

Chairman and Clerk's reports and correspondence: A letter had been received from the Parochial Church Council thanking the Parish Council for the donation received towards maintenance of the churchyard and asking for a further donation to help maintain the church building. The council resolved to consider the application later in the year when the next round of grants will be considered.

A letter had been received from Councillor David Elliott advising that he intended to retire from the Council after 35 years' service after this meeting. The Chair thanked Cllr Elliott for his many years of dedicated service to the council and the parish.

Cllr Elliott asked whether anything further had been heard regarding the tree stump in the ditch near the substation. The Clerk advised that she was still in correspondence with UK Power Networks who had acknowledged that the tree had come from their land and that they would arrange for their contractor to deal with it. The Clerk will continue to push for the work to be done.

To agree future Agenda items: It was resolved to add Housing Needs and Speeding Traffic to the next Agenda.

To agree the date of the next meeting 2 July 2014, 3 September 2014, 5 November 2014

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8 pm

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

Annual Meeting on 6th May

As part of the Parish Council's Standing Orders, each Chairman can only serve four years in the role. Roger Balls had completed four years as Chairman and members took the opportunity to thank him for all he brought to the role and doing

a good job in difficult circumstances. We are now delighted to announce that Michael Norman has taken over as Chairman and Julian Fincham-Jacques is Vice Chairman.

Representatives: Suzanne Impett will be joined by Robert Hobbs on the Cemetery Sub Committee. Julian Fincham—Jacques will represent the Village Hall. Sue Green and Cecil Hughes will continue to liaise with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Julian Fincham-Jacques and Cheryl Wilson will liaise with the Community Council. Roger Balls will liaise with the Parochial Church Council, Richard Gates with regard to the Playing Fields and Sue Green the Boxford Society.

Public Forum: Cllr Norman was congratulated on his election to Chairman. Updates were requested in relation to flooding and the potential Sand Hill Affordable Homes. It was suggested that further younger people should be encouraged to put themselves forward to join the Parish Council at the 2015 Elections. A further meeting was to be arranged to seek answers on the flooding issues. In relation to the potential Sand Hill development, representatives had attended a meeting with the developers and Babergh Council in relation to changes to the proposals. District Cllr Bryn Hurren was seeking a public display of the new plans when available.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, the End of Year Accounts and Audit Submission were examined and agreed as a true record subject to Audit. The Parish Council had been thanked for donations towards the wheelchair ramp at the Church and the Boxford Society's WWI project.

Reports: Assurances had been given from the Post Office that the facility would continue in the village in some form and preferably within a retail outlet. It was agreed to provide a detailed update in Box River News to keep everyone informed. It was agreed to book a place for Cllr Wilson on the website training. The Chairman agreed to attend the Police Priority Setting Meeting with Cllr Green. District Cllr Bryn Hurren was to be asked to delay the cutting in Marsh Road to allow the orchid's time to flower again.

Meeting on 19th May

Public Forum: John Moles provided an update on Community Speed Watch. He was to attend training with David House on 25th May at Sudbury Police Station. The scheme was to operate without warning and they had permission to use land in Stone Street to extend the detection points. The operation was to be fully insured under Suffolk Police, however, the Parish Councils Insurers were to be informed.

Fireworks: Ward Baker from the Community Council attended to discuss the provision of the Fireworks for the display to be held on 1st November this year. Further enquiries were to be made in relation to the joint initiative.

Police Report: The Clerk read from the report. Between 2nd April and 13th May 1 crime was recorded. This compares to 3 crimes a year earlier. It was a common assault with no injury on 17th April in Fen Street. Safer Rider Workshops for Motorcyclists continue.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch reported on the initiative by the County Council to encourage more potential carers to consider fostering. Further information can be found on www.suffolkefostering.com or 0800 328 2148. The County project to improve the provision of Broadband continues with the aim of getting every household access to at least 2Mbps by the end of next year with 85% of homes and businesses with superfast speeds. A summit was held to align street works agencies and suppliers to provide a more joined up approach. Following his report, Cllr Finch was questioned on outstanding highways issues in the village.

Correspondence: Members noted the invite from the Parochial Church Council to a Service of Commemoration & Remembrance for the beginning of the 1st World War and the 70th Anniversary of D Day. It was to be held on Sunday 8th June at St Mary's Church.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was unable to attend, however, had provided updates to the Chairman ahead of the meeting. The new Planning for Sand Hill was expected shortly and he was seeking a public display of the plans. The Architect has been addressing the previous objections and the Planning Officer is to put the plans back to the Suffolk Design Panel. The Consultation will have the usual 21 days.

Cemetery: Members had no objection to QR Codes being added to memorials in the Cemetery on the request of the relevant family. This provides an on-line link to give further information about the life of the deceased. Some tree maintenance was agreed to the yew trees in the Cemetery.

Adoption of Community Car Sharing Scheme: Cllr Green had provided a paper outlining the present management arrangements and scenarios for the future. Following discussion the Parish Council agreed to adopt the scheme and has the right to withdraw support in the future if the scheme is not run to the current high standard. It was agreed for the Manager of the scheme to provide a report to the Parish Council at least every 6 months.

Reports: Overgrown verges were reported in and around the Parish, particularly along Butchers Lane. It was agreed to check the cutting schedule with County Highways. The Daking Avenue sign on the Sherbourne Street side needed re-fixing. This was reported to the District Council and has since been done.

Planning: The District Council confirmed Permission had been Granted to change the opening hours at Simbos Gun Dogs, Stone Street subject to certain conditions. *Debbie Hattrell*, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7pm Monday 19 May 2014

at Edwardstone Village Hall

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

In attendance: Bryn Hurren (District Councillor), James Finch (County Councillor), A Robinson (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

Election of Chairman of the Council: Clare Britcher proposed Sharron Norman as Chair, seconded by Shirley Flack, and Sharron Norman was unanimously voted as Chair.

Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council: Sharron Norman proposed Clare Britcher as Vice-Chair, seconded by Melanie Childs, and Clare Britcher was unanimously voted as Vice-Chair.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 17 March 2014: The Minutes were approved; proposed by Jim Robinson, seconded by Shirley Flack.

To consider Planning Matters - 1 Mill Green, Edwardstone

The Councillors discussed the planning application and considered the plans. It was resolved that the Council had no objections to the application, but that parking needed clarification as this was a very narrow part of the lane, and there was a possibility of drainage issues due to the proximity of a number of large conifers – proposed by Jim Robinson, seconded by Shirley Flack.

Financial Matters: To consider and approve the Annual Accounts and Annual Return, The Councillors considered and agreed the Annual Accounts and the Annual Return, which was signed by the Chair. Proposed by Jim Robinson, seconded by Shirley Flack.

To consider renewal of Insurance from 1.6.14: The Clerk provided alternative insurance quotes. It was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Jim Robinson that the cheapest option, the 3 year deal from Zurich, should be accepted. The Council resolved to accept that quote.

To consider the use of s106 monies: Paul Clarke advised that he had provided the Chair of the Millennium Green Trust with copies of the documents received from Babergh explaining the next steps in seeking to use the s106 monies. They will report back once they have come up with a proposal.

To consider and approve Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment

The Council's financial position was reported by the Responsible Financial Officer as follows:

Business Saver Account as at 31 March 2014	£2014.51
Community Account as at 30 April 2014	£4425.55
Total	£6440.06

The Councillors authorised the payments listed in the Schedule, proposed by Jim Robinson, seconded by Clare Britcher:

Highway & Footpath Matters - Speeding Traffic: The Councillors discussed the issue of speeding traffic in Edwardstone, including Groton Street which is half in Groton, plus Sherbourne Street and Mill Green. James Finch advised that a mobile speed indicator sign cost in the region of £3,000. The Council resolved to investigate the possibility of speed restrictive measures and the Clerk is to email James Finch regarding speeding for him to make further enquiries.

To report on and consider other Highway and Footpath matters: The Clerk is to check to see when the footpaths will next be cut as they are becoming overgrown. The Chair had spoken to James Rodger-Brown regarding the maintenance of the war memorial and other footpath cutting and the Clerk is to write to him confirming his appointment for the forthcoming year.

To consider the adoption of the Telephone kiosk: The clerk has received 2 or 3 phone calls from members of the public following the piece in the Box River News, all in favour of retaining the box and one person offering assistance with maintenance if required. It was resolved to consider the matter further at the next meeting to allow time for any further feedback to be received. The issue of maintenance needs to be considered.

Chairman's and Clerk's Correspondence: A letter had been received requesting a donation to Boxford Playing Fields. The Council resolved to consider this in November when they were next considering donations. A letter had been received seeking a volunteer to run the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Sherbourne Street. A notice had been put on the noticeboard and sent to Box River News. The Chair advised that the Notice Board at Mill Green had one door broken. Bryn Hurren agreed to collect the door following the meeting and see if he could repair it.

Dates of Future Meetings:

21 July 2014, 15 September 2014, 17 November 2014

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Annual Parish Meeting 20 May 2014

Present: A Sheppard, S Braybrook, M Ewen, B Tora, D Kiddy, County Cllr J Antill and District Cllr F Lawrenson. 12 members of the public

Apologies: J Kossick and County Cllr C Spence

County Councillor's Report: Presented by Cllr J Antill in Cllr C Spence's absence.

Cllr Antill began by passing on Mr Spence's apologies for being unable to attend this evening.

The County Council faces the challenge of making further savings of £156 million over the next four years. The budget for 2014/15 was passed in February and it is hoped this will cut £38 million from controllable costs during the year, without compromising front line services, which becomes more difficult each year. More radical steps are needed, and these may include building on relationships with District Councils and the adjacent County Councils of Norfolk and Essex with a view to pooling overheads and sharing services. Every activity will need to be reviewed to see if things can be done better for less. A pledge was made at election time not to increase Council Tax over the next four years and accordingly there will be no increase for 2014/15 in respect of SCC. Educational standards in Suffolk continue to give serious concern despite examination results improving last year faster than the national average. Recommendations made in the County's action plan have only recently been put in place. Improvement to standards is the

number one priority, but this is very challenging. The road maintenance budget has been protected from cuts, much needed given the wet winter which has produced so many potholes. May Gurney became the new contractors responsible for road repairs in October but the Member for Highways has a number of issues to address as a good number of potholes have remained unrepaired for unacceptably long periods. The best way to report any highway problem is via the County Council website. The County Council successfully led opposition to the tolling of the A14, a proposal which would have disadvantaged businesses and unfairly taxed residents.

The Council has secured an additional £5 million from the government towards the delivery of better broadband, which means that they can start working towards a coverage of superfast speeds to 95% of the County instead of 85% by the end of 2015. The largest part of the Council's budget is the provision of social care, and since the beginning of last year they are also responsible for promoting public health. It is interesting that at the time the National Health Service was created in 1948 45% of the population died before the age of 65. It is now estimated that by 2030 one fifth of people in the country will be over 65. The Council is working hard to integrate health and adult social care, to build community capacity, encouraging communities to help themselves and to ensure we have a care service that is fit for purpose. A recent consultation with Suffolk residents indicated that both care recipients and providers want more flexibility and choice so the Council will now be looking at how these aspirations can be put into practice.

District Councillor's Report: Presented by Cllr F Lawrenson. The Babergh DC portion of the Council Tax has again been frozen but this could result in a need to increase it sharply in future years. The New Homes Bonus from the government may be partly used to stimulate economic growth, with plans to help Sudbury and the solar panel project two such schemes. Council homes suitable for the installation of solar panels have already been identified, and Cllr Lawrenson's hope is that it can be extended in the future to include private houses owned by residents suffering fuel poverty. The Scrutiny Committee, of which Cllr Lawrenson is a member, and Cllr Antill is Chair, expressed the view that more money should go towards injecting cash into the local economy via community projects in most need, as identified by local people, but unfortunately this proposal was rejected. The Core Strategy has been adopted, with Policy CS11 being the part that most affects villages. This Policy is already under revision and parishes are advised to carefully consider the proposals. Officers have confirmed that they will be looking to take the consultative approach towards future development. Key areas of concern with villages are likely to be numbers, location and sympathy to the setting. The Strategy envisages approximately 6000 new homes between now and 2031, with about 1000 of these due to be built in core and hinterland villages, Little Waldingfield being classed as hinterland. Following an increase in funding, the delay in planning decisions is apparently considerably decreased.

The integration of services between Babergh DC and Mid Suffolk DC is virtually complete and discussions are now underway to decide where offices are to be located. The creation of a 'mostly joint' Strategic Plan is under discussion.

Locality Officer roles have been created to help councillors and parishes be intelligence led and support local communities.

Parishes with concerns over development should look to creating a Local Plan as it will be difficult for Councils to override them. Cllr Lawrenson expressed his thanks to Cllr Antill for her help and support over his first years in the role of District Councillor. She will be sorely missed as a District Councillor, and he wished her every success in her new role as a County Councillor.

And in acknowledgement of Mr Brian Tora – 'As someone who has been Chairman of the Parish Council for such a long time, his knowledge of the job and his enthusiasm for the village has made my job considerably easier. Brian is a true example of what it means to 'serve one's community'. A job he has done selflessly and with great wit and charm'.

Police Matters: There was no police attendance. We have the most active Speedwatch Group in the partnership, so many thanks to Rick Ridgeon and his team. The mobile unit has proved successful in helping reduce motorist speed through the village.

Minutes of the last meeting: These had been agreed as a true record and were duly signed at the Parish Council Meeting of 2nd July 2013.

Matters Arising: None.

Chairman's Report: Brian spoke about how things have changed over the his 19 years in the role of Chairman. Over the 29 years he has lived here he estimates that the number of homes in the village has increased by about 10%. The discovery of the responsibility for the closed churchyard came as somewhat of a shock to the Council, but this has been managed. We also now hold successful 'clean up' days with support from residents. The 'Welcome Card' has proved popular and Elizabeth hands them out to any new residents. He thanked Cllr Jenny Antill for her support over the years. The distribution of the grant to support the Parish Precept by Babergh DC is disappointing. The Brookwood Manor works have not been handled well by the District Council. The previous 18 months have seen 4 changes to Parish Councillors, and he thanked V Flute and R Williams for their work over the past year. Brian announced his resignation from the Council and thanked all councillors for their support over the years.

A Sheppard thanked Brian for his report and service over his years as a Councillor.

Village issues: Footpaths – No timetable for the cutting of footpaths has yet been received from Suffolk CC. The Clerk will make enquiries. Hedges must not be cut yet as birds are nesting. The ever present problem of dog's mess was discussed and the Chairman will write a letter reminding dog owners of their responsibilities. Works are ongoing with the installation of wiring and telegraph poles in readiness for the faster broadband project. The latest news is that this should be available by the winter, with fibre to premises, not simply the cabinet.

Financial Reports: End of year balances reported as;

Playing Field	£5828.11
Parish Room	£6785.73
LW Charities	£24601.73, with donations made of £1370
Parish Council Fund of £4300	£10450 which includes a balance of the Clive Memorial

Any Other Business: The Parish expressed its disappointment that there was no police presence or report.

Readers Letters

Sir

I would like to thank all my family and friends and work colleagues for all my birthday messages and beautiful gifts that I received on my 50th birthday. I had an amazing time.

Thank you all once again
Love *Veronica*

Sir

Thank You

Jean Elmer would like to thank her relations, friends and neighbours, who attended a party, at the Village Hall, arranged by her son and daughter Paul and Cynthia to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Along with all the lovely cards and flowers, donations in the sum of £255.00 was raised for the National Osteoporosis Society.

Special thanks to Great Granddaughters' Emma and Sophie and friends for their entertainment of song, dance, tap, modern and Irish, and flute recital, which was enjoyed by all.

Once again thanks to Paul, Cynthia and all the family for arranging, and relatives friends and neighbours sharing my special day, and their generous donations.

Jean Elmer

From the Archives:

January 21 1846. Robert Head of Little Waldingfield, 14 days for stealing a large log from Mr Henry Cooke of Lt Waldingfield. Thomas Everett of Cavendish 21 days for stealing some turnips from Mr James Hickford of Cavendish. Walter Finch for stealing a piece of mutton from Samuel Worters of Melford, 7 days and a private whipping.

August 5 1846 Robert Head of Little Waldingfield 20 and Samuel Partridge 27 were charged with entering the house of Elizabeth Ward at Newton and stripping the shop of its contents. Suspicion fell on Head and his house at Waldingfield was searched and the stolen goods were recovered. Both 10 years transportation.

March 28 1849 Robert Game of Little Waldingfield was charged with burglary of the house of Rosa Poole of Little Waldingfield and stealing a quantity of tobacco from her shop. Acquitted.

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1st Boxford Guides	Eloise Britcher 828710
1st Boxford Rainbows	Janice MacMillan 210565
1st Boxford Scout Group	Richard Gates 210432
1st Boxford Scouts	Mark Miller 211596
Vulpine Explorer Scout Unit	Denzil Smith 210020
3 Parishes Response	Vic Rice 210504
Bellringers	Richard Gates 210432
Boxford Art Group	Sue Beven 210021
Boxford Bible Study Group	211077
Boxford Bike Club	Matthew Shinn 211296
Boxford Bowls Club	Les Clark 210698
Boxford Bounty	Mark Miller 211596
Boxford Car Community Scheme	Sue Green 210603
Boxford Carpet Bowls	Jean Saunders 210725
Boxford Community Council	Ward Baker 210129
Boxford Conservative Assoc	Peter Patrick 210346
Boxford Drama Group	Janice Macmillan 210565
Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop	David Mayhew 248585
Boxford Gardens Open	Angela Tolputt 212264
Boxford Gardening Society	Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Boxford Netball Club	Elaine Powling 211243
Boxford Over 60s Club	Shirley Watling 210024
Boxford Playing Fields	Richard Gates 210432
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion	
Boxford Rovers Football Club	Richard Robinson 211114
Boxford School	Bob Giles 210332
Boxford Society	Tina Loose 210538
Boxford Spinney	Gordon Edgar 378983
Sunflower Child Care	Moira Grant 211513
Boxford Study Centre	Simon & Jo Marchant 210149
Boxford Tennis Club	Yvonne Woodfield 210151
Boxford United Charities	Guy Godfray (Clerk) 211378
Boxford Village Hall Bookings	Veronica Hobbs 211529
Boxford WI	Annie Phillips 211729
Boxford Youth Club	Pauls Hoare 211033
Box River News	Eddie Kench 211507
CE Vol Con School & Nursery Unit	Bob Giles 210332
Community Police Officer	Babergh West 01473 613500
County Councillor	James Finch 01206 263649
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren 01787 210854
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Iain Young (01787 210048
Fleece Jazz Club	David Gasson 210796
Friends of Boxford School	Tina Impett.
Green Team	Elaine Carpenter 210601
Local History Recorder	Philip Rich 210605
Milden Pavilion and PlayingField	Pearl 01449 741876
Mill Surgery	210558
Babies and Toddlers Group	Helen Shinn 211296 or Salley Lewis 210213
Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Ruth Kingsbury 211236
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Sponsored cycle ride	Ruth Kingsbury 211236
Village Hall Draw Tickets	210640

Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club	Anne Gardner 312346
Line Dancing	Jean Tomkins 377343
Local History Recorder	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Fireside Club	Wendy Turner 372677
Newton Golf Club	377217
Newton Green Trust	Lee Parker 376073
Newton Keep Fit Club	
Newton News Views & Coffee	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Village Hall	Alan Vince 373963
PCC	Christine Cornell 370331
Police Liason Officer	
Sponsored cycle ride	Chris Cornell 370331
Surgeries	Boxford Mill 210558
	Meadow Lane 310000
	Hardwicke House 370011
	Siam 370444
War Games Club	Brian Lawson 312160

Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Claire Mortime 210051
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary	Fiona Raymond 210461
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman	Daphne Clark 210698
Edwardstone United Charities	Les Clark (Clerk) 210698
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Tom Whymark 211375
.Local History Recorder	Daphne Clark 210698

Parochial Church Council (Secretary) Ineke Morris 210761
Sponsored cycle ride Mrs A Tribe 211526

Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation	Anthea Scriven 01787 210263
Groton Parish Council	Sandra Gray 211465
Groton United Charities	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Groton Village Hall Bookings	Joanna Roberts 210619
Local History Recorder	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Sponsored cycle ride	Colin Blackmore 211134
Groton Parochial Church Council (secretary)	David Lamming 210360
Groton Winthrop Mulberry trust	R Bowdidge 01787-211553

Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI	Linda Lutz 378888
Little Waldingfield History Society	Andy Sheppard 247980
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council	Mary Thorogood 247658
Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Sue Mitchell 247173
Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chair)	Peter Baker 247931
Little Waldingfield Charities	Sue Mitchell 247173
Local History Recorder	Dennis Duffy 247868
Sponsored cycle ride	Barry Squirrel 247705

Milden Clubs & Organisations

Milden Cricket Club	Richard Robinson 211114
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Boxford School:	boxford.suffolk.dbprimary.com/
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Boxford Sunflower:	boxfordsunflower.co.uk
Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club:	boxfordroversyfc.co.uk
Boxford Rovers Youth:	boxfordrovers.intheteam.com
Boxford Rovers FC (Men's teams)	www.boxfordrovers.co
Boxford Village Hall:	boxfordvillagehall.co.uk
Fleece Jazz:	dovbear.co.uk/fleece/
Tornado Smith:	thewallofdeath.co.uk/Tornado.htm
Edwardstone Cricket Club	edwardstonecricketclub.com
Milden Cricket Club	www.mildenc.com

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Boxford Mill:	hadleighhealth.co.uk/
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Little Waldingfield Parish Council:	littlwaldingfield.onesuffolk.net/
Groton Parish Council	www.groton.suffolk.co.uk

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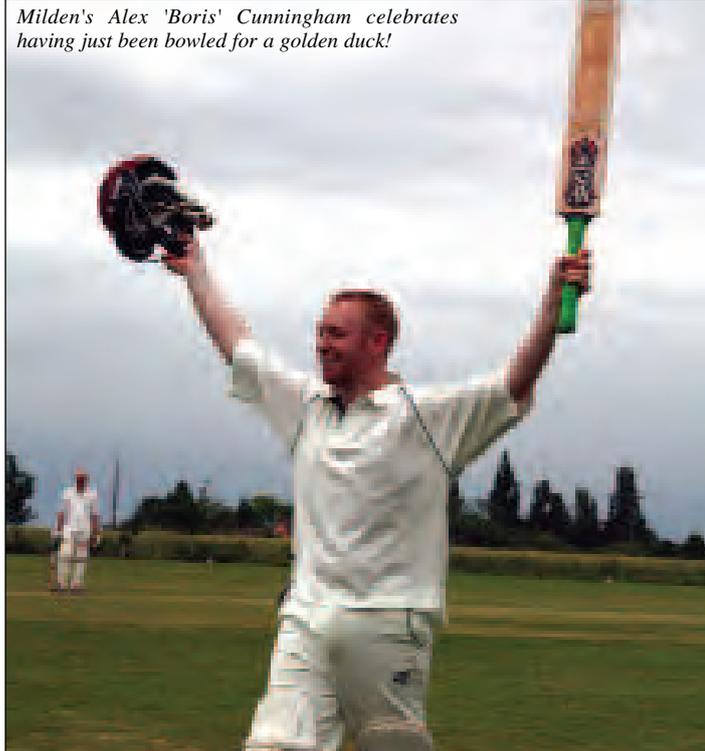
On Saturday 5th July the annual cricket match (with bar and barbecue) took place between Milden and Monks Eleigh. Milden's Tom Konopka and Richard Robinson 'guested' for Monks Eleigh to even up the sides. A close 30-overs-a-side game was won by Milden by 4 wickets with 3 balls to spare.

Scores:

Monks Eleigh 152 (Tom Konopka 37 retired)

Milden 153 for 6 (David Lamming 26 retired, James Pipe 26 not out, Tim Lucas 30 retired.)

Milden's Alex 'Boris' Cunningham celebrates having just been bowled for a golden duck!



Not one for the coaching manual! Richard Robinson bowled by Tim Lucas for 5, watched by the Milden close fielders.



SILVER TROPHY TEAM REACH SEMI-FINAL

A semi-final place in the Essex County Silver Trophy semi-final all hinged on a win in the final league match for Stoke by Nayland. They played Upminster, at home, on Friday 4th July, knowing that a win would guarantee progression to the knock out stages.

In good conditions, on the picturesque Constable course, Stoke by Nayland played probably their best match of the season winning by four matches to one.

Jude Hanner finished on the 14th hole, only to be upstaged by Bev Thompson winning on the 13th and then Fran Chandler on the 12th. With three points in the bag the win was secured but the match had to be completed.

Sue Spittlehouse gained the fourth point with a 4/2 win and Johanna Stonehewer-Smith was unlucky not to make it a clean sweep, she was narrowly beaten on the 18th.

It was a match played in a wonderful spirit and Upminster were welcome visitors to Stoke.

Lesley Garnett, Silver Trophy Captain, thanked the hardworking caddies and the Captain Roz Clements and Vice-Captain Eileen Hands for their support.

We now await confirmation of a semi-final place on Sunday 3rd August and the draw for opponents and venue.

NEWTON LADIES ON CRANWORTH TRAIL AGAIN

Newton Green ladies have made a promising start to defend the Suffolk Cranworth Trophy they won last year.

They are through to the quarter finals and play Ufford Park on July 24.

In the second round against Waldringfield at Bury St Edmunds, a team consisting of some new faces looked to be wobbling after losing the morning foursomes 2 – 1.

However, Newton came storming back in the six afternoon singles matches, with four convincing victories in matches tied up well before the allotted 18 holes. It meant the five overall wins necessary to achieve victory had been reached. There were two remaining games on the course, in which Newton were winning at the time, and did not need completion. Halved matches were agreed, and an official win margin of 6-3 in the competition, which is for 20-30 handicaps.

From last year's line-up, Jill Symonds and Carolyn Cocksedge had retired from the fray, and Rebecca Evans had dropped below the qualifying handicap. However, competition rookies Rosie Jackson and Sarah Williams were among those that came up trumps with convincing wins in the singles, and Newton's line-up looks strong once more.

Foursomes: Lizzie Johnson and Leighann Wordley lost one down to Margaret Knott and Jan Cropper, Sheila Walter and Rosie Jackson won 5 and 4 to Janet Liley and Mari Davey, Carol Durston and Sarah Williams lost one down to Claire Carney and Carol Everett.

Singles: Jackson won 5 and 4 to Knott, Johnson won 8 and 6 to Carney, Wordley won 6 and 5 to Liley, Durston halved with Davey, Walter halved with Everett, Williams won 7 and 5 to Cropper.

