

Box River News

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1ST BOXFORD BROWNIES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



The 1st Boxford Brownies kicked off their birthday celebrations with a sleepover on the 4th July. The weather was fantastic and was perfect for our fun hike we had planned. We headed off for the mulberry tree in Groton where we stopped for a drink and a snack and a much needed rest. We then made our way through the golden fields singing and headed for the playing field where the girls enjoyed playing on the play ground, a yummy hot dog finished with a couple of games of rounders. As it began to get dusk we headed back to the spinnny and settled down for bed with a hot chocolate, popcorn and the film Frozen.

Then on Sunday 6th we held a birthday party where all the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were invited to attend.

The theme was Frozen and the girls were invited to dress up if they wished. Unfortunately this day was not on our side and many of the activities we had planned to hold outside had to be moved indoors but that was fine. The girls had lots of crafts to keep them amused. Bag decorating for all their goodies they made and received. These included key rings, wands, tiaras which all the girls made a great job in making. And a party bag with a celebratory badge and teddy.

The weather perked up and we were able to sit outside for our picnic.

All the girls had a picnic box with lots of yummy food inside along with a drink.

Then the girls were led back into the hall where all the tables had been cleared and a disco commenced. We had a great time dancing and some of the girls put on a little dance routine which we then followed and we also did the conga!

We had a big birthday cake and the Rainbows presented us with a wonderful card and a birthday banner with 100 candles on it.

Everyone had a fantastic weekend and it didn't stop there.

On the 9th we said goodbye to our eldest Brownies who are headed off on their girlguiding journey. We had a special leavers night for them and had a great night. We will miss them all and wish them all well.

On the 12th we finished our celebrations and a very successful year with a browning outing at curve motion, roller skating, where some of the mums relived their youth!

It was very hard work getting it all together but was well worth it seeing the girls have such a wonderful time. We would like to thank a few people who helped make this happen and without their support we would never have been able to put on such a great event.

THE GARETH WEILAND MEMORIAL FUND - THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL - THE BOX RIVER NEWS and THE WHITE HART for their generous donations. We would also like to thank RICHARD

ROBINSON for setting up and the use of his disco equipment which saved us a lot of money and no party can do without!

All the parents who gave up their time to help on any of the events and we would also like to thank the BOXFORD COMMUNITY in supporting us with our craft stall at the GW day and the cake stall in the village. Due to your support, we were able to raise additional funds of over £500.

Amazing, truly amazing and the brownies thank you all!



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HAPPENINGS!!



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FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

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 Manning 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

Friday, 5 September 8.00, £20

Dylan Howe's Subterranean, with special guest Andy Sheppard

New designs on David Bowie's Berlin period: music from "Low" and "Heroes".

Dylan Howe drums, Andy Sheppard tenor sax, Ross Stanley piano, Steve Lodder synthesisers, Dave Whitford bass. A couple of quotes for starters: "A warm, contemplative treat, subtle, cinematic. The painterly atmosphere is conjured by creative electronics and elegant arrangements. A warm tribute to Bowie, but a jazz album too, Subterranean offers plenty to fans from both constituencies." John Fordham. The Guardian "4 stars. Succeeds in living up to the source material... subtle reinvention and imaginative twists." - The Independent

Friday 12 September, 8.00 £15

Alec Dankworth World Jazz Trio

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Friday, 19 September 8.00, Ticket £18

Sarah Gillespie

"Bob Dylan's lyrical bite and languid delivery to the forthrightness of Joni Mitchell, with a little rap-like percussiveness thrown in, she is an original" - John Fordham. Sarah Gillespie vocals and guitar, Tom Cawley piano, Enzo Zirilli drums, Ben Bastin bass "Is she the new Joni Mitchell? PJ Harvey? Bob Dylan even? Glory Days recalls all three but Gillespie's spiky lyrical gift is utterly distinctive." Metro, London Great voice, great storytelling, great musicianship.

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THE SEPTEMBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

I'm not a churchgoer, but..... I do go into church sometimes.

Just recently, I bought an interesting and readable new paperback called simply, "Ten". Not taking the Ten Commandments as its main focus, the author John Pritchard takes a chapter at a time to give 10 good reasons as to "Why Christianity makes sense" - the book's subtitle - such as:

- "10 problems people have with faith"
- "10 beliefs about science and religion"
- "10 key beliefs about Jesus"
- "10 clichés to avoid"

This book is one of two things that suggested to me the idea of offering you 10 reasons to step inside any one of our five beautiful churches and churchyards. The other thing that prompted me is the number of conversations I have, which start with the words used as a heading above, "I'm not a churchgoer, but...I do go into church sometimes."

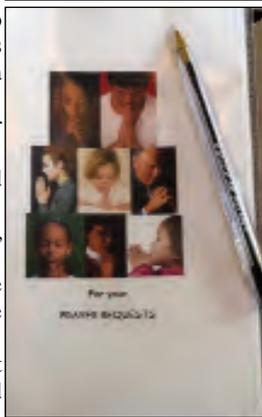


The reasons people give me for this are moving and inspiring. One person recently told me that after they have sat in church for a little while, they always come out feeling a bit better, perhaps a bit calmer, a bit more able to cope. Others have talked about the sense of something, a presence even, which they can't quite describe, but which brings peace in its wake.

Another person emailed me to comment on the beauty of a well-cared for churchyard.

So here are 10 reasons why you might think of visiting your own local churches:

- Taking time out of a busy, stressful working week to sit and let your mind rest
- Finding the space and peace to mull over a difficult problem you are facing
- Writing a prayer for someone or for yourself in the special books in each church
- Remembering someone you love who has died, or giving thanks for something good
- Taking children somewhere different to play, draw and read in the children's corners. Remember Edwardstone has a rocking horse too!
- Enjoying the fresh and changing flower arrangements week by week
- Exploring the works of art – stained glass windows and memorials
- Walking or sitting in the churchyard, enjoying the peace and the views
- Noting the wildflowers growing in the conservation areas which change over the seasons
- Opening yourself to the possibility that you might encounter God and be touched by his healing and his love



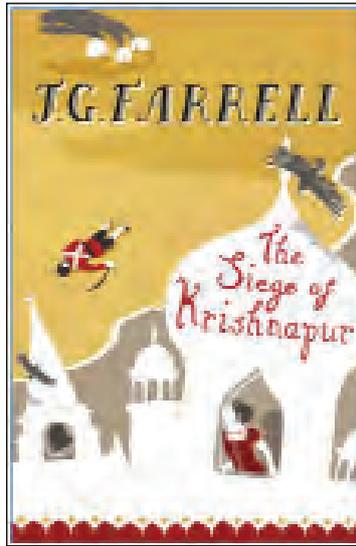
To me, a closed, locked church is a travesty, and I hope that you know that all our churches are open all day, every day. There are brief services of prayer every week and the Sunday services, to which you are also so welcome - whatever your doubts, hesitations or questions about the Christian faith. And, by the way, why not buy or borrow the book I mentioned, to help you think those through...?

Blessings, Revd, Judith



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

The Siege of Krishnapur by J.G Farrell



James Gordon Farrell was a Liverpool-born novelist of Irish descent. His Empire Trilogy deals with the human and political consequences of British colonial rule. 'The Siege of Krishnapur', the second in the trilogy, won the Booker Prize in 1973.

The novel is set during the Indian Mutiny of 1857 when the country was still being administered by the British East India Company. Fictitious Krishnapur is an isolated Victorian outpost on the Indian Plain. Its British bureaucrats choose to snub the rumours they hear of uprisings elsewhere in the subcontinent. They believe in their moral superiority and military prowess, but just in case, the Tax Collector improves the ramparts

around the Residency as the inhabitants gather within. Beyond these walls the Sepoys turn in rebellion against their overlords and all too soon the ramparts prove inadequate.

'The Siege of Krishnapur' is written from the British perspective. We are spared no details of the suffering: the unrelenting heat, the cholera and the smells of rot and death. Faced with all this, the two doctors quarrel, the ladies forget their modesty and food is auctioned for huge sums of promised money. Farrell, who had read diaries and letters written during the actual Siege of Lucknow describes the horrors of Krishnapur with vivid authenticity. At the height of the siege he creates scenes as if in slow motion, giving the reader time to absorb one harrowing image after another. Who will survive and who will succumb? And when will the promised rescue arrive?

The subject may be distressing but Farrell injects some much needed humour to lighten the read, and he has a good poke at Victorian prudishness, the British class structure and the illusions of progress. He questions the sheer audacity of the British to occupy a foreign country. Farrell described his book as "a novel of ideas", which indeed it is, and it left me with plenty to think about.

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JAMES CARTLIDGE

Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for South Suffolk



It was a huge honour for me to be chosen as the Conservative Party's Parliamentary Candidate for South Suffolk. I am not aware that there is an official 'most beautiful Parliamentary Constituency' prize but if there was, I would be confident of backing South Suffolk for first place. I live in Assington with my wife and four children, and have had the pleasure of cycling around most of the villages and much of the countryside where this magazine is circulated and it never fails to disappoint. A personal favourite is cycling up the old Assington Lane connecting our village with Stone Street, where you can turn left for Boxford and right for Stoke by Nayland – cycling there regularly this summer, partly as a way of avoiding the A134, I cannot recall an occasion when I did not see at least two or three hares dancing across the fields, a splendid sight indeed.

And is there a more picturesque school to behold than Boxford, where my two eldest attend? My wife Emily recounts a tale where she was doing the school run and had friends visiting from London: one of their boys, who is at a primary in Lewisham with vast numbers of pupils, took one look at the playground in Boxford, with its green spaces and nearby church, and asked his mother, 'can I come to school here?'

But we have our challenges. Our schools may often be close to attractive countryside, but they aren't always delivering high enough standards. And for all the joy we can share in our rural heritage, readers will know of the downside – slow broadband; long commutes; hard winters like the one before last when many of us were refilling our oil tanks far more than hoped (and budgeted for), deep snow all around right up to Easter.

My priority is therefore to be a strong local campaigner, able to bring leadership and focus to how we deal with these and other issues. Of course, I am only a candidate. Tim Yeo remains our Member of Parliament until the general election is called, when I will be the official Conservative candidate, and I pay tribute to his 31 years' service. So I want to get out and about, meeting residents and hearing your concerns and experience.

A particular priority is to meet local businesses. My own background is as the owner of a small business which I started from scratch 10 years. We battled through the recession to become an important and profitable player in our sector, and I am keen to meet local entrepreneurs and business owners in the local area, to see what more can be done by Government to help them grow and prosper.

Ultimately, the past few years have not been an easy time to be in Government, and in a coalition at that. But I genuinely believe that the economic platform we now have is far better than we could have hoped for back in the dark days of the credit crunch – at the time of writing, we have just recorded the largest annual fall in unemployment for 25 years. We now need to build on that platform to ensure that more and more people start to feel the benefit. I look forward to playing a role in that mission, from right here in beautiful South Suffolk.

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Leaders continue to focus on future economic growth for Suffolk

Suffolk Leaders came together last month to focus on transforming the economy of the county in partnership with the New Anglia Local Economic Partnership (LEP).

The meeting brought together public sector leaders including members from NHS England, HMP Prison Service, the police, UCS, district and borough councils and the county council. The focus is now on preparing for the next round of Growth Deal negotiations that New Anglia will be having with the government – to make sure that Suffolk (and Norfolk) do well in winning vital funds for jobs and business growth and infrastructure. All LEPs were asked to produce Strategic Economic Plans (SEPs) for their area on the basis of which the government has agreed Growth Deals with them and allocated money from the new Local Growth Fund. Earlier this month, the government announced the Growth Deal for the New Anglia LEP, which will see over £300m investment in the area to 2021: £60m of new government funding and over £20m provisional allocation for future projects, as well as confirmation of a previous award of £91.49m for transport schemes. There will also be additional investment from the private and public sector and a further £20 million low-cost borrowing facility.

In summary, securing economic growth and jobs for Suffolk is vital. We are working closely with all our partners to secure the investment that will give Suffolk the economic advantage it needs.

Consultation on the future of children's centres in Suffolk begins

A public consultation looking at the future of children's centres in Suffolk has begun.

The services provided by the centres are strongly valued and can make a huge difference in supporting children and young families. The key is ensuring that the right services are in the right locations and reaching the people most in need of them. The consultation is set to run for a twelve-week period and members of the public are being urged to engage with the consultation and provide their views on potential changes. In my view, we want the precious resources we spend on early-years care to be focused as much as possible on the services that will make a difference and not on running the buildings. Centre services will continue, although in some cases they may be delivered from nearby children's centres, other local community facilities or via home visits direct to the families that need support. This approach will help those that, for transport reasons, struggle to get to children's centres. All responses to the consultation must be received by the end of Thursday 16 October 2014.

Giving our children a good start in life is so important. Everything else, from education to future quality of life is shaped by early-life experience. We want to ensure that every penny we spend on this issue is focused on the services that will secure that good start, and support children and young families through those crucial early years. If you would like to have your say, this can be found at <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making/consultations/consultation-children-s-centre-services-across-suffolk>.

My priorities for Suffolk

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth
Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength –
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STOKE BY NAYLAND REFURBISHMENT

The award-winning Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa has just completed the substantial refurbishment of its Reception and Lobby area, as well as the Hotel Lounge and many of its bedrooms. Already an AA 4 star hotel, the venue has also now just been upgraded by Visit England to 4 star Silver status.

This family-owned business, which developed from a small 120-acre apple farm in 1938, is now a thriving and diverse group of companies, which includes a hotel, golf, leisure and conferencing resort and a fruit growing, packing and storage business. And their latest venture was completed two years ago in the hotel grounds - five fabulous luxury Country Lodges.

The refurbishment has taken the hotel into a new era of luxury. Interior designer Lindsey Rendall of Rendall & Wright took inspiration from the fruit farm which surrounds the two championship golf courses and thus created a tangible link between these two elements of the family business. Lindsey was also instrumental in designing the exquisite interiors of new luxury lodges.

For the Reception area Lindsey has worked with Fromental to design four installations of stunning silk walling which create a real wow factor for arriving visitors. A deep turquoise silk base cloth provides the backdrop for ethereal hand painted cherry trees with delicate embroidered blossom flowers in rich creams, greys and bronzes. Seven elegant seating areas with classic shaped furniture provide wonderful spaces to meet friends, take afternoon tea or evening drinks. Bespoke high-backed wing sofas create a partition and provide privacy between the seating and walkways. Wooden framed armchairs with citrus coloured chevron fabrics provide a pop of colour against the soft grey backdrop whilst bespoke rugs featuring a blossom design ensure the space feels luxurious. Three lighting circuits have been installed to enable the mood to be altered to any occasion. Bright down lights, atmospheric recessed ceiling lights and low level lamps for intimate evenings. Ceiling speakers have been installed music and underfloor heating ensured the space feels warm all year round.

State of the art electronic revolving doors have also been installed to give ease of access to guests arriving at the hotel at the same time as creating a grander entrance. The Lobby now has a new, contemporary 'boutique style' look and feel, creating a real oasis of spacious calm, and this area sees casual business visitors as well as social gatherings enjoying its relaxed ambience.

The newly extended hotel reception and lobby area



Lindsey has carried the fruit tree theme through to the hotel lounge where she has specified Cole & Sons wallpaper featuring monochrome trees bearing golden pears. The soft turquoise, greys and gold tones have been carried through from the reception area to create an elegant, inviting environment to relax in. Bespoke furniture including a mixture of classic shaped sofas, armchairs, petite chairs, wingchairs and tub chairs have been commissioned to ensure there is a seat to suit every shape, and the introduction of low lighting creates a cosy atmosphere.

The resort has undergone quite a transformation since it was a modest golf club in 1973 - but the family ethos of quality, service, value and excellence is still strong and, judging from the great testimonials received, is very much in evidence throughout the business.

The hotel welcomes all visitors for al fresco Lunches and Dinners on the terrace overlooking the lake or in the 2 AA Rosette Lakes Restaurant and Sunday lunch is served from 12.30 - 4pm all year round. More casual dining is also available in the newly refurbished Hotel Lounge or in the Clubhouse - and the sumptuous Afternoon Tea is a treat not to be missed! Free parking and free high speed WiFi of up to 100Mbps also makes this an ideal venue for informal business and social meetings in stunning surroundings.

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STOKES WINNING TEAM



The Stoke by Nayland winning team receives their award:
 Left to Right - Martin Lane (winner) Nigel Crane MD of Essential Cuisine, Jack Butler (Winner), Alan Paton, (Executive Chef, Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa), Jamie Mallett (Winner), David McKown (Director, Skills for Chefs), John McGeever, Executive Chef, St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford and Honorary Vice President of Master Chefs of Great Britain, Alistair Sandall (AA Senior Inspector, Hotels).

Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf & Spa is delighted to announce that two of their young chefs and a waiter led by Executive Head Chef MCGB Alan Paton, have won the national award of Young Restaurant Team of the Year 2014.

The competition is run prior to the Skills for Chefs conference, held in Sheffield for the last seventeen years. Last year the Stoke by Nayland team came second and won the Best Menu Award, but this year took overall top spot and fought off some stiff competition which included last year's winners. The winning team were Martin Lane and Jamie Mallett, both talented Chefs de Partie and Jack Butler who excelled as a star Waiter – all 21 years of age.

The menu brief was to create a three course menu inspired by Eastern Mediterranean cuisine and “the spice route”. Part of the brief was also to include a reception drink, matching wines and hot beverages to finish. The sub cultures of these regions also had to be taken into account. This provided the team with a hefty task to take on, especially considering that they were working on all of this at the same time as fulfilling the daily requirements of their full time roles at Stoke by Nayland.

The winning menu was :

Grilled Red Mullet fillet, Almond Tarator, Beetroot Sugar, Kadaifi Apricots and Za’atar Cucumber
 Cutlet and Loin of “Nedging Lamb”, Ras el Hanout Beluga Lentils, Garlic and Onion Seed Kebab, Lamb and Pomegranate Courgette Flower, Carrot and Cumin Puree and Lamb Fat Gravy
 Dark Chocolate and Aleppo Pepper Dome, Orange Semifreddo, Yoghurt and Cardamom Cream, Pistachio Granola

Their prize is a four day tour of Istanbul and time at MSA – The Culinary Academy of Istanbul. The judges of the competition are all highly respected chefs – Andrew Bennett MCGB, Executive Head Chef of The Sheraton Park Lane Hotel, Paul Gayler MBE MCGB recently Executive Head Chef of The Lanesborough Hotel

John McGeever MCGB Executive Chef, St Edmund Hall Oxford
 To celebrate their win, Stoke by Nayland Hotel is offering visitors two special dining experiences at excellent introductory rates.

The hotel's Lakes Restaurant has been awarded two AA Rosettes thanks to the outstanding skills of Executive Head Chef Alan Paton who specialises in modern British cuisine and is known for his amazingly unusual combinations of flavours and textures. Anyone interested in trying out his superb culinary treats can come and enjoy a delicious 2 course dinner at a special rate of just £18.95 (Mon – Fri nights inclusive until 31st October) – and the restaurant, which boasts some of the most stunning views in the region, now offers al fresco dining on the heated south terrace overlooking the lake and rolling Constable Country.

The Traditional Afternoon Tea at Stoke by Nayland is also renowned, with delicate finger sandwiches, scrumptious warm homemade scones, clotted cream and jam, and a delicious cake selection. You can enjoy this treat on the terrace or in the newly refurbished Reception area or Hotel Lounge – by the open fire in cooler weather - for a promotional rate of just £11.95 until 31st October (normally £14.95). Booking is required for these offers – please call the hotel on 01206 262836 and quote Autumn Dining Offers. Also visit www.stokebynayland.com

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BBC BATTLE BERTHA IN RIDE LONDON



Above: *Dave Cole, Cris Steward, Richard Thompson (Hidden), Andy Taczynski and Joe Leney crossing Kingston Bridge*

An amazing 35 members of the Boxford Bike Club managed to complete this year's Prudential Ride London cycling sportive held on the 10th August. The ride, now in its second year, saw 24,000 cyclists set out on the route which led them from the start at the Olympic park through the Surrey hills and back to the finish in front of Buckingham Palace.

Unfortunately hurricane Bertha meant that the weather conditions were nothing less than horrendous. The riders faced torrential rain and high winds, which in turn meant that the organisers were forced to shorten the course, taking out two steep descents of Leith hill and Box Hill. The shortened 86 mile course was no less challenging for the riders than the normal 100 mile route, as the roads literally disappeared under a sea of water and the 40 mph gusts of wind threatened to knock them off their bikes. The crowds along the course were amazing and certainly helped the riders in their efforts. Thankfully all of the Boxford riders completed the treacherous course safely, in times ranging from just over 4 hours to 7 1/2 hours. Members also raised considerable amounts of money for their nominated charities which included Macmillan Cancer Support and Epilepsy Research UK.

The successfully riders from the club were as follows: Andrew Day, Pete Hender, John Runnalls, David Cole, Jamie Lones, Andrew Taczynski, Andrew Mason, Joe Leney, Chris Steward, Neil Ralph, Scott Lee-Amies, Ben Sayles, Richard Thomson, Chris Dormady, Steven Hills, Stewart Ambrose, Veronica Collins, Nick Tribe, Sam Segger, Stephen Hawke, Ian Simpson, Vicky Moseley, Ali Moseley, Ian Fovargue, Tim Collins, Deborah Stewart, Paul Barnett, Trevor Crisell, Helen Shinn, Matthew Shinn, Sara Taylor-Balls and Debbie Hattrell.



Above: *Nick Tribe, Veronica Collins and Debbie Hattrell with their medals at the finish. Below: Trevor Crisell and Ian Fovargue + medals*



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Groton Calendar 2015

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SHOEBOX APPEAL 2014

Thank you so much to all those who supported our cream tea afternoon in Barbara and Bernard's garden. Sitting in the sun eating scones and a lovely selection of home made cakes in a beautiful garden has to be one of the best ways to spend a Sunday afternoon! Not only did we enjoy ourselves but we raised the grand total of £505 to put towards sending our shoeboxes on their way this Christmas. Thank you to everyone but especially to Barbara and Bernard.

Our next fund-raising event is on 13th September when we will have a cake stall at Mary's house from 9.30am. Then we will have our usual afternoons of wrapping and filling the boxes in October - more details next month.

POLSTEAD ART GROUP ART EXHIBITION 2014

Our art exhibition was more successful than ever this year so a very big "Thank you" to all who came along.

It's also encouraging to read the comments in the visitors' book and we are grateful to all who took the time to write them.

It also gives great pleasure to us to see so many friends meeting and enjoying the exhibition as a social event, some having come distance.

It^H-adds up to a lovely atmosphere so again, thank you all for coming. Pat Brown

Sudbury Town Team Prize Draw - July winner

Mrs Marsha Lill of Hillside Road, Sudbury won the July prize of a £50 voucher for the Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Station Road, Sudbury. Mrs Lill said "I never win anything so it was a lovely surprise, I only filled out one slip in the Rude Strawberry cafe". The slips are available throughout Sudbury, just look out for the posters displayed in a wide range of retailers and businesses in North Street, Gaol Lane, Market Hill, Gainsborough Street, Friars Street, Station Road, and Borehamgate Precinct. Take in your 'I Love My Local Market Towns' bag and complete a slip, no purchase necessary.

The August prize is a £50 hamper from Health Foods for You.

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GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Registered Charity No. 1118325

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 Tithe 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.

Boxford Baby and Toddler Group



Boxford Baby and Toddler Group meet every Wednesday morning during term time from 9am to 11am at Boxford Village Hall. We are a friendly group of local parents/grandparents and children and welcome any pre-school children and their carers. We have a wide selection of toys available each week plus a varied calendar of activities for the children to enjoy. Sometimes there are craft activities on offer, or the children bake biscuits or have fun with play doh. Occasionally we have visits from local businesses (for example sample sessions of Baby Ballet) and once a month we have a singing/games session run by the staff of Sunflowers Playgroup. There is always tea and coffee on offer with homemade cakes and a drink and snack for the children. The cost is £2 per family each week, which covers the cost of hiring the village hall and providing refreshments.

We would love to welcome new members so please do come and join us when we meet again in September. Our first meeting of the Autumn Term will be on Wednesday 3rd September. Don't be shy - we are a very friendly bunch!

Contacts: Caroline Williams (01787 210836) and Nicola Coote (01787 371788).

Here is a photograph of us enjoying the sunshine at a fun-filled picnic to celebrate the end of the Summer Term!

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

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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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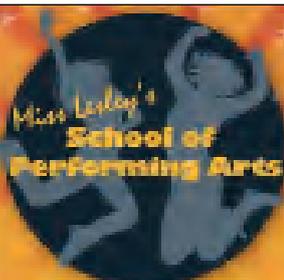
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GROTON ANSWERS LORD KITCHENER'S APPEAL

In September 1914, Lord Kitchener issued his appeal for 'another 100,000 men' to join the regular army, and among those who responded were at least four from Groton.

They were Harry Rice (Private No 2425) aged 20, who lived at Horners Green, Wilfred Griggs (Private No 2434) aged 22, who lived in Broad Street, and Maurice George Hills (Private No 2437) aged 28, who lived in Howe Road.

Together with Henry Gant aged 38, who was born in Groton but had moved away, they all enlisted in Ipswich or Colchester. Henry Gant joined the 9/West Yorkshire Regiment, and the other three joined the 1/5 Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment.

The 5th Battalion of the Suffolk regiment had been training at Holkham Park in the summer of 1914, and then moved via Felixstowe and Brentwood to Mile End, near Colchester where, to their surprise, they were asked to volunteer for service overseas. About three quarters of the Battalion agreed, and the three men from Groton would have been among those who were recruited to bring the Battalion back up to strength, with some 27 officers and 912 other ranks.

A vigorous training programme culminated in a review by the King on the Braiswick golf links in November, and then in January 1915, the Battalion marched from Colchester to West Stow for field-firing, passing through many of the towns and villages from which the men had been recruited.

They then moved on to Thetford for several weeks, where the Norfolk and Suffolk Infantry Brigade became the 163rd Brigade, and the East Anglian Division the 54th Division.

In July the Division, by now in Watford, was ordered to prepare for service overseas, and their serge uniforms were replaced by an issue of khaki drill, as shown in the picture below of Maurice Hills taken before he entrained on July 29th 1915 for Liverpool.



What they still would not have known at this stage is that they were headed for somewhere they had probably never heard of before -- the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey.

When Turkey had entered the war in October 1914, they had blocked the Dardanelles Straits to all enemy ships, cutting the Russians off from their allies and trapping their fleet in the Black Sea. Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, was convinced that the British fleet would be able to force the passage of the Dardanelles, capture Constantinople and bring about the swift surrender of the Turks and their elimination from the war. But the naval campaign had failed and the war cabinet then decided after much heated debate to send land forces to try to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula.

On April 25th 1915, 35,000 allied troops together with 17,000 from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (the ANZACS) had landed on the west coast of the Peninsula. The attack did not go as planned, there were terrible losses and soon both sides were digging in for prolonged trench warfare. But the troops were not just contending with the Turkish forces, but also with intolerable conditions caused by the intense summer heat and lack of drinking water which led to widespread outbreaks of dysentery and other disease. These were the conditions the troops from Suffolk could expect when they arrived.

On July 30th the thousand strong battalion of the 1/5th Suffolks sailed from Liverpool in HMT Aquitania, along with 6000 other infantrymen of the 54th Division. They arrived in the harbour of Mudros on August 6th, and the battalion then crossed over to Imbros in a smaller vessel called the Fauvette.



On August 10th the division was taken in transports to Suvla Bay (see photo above), where they disembarked and marched two miles inland before digging trenches.

The order to attack the Turkish positions came on the 12th and at 4pm the 163rd brigade advanced and soon 'came under a most destructive fire from artillery, machine guns and infantry and units became much intermingled; nevertheless they succeeded in reaching a position about 1500 yards from the starting point.'

The rugged terrain as shown in the illustration was very difficult to negotiate, with the vegetation forcing troops to wind in and out in single file, and the troops were barely ready for the kind of hill warfare they found themselves involved in. Casualties were very heavy and Harry Rice and Wilfred Griggs were among those killed on August 12th in the first advance. By August 15th when the battalion was relieved to return to the reserve trenches, the 1/5th Suffolk alone had lost 186 killed in action, with 3 missing, and in addition 6 officers and 150 other ranks were suffering from dysentery and other conditions.

Maurice Hills had survived the attack unscathed, as did Henry Gant who was fighting in an area further south but also in very difficult conditions. From August 18th to 27th the battalion was in reserve trenches, but still under constant fire, and then they moved to more sheltered trenches on the 29th after an arduous five mile night march carrying heavy loads.

Then from September 5th to 13th the battalion was sent to garrison the strategically important Hill 60, which had been captured by the ANZACS



Stretcher cases being carried back through a communication trench at Gallipoli

and the Connaught Rangers on August 27th after desperate fighting. Conditions on Hill 60 were terrible with the heat, stench and the flies making it almost unbearable. Maurice Hills was wounded by a gunshot wound in his left arm during the fighting on September 6th, and would have been carried back to the reserve trenches and the hospital area. But he recovered well enough to rejoin the battalion in due course.

During the eight weeks since landing, the 1/5th Suffolks had lost four hundred men of all ranks killed, wounded or sick.

On November 9th Henry Gant was killed in fighting around an area known as Lala Baba, not long before the decision was taken to withdraw from the peninsula.



The Malta grenade

The battalion continued to hold Hill 60, with the help of consignments of Malta grenades, which had been urgently requested to help counter the grenades (also known as 'bombs') used by the Turks. 10,000 of these cast iron ball type grenades were ordered in mid-1915.

On November 20th the battalion was relieved, but the weather had by now become bitterly cold and frost bite became a real threat. Many soldiers died on both sides and one contemporary account said: 'Since the days of the Crimea no British army has been exposed to more suffering from the elements.'

Maurice Hills may well have sought refuge in temporary shelters like those shown in the illustration .



Frost bitten soldiers awaiting evacuation lying on straw in shelters constructed of biscuit boxes at a store dump in Suwla Bay in November 1915

By now a decision had been taken to end the land campaign and withdraw from Gallipoli, and the battalion – or what was left of it – embarked on the night of December 6th/7th, and eventually arrived in Alexandria on December 19th 1916. Of more than 1000 men of the

Suffolk Regiment who had landed on August 10th, over 800 had been killed or were wounded, missing or sick. Only 268 eventually reached their next location in Egypt, Mena camp near Cairo.

In view of the privations that the men had suffered and the unimaginable horrors they had experienced, it is hardly surprising that very few of those returning ever wanted to talk about their experiences.

To Egypt and Palestine -- and home

But that was far from the end of Maurice Hills' war. After some two months spent in the shadow of the pyramids, the battalion was on the move again. In the next two years, Maurice and the remnants of the 1/5th Suffolks saw service by the Suez Canal, fought in the first, second and third battles of Gaza, entered Jerusalem and took part in the campaign in Palestine that saw the eventual defeat of the Turkish army. Major General Hare, commanding the 54th division sent a letter to the battalion praising their overall contribution to the campaign, and in particular their action in taking a key point, Observation Hill in November 1918. He wrote of the battalion: 'The dash with which they took Observation Hill set the pace for the whole attack. I am sorry to part with them, and wish them all the best of luck and safe home.'



Maurice Hills, wearied by 4 years of fighting, at the time he re-enlisted in April 1919

And demobilisation was in the air, as the battalion returned to Egypt via Beirut. Maurice Hills was duly discharged from the Suffolk Regiment on 31st March 1919, but had clearly decided that army life had some advantages, as he signed on the following day for a further two years, and eventually received his final discharge on 30th June 1921, when he would have returned to Groton.

On February 25th 1922 he married Emily Rose Simpson, the daughter of Frederick and Emily Simpson, and they settled happily in Groton where Maurice was the sexton at St. Bartholomew's Church and also worked at



the Rectory for the Rev Bonsey. He is seen in the photo above with his wife outside his house (now known as Cotlee) in Groton Street around 1935.

They raised a family of five children, and I am indebted to two of Maurice's daughters, Ethel Carter of Boxford and Chrissie Boon of Hadleigh, for photographs and information about their father.

Epilogue

The sacrifices of Harry Rice, Wilfred Griggs and Henry Gant, who had no known grave, are fittingly remembered on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli on panels 46/47 and 47/51.

And had those sacrifices been in vain? The commonly accepted view of the campaign at the time and for some years after, was that it had been an unmitigated disaster and it led to Churchill's resignation and soon after that the British government was replaced by a new coalition led by a new Prime Minister, David Lloyd George.

But there are other views as well. As Alan Moorehead wrote in his book entitled Gallipoli :

'In its strictly military aspect, the influence of the Gallipoli campaign was enormous. It was the greatest amphibious operation which mankind had known up till then, and it took place in circumstances in which nearly everything was experimental: in the use of submarines and aircraft, in the trial of modern naval guns against artillery on the shore, in the manoeuvre of landing armies in small boats on a hostile coast, in the use of radio, of the aerial bomb, the land mine, and many other novel devices. These things led on through Dunkirk and the Mediterranean landings to the invasion of Normandy in the second World War.

The correction of the errors made (at Gallipoli) was the basis of the victory of 1945. The next time, as Kitchener had once hoped, 'they got it right'.

The men from Groton had played their part in history.

If anyone has more information or photographs about Harry Rice, Wilfred Griggs, Henry Gant or any other men from Groton who fought in the war, I would be very pleased to receive these for the Groton Archives. I would particularly like to trace a photo which is known to exist showing Maurice Hills and others about to leave for training or the front and enjoying a drink outside the Fox and Hounds in Groton.

Jeremy Osborne

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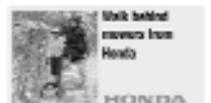
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St. Elizabeth Hospice

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.

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 www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807.

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Barbara is holding another sale at the Parish Rooms, Stratford St. Mary on 11th October from 10am. Please note the sale that was planned for 20th September at Leavenhath Village Hall Sale has been postponed. 01787 210888 for more info

'Around the Flower Shows' Talk

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- 18th Oct. (or earlier) Suffolk's iconic symbols
- 24th Oct. The Family of Queen Elizabeth: Mother, Sister, Wife, and Mother-in-Law
- 2nd Nov. Remembrance and the war's legacy in Suffolk

Where: Buxford Village Hall
 Time: 7.30pm start (7.00pm start for those with a concessionary rate)
 Cost: £10 for the course, payable at the first lecture, or for individual lectures £2.00 (2.00 net for 4th November)

Dr John Greenacre served in the Army for 21 years, with deployments in the Gulf, the Balkans and Northern Ireland. He holds a doctorate in military history from the University of Leeds and frequently lectures and gives talks in Suffolk on the conflict.

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Saturday 6th September 7.30pm NILEY CARROLL a local 15 year old, singer/songwriter. This is her first solo gig. Free entry

Tuesday 9th September to Sat 13th 7.30pm Sudbury Dramatic Society presents: SEPTEMBER TIDE. Daphne Du Maurier's third play, set in her beloved Cornwall in 1948. 9.00 Friends £8.00 Tuesday only £7.00

Thursday 11th September 10.30pm Film Club HENRY JAYNE'S WANE FONDA. A meticulous and masterful craftsman. 01787 374745 / 01787 374745

Friday 19th September 7.30pm MILES HUNT AND ERICA NOCKALLS OF THE WONDER STUFF. The Quay is pleased to announce that the duo bounce back into focus with renewed vigour and customary appeal. £13.00 Friends £12.00

Sunday 21st September 3.00pm Theatre of Widdowsins THE MAGIC PORRIDGE POT AND OTHER TASTY TALES

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Sunday 28th September 7.30pm OPEN MUSIC NIGHT. Free entry. Held upstairs in the Bar. Free entry, all welcome. Bring your instruments, your voice or just yourself! All types of music welcome, but no mix or amps please. Bar open.

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 September Events

Monday	4th	7.00 pm	Bridge Drive at Golf Club
Tuesday	5th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club
Wednesday	3rd	7.30 pm	Village Hall Committee
Saturday	6th	9 – 5.00 pm	Autumn Show
Wednesday	10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday	16th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club
Friday	26th	11.00 am	Fireside Club – Outing to Woodbridge Tide Mill
Saturday	27th	10.00 am	McMillan coffee morning
Tuesday	30th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday and Thursday evenings : Highway 12 Western Partner Dance Club (phone 371006 for details)

Tuesday evenings : JT Steppers Line Dance (phone 377343 for details)

Friday afternoons : Art Club (phone 312346 for details)

Friday evenings : Sudbury and District Wargames Club (phone 312160 for details)

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

BOXFORD WI

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

1st September the meeting will be as usual at 2.30pm and finish approx 3.45pm. 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

We were very pleased to welcome several new members at the bridge drive held at Newton Green Golf Club on Monday 4th August. Despite have to play in the rather cramped and noisy side room I think everyone enjoyed the evening. We should be back in more comfortable surroundings in the main club room for our next drives, and we hope to see both old and new members again then.

The prize winners were:

Simon and Sharon	2250
Ann and Alan Vince	2240
Geoff Nott & Adam Waller	2150

Our next drive will be on Monday 1st September and then 6th October. Please arrive by 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start. Alan Vince 01787 373963

JAMES FINCH at MARY'S HOUSE.

Suffolk County Councillor James Finch, will be in Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford, Wednesday 10th September from 4pm 'til 6pm.

If you have any questions for James, please just drop in. Sue Green.

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person
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GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday, September 20th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

Tickets will soon be available for this popular annual event, so get yours soon [£10 each] from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. This will be a Traditional Harvest Supper, with the usual excellent hot meal and a bar, and probably a short quiz. We will look forward to seeing you at Groton village hall on September 20th.

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS
AT BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

CALL MY BLUFF

**if you cannot do last one... don't miss this one!*

strikes again!

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

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be held on Sunday 7th September,
and we are delighted to see dedicated
to the evening in support of Suffolk
Family Carers.
Any questions please contact Mr G
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Forthcoming Events Diary

August

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

2 Propogating Herbs, History and Folk Lore	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
3 A peek at the life of the Essex Constabulary	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2pm
4 Newton Bridge Drive		Golf Club	7.00pm
6 Coffee Morning	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		10.30am
6 Autumn Show	Newton Green	Village Hall	9-5pm
8 Boxford Over 60's Garden Tea Party		At Sam's	2pm
11 Bridge Project ceramics	Sudbury	Boxford WI	Mary's House
13.Cake stall.	Shoebbox appeal.		Mary's house.
20 Call My Bluff	Boxford Drama Group		Boxford Village Hall
27 McMillan Coffee Morning			Newton Village Hall

October

1 Remarkable Women of Ipswich	Boxford WI		Village Hall
13- Portrait of a Lady	Boford Study Centre		Groton Village Hall
19 Kelvendon Singers	Boxford PCC		Boxford St Mary's
25 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		
25 Quiz Night			Edwardstone Village Hall
25 Halloween Dance			Boxford Village Hall

November

1 Boxford Community Council	BOXFORD FIREWORKS		Playing Fields
8 "Missing, 2nd Lieutenant Gordon Thorpe"	The Boxford Society		Boxford School Hall

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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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



in the
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Come and celebrate with us!

You are warmly invited to the
Harvest Festival Services, Harvest Lunches and
Harvest Suppers in the five churches and villages!

See the church papers for dates and times



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346

A Pims Evening on Saturday 26th July held at The Knollgate, by kind generosity & hospitality of the Miles family, raised over £500.00 for church funds.



Our Pets Blessing Service is being held at 11.00am on Sunday 7th September. Please bring your favourite pet or cuddly toy. Please also bring your pets' favourite dried treats.

The Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's will be on Sunday 21st September at 11.00. Everyone is most welcome.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride for 2014 will be held



on Saturday 13 September and sponsor forms and the list of open churches will be available from Ruth or on the table at the back of the church. All you have to do is register your interest and start collecting sponsors on your form. You choose your route and how far you cycle. If you are near the county borders we can even let you have a list of open churches in the adjoining counties. Half of the money you raise will go to St. Mary's Boxford, and the rest to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, to give out as grants.

Kelvedon Singers Concert- Make a date to come to a concert at St. Mary's Church on Sunday October 19th at 6.00pm. Followed by wine & nibbles. – tickets £12.00 adults from village shops soon or a churchwarden.



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 October 2014 Box River News:

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Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

FROM THE REGISTERS:

FUNERAL AND BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD: On 5 August 2014 – Brian Chatters, aged 71 years.

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.

PCC MEETING: Tuesday 16 September 2014, 7.00 pm in Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail djlamm@hotmai.com) by Sunday 7 September.

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday, September 20th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

Tickets will soon be available for this popular annual event, so get yours soon [£10 each] from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. This will be a Traditional Harvest Supper, with the usual excellent hot meal and a bar, and probably a short quiz. We will look forward to seeing you at Groton village hall on September 20th.

Rota:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr & Mrs Smith

Flowers: Mrs Scriven

Cleaning: Mrs Scriven



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

3 August: Reverend Judith reminded us of the sacrifice of so many lives during the First World War. Our village Roll of Honour was displayed with the Union Flag, a poppy and a candle to remember those who fought and died for our country.

Little Waldingfield PCC has been fortunate in finding a new Treasurer. She is Barbara Campbell, a new resident of our village, who answered our advertisement in this magazine. We are pleased and delighted to welcome her to our PCC.

Len Manning has provided a new bench in our churchyard. The old one, dedicated to his wife, Ruth, became damaged. The replacement is much appreciated.

We are also grateful to Ivan Carter and Mike Langford, who have repaired and treated the seat dedicated to Harry Clive, which stands near the south porch.

Two large tubs by the west door have been filled with flowers by Jill Harritt ever since she came to live here. She also provides lovely displays outside her house, which enhance our churchyard. They are much admired, and we thank her.

Rota:

Sept 7

Sept 14

Sept 21

Sept 28

Sidesman

Mr & Mrs Tora

Mrs Nicholls & Mr Duffy

Mr Squirrel

Visiting

Flowers

Mrs Squirrel

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor-Smith

Mrs Roser



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

13th July: Revd Judith led our Holy Communion service and in her address she spoke of the Diocese having a major initiative underway called "Growing in God" with the idea for us to grow as Christians and also to help our churches to grow, and then offering a "Prayer for Growth". Using the parable of the sower, Revd Judith pointed out the need for us to plant on fertile soil to get the best chances of success. The Banns of Marriage were read out for the third time in preparation for the couples' wedding at the end of August. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ for us, and to our refreshment helpers including our under five year old.

27th July: Morning Worship was celebrated by Revd Judith. Using the parable of the sowing of the mustard seed and yeast growing to create bread, Revd Judith drew our thoughts to how these inconspicuous items can grow into something wonderful. Just as inconspicuous as we are, we can grow within ourselves and within the church with God working in our lives. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all willing helpers in our service.

10th August: We had our service of Morning Worship instead of Holy Communion which was taken by Revd Judith. She spoke of the time Christ walked on water but Peter could not, once he felt fear and then Christ saved him. That is a situation that we may find relevant in our lives. Our thanks to Michael Colleer, who played the organ, and to our refreshment helpers.

Notice: 31st August: 10.00am. The Five Villages Service. All are welcome.

Benefice News MINISTRY TEAM: The ministry team meet in Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3 September 2014.

General Church News

LORD WILLIAMS TO GIVE LECTURE IN LAVENHAM

Lord Williams of Oystermouth—Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury—will be in Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lavenham, on Monday 1 September 2014, where he will deliver the second Dr Jean Guy Memorial Lecture entitled "Ethics and Empathy: a new framework for moral reflection?" All are welcome—admission is free and refreshments will be available. The lecture starts at 7.00 pm.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE MIDDLE EAST – please come and light a candle for those suffering... Prayer Vigils are being arranged in Sudbury over the next three weeks to enable people throughout the town to light a candle and say a prayer for the people in the Middle East. The struggle, turmoil and human suffering that is taking place in Israel, Palestine, Syria and Iraq is beyond our comprehension, so please lift these people by joining us in prayer.

Kettle & Fish, St Peter's Church, on Thursdays 21 & 28 August from 9.45 am to 2.00 pm

St Gregory's Church, The Croft, on Saturday 30 August from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

God of peace, encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East. Bless their efforts as they work to end conflict. Lead those who engage in violence to put down their weapons and to live in peace with one another. Amen

(Prayer courtesy of Christian Aid)

'CHURCHES TOGETHER' PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.

CTiS&D prayer breakfasts in September, to which all are welcome, will be held at the following venues:

6th Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury

13th Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard.

20th St Gregory's Church Hall, Prince Street, Sudbury.

27th All Saints Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury.

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website:

www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk

CHOOSING OUR NEW BISHOP

The first of two meetings of the Crown Nominations Commission, charged with deciding on who to recommend to the Prime Minister as the new bishop for our diocese to succeed Bishop Nigel, is on Thursday 11 September 2014. Please pray for the members of the commission, especially our six diocesan members, the Revd Canon Jonathan Alderton-

Ford, Tim Allen, Margaret Condick, the Revd Andrew Dotchin, the Very Revd Frances Ward and Michael Wilde, as they take part in the process of discerning God's will for the future leadership and direction of our diocese. At the September meeting members of the CNC will draw up a short list of candidates to be interviewed at the second meeting of the commission on 15 and 16 October 2014.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship September 2014

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

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

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

The rota is: Tues 9.00 Edwardstone, 17.00 Little Waldingfield Wed 9.00 Groton; Thur 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

Wednesday 3rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 4th Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion - Newmans Hall	TBC

Sunday 7th	12th after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Pets Service (All Age Service)	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 10th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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Sunday 14th	13th after Trinity	(G)
Newton	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	15.00 Harvest Festival	Revd Judith
Groton	18.30 Harvest Festival	Revd Judith

Wednesday 17th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 18th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline Newmans Hall	Lay team

Sunday 21st	15th after Trinity	(G)
Lt Waldingfield	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Harvest Festival	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	15.00 Harvest Festival	Revd Judith

Wednesday 24th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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Sunday 28th	16th after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Groton	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Harvest Festival	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury



Soap Box

Having missed last month's Soap Box (and a heartfelt thanks to Nick Athorne for stepping in at short notice to cover for me), I find myself with a positive plethora of potential problems to address. Despite an impassioned letter from the new Parish Council chairman, and the appointment of a dog warden, the dog poo situation in our village seems as bad as ever. My wife seems to do little else other than clear up after other unthinking dog owners on the premise that it makes the footpaths easier to walk.

Then there is the incidence of speeding in Little Waldingfield. Even though we are in the middle of the holiday season, with fewer cars travelling through our village, there are still plenty of motorists who seem incapable of recognizing a 30 mph speed limit sign when they see one. The portable sign we now use in conjunction with other villages does appear to make a difference, though we were told that if it became a permanent fixture, it would soon be disregarded by passing drivers.

The good news, of course, is that we have a vibrant Speedwatch team in our village, led by Rick Ridgeon who never fails to field sufficient people to conduct our efforts at reducing speeding. Contrast that with Great Waldingfield and Acton, both considerably larger than us, where apathy has allowed the Speedwatch initiative to fall by the wayside. In the end engagement is necessary if villages like ours are to thrive, but that doesn't excuse bad behaviour, like speeding or allowing your dog to do his business and then walk away without clearing it up.

Then there is the vexed question of when we will have broadband in our village at speeds that will allow us to download such things as TV programmes without that infuriating pause with the revolving roundel in the middle of the screen indicating that a game of catch up is being played. We've had the BT engineers in the village, digging up roads and supposedly laying cables, but it seems a further delay will mean no faster broadband here before the turn of the year. Disappointing, but all too predictable in my opinion.

As for the aftermath of the harvest, have you noticed how much bigger farm machinery has become in recent years? Walking along the roads around us can prove an unnerving experience as huge tractors bear down on you at speeds that feel challenging. Don't get me wrong. We live in a rural environment where farmers need to operate in the most efficient way available to them. If this means giant pieces of equipment, well – we will have to learn to live with it. Those driving these machines need to act responsibly too, though. No wonder Suffolk is one of the highest rural crime counties, given the value of some of this kit.

On one of my walks through Little Waldingfield the other weekend, I reflected on the level of turnover of residents that has taken place recently. Perhaps it is the better tone to the housing market, but I don't think I have ever known so many houses to have changed hands in a comparatively short space of time. This should be a positive development. Communities like ours need fresh blood. The important element is that newcomers need to engage and act responsibly.

So far the omens are good. Rick's Speedwatch volunteer group includes a number of people who are new to the village. Half the present Parish Council are relatively recent residents. The Playing Fields committee also has its fair share of incomers. Two books are being produced in the village, one on our more recent history and the other a guide to our church of St Lawrence. Both have had relatively new residents heavily involved in their production. All in all, I consider that we punch above our weight as a village. Long may this state of affairs continue. *Brian Tora*

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GARDENING IN SEPTEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

White is an essential colour to have as a foil to other colours in a well planned herbaceous border. The following are a few suggestions which are obtainable but you may have to shop around for them.

Veronica Virginica Alba; this is a spectacular plant which is easy to grow in good soil. The long, slender stems do not need staking in spite of reaching a height of four to five feet. In July -August long central spikes open with small white flowers and if these spikes are cut off as they fade smaller secondary spikes open giving a longer flowering period.

Stachys nivea; a mat forming plant of green leaves for the front of the border. Nine inch long spikes of pure white flowers are produced from June to September. Likes a sunny position in any type of soil.

Physostegia summer snow; most people are familiar with the variety 'vivid' and its purple-pink flowers. The strong square stem of the variety summer snow carry dense spikes of pure white flowers, two and a half feet high from mid July to September.

Cimicifuga Racemosa; four feet long, strong, wiry stems with long graceful spires of white flowers and attractive foliage. Likes a fairly moist and partially shaded position.

Anaphalis yedoensis; leaves and stems of silvery grey with two feet long stems of flat top heads of white. A good flower for cutting and drying.

Lysimachia clethroides; three feet stems of leafy growth with spikes of small white flowers a bit like Buddleia. Likes a moist rich soil in sun or part shade. Plants expand quickly and excessive growth needs chopping back with a spade every two or three years.

Remove the lower leaves on tomatoes that have turned yellow. Healthy green leaves should never be removed as they are needed to supply food necessary to swell the fruits. Evergreen shrubs and conifers should be planted now while there is still warmth in the soil. Root growth grows immediately so they establish quickly.

Plant bulbs of Dutch and English iris for flowering from late May to July. The Dutch are the earliest to flower followed by about a fortnight later by the English. All are excellent for cutting and garden decoration. Choose a sunny, well drained site containing plenty of organic material. Plant 3 inches deep and 6 inches apart and they can be left undisturbed for several years before becoming overcrowded. It is essential to make the planting positions so that the bulbs are not disturbed during the dormant

period by digging or hoeing.

At the end of the month plant out spring cabbage 18 inches apart in rows 18 inches apart.

Cuttings or pipings of Pinks which were taken in July should now be well rooted and ready to be planted out in the border so they become well established before the cold weather sets in.

September is generally a cooler, gustier month than August and the days are noticeably shorter. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest. It's also time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year and you can collect seeds for next summer's colour too. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can!

Top 10 jobs this month:

- 1 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 2 Pick autumn raspberries
- 3 Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- 4 Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- 5 Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- 6 Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
- 7 Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
- 8 Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
- 9 Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
- 10 Plant spring flowering bulbs

Keep weeding; most perennial weeds are susceptible to weedkiller this month and systemic weedkillers will carry on working throughout the winter. Also clear any debris and diseased material from your garden. Pests and diseases that overwinter in your garden will reappear next spring with a vengeance so get rid of them now. Burn diseased material and put the rest of your garden rubbish (apart from woody stems) in the compost.

Once tomatoes and other greenhouse crops are over, give the greenhouse a thorough clean to prevent pests from making a home in that lovely warm environment, ready to leap into action next spring.

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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

Meeting on 2nd June

No members of public were present.

District Council Report

District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the cutting at Marsh Road has been delayed again due to the Bee Orchids. He believes the issues with the letting of Homefield garages have now been resolved. Housing is a major issue in the District with the requirement for bed & breakfast accommodation. Finances are tight at the District Council requiring a more business-like approach. Applications have been made under the Localism Bill in respect of Community Assets. This is where the Community can delay the sale of local assets by 6 months to acquire funds to purchase and run the service that could potentially be lost. Discussions continue between ICENI and County Highways regarding access to the proposed Sand Hill Development. Cllr Hurren is hopeful that a public display of the plans will be arranged and he estimates the Plans will be back for consultation within the next couple of months. It was agreed to put a notice in Box River News advising of this and encouraging everyone to share their views.

Planning: An appeal had been made for Refusal to Grant permission at Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane. Permission had been granted to extend 6 Hadleigh Road. The Parish Council had No Objections to the proposed extensions at 1 Boxford Lane.

Reports: The Chairman confirmed the damaged Daking Avenue street sign on the Sherbourne Street side had been secured. The Chairman agreed to liaise with our contractor regarding maintenance of the grit retainers. The Church Clock was in the process of repair.

Meeting on 16th June

Police Report: PCSO Jamie Fudge reported 2 thefts in Siam Hall Lane in the period between mid May and mid June. The storage containers were forcibly entered and red diesel stolen from agricultural equipment in a separate incident. Initiatives include the drink driving campaign and also further police cadets are being recruited. PCSO Fudge apologised for not being able to attend to the Community Speed Watch training which was due to an emergency priority involving a potential sexual assault. A further date was being arranged.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch had provided a report covering the new opening hours at the Records Office, the reduction in unemployment levels in Suffolk and Speed Watch in Boxford. Following his report improvements to defend against flooding were discussed. It was agreed for the Parish Council to proceed with some work in this respect approved in conjunction with the County Council using volunteer help, shared use of a mini digger and incurring some materials cost. Cllr Finch agreed to contribute £100 from his Locality budget.

District Council Report: Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed he met Flagship representatives to discuss maintenance delays. The trimming of the Partridge Close hedge is scheduled. A question was raised with Cllr Hurren regarding the land purchased by the developers of Homefield Court flats in relation to the maintenance of trees on the land? Cllr Hurren agreed to investigate. With the pressure on finances at the District Council, the emphasis is on jobs and growth. Consultants are reviewing their premises requirements. There continues to be pressure on housing. With the new plans for the proposed Sand Hill development expected shortly, potential dates for the public display of plans were discussed. Cllr Hurren will follow up with Babergh Officers.

Correspondence: It was agreed to forward details to County Cllr Finch relating to problems our Footpath Warden is facing when he reports issues to County Officers.

Finance: The Parish Council Insurers have been informed regarding the Community Car Sharing Scheme and Community Speed Watch. Payment was made for repairs to the Church Clock.

Reports: The Chairman agreed to dust the Bus Shelter. It was agreed to report the ruts and brambles on the footpath from Cox Hill. PCSO Jamie Fudge will investigate reports of inappropriate parking on Cox Hill. It was agreed to report the water leak near the gateway to the Church.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 21 July 2014 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: S Norman (in the Chair), M Childs, P Clarke

In attendance: B Hurren (District Councillor), J Finch (County Councillor), PCSO D Rudd, A Robinson (Clerk)

To receive and approve apologies for Absence: Jim Robinson and Garry Peacock, who had business commitments, Shirley Flack and Clare Britcher, who were on holiday. Approved.

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any items on Agenda - none
To approve Minutes of the Meeting of 19 May 2014

Approved, proposed by Sharron Norman and seconded by Melanie Childs.

To receive reports from:

Suffolk Constabulary: PCSO Debbie Rudd had provided a report which showed that there were no crimes during the period 19 May to 18 July 2014 compared to 3 crimes during the same period last year. She advised that there had been a number of purse thefts in Sudbury town centre and encouraged everyone to keep their valuables in sight. The next Priority Setting Meeting is on 16 September 2014 at 11am at Stanstead Community Centre.

Suffolk County Council: James Finch had circulated a copy of his report. In response to questions, he advised that he had made a formal complaint about the late start to the grass cutting programme. He encouraged everyone to use the

online reporting site for potholes and other issues. Sharron Norman informed him that there was a broken drain at Temple Bar which had previously been reported but had still not been fixed. The Clerk is to report it again and advise James Finch if the matter is not resolved.

Babergh District Council: Bryn Hurren reported that he had repaired the Parish Council notice board door and will replace it as soon as possible. He confirmed that there was no news on the Newton Green solar farm planning appeal. The new chair of Babergh District Council is James Long. Solar panels are now being fitted to council properties in Sudbury and the District Council hopes to make £7.5m profit in the long term. Sharron Norman asked Bryn Hurren to chase Flagship as despite promises at their meeting, they have not cut the hedge at Mill Green. He will do so.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public
There were none.

To consider whether to accept email as an acceptable form of communication
This was discussed and agreed.

To consider Planning Matters: Planning applications received – Seytons, 2 The Winthrops, Edwardstone and Priory Green House, Edwardstone
Councillors discussed the applications and resolved to advise Babergh that they had no objections to either.

Rogers Farm, Newton Green – appeal process under way

As indicated above, there is no news on this matter.

Neighbourhood plan: The Chair and the Clerk had both heard from Michael Norman of Boxford Parish Council asking whether any councillors would be interested in working together on a neighbourhood plan. If so they should contact Roger Balls on 210136.

Financial matters: To consider and approve the Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment

The Council's financial position was reported and updated by the Responsible Financial Officer and approved. Councillors authorised all proposed payments, proposed by Sharron Norman and seconded by Melanie Childs:

To consider changes to Bank Mandates: Councillors discussed the position regarding bank mandates following the bank's recent error relating to authorisation cards and PINs. It was resolved that the clerk would write to the bank confirming the current position and Melanie Childs would complete a bank mandate and visit the bank with identification enabling her to act as a signatory on the account.

Highway and Footpath matters: To consider the issue of speeding traffic
Sharron Norman advised that she had spoken to Michael Norman of Boxford Parish Council and he has invited councillors and others to join teams of 3 people carrying out community speedwatch checks. Anyone interested should call John Moles on 210203.

To report on and consider other Highway and Footpath matters: It was resolved that Sharron Norman would liaise with James Rodger-Brown regarding footpath cutting. She said that she had received a few complaints about a hedge adjoining the footpath in Mill Green. It was resolved that the clerk would write to the owner asking him to trim the hedge. Paul Clarke reported that there were still dangerous potholes near Tye Went corner and both sides of the road near the Priory Green turning. The Clerk will check the locations of these and report them. Paul Clarke said there is a tree covered with ivy at the top of the hill past the pits and this needs to be moved as it is a hazard. The Clerk will report this. Sharron Norman also asked the Clerk to report to Suffolk Highways that the hedge cutting near Christmas House in Sherbourne Street had left debris on the road which needs to be moved, and the cutting back finished. She also asked the Clerk to write to a resident in Sherbourne Street and ask him to cut his hedge as it is blocking the footpath.

To consider retention and use of the telephone kiosk: Councillors discussed a suggestion by Jim Robinson that investigations be made into installing a defibrillator in the phone box. Other options were also considered. It was resolved that the Clerk would make further investigations and report back at the next meeting.

To report on and consider Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence: The correspondence received was noted. The Clerk advised that she had been setting up a website for Groton Parish Council using the free site provided by OneSuffolk. This had proved to be straightforward and she offered to create a site for Edwardstone Parish Council. Councillors resolved that she should proceed with this. Sharron Norman had been asked if the Council would be prepared to write to Babergh with its comments regarding the new Sand Hill application in Boxford as an adjoining parish. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

To set future Agenda items

Telephone kiosk, website and Sand Hill development.

Dates of the next meetings

15 September 2014 and 17 November 2014

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 2 July 2014 at

Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

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

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren (Babergh District Councillor)

Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Gerald Smith and the Police.

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on the Agenda

There were none.

Minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2014: The Minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2014 were approved and signed.

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

To receive reports from:

Suffolk Constabulary: The Police were not in attendance but had forwarded a report which had been circulated and was read out. No crimes were recorded in the parish between 2 May 2014 and 28 June 2014, the same as the previous year. It was noted that crime figures for neighbouring parishes were still not being supplied. The Clerk was asked to forward email addresses for all councillors to Mike Gill so that they could receive Neighbourhood Watch updates.

Suffolk County Council: James Finch was not in attendance.

Babergh District Council: Bryn Hurren reported that the new Chair of Babergh District Council was James Long. The by-election had been won by the Green Party. Bryn remains in his previous posts. There is to be an appeal on the Newton Green solar farm planning application. Solar panels are now being fitted onto council houses in Sudbury which should make a good profit in years to come. Bryn was asked whether the Quay Theatre received any Arts Council funding but advised that it did not.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public: Babergh Parish Liaison Meeting 3 June 2014

Jeremy Osborne reported that he had attended the meeting along with about 25 others. They had a talk regarding the changes in the electoral system, bringing in Individual Electoral Registration in time for the General Election on 7 May 2015. They discussed the planning changes and Jeremy had asked why the strategy document showed Edwardstone as Hinterland and Groton as Open Countryside, and what difference it made. He will continue to try to find out.

To carry out a financial risk assessment: The Council considered the Register of Fixed Assets and carried out a financial risk assessment. It was resolved that all was in order save that investigations were to be carried out into the whereabouts of the strimmer, and more information obtained on the parish fields.

To review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: Standing Orders were reviewed and it was resolved that no changes were required. The current Financial Regulations were also reviewed and the new draft proposed Financial Regulations also considered. It was resolved that no changes were necessary at the moment but the matter will be considered again in a year's time.

To consider whether to accept email as an acceptable form of communication: It was resolved to accept email as an acceptable form of communication.

To consider adopting the amended SALC Code of Conduct: The Council resolved not to adopt the Code until members had had the opportunity to consider the proposals in detail.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence: The Chair reported that the Village Hall Management Committee need funding for new crockery. They are applying elsewhere and the matter can be considered at a later date if necessary. There were no comments on the correspondence received, although the Clerk will send the documentation regarding the BDC consultation on the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule to Nick Cox in case he had any comments he wished to put forward. Chris Kennedy advised that he would have to resign from the Council from today as he was moving away from the area due to work commitments. The Chair thanked Chris for all his work on the Council and wished him good luck for the future.

Highway Matters: Speeding Traffic. A meeting has been arranged with Paul Gant of Suffolk Highways at 10am on Wednesday 16 July 2014 at the Fox & Hounds Car Park. The Chair will attend with Jeremy Osborne and Rona Kelsey and any other Councillors who are available. They will discuss the location and cost of 30mph roundels. Bryn Hurren reported that there is a community speedwatch group in Boxford.

Any other Highway and Footpath matters: Adam Dixon-Smith reported that although the footpaths had been cut, they have been cut incorrectly in a couple of places where they do not follow the route of the footpath. He will supply the Clerk with a map marking the errors and she will pass these on to Suffolk County Council.

Planning Matters: Local Housing Needs Survey: The Chair and Rona Kelsey had walked the village and identified some potential sites for very small developments of affordable housing. The Chair will take this forward with Community Action Suffolk and the District Council.

Any urgent planning matters: There were none. The application for Listed Building Consent for Mulberry Barn had been refused.

Financial Matters: The proposed payments were approved. It was resolved that the Clerk would obtain Bank Mandates to add the new councillors to the list of bank signatories.

To agree future Agenda items: It was resolved to add Housing Needs, Speeding Traffic and Suffolk Code of Conduct to the next Agenda.

To agree the date of the next meetings: 3 September 2014, 5 November 2014

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 1st July 2014

Present: A Sheppard, M Ewen, J Kossick, M Foster, S Braybrook, D Kiddy 7 members of the public

Apologies: None.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Matters/Speedwatch: During Speedwatch sessions of 2nd – 6th June 48 offenders were recorded with a top speed of 47mph, not an encouraging result.

A written police report was received, with Sgt. K Ellis and PCSO D Rudd joining

the meeting partway through. The Chairman questioned the officers vigorously on the content of the report. The format and contents of the written reports may change to add more value. The outcome to drivers of multiple Speedwatch scheme warnings was clarified. The next Priority Settings meeting is 15th July at Shimpling Village Hall from 6 – 7pm.

Minutes of the last Meeting: Minutes of the Meeting of 20 May and the Annual Parish Meeting were agreed as true records and signed.

Matters Arising: Charles Miller was proposed and seconded to the post of Councillor and was unanimously elected. The Chairman welcomed him to the Council and invited him to join the meeting. Suffolk CC has confirmed they will request that the hedge by The Lodge be cut after the end of August. The Clerk advised any driver suffering damage to their vehicle if forced into the hedge to report this on a personal basis.

Public Session: No matters were raised.

Planning Matters: The Planning Enforcement Officer will inspect the garage at Heathfield House to see if it exceeds the guidelines for buildings in conservation areas. There were no objections raised in respect of an application for an extension to Woodhall Lodge. Nothing further has been heard regarding the windows at Brookwood Manor. The application for a timber frame building at Bridge Bungalow has been withdrawn.

The Chairman attended a meeting on the intention of Babergh DC to notify parishes of planning applications electronically and not supply paper copies with effect from 1st July. Objections were raised by the parish representatives present and the implementation of this has now been postponed.

Corporate Policies: This will be revisited.

Financial Matters: A cheque to the Jubilee Sailing Trust in memory of Millie Heptinstall was signed.

Correspondence: A survey on the possible provision of funding for a Community Warden has been received from Babergh DC has been received, and a lively debate followed with varying opinions. Comments to J Kossick please, who will then respond. A Sheppard will send a supportive reply to a survey on the proposal regarding the sale of excess electricity generated by Parish Council schemes back to the National Grid, in line with legislation that allows this to be done by District Councils.

Village Website: A detailed report was circulated confirming that visits continue to increase.

Public Transport: 3 letters have been received from regular bus users expressing concern re rumours that the twice weekly service may be withdrawn. The Clerk will write to Suffolk CC to confirm the retention of the service is necessary to enable residents without their own transport to continue living here and enclosing these letters in support.

Footpaths: Views were expressed that 2 cuts per year to footpaths are insufficient. J Kossick will contact Suffolk CC to clarify which paths they cut and which ones are the landowners responsibility.

Churchyard: We are awaiting the 3rd quote for necessary works to the lime trees in the churchyard.

Playing Field: The Playing Field land requires registration to protect village interests and it was decided that the Council approach Bates, Wells & Braithwaite to undertake this on their behalf. A Sheppard and C Miller will lead on this.

Clive Memorial: With a print run of 200 copies of A History of the Church the cost should not exceed £1000.

Risk Register: Carried forward to the next meeting.

Any Other Business: An informal meeting between a land owner and 2 Parish Councillors was discussed.

Date of next meeting is 19th August.

Newton Parish Council Meeting

9th July 2014

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

Attending: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk) and 4 residents.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Presland (holiday), James Cartlidge (Babergh District Councillor) and PCSO Rudd sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interests: None declared.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Suffolk Local Code of Conduct: The councillors reviewed and resolved to adopt the revised Suffolk Local Code of Conduct dated 9th July 2014.

Minutes of meeting held on the 11th June 2014: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: Residents raised issues relating to the new speed camera sign in Assington Road and the position of the 30mph sign on entering the village from Sudbury. The reports are contained in Appendix A.

Correspondence (Appendix B): Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated the councillors noted their appreciation of the invitation from Newton Green Golf Club to attend the official opening of the Arthur Davey Starters Shelter at 4pm on the 4th August 2014.

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

Newton Youth Council: Stephanie Poole updated councillors on the Youth Councils plans for the coming year which include:

- Support the Autumn Show by organising games for children and providing a stand for use by local musicians
- Support of Fete in 2015
- Games facilities in the playing field for use by young people and residents
- Use of Village Hall for young people's gatherings
- NYC Facebook page
- Using Newton website to update residents on NYC issues

- Newsletter
- Questionnaire to young people to outline plans and get feedback.

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

b.The councillors resolved a budget of £400 for the Youth Council in 2014 / 2015 which includes the costs of hiring the village hall for NYC meetings and gatherings.

Planning:a. A further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/14/00765 Willows End, Boxford Lane - Erection of a single-storey side extension and resolved to support the application.

b.The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: The councillors resolved a budget of £120 to cover the costs of the artificial matting for the top of the slide and the preservative for the play equipment fencing.

NPC Byelaws: NPC is awaiting final confirmation of the Byelaws from the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government. Once received, the Byelaws will be published on newly installed notice boards around the Green for one month following which any actions contrary to the Byelaws will be subjected to NPC's enforcement process. The councillors reviewed the enforcement process and resolved to adopt it a month after the Byelaws are published on the notice boards around the Green. The Clerk confirmed that following discussions with NPC's insurers the legal protection aspects of NPC's policy cover any enforcement action taken by the council, subject to a review of each prosecution taking place.

Local Housing Needs Scheme:NPC's preferred partner for the Local Housing Needs scheme, Hastoe, is currently in discussions with landowners on the availability of land for the proposed scheme.

Fireworks: The councillors resolved to hold a Fireworks event in the Newton playing field, subject the Newton Green Trust permission, on Saturday 8th November 2014. The event will run on the same basis as 2013 and the councillors resolved a Budget of £750 for the fireworks and necessary licences.

A134 Road Safety Questionnaire: The councillors agreed the content of the A134 Road Safety questionnaire which will be circulated and collected by councillors during August to all residents. The questionnaire will also be accessible via the Newton website.

NPC's Publication Scheme: The councillors resolved to adopt the revised Publication Scheme dated 9th July 2014.

NPC's Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement: The councillors resolved to adopt the revised Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement dated 9th July 2014.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: The Village Hall Committee has changed electricity providers. Unfortunately issues with the new chairs was not considered a design defect by the Furniture Ombudsman. The Midsummer Munch will be on the 20th July and a Quiz evening on the 22nd November. The Trust is to hold a meeting with the residents of Little Green in order to discuss the track used for access.

Questions to the Chair

- The Clerk was asked to refer to Babergh a condition relating to the roadside hedge by Langley Hall
- The clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Mumford thanking them for giving the councillors an insight to their barn conversion
- The Clerk was asked to write to SCC Highways with Cllr Taylor's suggestion that the A134 roadside hedge by the junction with Valley Road could be cut back to improve the visibility of drivers looking towards Sudbury as they join the A134
- Two typos on the Newton website were passed to the Clerk.

Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

Appendix A Public Forum

James Finch updated councillors on Broadband, SCC spend against budget, Safeguarding Suffolk people, Fostering and Suffolk Records Office consultation. The Clerk read the Police report "This report covers the period from 14/05/2014 to 06/07/2014. During this time there has been 3 crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to 0 crimes for the same period last year. Burglary Other Building 1 Report - On 29/05/14 at 22:15 hours police were called to an alarm activation at Newton Green Golf Club. Suspects unknown had gained access to a building by smashing a window but failed to gain access to a maintenance shed containing gardening equipment. Nothing was stolen. This has now been finalised. Common Assault 1 Report - On 23/05/14 an incident took place on Assington Road. As a result a male was arrested and interviewed but no further action was taken. Fail to Stop for a Constable 1 Report - On 16/06/14 at 22:55 a vehicle was seen speeding on the A134 and failed to stop for police in Valley Road. A large metal object was thrown out of the vehicle and struck the police car. Enquiries are still ongoing."

Meeting of 30th July

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Lee Parker and Deborah Williams.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk) and 1 resident.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Schwenk, Taylor and Vince sent their apologies.

Declaration of Interests: None declared.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 9th July 2014: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: No issues raised.

Planning:

a.The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/14/00777 Marks Meadow, Rectory Road - Erection of storage building (retention of). The councillors resolved that while they supported the principle of the application they were concerned that there is no evidence of the land being maintained or machinery being used at the site.

b.No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

A134 Road Safety Questionnaire: The councillors agreed that the A134 Road Safety questionnaire will be circulated and collected by councillors by the 29th August 2014. Copies of questionnaire will be given to Cllr Presland on the 4th August 2014 and it will also be accessible via the Newton website.

Questions to the Chair: • The Clerk was asked to arrange a public meeting so that SCC can explain the Broadband rollouts by BT and SCC Better Broadband and the impact these have on Newton residents

• The car which appears to have been left near Burchetts, on / off Rectory Road, is still raising concerns.

Date of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.



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Boxford Parish Council

Local Needs Discussion

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

New plans for Local Needs Discussion on Sand Hill have now been received. The Boxford Parish Council listened carefully to all comments from Boxford parishioners and we expect these comments to have been incorporated into the new plans.

A meeting to view the new plans under consideration is to be held in Boxford Village Hall on Friday 5 September from 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

It is important that all villagers who have an interest (in support or against) attend this meeting where you will have an opportunity to view the new plans and to make comments.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this important meeting. Boxford Village Hall, Friday 5 September, 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Boxford Parish Council

Readers Letters

Sir

"I would like to offer sincere thanks to all the kind people who bought plants from me this year. I have had a really successful year and managed to raise £824.37 for Lisa Matthews and her charity that goes into Primary Schools to help enlighten the pupils about bees and how they provide a tremendous benefit to our natural environment. I would also like to say a really big thank-you to all of you who have donated seed and flower pots as these are always gratefully received. For the forthcoming year all the proceeds of any plant sales will go to the upkeep of Mildred Pavilion.

Tracy Northwood"

Sir

I was rather surprised to see in the August edition of the Box River News, a photograph of my father and me in our battle dress uniforms as members of the Boxford Home Guard. I was also a member of the Sudbury Grammar Schoolcorps formed in the 1920's by the then geography master A J Angelbeck who I believe had been a major in the first world war. The early uniforms had been brass buttoned tunic, peaked cap, breeches and putties but changed to battledress when we became part of the Suffolk Army Cadet Corps.

Bill Wylie was our next door neighbour when I lived at No 6 School Hill and had the rank of Major in the Home Guard. At SGS I had learned how to use field radio's and send messages in morse code and was recruited by Bill to become the Despatch Rider. We were both members of the HQ section and met in an upper room of Miss Mann's House on the left of Swan Street. Those that went around the village on patrol used a down stairs room. There was one unfortunate incident when one of a returning patrol miscounted when unloading his rifle. When he pulled the trigger the bullet went through the ceiling and also of the room above but fortunately no one was hurt. The overall commander in that part of Suffolk was Sir Charles Rowley of Stoke by Nayland.

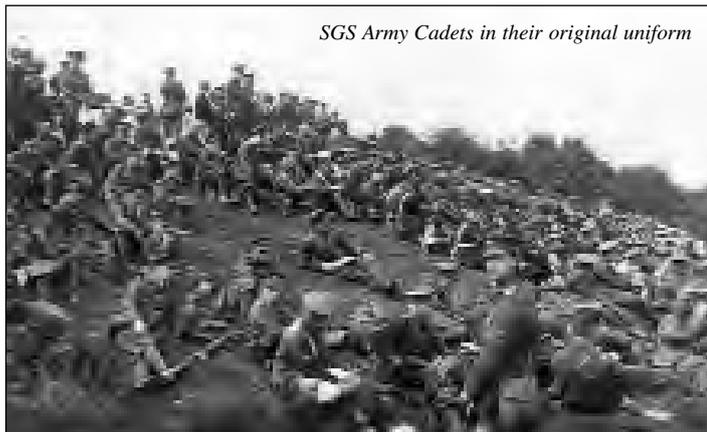
Whilst in the sixth form at SGS, we discovered that the Americans at Little Waldingfield Aerodrome would take British servicemen on non-bombing flights. "Lets try it on" said one of our number so at the weekend we arrived at one of the entrances to the aerodrome "Could you tell us the way to the operations rooms" "sure over there" was the reply. On enquiring if any planes were flying on non-combat missions that day we were told that a Flying Fortress was flying to Abington airfield to pick up two officers. We were fitted out with parachutes which would click on the front of the harness, not the back as with the RAF. "If the hooter goes, jump out of the nearest hole" we were told. We flew at about 1000ft, very bumpy and with four air cooled engines, very noisy. On our return we were met by a jeep and taken to the NCO's Mess where we had a very good meal. We managed one more flight to a bombing range near Duxford. The bombs in the B17 were slung on wire loops inside the room so that by kneeling near the opening, we could watch the bombs go down. As practice bombs they only had a small charge that gave out a puff of smoke.

The war ended shortly afterwards and the men were flown back to America in the B17's. They did however leave behind a lot of bicycles, dismantled and the frames thrown everywhere. Peter found all the parts of one andre-assembled it. I only needed a wheel with a three speed hub which I found and fitted to my one speed bike.

It's all a long time ago now but certainly an experience for our young lives.

Yours sincerely Ben.Rose SGS 1939-1946
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SGS Army Cadets in their original uniform



Sir

Scout Jamboree Blog

Since last writing in the Box River News I have attended several fundraising events.

I held a raffle at the Boxford Spinney Open Day – the forecast was for heavy rain but we actually had a really good sunny day with very occasional rain and wind! I have attended two Scout bag packing sessions courtesy of Waitrose and Sainsburys. The Ladies Cycle Race passed through Boxford on Sunday 11th May and I took the opportunity to sell Union Jack flags – they went down well!

More recently a group of fundraising Scouts have had stalls at Party in the Park and Long Melford Street Fair. I held a Summer Fair jointly with my sisters in Bildeston in June which was a great success. I have also been holding car boot sales with donations. I would like to say thank you to the many people from Boxford and surrounds who have helped me with donations of money or goods to sell. I appreciate it and it has really helped me. I am now well on my way with the fundraising.

Suffolk Scouts attending the Jamboree had a stand at the Suffolk Show – we held tombolas and craft activities and generally talked to the public promoting Scouting.

On the note of promoting Scouting I just wanted to tell you about an amazing weekend I had recently through Scouting. I, with 9 fellow Scouts, had a weekend on the 'Offshore Scout' yacht. We sailed down the Orwell and out to sea. We learn't about sailing, swam and generally had fun getting to know scouts from all over Suffolk. What a great organisation Scouting is!!

Samuel



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Despite losing their two games, it was an enjoyable day for Milden's cricketers and their visitors, with the bar and barbecue doing a good trade throughout the day, to the benefit of club funds.



Above: Relaxing with a pint and and enjoying the cricket.



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PHILIP WHEATON WINS JONATHAN LAMBERT SILVER SALVER



A new member who had been given his first ever handicap a few days previously beat off a field of 120 to win the prestigious Jonathan Lambert Centenary Silver Salver at Newton Green Golf Club.

The event came at the end of the club's annual golf week, which again attracted more than 500 entries for a wide range of events over six days. Salver winner was Philip Wheaton, one of a number of younger players from the Colchester area that have recently joined up at Newton.

His success reflected the continued appeal of the competition, which presents the opportunity for a player from any sector of the club to unexpectedly hit the bigtime for at least one day in their golfing life.

Wheaton, given a handicap of 28 following submitting three qualifying cards, played six shots below his handicap and registered 42 points in the popular Stableford competition.

He was followed by Zennan Szpurko and last year's winner Lewis Woodhead, both on 41 points.

Jonathan Lambert presented awards for the week at the Saturday night presentation party, with Jenny Downes (38) winning the best lady award and Harvey Watts (37) best junior.

For the first time, lower handicap players competed simultaneously on a gross score basis for a trophy in the form of a claret jug presented to the club by manager Carole List. She handed the award to Tom King, who came home with a total of 73.

King achieved his success, despite scoring an eight on the par four first hole. After playing his round, he left for his seat at Portman Road, but then had to leave the Ipswich versus Fulham match midway through, after being notified of his success, and rushed back to Newton to pick up his award.

Other winners during the week were:

Delaney Scramble: David Thurgate, Caroline Draine, Jenny Wilkins and Steve Wordley.

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Cross Country: 1 Jeremy Hamp, 2 Frank Salt. Best junior, Jed Seeley; best lady Adrienne Hughes. Nearest pin, Ben Uttridge.

The players (or most of them) after the day's cricket.

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