

Box River News

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BOXFORD'S NATIONAL CHAMPION



On Friday 22nd August, at Skegness in the English Bowling Federation National Finals Malcolm Grimwood, the Hon. Secretary of Boxford Bowls Club, won the Veterans' Singles beating John Bown of Derbyshire 21-13. Malcolm, apart from representing Boxford, was playing for his County, North Essex.

Starting in mid May Malcolm won rounds locally to become North Essex County Champion and then represented his county at the National Finals. On the way to the final he beat players from Northumberland, Northamptonshire and Suffolk. North Essex County Bowls Federation members were well represented in the latter stages of the competitions and were in four finals.

Unfortunately, no other members of Boxford Bowls Club reached the finals but all those taking part put in a sterling effort.

For the second year running the Club won our region's Bowls England 3 wood triples league. After beating Ipswich Bowls Club we are now in the county semi-finals and finals which are being played at the Borough of Eye Bowls Club on Sunday 7 September.

Les Clark President Boxford & District Bowls Club

SAND HILL LOCAL NEEDS HOUSING



Above: Left Bryn Hurren, District Councillor, Right Michael Norman, chairman of Boxford Parish Council at the meeting to view the new plans held in Boxford Village Hall on 5th September See Inside this edition



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GROTON'S FLOWER FESTIVAL



Ride on, ride on in majesty'.

Photos David Lamming



Jerusalem



Ye holy angels bright.

Groton's Flower Festival at St Bartholomew's Church raised over £1,100. Groton's PCC organised an amazing display of flower arrangements to celebrate St Bartholomew's Day on August 24th. The festival extended over the bank holiday weekend and despite mixed weather there was a constant flow of visitors. The flower arrangements were all inspired by well-known hymns and enhanced the beautiful mediaeval church as visitors enjoyed their coffees, lunch or teas surrounded by these glorious displays.

Funds were raised to help support the ministry of the church in Groton, and we have Jayne Foster and Pat Kennedy Scott plus their committee and helpers to thank for such a wonderful, colourful weekend. And all the washing up over those three days took place in this little bowl perched on the window sill of the bell tower. Those ladies are miracle workers!

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FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday, 3 October, 8.00, Ticket £15 Ben Crosland's Threeway

"Virtuoso players who know each other so well that their improvisations just seem to fall into place. It's subtle music, warm, melodic and gently intriguing" - Dave Gelly
Ben Crosland bass, Steve Waterman trumpet, Steve Lodder piano, This is a band that gives the term "chamber jazz" a good name. Ben does most of the composition, with additions by the Steves. They are stunning compositions, making exciting use of the available tonalities. The CD is never far from my player.

Friday, 10 October 8.00, £15 Sarah Moule

Her CD launch tour! "Sarah's voice on 'Men Who Love Mermaids' becomes elemental: floating and diving in subtle and liquid eloquence" - Barb Jung
Sarah Moule vocals, Simon Wallace piano Mick Hutton bass, Paul Robinson drums, On her latest album, "Songs from the Floating World", acclaimed jazz singer Sarah Moule has recorded seven new songs by Simon Wallace and Fran Landesman, alongside a new lyric by Julie Burchill, two blues numbers and imaginative reworkings of classic songs., Songs from the Floating World reminds us that Sarah is a brilliant interpreter of both melody and lyrics. 'The Floating World' was the name given to the red light districts in 17th-19th Century Japan where geishas, Kabuki actors and Sumo wrestlers rubbed shoulders with artists and musicians against a backdrop of hedonism.

Friday 17 October, 8.00 £18 Damon Brown Quintet featuring Fredrik Carlquist

Five distinguished musicians immersed in a lively jazz scene will supply lyrical and swinging music. Damon Brown trumpet, Fredrik Carlquist tenor sax, Leon Greening piano, Adam King bass, drums to be announced. Damon plays with top bods at top clubs all over the world. He brings with him four distinguished musicians from his travels. The press quotes are amazing for all five. Example: "Brown has a bright, gleaming tone, a superbly poised attack, and a fine rhythmic sense that paces high long notes, stuttery phrases, pauses and sudden foot-on-the-gas accelerations against each other in eloquent conjunction" - John Fordam".

Friday, 24 October 8.00, Ticket £15 Jazz at the Movies

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THE OCTOBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH



Dear friends,

A little quiz for you this week!

- Two photos.
- Two churches.
- Spot the differences.....!

Now a question for those aged 14 to 40s (give or take a few years!) **Which church would you feel more comfortable in?**

The Box River Benefice churches are asking themselves some challenging questions, as we look to the future.

We believe that we have some really good things to share !

- The chance to explore the big questions about life.
- A faith that gives an extra something that makes life really worth living.

But we're no longer sure how to share these things with a younger generation. So:

- We're looking again at our services
- We're looking again at our music
- We're looking again at our buildings

We have some dreams

- About the church we'd like to be.
- About the people we'd like to welcome
- About the fun we think we could have together.

But we want to hear your ideas !

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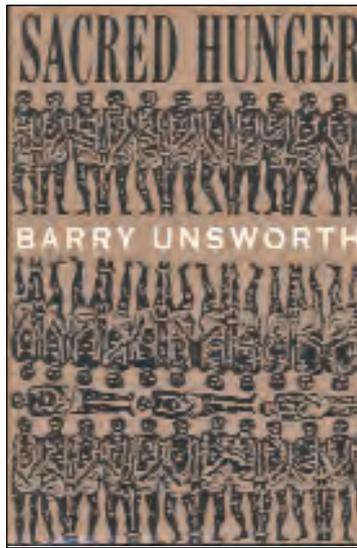
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I'll be waiting! Blessings, *Revd. Judith*



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

"Sacred Hunger" by Barry Unsworth



Sacred Hunger is a powerful historical novel set in the mid-18th century, during the Age of Enlightenment, but long before the days of Darwin and the Abolition of Slavery Act 1833.

It centres on a newly constructed ship called The Liverpool Merchant owned by William Kemp, a wealthy merchant from Liverpool. The two main characters are cousins: Matthew Paris, a physician who goes on the voyage and Erasmus Kemp, the son of the ship owner. In addition, the story line has a huge cast of characters, some we meet in passing and others are described in elaborate detail.

The Liverpool Merchant is engaged in the triangular trade involving the capture and carrying of slaves across the Atlantic. We learn the grim truths of this trade – the transportation of a human cargo which has to be sold profitably at the end of the voyage. Keeping them all alive is crucial, but almost impossible, given the appalling living conditions, famine, mutinies and bouts of flux. The ruthless discipline of Captain Thurso deals with all eventualities. It isn't long before Paris is disgusted with the slave trade, and he comes to question his motives for coming on the voyage and his role in assisting the slave traders.

The most striking thing about the novel is that it is a cracking adventure story. It isn't a pleasant and comfortable read as slavery is a disgusting business, but it is a great page-turner. Above all there is fine writing, full of period detail and atmosphere.

But this novel is more than just a dramatic read. Mr. Unsworth's work is a prolonged study of morality. Sacred Hunger's central theme is greed. The novel may be set in the days of slavery but, Barry Unsworth, who wrote this novel during the Thatcher era, described how it was designed to tell us about our own recent history: "The slave trade is a perfect model for that kind of total devotion to the profit motive without reckoning the human consequences." The same condemnation could apply to international corruption and even some dodgy banking practices of more recent times. To quote from the novel: "profitwhich justifies everything, sanctifies all purposes."

Sacred Hunger was published in 1992 and shared the Booker Prize with The English Patient.

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BOXFORD SOCIETY SUMMER VISIT

Twenty one members of the Boxford Society made a journey back in time on the 20th August when they visited the Bulmer Brick and Tile Company. On a pleasant summer evening we were shown round this unique place where bricks and tiles have been made since Tudor times. This past is reflected in the ancient buildings and the atmosphere. Peter Minter, the owner, told us the history and showed us the many processes that go into making an "original", hand made brick for restorations, from quarry to kiln. The skills and knowledge have been handed down the generations and there is no other company in the UK capable of such work.



The bricks and tiles are made specifically for each project. Most recently the Company has been a major contributor to the restoration of St Pancras Station and the chimneys at Hampton Court Palace, both of which are glorious architecturally and an essential part of our national heritage. After a fascinating evening the group enjoyed a meal together in Sudbury.



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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Suffolk sees rise in GCSE results

More of Suffolk's 16 year-olds achieved expected levels of GCSE attainment this year. Provisional results collated from four out of five secondary schools suggest a 1% rise in the number of students getting five or more A*-C grades, including English and maths. It means 56 per cent of Suffolk's year 11s got the expected level of attainment. In 2013, it was 55 per cent. Some schools have made significant gains on last year. For example, at Hadleigh High School, 69% of students achieved five or more A*-C grades (including English and maths), up 25 per cent on last year. At St Benedict's Catholic School, 71% achieved five or more A*-C grades (including English and maths), up 18% on last year. Meanwhile, at Westbourne Academy, 52% achieved five or more A*-C grades (including English and maths). This is up from 31 per cent last year.

This improvement is testament to the hard work and dedication of teachers, heads, governors, parents and, most importantly, students. We will continue to work with, and challenge, schools to drive up educational attainment. That is the direction we set with our Raising the Bar agenda and is now what education professionals across the county are united around.

Cashless payments now available with the Endeavour Card

Young people aged 16-19 can now use cashless payments with their Endeavour Card when they pay for a single or return fare on Ipswich Buses. To get started cardholders are asked to register their card first on the Endeavour Card website. Please have your 18 digit card number and postcode available. After they have registered they can start to top-up their card in a similar way to the Oyster Card used in London. The Endeavour Card, launched in 2013, is for any person aged 16-19. It is valid for any single or return adult journey, 7 days a week, on participating bus operators. Cardholders receive a minimum discount of 25% off full price adult bus fares only. Young people can apply up to 1 month before your 16th birthday and no less than 1 month before your 20th birthday. There is no fee. We are determined to help young people negotiate the barriers to further education, training and employment. The difficulties in travelling to and from education and training opportunities can be significant. The Endeavour Card is our way of helping them over this barrier, and so enable them to pursue the opportunities that will help them to build a successful career.

Fostering and Adoption services join forces

Suffolk County Council's (SCC's) fostering and adoption teams are joining forces to provide an even better service for Suffolk's looked-after children. This last week, the team launched their first joint campaign: 'Give a Suffolk child the care they dream about'. The campaign is calling on people to help looked-after children in Suffolk achieve their dreams. It focuses on highlighting the heart-breakingly simple dreams of some young people; a sense of belonging and the love of a family. SCC is also introducing a new single point of contact for people who feel they may be able to care for a child, to provide a more streamlined service. People can call the team directly on 01473 264800, or email: fosterandadopt@suffolk.gov.uk. From Monday 8th September, prospective carers will be able to find further information on the fostering and adoption team's new website: www.dreams.suffolk.gov.uk

5,400 Suffolk pupils benefit from inspirational local employers

In the past year over 450 employers have volunteered their time to reach 5,400 pupils in Suffolk schools, raising the aspiration and skill levels of our future workforce. The 'Work Inspiration Employer Brokerage Service' is a pilot project in which SCC has worked in partnership with primary and secondary schools and local businesses, to bridge the gap between education and employment, helping young people understand and develop the skills employers need and broaden their horizons. Piloted in Sudbury, Mildenhall, Ipswich and Haverhill, the service is designed to raise aspirations through highlighting opportunities outside the school gate and working with young people from an earlier age. Owing to its success, the service will now be rolled out to other areas.

Missed the green deal? Suffolk Energy Action is open for business

The Home Improvement Fund may be closed to new applications but if you are a Suffolk resident you can still get up to £6000 of funding for home improvements. Suffolk residents can still get funding for home improvements thanks to a successful bid to the government of £5.7million for the Suffolk Energy Action scheme. This scheme will provide funding and advice for the installation of energy efficiency improvements to help Suffolk homeowners and private-renting tenants save money. A local roadshow to help raise awareness about the scheme is taking place on 16th October on Sudbury Market 08.30 - 1600; For more information about funding go to www.suffolkenergyaction.org e-mail: info@suffolkenergyaction.org or call 0800 840 90 90.

Suffolk Energy Action is part of our ambition to create the Greenest County and support the growth of a green economy in Suffolk. Insulating your home could save you hundreds of pounds each year in reduced energy bills, and as summer is nearly over, now is the time to start planning.

Boxford Speed Watch

I am pleased to report that after liaison with John Moles and Inspector Danny Cooper, Speed Watch can now progress in Stone Street. My thanks to John Moles and his team for their patience.

WEED IN THE RIVER BOX

Weed is covering nearly the entire width of the river Box in Boxford and at The Wash. This is a main river that fills rapidly in time of heavy rain and has on fairly rare occasions, flooded into the adjoining Broad Street. The Environment Agency's Chelmsford office state that they are currently funded to undertake clearance works by hand of the River Box through Boxford village including the tributary which runs alongside the Causeway and up through Ash Street once a year, this work is currently programmed for November/ December 2014.



At Church Street bridge

Photo David Lamming



The Wash



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THE SAND HILL DEVELOPMENT PLUS!

Revised plans by developer Icen Homes for the new housing estate on Sand Hill were put on display in Boxford Village Hall on Friday 5th September

The plans, which include the same number of homes - 20 affordable houses and five homes for private sale

Council chairman Michael Norman said: claimed there had been a good turnout of more than 80 villagers seeing the plans.

The plans were discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 8th and it seems that the opinions expressed were mainly positive. The application is going to be submitted to Babergh District Council for consideration very shortly.

There is already a waiting list for the new homes, and villagers would get first consideration if the plans get the go-ahead.

Sue Bevan, from the village group YourBoxford, which was opposed to the original plans, said her members will be to airing their views. According to Sue very little seems to have changed from the original plan.

The access has been improved, a footpath has been included although it requires folk to cross two roads to make use of it which is unlikely to happen if someone is in a hurry pushing a pram, using a zimmer frame or using a wheel chair.

Babergh District Council is expected to consider the new plans in the coming months.

There are also plans to build four houses including an affordable house, in Cygnet Court off Swan Street. The plans have been objected to by the Boxford Parish Council mainly through traffic difficulties in Swan Street. This is the fourth proposal in recent years for developments related to Swan Street including Homefield, Partridge Close and Goodlands which together with the proposed Sand Hill development will increase the population of Boxford by over 15% without any improvement in the infrastructure including a recent substantial increase in pupils at Boxford School. The loss of the newsagents, a doubtful future for the post office which has been on the market now for well over a year despite sensible offers having been made, and the village stores due to change hands at some time in the near future.

What seems to be quite ridiculous is the recent decision by the newly privatised Royal Mail to make the last posting on weekdays in Boxford 9.00am and on Saturdays an impossible time of 7.00am. Which raving lunatic dreamt that one up one wonders!!!

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quiz

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NEWTON GREEN ON FIRE IN HAMBRO FINAL



Newton Green powered their way to victory in the final of the Suffolk Hambro Cup against Ipswich at Woodbridge.

It may have taken 42 years to regain the county club team handicap competition since their last success, but Newton put their name back on the trophy in style.

Leading by a narrow four holes after the morning foursomes, they turned up the heat to win by 17 holes in the afternoon, including an astonishing 10-hole victory as their final pair put the icing on the cake and underlined Newton's superiority.

Last year the men fell at the last fence as they narrowly missed winning the county Stenson team scratch final.

Reaching the Hambro handicap final gave them a second chance to nail their colours to the mast, and they duly obliged with a 21-hole blitz against an Ipswich side able to draw from a selection of 60 players with handicaps of five or below.

Under the team captaincy of non-playing Ian Woodhead, who nurtured many of the young players now helping make the club a powerful force, Newton underlined they have the talent production line capable of further success.

The victory was achieved with three juniors in the squad, and there are more waiting in the wings for future years.

However, it was the experienced pairing of Mark Duthie and Simon Bearman who once again put points on the board in both the morning and afternoon rounds to consolidate the team performance. They were four up in the morning and three more after the afternoon round.

Suffolk Golf Union vice president Phil Platter handed Newton the cup.

Morning: Russell Oakey and Harvey Watts all square with Daniel Hedges and Andrew Munrow, Ryan and Bob Talbot two down to James Tyler and Gregor Tait, Mark Duthie and Simon Bearman four up to Mark Thomas and Simon Godbold, Greg Hills and Connor Talbot two up to Jordan Nelli and Graham Wardley.

BOXFORD WIN THE MILLENIUM CUP



Boxford Bowls Club defeated Sudbury by 65 shoots to 36 to win the Millennium Cup of the Sudbury Mixed Triples League.

Above from the left: Keith Egglestone, Malcolm Grimwood, Michelle White, George Bullett (partly hidden), Reg Alderton, Gerry Goward, Monica Snook, Jill Ashton, Ray White

ACRID SMOKE

There was recently a headline in the Eastern Daily Press – ‘Acrid smoke made neighbours’ lives misery’, suggesting perhaps a ban on garden bonfires. Now I will confess that as a young man, I thought that there was nothing better than having a damn good bonfire, and smoking the place out. After which the smell of the fire lingered in my clothes, along with the smell of countless cigarettes. Lovely. A good day’s work done.

However, as many of you know, five years ago I had a certain life changing event occur in my life, namely the stroke, which subsequently precluded me from smoking and certain other activities, having a bonfire being one of them. The result of this change has been that the olfactory function in my nose and tongue, i.e. my senses of taste and smell, has become greatly enhanced and it is wonderful.

So to all those people whose gardens I polluted needlessly with bonfire smoke all those years ago, I am truly sorry for causing you distress.

So to have the benefit of taste and smell returning is wonderful, that is until the clouds of bonfire smoke inhabit one’s home. I have every sympathy with the people of Norfolk who complained recently of the bonfire smoke that invaded their homes. The same thing happened here in Boxford a week or two ago. Someone decided to have a bonfire with the result that washing was ruined, one could not sit out in one’s own garden, and ash littered the place. Today we have the ‘Dump’ where one can take one’s garden remnants and dispose of them cleanly without polluting the atmosphere.

So please next time you are thinking of striking up a bonfire, think is it legal and do I really have to?

Nick

ESSEX LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION - SILVER TROPHY FINAL



A keenly contested final was played, at Clacton Golf Club, between Stoke by Nayland and Chigwell Golf Clubs on Friday 22nd August.

In bright and breezy conditions under the canopy of the spectacular Clacton Air Show a very close match evolved. There are not many golf finals that have a display from the Red Arrows trailing red, white and blue smoke!

Stoke by Nayland were led out by Jude Hanner playing against Barbara Watkins from Chigwell. It was to Jude’s credit that she fought back from three down but finally lost on the 17th hole. Sybil Paton started very well, the Chigwell player steadied her game but Sybil remained ahead. Stoke by Nayland’s Margaret Bentley and Sue Spittlehouse both met Chigwell players who were on their game on the day. At the back of the field Bev Thompson, from Stoke, played her best golf of the season and was three holes up against Debbie Hilditch with three to play.

But it was all too late as Chigwell had secured the three points needed for the win and the final two matches were called in.

Stoke by Nayland Silver Trophy Team

A disappointing result for Stoke by Nayland but a wonderful achievement for the squad to have reached the Silver Trophy Final for the second time in five years of ELGCA membership.

Silver Trophy Captain, Lesley Garnett, received the runners up trophy from Essex President Maureen Low. Lesley thanked the Clacton Lady Captain, Janet Smith, for her hospitality and Liz Gibson, the organiser, for all her hard work. The caddies and supporters of both clubs were also

LITTLEGARTH SCHOOL



Littlegarth School Early Years and Foundation Stage is Outstanding in all aspects as graded by the by the Independent Schools Inspectorate

The staff, children and parents of Littlegarth School are celebrating an outstanding inspection result following a visit to the school by the Independent Schools Inspectorate at the end of the summer term.

Littlegarth is an independent co-educational school for children between the ages of 2? and 11. Situated just outside Colchester in 30 acres of beautiful Stour Valley land, the school delights in providing a broad and balanced curriculum to children from North Essex and Suffolk.

The Littlegarth Nursery and Reception classes have always worked together closely to provide an excellent introduction to the children's learning journeys and in recent years the staff have initiated numerous developments which have added to this stimulating educational experience. The interior of the Nursery building has been restructured to allow more freedom of movement and outdoor learning areas have been expanded. Exciting new resources have ensured that staff are always able to plan a wide range of learning activities, both indoors and outside.

The ISI inspection focussed on four key areas:

- How well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend
- The contribution of the early years provision to children's well being
- The leadership and management of the early years provision and
- The overall standards of the early years provision.

In each category Littlegarth was graded as Outstanding and the pre-inspection questionnaire to parents also highlighted that "parents are overwhelmingly pleased with what the setting offers their children".

Head of EYFS, Sharon Bennett is delighted with the inspection result. She says: "The staff team has worked extremely hard to create an exceptional learning environment and we're delighted that ISI has recognised what an excellent start our children experience at Littlegarth". Littlegarth School has achieved considerable success across a range of activities in recent years. The school has an excellent record of Grammar School entry results and over the past four years, eighty Littlegarth children have gained Scholarships to independent senior schools. Boys' and girls' sports teams have won numerous tournaments and achieved success in national finals while a keen focus on the arts helps to ensure that children are given every opportunity to discover creative and performing talents.

A full copy of the EYFS and the whole school inspection reports can be found on the Littlegarth School website at <http://www.littlegarth.essex.sch.uk/home/inspection-reports/>

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Nursery Outdoors

SUDBURY CARDS CHARITY CHRISTMAS SHOP

Sudbury shoppers buy once and give twice at Sudbury Cards for Good Causes charity Christmas shop

Cards for Good Causes – which sells charity cards across the UK every year opens its Sudbury shop on 2nd October.

The shop, staffed by local volunteers, is open Monday to Saturday from 9.30am until 4pm and will trade until the 18th December at Sudbury Library

Shoppers can buy cards from more than 30 charities including: Alzheimer's Society, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, East Anglian Air Ambulance, St Nicholas Hospice and Suffolk Wildlife, giving customers a varied choice of designs and the ability to help the charity of their choice.

Shop Manager, Luci Fry said, "We are delighted to be back in Sudbury. Everyone is so generous and really helps us raise more for our charities. Charity cards are a great way to buy once and give twice – once to the person who receives the card and once to your favourite charity. We're sure just one visit to our shop will help you with cards, wrapping paper, bridge cards, score pads and gift tags this season, helping to cross a few festive jobs off the list in one go."

Sudbury charity Christmas card shop is one of a national network of around 300 temporary shops.

Look out for the red triangular Santa sign!!

Cards for Good Causes is the UK's largest multi-charity Christmas card organisation, raising money for more than 300 charities from a nationwide network of around 300 temporary shops.

Sudbury charity Christmas card shop is one of a national network of around 300 temporary shops. Cards for Good Causes Limited (CFGCL) pays the participating charities (or their trading subsidiaries) at least 75p in every pound from their card sales, less the VAT payable on the amount retained by CFGCL. The retained amount covers CFGCL's costs of running the temporary charity Christmas card shops. In addition to these costs, the participants have to pay for the production and distribution of their cards.

The inspiration for the organisation came in 1959 when James 'Jim' Jackson, Secretary of the British Diabetic Association gathered a group of medical charities together to discuss the coordination of publicity for selling charity cards at Christmas. They formed The 1959 Group of Charities, a registered charity and multi-charity membership organisation, and in 1964 began selling cards from empty shops in town centres.

In 1988 Cards for Good Causes Limited was established as the trading company of The 1959 Group of Charities.

SESAW MONTHLY LETTER

Hey ho Folks, some of these Autumn mornings have a nip in them - really encourages a chap to take an extra five minutes, except Mum's foot is still behind me, pushing me out of the door. Mind you I had the last laugh yesterday, it took her two hours to find her spectacles in front of the Rayburn!



Now it is time to prepare the garden for winter, remember to check the bonfire for hedgehogs before you light it. They will be looking for a good place to sleep and they are becoming very scarce so please keep these creatures safe. If you are looking forward to celebrating Guy Fawkes night, how about taking the family along to a local organised display? You will enjoy a good show for less expense or worry whilst helping to cut down the number of pops and bangs that terrify many wild and domestic animals.

It's lovely when another animal leaves us for a new home but sad that some are left "on the shelf". Feline pals, Ace (black) and Bella (tabby), are a friendly, loving pair that have been overlooked for seven months. They spring to the door when people appear, eager to start a new life. I really hope someone comes for them soon and for Tabby and white mother and daughter, Sally and Socks who have waited even longer.

Thanks to those who attended our sales and events last month, over £500 was raised and we have received lots of lovely cat and dog food in our various collection bins in shops and offices. Still to come is our big sale at The Old School, Long Melford on 12th October and our Christmas Fair at Leavenheath Village Hall on 23rd November. I can't wait to run off with the decorations when the girls start sorting them. You can be sure when things go missing, they've been pinched by me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Running Club

Boxford Running Club is the latest club to launch in Boxford, with the main purpose of bringing together runners and joggers from the village and surrounding areas. We meet in the courtyard of the Fleece at 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We had the idea of setting up the club after seeing lots of people running on their own. With the darker nights coming there's now no excuse to sit on the sofa and become unfit over the winter months. Feel free to come along and join us for an informal group run, have some fun and meet new friends.

For more information call Ian on 07866 015953 or check out 'Boxford Running Club' on Facebook.

Groton Calendar 2015

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

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2014

Just a reminder about the two afternoons at Mary's house.

Wednesday 8th October for shoebox wrapping

Tuesday 21st October for shoebox filling

Any donations of wrapping paper and empty shoeboxes will be most welcome.

Also toys, games, pens and pencils, toiletries, in fact anything suitable to fit in a medium size shoebox. Please could we also have your knitting by the 21st Oct.

They can be left at Mary's house or Ann can arrange to collect them.

Once again the leaflets will be in the village shops with all the details if

you would prefer to fill your own boxes. Please phone Ann Porter on 210581 Shirley Watling on 210024 or Jennie Lindsley on 210520 if you require any further information.

Edwardstone Parish Council

Horse riding is still being carried out on certain footpaths in Edwardstone, causing damage to the paths.

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POLSTEAD ART GROUP

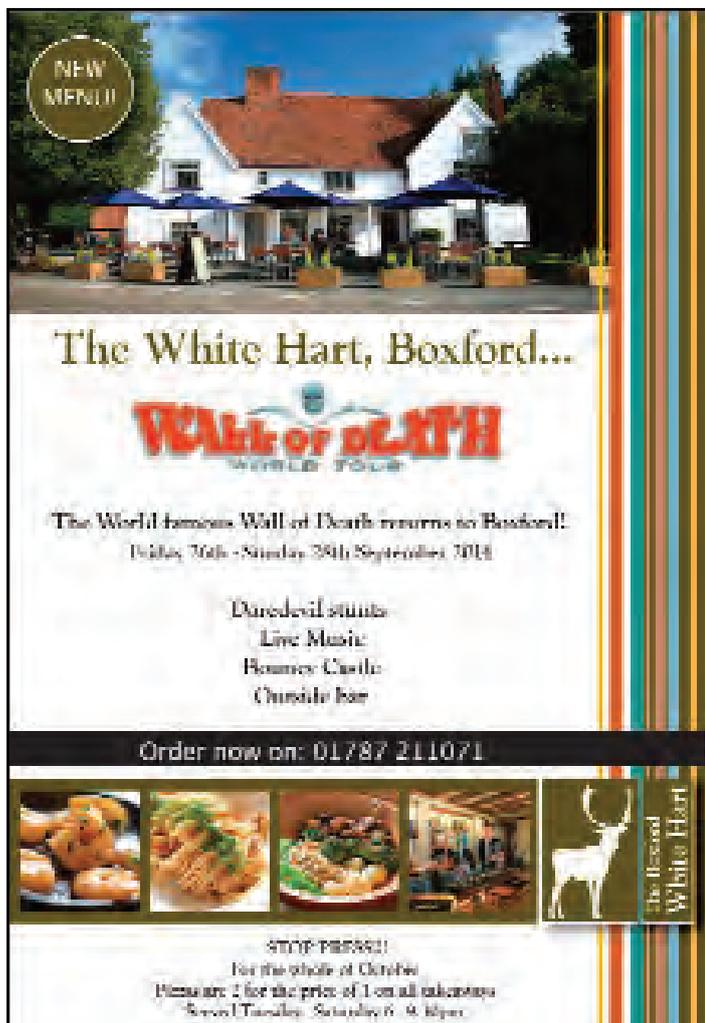
AN APRECIATION OF BRIAN ORRIS.

Since our inauguration fourteen years ago Brian Orris has been our Chairman but more than that, he has been our friend and most loyal supporter. His enthusiasm encouraged the less talented. His advice was frequently asked for and generously given, criticism was kind and gentle, as was his nature. His own preferred medium was oil and his subjects ranged widely from places remembered from his childhood in Colchester, through landscapes, seascapes, townscapes and flowers to scenes painted from sketches made in his long cycle rides through France in aid of Cancer Relief U.K. to the hot beaches of Australia sketched whilst visiting his son Robert. A diverse collection, beautifully and skilfully executed as many of you will have seen at our exhibitions. A fortunate few may now be owners. His sudden illness shocked us all but he chose to disregard it and carried on painting, even as it sapped his energy, it never dented his enthusiasm as many of you who spoke to him at our last exhibition can testify. We have lost a dear friend and mentor. Tuesdays will never be the same again.

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 24th November 2014 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.



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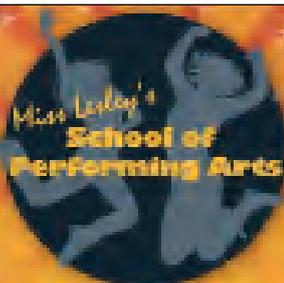
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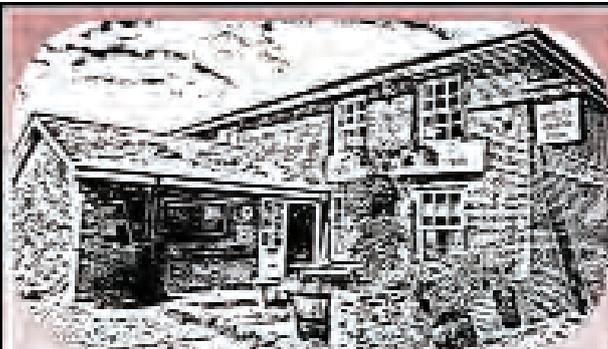
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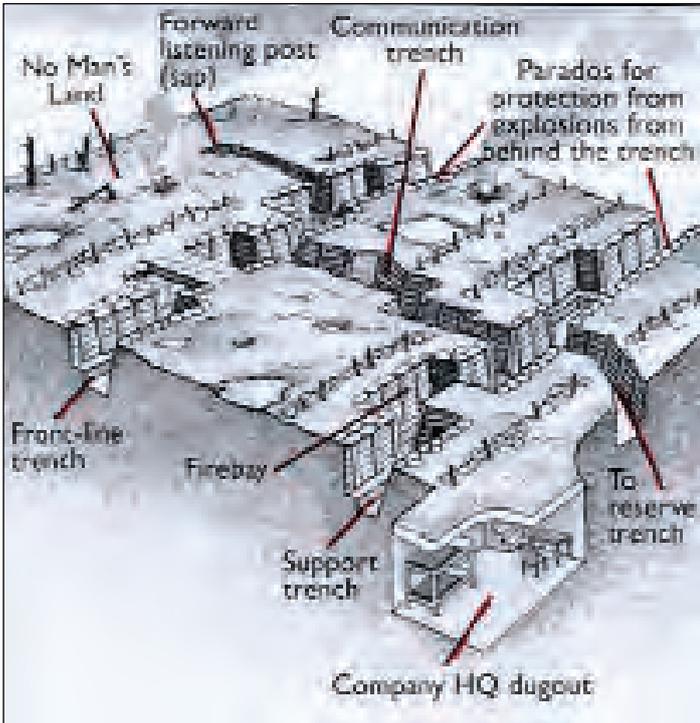
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LIFE IN THE TRENCHES



"One can look for miles and see no human being" wrote Harold Macmillan to his mother from the Western Front (The Somme) on May 13, 1916. "But", he continues, "in those miles of country lurk thousands, even hundreds of thousands of men, planning against each other perpetually some new device of death."

By November 1914 the armies along the Western Front faced each other across no man's land in rows of zig-zagging trenches that began as temporary rifle pits. These would evolve over the course of the war into subterranean worlds of trenches, mined tunnels and bunkers for defence and daily life, and sometimes to launch a carefully planned attack. The zig-zag nature of the trench was to prevent the blast of any bursting shell travelling along it. Germany had hoped to reach the North Sea ports quickly, but found it impossible once it had been pushed back to the River Aisne north of Paris in September 1914. The line of trenches soon stretched from Switzerland to the North Sea in Belgium.

The First Battle of Ypres in October and November 1914 cost 300,000 dead and injured for the French and British alone. The new technology of warfare was the reason. After Ypres, the 19th century style warfare of movement, based on a forward attacks by infantry and rushes by the cavalry, was replaced by trenches protected by machine guns, barbed wire and heavy mortars. Tactics based on huge numbers of cavalry were no longer appropriate. Some cavalry were still reserved for break through points in the wire and enemy trenches created by the infantry, although such use was rare. Instead there developed a static war of attrition. So

A rest whilst trench cleaning.

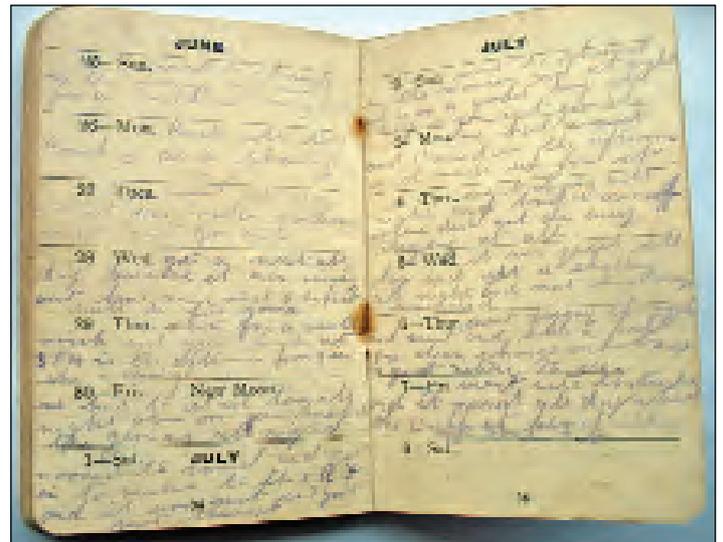


effective were these well-protected trenches and bunkers that defence was much easier than attack. The war had reached a stalemate, with neither side able to break out.

By 1916 it was to be the New Army of Kitchener's Volunteers which shouldered the burden on the Western Front. The Germans had dug in before the Allies and already had well-constructed trenches and bunkers occupying hilltops and ridges by the time the Allies decided to dig in as well. Many early trenches were only head height with unsupported earth walls. The earth removed was piled up to form a bank. Initially the trenches were intended as a temporary measure, to provide cover for men against the fire of the appalling new weaponry. Little did they think that they might be fighting from them for almost the entire war.

The British trench system usually had three parallel lines, front, support and reserve. The French generally dispensed with the reserve trench. Running between these main trenches were communication trenches that linked the system together. Between the allies and the enemy front lines was 70-700m of 'No Man's Land', where men died in their thousands. Meanwhile Battalion headquarters, about a quarter of a mile behind the front lines, was, according to Robert Graves the poet, comfortable with proper beds, silver, easy chairs, clean cloths and a gramophone. He found this hard to reconcile with the situation of front line troops standing waist deep in water, gnawing a dry biscuit with shells bursting around them.

The best the fighting Tommies could expect was a dug out at the base of a trench to stretch out in for a sleep. Trench warfare also took place on other fronts. The men fighting the Turks in Gallipoli in 1915 experienced many of the same discomforts plus the intense heat.



Above: The days before Stanley Holmes death as recorded in his diary. reports on the trench digging and humdrum monotonous nature of their life between horrific bouts of fighting.

"4 July 1916 Went digging all night and lost ourselves so we did not do any digging.

5 July 1916 It was quiet all day and got a shelling all night and not hardly anyone wounded.

6 July 1916 Went digging at night and had a bath and clean change that was a great return to us.

7 July 1916 Went into the trenches and it rained all day, returned (replaced) the Buffs at Cemel (Kemmel) and no one hit/hurt."

Sadly, Stanley spoke too soon and died that night, probably from sniper fire as his platoon did not go over the top that night. His diary was returned to Violet his wife whom he had married 24 hours before he left for France. (Stanley's best friend Jim Peavor later married Violet and their son is a member of The Boxford Society. Jim served at the same time as Stanley and Stanley's diary shows they met up at the front. On 26th August 1914 Stanley's brother Frederick William Holmes had been awarded one of the first Victoria Crosses of WWI at The Battle of Mons.)

A typical infantry soldier was only in the front line trenches for about 100 days, about one quarter of his total time overseas. He would be involved in action only for a few days in the whole war. They were usually only at the front for about a week before respite in the support or reserve trenches. This would be followed by rest in billets well behind the lines, where they could take part in plays, sports, see films and spend their money on drink in the village cafés and in some cases on women!

Unfortunately the replacement infantry did not always turn up and they then found themselves at the front far longer than expected. A large proportion of soldiers never went near the front lines.



Above: Maconochie's Army Ration tins of beef and vegetable stew

George Everett of Butchers Lane, Boxford left England for the front line at the end of June 1916. By 4th July he was in the trenches as an infantry man in the 1st/24th London Regiment. He was at Bully-Grenay about three miles north west of Loos in northern France. He recalls:

"There was a thunderstorm the day we went in.....There was mud everywhere and you had to slop through 18 inches of water in the trenches. I was soaked through. From the trenches you could see Loos in the distance, bits of jagged ruin sticking up. The landscape.... great tracks of churned up earth and craters where shells had fallen.....On the first day an officer told us all never to put our heads over the top. A few minutes later he did it himself, looking through his glasses across the wasteland. He was shot through the forehead and fell back into the mud dead.....Living in the trenches wasn't much fun either...They seemed always to be wet and smelly. Yet they somehow seemed safe especially when you got a bit of sleep on the wire mattresses. But you couldn't keep the lice away." Three weeks later George was pulled out of the Loos sector and started the march to the Somme where he volunteered for the transport section. This meant he would spend the rest of the war working with horses – something he really understood.



Above: Enjoying(?) a meal in the trench.

Conditions in the trenches in 1916 were terrible. Mud and water from heavy rains were the worst feature, with the bombardment churning the surroundings into a deep slurry. Bringing in equipment to the trenches

posed huge problems as men were pulled down by the weight they carried and could easily find themselves up to the waist in thick mud. At least three men had to dig them out which was a long job and many men drowned in the mud as they could often only be helped safely at night. The trenches were awash and in winter freezing conditions added to their agony. The wet caused the men to suffer from trench foot (numb, swollen, with sores as cells begin to die – with gangrene it can require amputation). The flies were massing everywhere and made it difficult to eat. The huge rats were a plague too, coming in at dusk and gnawing through haversacks and eating the men's iron rations. The rats and the flies disturbed the men's sleep.

"They consider themselves as part of the establishment, and have come to stay; and when we lie down for a rest we can feel them walking over us in swarms. The only thing is to lie still and let them have their fling, but it nearly drives a man's patience out of him sometimes when he feels a rat's whiskers tickling his ear."

The hard frosts also disturbed their sleep with clothes becoming frozen stiff and feet in agony. The lack of sleep became an ongoing problem and sleeping through exhaustion at one's post was a court-martial affair with possible death as the punishment.

However, there were long periods of some kind of 'normality' when there was no fighting. Men could write home knowing their letters, read by an officer, would be with their loved ones within two or three days. Communications were good and efficient given the circumstances, the British having taken over the French railways in their zone. Transport to and from the front by narrow gauge railway or lorry had been improved, allowing men to be sent forward to the front or withdrawn. Route marches were sometimes necessary though. The much coveted comforts arrived daily at the railheads by the ton, giving very different conditions there from the front line trenches. Things from home provided the men with some sense of security, but this broke down immediately they left their trench "homes" for an attack. At the front it was an alien world with no control over communications or the environment, no proper water supply, and few geographical land marks, as it had all been obliterated by shelling. Shelling was the most common cause of death, but it must be remembered though that without trenches for protection the injuries and death rate would have been much worse.

From the Suffolk Free Press 1st November 1916.

BOXFORD Soldier Recovers Speech.

Private S. Cooke, Norfolk Regiment, a native of Boxford, Suffolk, writes:—"I was on 24 hours' guard on the Somme trenches on the 10th of October, and was blown up and lost my speech. I was invalided home to England. On the 24th of this month I went to a friend's to tea, and a little child of three years was in the act of falling. I made a rush to save the child, and in doing so regained my speech."

Hygiene was a real issue as there was insufficient water for washing and unhygienic latrines spread disease. The rats carried lice and bites caused trench fever and other diseases. Men spent many hours killing lice in their clothes. Although early front line letters from 1914 suggest the men had plenty of food behind the trenches, later on food was not good and there was not always enough to go round. Boredom and lethargy were major issues and the men were kept as active as possible. Night raids into no-man's land were often organised with this in mind and to keep up the fighting spirit. To the fighting soldier the trench raid was always a more nerve racking experience than the pitched battle. It was normally carried out with the object of capturing one or more of the enemy so that the German divisions opposing a particular sector could be identified.

Battle attacks were usually at dawn, so they would be awoken early. Men who had been working all night would rest up. The remainder would make breakfast and then prepare their equipment for the day's fighting. Some would be on look out while the others wrote letters, collected the mail and repaired damage to the trenches. Once an attack started, men were in mortal danger from artillery and shells and going 'over the top' meant they faced machine guns and more shells. One Boxford soldier remembered the resentment when a commanding officer with a pistol insisted on exchanging it with a Private's rifle before going over the top. If their trench was seized they faced grenades, bayonets, and hand to hand fighting. Many men were traumatised by their experiences and suffered long term what later became known as post traumatic stress disorder.

This was a grim life and men developed strategies for dealing with it. They developed strong friendships, sang, wrote, cracked jokes, made light of their experiences and had great comradeship. Many empathised with the men they were fighting against, seeing them as also suffering in a war devised by those far from the front. There was sometimes a "live and let live" attitude. It was not unusual for all firing to cease whilst the enemy was eating a meal!



Above: One soldier stays on lookout whilst the others catch up on their sleep.

Life in the trenches was not always about violence and hostility. We have all heard of the Germany v British football match and the carols at the front at Christmas 1914. The following equally fascinating fraternising reported early in December 1914 is barely known about. Not surprisingly these temporary congenial relationships began to disappear as the war progressed.

Suffolk Free Press 16 December 1914.

GERMANS AND BRITISH LIVE IN THE SAME TRENCHES.

An extraordinary story has been recounted by a soldier sent home on "invalid leave" from a little village not many miles south east of Ypres. "There were present but a handful of the enemy, and even fewer of the Allied forces. Trenches had been dug, and for over six days the two enemies remained inactive. During this time the soldiers amused themselves by throwing things at one another, the trenches being but a short distance apart. After a week had passed, and neither side had received any orders as to how to act, the Germans left their arms in their trench and, flying a white flag, entered the Allies' trench. A short conversation ensued, and it was agreed, strange to relate, that they should all live in one trench until orders reached one side or the other.

For a number of days all went smoothly. The Germans, mostly being able to speak English or French, got along well with their new comrades. Soon after a messenger was seen in the distance. In all haste the Germans returned to their trench, with a hasty farewell. The messenger, however, proved to be the bearer of letters and papers for the Germans and not a dispatch-rider.

Back came the Germans, bringing their letters and papers to read with them. Some few hours later trouble broke out in the camp. A German Corporal offered to read the German newspapers in English. The Allies gathered round and listened attentively. At last the German began to translate the official communique.

When he said that 'the Government were pleased to state that Kales (Calais) had been captured, and that an aviator had been successful in setting Paris and Rouen on fire,' the Allies lost all respect for their new 'comrades', and, owing to the Germans being unarmed, they drove them back to their own trenches with their fists, instead of rifles."

The Government "story" was no doubt sent to their newspapers as propaganda by the German military, as was common throughout the war. But was the whole story above true, or was it invented British propaganda circulated to our press?

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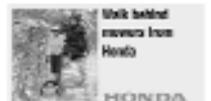
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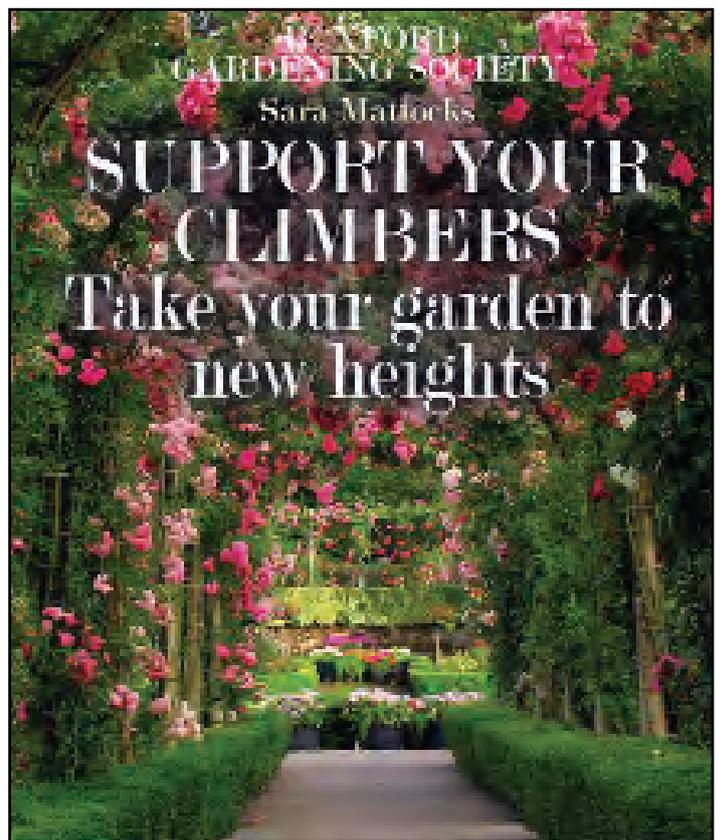
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Dates: October 20th November 17th December 15th January 19th
February 16th March 16th



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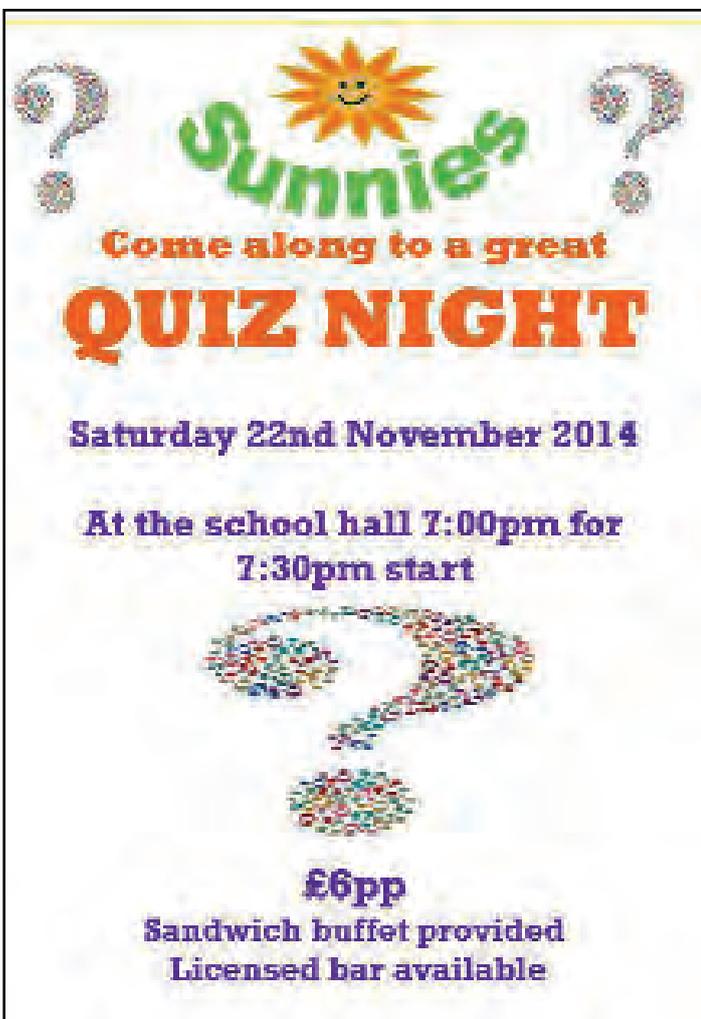
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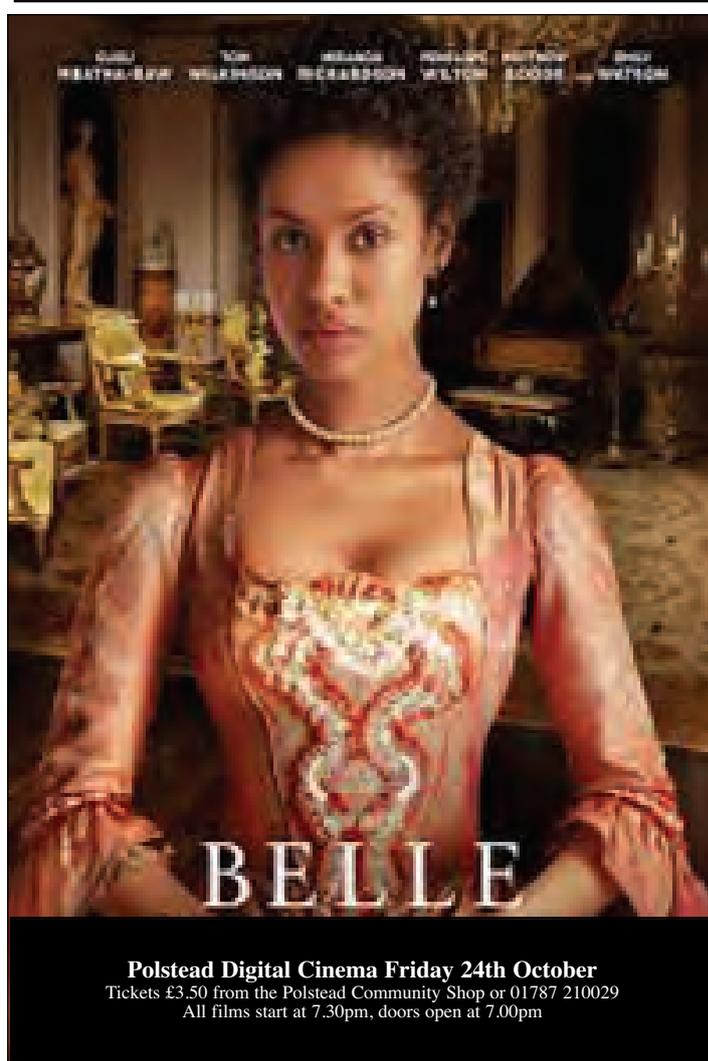
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Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 24th October
Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

Wot's On

The Milden Singers perform Hits from the Blitz

Friday 21st Nov doors open 7.00pm Show time at 7.30pm
 Saturday 22nd Nov doors open 1.30pm Show time at 2pm
 With song from both World Wars featuring The Andrews Sisters, Glenn Miller Including Moonlight Serenade, Chattanooga Choo Choo and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.
 Friday night includes buffet & Saturday includes afternoon tea both performances with licensed bar. Tickets £6 and available from Pearl 01449 741876 and in aid of Milden Pavilion and Help for Heroes. Come along dressed from either era and there will be a sing-a-long for you to enjoy too

Not Warriors – Just Men

Scenes from the Battle Front – 1914 and 2013,
 by Ron Olley and Anna Redwood

At: The Lavenham Hall Gallery, Hall Road, Lavenham,
 Saturday 26th October to Sunday 2nd November 2014. 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily, Preview Friday 25th October 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

In October there will be an exhibition at the Lavenham Hall Gallery by two remarkable artists with very different experiences of warfare. The exhibition, from which any gallery profits will be paid to Help for Heroes, will be a powerful exhibition and of particular relevance in this year where the country is both commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI and remains painfully aware of the ongoing conflicts that our forces are involved in.

Ron Olley is 91 and is, we believe, the last remaining professional artist working in the UK who experienced the world wars having been at El Alamein and with the 8th Army in Italy. His own father was a regular soldier who fought the whole way through the 1914-18 war, dying in 1930. The 40 or so paintings in this exhibition have been painted from research of photographs of the time overlaid with Ron's own experience of what it feels like to be in battle.

Anna Redwood was the Official War Artist to the 7th Armoured Brigade – “the Desert Rats” – for their final tour of Helmand Province in November 2013. Her work from this tour was recently exhibited in London to considerable critical acclaim and was reviewed on Radio 4's “Back Row” arts programme.

“He's Shed All Fear, All Faith, All Hate, All Hope” (Robert Graves) by Ron Olley. Oil. 85 x 76 cm, Battlefield – Daylight by Ron Olley. Watercolour. 59 x 49 cm, 19 Today by Anna Redwood. Mixed Media. 163 x 137 cm, What Now? By Anna Redwood. Oil. 112 x 173 cm

Contact: Anthony Faulkner; 01787 249 841 / 07710 329 050 / adhfaulkner@aol.com

Further details and high resolution images available on request.

Talk: Around the Flower Shows

Tuesday 21st October

Richard Ford will share his knowledge in an illustrated talk on 'Around the Flower Shows'. Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4HY at 7.40pm. Entry free, all welcome. 01206 262807
<http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk/>

Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks

Wednesday 5th November

6.45 for 7pm at the Village Hall Playing Field, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4JH.

Hot Dogs, Sparklers, Luminous Necklaces, Soft Drinks & Adult Drinks. Adults £4, Children £1.

The River Stour

Monday 10th November

Matt Holden, Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project, will share his knowledge in an illustrated talk on 'The River Stour'. Village Hall, Nayland CO6 4JH at 7.40 for 8pm. Entry free, all welcome.

www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk www.naylandconservation.org.uk

GROTON CALENDAR 2015

Saturday, November 8th 12.00---2.00pm Groton Village Hall

There will be a chance to purchase 'Hot-off-the-Press' Groton Calendars, as well as enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles at the Calendar Launch Party, and also to catch up with your friends while you peruse the Calendar, and decide how many copies to buy! So we look forward to seeing you at Groton Village Hall on November 8th. All proceeds of the Calendar to St. Bartholomew's Church.

Stoke by Nayland Bridge Club

Do you and your Bridge partner want to play regularly in the afternoons? Perhaps you did not know that there is a Duplicate Bridge Club that plays every Thursday at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall from 1.50pm to 5.0pm. Roger Loose on 01787-210538

THE QUAY THEATRE

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OCTOBER



Thursday and October to Mon 4th 7.30pm *Quay Productions* NOT ABOUT HEROES The emotional story of the friendship between Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen from their first meeting in 1917. Tickets £9.00 Friends £8.00

Thursday 9th October 10.30am **Film Club** Considers **Sophie Loren** and her films Tickets £10.00

Friday 10th October 7.30pm *Rampus Theatre Company* presents **CAPTAIN MURDERER** A chilling new play based on the marvellously macabre tale by Charles Dickens. Tickets £11.00 (Friends: £10.00)

Saturday 11th October 7.30pm **VIVA SANTANA** Be amazed as this 7 piece Latin rock explosion present their celebration of the music of the legendary Carlos Santana. Tickets £18.00 No concessions

Monday 13th October 7.30pm *Milk Bottle Audio* **HISTORIC CRIMES** World Premiere by Robert Dighton- The Quay's Artist in Residence. Tickets Pay what you want

Friday 17th October 7.30pm **DEAR JANE** The critically acclaimed Camen Players will perform a special evening dedicated to the life of Jane Austen. Tickets £11.00 Friends £9.00

Saturday 18th October 2.30pm & 6.00pm *Out of Control Productions* **SCIENCE BLAST!** This Live Science show is perfect for the whole family. Tickets Adults £10.00 Under 14's £6.50

Sunday 19th October 3.00pm *Royal Opera House* **LA TRAVIATA** Recorded live at The Royal Opera House, London 2009. Tickets £10.00

Thursday 23rd October to Sat 25th 7.30pm **ROBBIE GLADWELL AND FRIENDS** Proceeds will be divided between The Quay and Breast Cancer Awareness Charities. Tickets £13.00 Friend £12.00

Sunday 26th October 7.30pm **OPEN MUSIC NIGHT** Tickets Free entry

Friday 31st October 7.30pm **ABSOLUTE BOWIE** Europe's premier Bowie Tribute band-- Tickets £18.00 No concessions

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 Please book in advance.

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

October 25 Quiz Night

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 7.00pm

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Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person
Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets
Arrive 7.00pm starts 7.30pm This months film on October 4th "The Love Punch"

Bridge at Newton Green Golf Club

After the excellent attendance at the August drive it was a little disappointing that we only had four tables in play at the bridge drive on Monday 1st September.

However it was a pleasant evening of bridge and we were back in the comfortable surroundings of the main room. The only problem was contending with the new cards slipping all over the place!

The prize winners were:

Geoff and Phena Nott (again!)	3990
Alan and Ann Vince	3300
Simon Harris and Sharon Ford	1700

The next drive will be on Monday 6th October when we hope that everybody will be back from holiday so that numbers will be much better. Please arrive by 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start. If you need a partner please let me know – at the moment I have one player who would like a regular partner so please get in touch with me if you can help.

The date for the following drive is Monday 3rd November.

Alan Vince
01787 373963

SAVE THE CHILDREN

COFFEE MORNING

To raise funds for disaster relief At Boxford Village Hall

On Saturday 18th October at 10.00am

Stalls to include: Christmas Cards, Books, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Plants etc. Donations for stalls are much appreciated – phone Marian on 211811
Admission £1 to include coffee

Newton Village Hall Events OCTOBER 2014:

Monday 6th 7.00 pm Bridge Drive at Golf Club

Tuesday 14th 2.30 pm Fireside Club

Wednesday 15th 6.00 pm Youth Council

Friday 24th 10.00 am Fireside outing to Colchester Castle

Saturday 25th 10.00 am Village Hall coffee morning and Gift Day

Tuesday 28th 2.30 pm Fireside Club – Armchair exercises

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday mornings (term time only) : Yoga class (phone Sophia on 313662 for details)

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

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

Friday afternoons: Art Club (phone Anne on 312346 for details)

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

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
Arrive at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. Friday 24th October "Belle

Yoga classes

Running Thursday mornings 9.00-10.00am and Friday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm at Boxford Village Hall.

Come and enjoy an hour of stretching and relaxation. All levels welcome.

To book a place call Marianne Marshall (trained Alexander Technique teacher and British Wheel of Yoga) 01787 210323 or email marianmarshall@fastmail.fm.

Boxford Study Centre Presents

A seven-week Autumn lecture course by Dr John Greenacre

Suffolk and The Great War

On Tuesday afternoons this autumn:

- 14th Oct: The Suffolk Regiment on the Western Front
- 21st Oct: Suffolk Cameos of the First World War
- 4th Nov: Suffolk under Attack (2pm start)
- 11th Nov: Global Conflict: Suffolk Soldiers Around the World
- 18th Nov: For Valour: Suffolk Victoria Crosses
- 25th Nov: The Corner of Some Familiar Field: War Graves in Suffolk
- 2nd Dec: Memorials and Remembrance in Suffolk

Venue: Groton Village Hall

Email: jo.marchant@virgin.net

Fees: £45 for the course, payable at the first lecture, £8 for individual lectures

Time: 2:30pm (2pm start on 4th November)

Dr John Greenacre served in the Army for 24 years, with deployments in the Gulf War, the Balkans and Northern Ireland. He holds a doctorate in military history from the University of Leeds and frequently leads and guides battlefield tours on the continent.



Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2014 / 2015

15th October, Geoffrey Kay Death, sex and drug, the story of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. A group of English painters, poets and critics founded in 1848 by William Holman Hunt, John Everett Millais and Dante Gabriel Rossetti - joined by William Michael Rossetti, James Collinson, Frederic George Stephens and Thomas Woolner.

19th November Anthony Arbuthnot, The history of Great Yarmouth

10th December Ashley Cooper, 300 years of countryside history along the Suffolk-Essex border. Former brickyards, potteries and limekilns, local hop-growing, cheese-making, straw-plaiting, wildflowers and herbal remedies are up for discussion.

21st Jan 2015 Len Manning, Member only event - War escapades by our local master of escape.

18th February Pip Wright, The dissolution of the monasteries. Enjoy the economic jiggery-pokery of 16th century life & hear how Suffolk's up and coming young men made their fortunes.

18th March James Hayward, Ship of dreams - Suffolk people connected to the Titanic

15th April Sarah Doig, Youth must have dalliance. A romp through Henry the Eighth's life through the eyes of his wives and mistresses - it should be a riot.

May, To be advised, June, To be advised

All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp.

Please book & pay in advance to guarantee your place, as seats are limited.

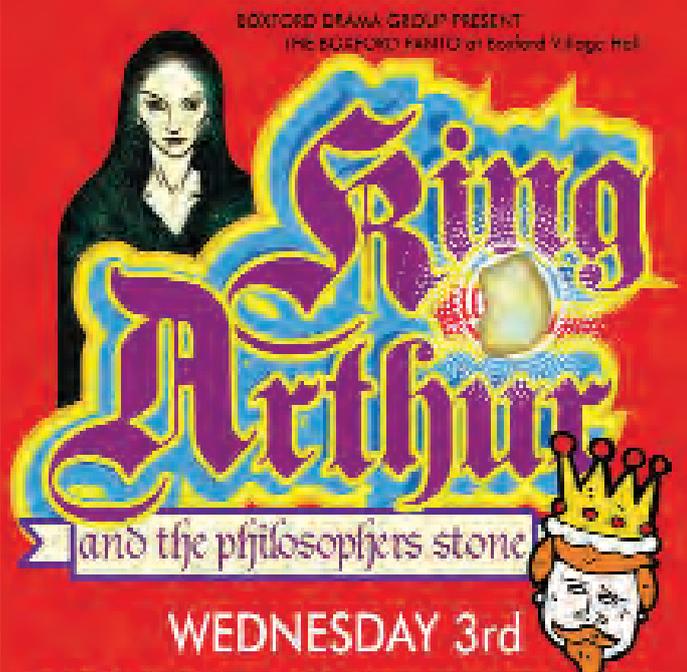
Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage 01787 248298

Tickets, Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

Membership of LWHS costs £10.00 per person pa and entitles each member to the following benefits:

- Reduced price entry to LWHS events;
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- Access to Suffolk Local history and other local events;
- and • Access to the Suffolk Review.

BOXFORD DRAWA GROUP PRESENT
THE BOXFORD FAMILY at Boxford Village Hall



King Arthur

and the philosophers stone

**WEDNESDAY 3rd
TO SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER**

Tickets: Family Night, Wednesday 3rd at 7.00pm
Adults £7.50 Children £3.50 NO SUPPER

Thurs, Fri & Sat at 7.30pm
All tickets £14.00. Supper served during the interval

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TICKETS ON SALE 9.00 to 10.00am SAT 1st NOV from Boxford Village Hall lobby
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QUIZ NIGHT EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL

**SATURDAY
25 OCTOBER 2014
7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets £5.00 each
(to include light refreshments)
Tables of up to 8 people**

Licensed Bar & Raffle

Tickets available from Stephanie Clark 01787 210688

Email: stephnie.clark@hugoburns.co.uk

(in aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall Improvements)



THE MILDEN SINGERS HITS FROM THE BLITZ

With song from both World Wars
**Friday 21st Nov doors open 7.00pm
Show time at 7.30pm**

**Saturday 22nd Nov doors open 1.30pm
Show time at 2pm**

Friday night includes buffet & Saturday includes
afternoon tea both performances with licensed bar.

Tickets £6 and available from Pearl 01449 741876
At and in aid of Milden Pavilion and HELP FOR HEROES

Come along dressed from either era and there will be
a sing-a-long for you to enjoy too

Forthcoming Events Diary

October	1 Remarkable Women of Ipswich	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2pm
	7 Support Your Climbers	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	13- Portrait of a Lady	Boford Study Centre	Groton Village Hall	6.30pm
	14-2Dec Suffolk and the great war	Boxford Study Centre	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
	15Pre Raphaelite Brotherhood	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
	18 Save The Children Coffee Morning		Boxford Village Hall	10.00am
	19 Kelvendon Singers	Boxford PCC	Boxford St Mary's	6pm
	25 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.00pm
	25 Quiz Night		Edwardstone Village Hall	7.30pm
	25 Halloween Dance		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	27-30 Halloween Holiday Club	Sunflower Childcare	Boxford School Hall	9.30am to 4.00pm
November				
	1 Boxford Community Council	BOXFORD FIREWORKS	Playing Fields	TBA
	8 " Missing, 2nd Lieutenant Gordon Thorpe" The Boxford Society		Boxford School Hall	7.30 pm
	8 Groton Calendar launch	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	12.00 to 2.00pm
	19 Hist of Gt Yarmouth	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
	21/22 Hits from the Blitz	Milden Singers	Milden Pavillion	Fri 21 7.00pm Sat 1.30pm
December				
	3-6 King Arthur Panto	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	10 5 Countryside History	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
January				
	21 Dissolution of the Monasteries	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
February				
	18 Hist of Gt Yarmouth	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
	First and Third Monday each month	Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm



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Tel: 211765; e-mail: davidabel19@hotmail.com

Reader: Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD
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Tel: 210397; e-mail: doddpanda@btinternet.com

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

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones



*A candlelit service of
remembrance and thanksgiving
for those we love who have died*

Sunday 2nd November 2014 at 4.00pm

St Mary's Church, Boxford

All warmly welcome



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

Kelvedon Singers Concert at St. Mary's Boxford. Sunday October

19th at 6.00pm. Proceeds to be shared between St. Mary's Church & Kelvedon Singers.

Make a date to come to a concert at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday October 19th at 6.00pm. The concert tickets are £12.00 for adults from village shops or a churchwarden. Tickets to include wine & canapes during the interval. For tickets please contact Ruth Kingsbury on 01787211236, email: ChrisKingsC@aol.com. Alternatively tickets will be available on the door, but we do recommend you book in advance.



St Mary's Church Children's Corner: We really need some new children's books (Christian stories) toys, colouring pens etc. If you can help or make a donation this will be most welcome. Please speak to Revd Judith or a churchwarden if you are unsure how you could help.

Fundraising: Boxford Church Tea towels make a good gift - these are available in church or the Post Office stores £5.00 each or 2 for £8.00

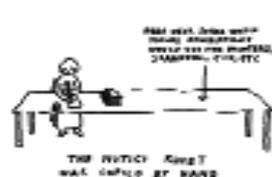
2015 Boxford Calendar - Please do continue to send in your photos to: ChrisKingsC@aol.com or on a disc or other media

The Pets Blessing Service on Sunday 7th September was very well attended with some 80 adults & children plus lots of animals, including a chicken & a cat as well as dogs of all sizes - all were very well behaved including the humans!

Smile lines:

PARISH LIFE

BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH



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

Please, NO LATER THAN 13th October

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

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

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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



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

8.00 am Holy Communion service: There will be no 8.00 am service at Groton on Sunday 12th October – see the 'Important Notice' by the Revd Judith on the 'Church at Worship' page.

Toilet update: The good news this month is that Babergh District Council has granted planning permission to the PCC to erect a small timber building in the churchyard, close to the south porch, to house a WC cubicle. The permission, dated 18 August 2014, comes 2 years 3 months after the PCC submitted the application (see BRN June 2012)! There remain a number of hurdles to overcome before we can bring this longstanding project to fruition, including obtaining a faculty from the diocesan chancellor, but the hope now is that we can make progress, including with the proposed kitchen in the tower. More news next month on the decisions that the PCC will make when they meet on 16th September (after this issue has gone to press.)

Rota:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Kennedy Scott

Flowers: Mrs Kennedy Scott

Cleaning: Mrs Kennedy Scott



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

During the service of Morning Worship on **7 September**, two members of our congregation, Vicky Nicholls and Patricia Eddington, were given permission by licence from Bishop David to assist Reverend Judith with Communion at Little Waldingfield. They are also able to take Communion to the sick at home. They were warmly received and congratulated by Reverend Judith and the congregation.

Rota:

Sidesman

Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington

Flowers

Mrs Duffy

Oct 5

Visiting

Mrs Ewen

Oct 12

Visiting

Mrs Squirrel

Oct 19

Visiting

Mrs Eddington

Oct 26

Visiting

THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Christine Cornell,

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



24th August: The service of Holy Communion instead of Morning Worship was led by Revd Judith.

We welcomed members from our other parishes. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all our kind helpers.

30th August: The marriage of Karen Brackley and David Lowe took place and the Revd Judith made it a very personal and moving service for family and friends. The sight and smell of the herbs and simple flowers gave a lovely background to the service. The bells rang out as the happy couple left the church and the weather was kind. A special 'thank you' to the organist David Richardson, the groom's sister who played her violin with the organ, the bell ringer and the kind member of the church who

helped with the unseen tasks needed.

31st August: The church was full as the Revd Judith celebrated the service for the Five Villages Service. It was a joy to meet our friends from the other churches while we had refreshments. Thank you to Michael Colleer who played the organ and to our helpers who make the service special.

General Church News CHOOSING OUR NEW BISHOP

The Crown Nominations Commission, charged with deciding on whom to recommend to the Prime Minister as the new bishop for our diocese to succeed Bishop Nigel, will hold its second meeting over two days on 15 and 16 October 2014, when the short-listed candidates will be interviewed (an innovation since 2007 when Bishop Nigel was chosen). It is hoped that the name of our new bishop can be announced by the end of the year, though it is unlikely that he (and it will be a 'he,' as the legislation enabling women to become bishops has yet to receive Royal Assent) will be enthroned until Easter 2015. Please continue to pray for the members of the CNC, especially our six diocesan members, the Revd Canon Jonathan Alderton-Ford, Tim Allen, Margaret Condict, the Revd Andrew Dotchin, the Very Revd Frances Ward and Michael Wilde.

'GROWING IN GOD' ROADSHOW

Tuesday 18th November 2014, 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Sudbury
An advance notice of the roadshow, hosted by Bishop David and our archdeacons, when we will have the opportunity to pray together and hear a short presentation on the diocesan 'Vision for Growth'. Dave Gardner, the diocesan Director of Mission has set as our four priorities growing in depth, number, influence, and growing younger. The roadshows are a great opportunity to start praying and planning our response.

Other forthcoming events around the diocese:

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ALL INCLUSIVE? THE CHURCH AND DISABLED PEOPLE: A day course on Saturday 11th October 2014, 10.00 am to 3.30 pm at All Saints' Church, Bury St Edmunds, organised by Spectrum. In addition to hearing from Professor John Swinton, the keynote speaker who is a leading authority on disability and Christian spirituality, the day will include contributions from disabled people who will describe their own experience of church. Working towards practical outcomes, 'All Inclusive?' will seek to enable church communities to better include and affirm people with disabilities. Book online at www.spectrumchristianstudies.com/all-inclusive.htm

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**Please note that from 5th -19th October, only Boxford will continue to hold village prayers.*

* IMPORTANT NOTICE – CHANGES TO SERVICE PATTERN *

The Parochial Church Councils and Ministry Team have agreed to reduce the number of 8am communion services in the benefice, partly due to low numbers attending, but also as we wish to explore and develop new styles of worship. Due to my holiday this month, the only 8am service in October is at St Mary's Boxford on 5th. The future frequency and location of the 8am service is currently under review and interim arrangements will apply until Christmas, with a new service pattern in place from January. You can speak to Revd Judith or to PCC members with your views, and we would especially welcome ideas for new kinds of services to offer variety and to appeal to families and to a younger generation.

Wednesday 1st			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 2nd			
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion Newmans Hall	Lay Team

Sunday 5th		16th after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd David Abel *
<i>* Revd David Abel celebrates 40 years ordained ministry. Please come and support him!</i>			
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	Morning Worship	Lay team
Boxford	11.00	All Age Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 8th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel

Sunday 12th		17th after Trinity	(G)
Newton	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Gerald Drew
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew

Wednesday 15th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 16th			
Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline Newmans Hall	Lay team

Sunday 19th		18th after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	9.30	Holy Communion	Revd David Stranack
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd David Stranack

Wednesday 22nd			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith

Sunday 26th		19th after Trinity	(G)
Groton	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 29th			
Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion – Mary's House	Revd Judith



Soap Box

When Elizabeth and I visit Portugal, we usually attend whatever English church service is available. In Funchal, Madeira, there is an English church – a magnificent building, circular, with a gallery running around the top. The gardens, too, are magnificent and the services when we go there (usually in May) are well attended, with much of the congregation being holidaymakers, like ourselves.

In the Algarve, where we have a house and which we visit more frequently (though we are far from being resident there, despite rumours to the contrary), the local English community borrow the Roman Catholic church in the small town where we stay. Once again, services are generally pretty full, though with a greater percentage of those attending resident or semi-resident there.

We have become involved in the social life of the church there, though it must be admitted on only a part time basis. But there is usually some event or other to which we can attach ourselves, including an active Sunday lunch club which can be quite a riot at times. What impresses us is the size of the congregation and their willingness to become involved. True, the dynamics are somewhat different, with a finite English community seeking a focal point at which to gather, but I sometimes think the Reverend Judith might be quite jealous at how many people turn out for services and events.

It happens that on our last visit there we attended an ecumenical service. The occasion was a particular celebration specific to the town and in particular its Roman Catholic celebrants. The place was packed – literally to the rafters. A small gallery at the back of the church had been pressed into service with probably 30 or 40 people crammed in. The heat up there was oppressive (we were late arriving, as usual), but down in the nave it was standing room only.

The Anglican community is, unsurprisingly, nearly all British, though there are a few Portuguese Protestants. The Roman Catholics were dominated by the locals, though with a fair sprinkling of expatriates. This particular service was conducted in both English and Portuguese, with two priests officiating, though the local Catholic Father was clearly in overall charge. And there were quite a few jokes – from both sides – not always easily understood.

It was not the easiest of services to follow, I confess, but I was mightily

impressed by the way the two separate sides of the Christian Church worked together to make it an enjoyable and uplifting experience for those who took part. We were even able to take communion, though this was kept separate – Anglicans to the left, Catholics to the right. And it is worth noting that, while the Catholic priest was Portuguese, the Anglican one was a Canadian of Swedish decent, with an English wife.

So what is the significance of our experience to readers of the Box River News and, more particularly, Soap Box? On this occasion I am expressing more a sense of disappointment than seeking to conduct a rant. The way in which the Catholics and Anglicans worked together was a joy to behold. My experience of ecumenicalism here has been altogether less uplifting.

Don't get me wrong – this is not a criticism of our dear priest in charge, the Reverend Judith. Rather it is the attitude of those who lead our churches and, in particular, those in charge of the Roman Catholic community that makes me sad. I speak with feeling, as a practicing Anglican married to a Roman Catholic. While we welcome her into our Eucharistic celebrations, I feel unable to participate in mass at a Catholic church. Worse, according to directions from Rome, Roman Catholics should not take communion from anyone other than one of their priests.

I would like to think we could emulate the attitude of those in Portugal and hold ecumenical services here, but the impression I gain is that such an approach would be rebuffed. Knowing, as I do, the problems that religious divides can perpetrate (think Northern Ireland or the Sunni/Shia clashes in the Middle East), anything that brings two sides of a religion together must be worth considering. Food for thought as the autumn descends upon us.

Brian Tora

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GARDENING IN OCTOBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

October is a busy month with so many jobs to do before the onset of winter.

Greenhouses and frames should be cleaned out and the glass should be washed thoroughly so as to admit as much light as possible during short, dull days of winter. Disinfect all areas with Jeyes Fluid or Armillotox. Insulate with bubble polythene, the large bubble type is best, it admits more light and gives insulation. Check that heaters are in working order especially if you are using electrical appliances, badly insulated wiring can be lethal in the damp conditions of a greenhouse.

Once this is done you can start to bring in half/hardy plants. Fushias should be cut back so that the pots can be packed close together on the floor of the greenhouse. You do not want them to make new growth until the new year so just give them enough water to prevent them from drying out completely. Never at any time allow them to become dust dry.

Lift and pot up Pelargoniums and bring them indoors. They need a dry atmosphere to survive the winter, a spare room in the house is ideal. Dampness is the enemy of Pelargoniums, the sort of condition which is found in cold or partially heated greenhouse during the months of November, December and January.

Early flowering chrysanthemum will have finished by middle of the month and should be cut down, stools lifted and washed thoroughly before storing them in boxes of peat in a cold frame. Most varieties will survive the average winter outdoors but not if your soil is wet and infested with slugs. Better to lift them and store as described, they will make a much better start next year.

At any time we can expect the first frost. Dahlias are one of the first tender plants to have their foliage blackened. When this happens, cut the foliage down to six inches from the base, and lift the tubers carefully so as not to cause any damage. Tie the label around the tuber not the stem - these stems become brittle and break off during storage and you are left with a lot of loose labels not knowing where they belong. Store the tubers in a frost free place and examine at intervals for signs of rot.

The beginning of the month is the last chance to plant spring cabbage to get them established before the soil cools down.

Sweet pea seeds can be sown now in five inch pots using soil based rather than peat compost. Sow about six seeds in a pot and water

moderately. After germination water only when absolutely necessary. Winter in a cold frame taking steps to protect from mice and slugs. Sweet Peas need to be grown hardy so ventilate well in fine frost free weather, but be prepared to give extra protection in very severe weather.

Although we had some warmer days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder. It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. Sometimes it may seem pointless raking, when the wind blows even more leaves onto the lawn, but just think of all the lovely leafmould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts.

Top 10 jobs to do this month:

- 1 Clear up fallen autumn leaves regularly
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns
- 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into the greenhouse
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing roses
- 8 Order seeds for next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- 10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

If you haven't already done so, start your compost going by buying a bin or building a partially enclosed area for a heap. It is vital to replace the goodness in soil after a hefty growing season and autumn produces masses of garden waste that will put invaluable organic richness back into the ground for next spring. Add a variety of different materials; spent vegetable and bedding plants, herbaceous leftovers, thatch, moss and cuttings from the lawn, weeds (but not the roots unless they have been through a shredder), hedge clippings, kitchen peelings and tea bags are ideal.

Turn once a week or so if you can and NEVER add diseased or pest-ridden material (such as diseased rose petals - heinous culprits) to your compost - it is a warm and welcoming nirvana for unwelcome guests who will reappear with a vengeance next year! Onto the bonfire with them without a qualm...

Keep harvesting root veg such as beetroot and carrots.

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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council

Meeting on 7th July

It was agreed in future to hold the main Parish Council Meeting on the first Monday each month. A second meeting on the third Monday will only take place if necessary to consider urgent planning applications. This should allow for more prompt reporting in Box River News following meetings.

Finance: The Internal Audit Report was shared with members confirming all areas checked were found to be in order. The Auditor had confirmed the new Financial Regulations make provision for internet banking. Members thanked the Clerk for her hard work in preparation of the Accounts for Audit and Cllr Balls for keeping the finances up to date during the Clerk's sickness absence.

Planning: Decisions from the Planning Authority included the following: -

- Permission had been granted for replacement gates and alterations to brick gate piers at Boxford House, Stone Street
- Permission had been granted for rear & side extensions, garage conversion, porch and cartledge extension at 1 Boxford Lane
- Listed Building Consent was granted at 13 Swan Street for internal alterations

There was No Objections to two proposed new dwellings at the Rosery, Calais Street.

Reports: The Chairman confirmed the progress of the work to reduce the flooding risk. It was agreed to seek cooperation from the owner of School House on School Hill to cut back the hedge as it is obstructing the walkway. Community Speed Watch had started in the village and further volunteers were being sought.

Meeting on 21st July

20 residents attended.

Public Forum: Kevin Bayley, resident of Stone Street, explained that he had attended with a number of his neighbours to seek the support of the Parish Council towards a 20 mph speed limit for Stone Street. After a long campaign, the County Council is now saying they will consider the idea provided it is supported by the Parish Council. Members listened to all the comments and agreed to follow up. Attention then turned to the planning applications for The Cobblers, Stone Street and Cygnet Court, Swan Street. Objections were expressed by neighbours to these applications. They were to be discussed later in the meeting.

Police Report: PCSO Debbie Rudd arrived after her report was read by the Clerk. The report covered the period from 16th June to 18th July. During this time 2 crimes were recorded compared to 5 crimes for the same period last year. Milk and eggs were stolen from a doorstep in Boxford Lane and grave stones in the Churchyard were vandalized. Inspector Danny Cooper was replacing Inspector Paul Crick as Sector Commander. Purse thefts had increased in Sudbury Town Centre so extra vigilance was suggested.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch attended and reported on the Financial Year End Results for the County Council. A new team had been set up creating multi agency representation to safeguard vulnerable adults and children in Suffolk. This will be made up of around 60 professionals from education, police, housing etc. Members of the public concerned that a child, young person or adult is at risk of abuse, harm or neglect can contact Customer First on 0808 800 4005. Cllr Finch confirmed options for the future of Suffolk Records Office are being discussed. He was then questioned on the potential 20 mph speed limit for Stone Street.

District Council Report: Cllr Bryn Hurren confirmed the amended Sand Hill Plans were available for a public display in early September. It was agreed to book the Village Hall for 5th September for this purpose. The outcome of the Appeal in respect of the proposed solar farm in Newton Green was awaited. Solar panels were also being introduced in housing schemes in Sudbury and Pinewood. Mr House questioned Cllr Hurren on whether a code of practice would be introduced upon building approval to control the manner in which properties were developed to minimise disruption to their surroundings. Cllr Hurren agreed to follow up but did not feel it was within the control of the planning officers.

Finance: It was agreed to include Internet Banking and the New Financial Regulations as Agenda items for the September full meeting.

Reports: It was agreed to report the very poor condition of the road surface in Stone Street to County Highways. Cllr Wilson had attended the Parish Council Website training and volunteered to attend the Emergency Planning Workshop. Cllr Green reported on a busy period for the Community Car Sharing Scheme. Members were grateful to Brian Fearis, Colin Martin, Charlie Smith and the Chairman for making improvements to help prevent flooding in the vicinity of Ash Street.

Planning: The Planning Authority, Babergh District Council, had confirmed permission had been granted for change of use of horse grazing land to landscape buffer strip, play area etc. at land south of Daking Avenue and west of Swan Street. Of the Planning discussed during the meeting, the Parish Council had No Objections to the tree applications at 2 The Causeway and 32 Swan Street. They also had No Objections to the removal of condition 24 at Boxford Suffolk Farms. Members objected to the applications for The Cobblers, Stone Street and the proposed new dwellings at Cygnet Court, Swan Street.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 3 September 2014 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice Chair), G Smith, R Kelsey, N Cox
In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), J Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), B Hurren (Babergh District Councillor)

Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Adam Dixon-Smith (approved) and the Police.

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

There were none.

To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of 2 July 2014 were approved and signed, proposed by Jeremy Osborne, seconded by Carey Fraulo.

To co-opt a new Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy: No-one has yet officially put their name forward so this matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

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. 2 crimes had been recorded, both common assault. The police alerted parishioners to the spate of arson attacks in Sudbury and district recently, advising everyone not to put their bins out until collection day and to report all fires. The next priority setting meeting is on 16 September between 11 am and 12 pm at Stanstead Community Centre.

Suffolk County Council: James Finch had circulated his report prior to the meeting, providing information on the rise in GCSE results in Suffolk, the Endeavour Card which is provided for young people aged 16-19 to travel on Suffolk buses, and the grants available under the Suffolk Energy Action scheme.

Bryn Hurren asked why the Young Persons Card was scrapped and then replaced by the new Endeavour Card. James Finch said that the previous Explore card allowed travel anywhere, not just for education, so it was more economic to change the card. *Jeremy Osborne* asked about priority setting for road resurfacing and repair, pointing out that the C720 from Edwardstone through Groton to Lindsey had recently been resurfaced even though it was already in a far better condition than, for example, Groton Street. James said that he is holding a meeting with the Highways Area Officers on 25 September and this is the type of issue he will be dealing with. Jeremy indicated that the Parish Council would like to be involved in priority making decisions and James agreed that this would be ideal. He will report back. *Chair Carey Fraulo* referred to her correspondence with James earlier in the day regarding a serious problem with school transport that had arisen today, the first day back to school. A taxi had failed to turn up to pick up a child from Groton and take them to Boxford Primary School. The school had not been informed that a taxi was being used and the taxi firm had not been informed where to pick the child up. The Chair said that this was completely unacceptable and James agreed and said that he had been very shocked to hear what had happened. A formal complaint has been made and the matter is under investigation. There was considerable discussion on and heavy criticism of the Suffolk County Council school transport policy, including on the £18m expenditure. James will report back in due course. *Bryn Hurren* would like to be kept informed of the situation as he may be able to assist. The Chair asked James if he had been approached by Paul Gant of Suffolk Highways regarding the proposal to have 30mph roundels painted on the road at key points in Groton at a cost of £428.20. Paul had said that he would ask James if he could fund this from his Locality Budget. James said that he had not been approached but was happy to consider making a contribution of 50%, then increasing this to £250. Councillors asked if he could fund the whole sum, as Groton has not asked for anything from the Locality Budget for some time. James will consider after speaking to Paul Gant and report back. James left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

Babergh District Council: Bryn Hurren reported that there is an exhibition regarding local needs housing at Sand Hill, Boxford at Boxford Village Hall on Friday 5 September from 6-8pm and councillors were invited. He will be there with 2 Boxford Parish Councillors to explain the new plans. Bryn was happy to report that after some difficulties, Boxford will be holding a Fireworks Display this year on 1st November and he hoped that Groton parishioners will support the event. As far as planning issues were concerned, Bryn advised that he is liaising with the owners of Mulberry Barn, Groton and BDC planners and progress is being made. He confirmed that he had established that Groton is classed as Open Countryside, therefore it will be more difficult to obtain permission to develop than if it were classed as Hinterland, as is Edwardstone. Bryn advised that a major issue in the BDC area was provision of housing, with people having to be put up in bed and breakfast accommodation for the first time for some years. BDC is going to build 29 new council houses which should help the situation.

To receive reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public: Jeremy Osborne reported that he had been unable to attend the June SALC meeting but will be attending the September meeting next week. He will report back. Jeremy said that Groton United Charities was able to give out 4 requested grants at its July meeting. They will be meeting again in November and will advertise in the Box River News. He would encourage people to apply for grants from both GUC and Groton Educational Foundation. The proposed merger with Boxford is proceeding slowly.

To consider whether to adopt the draft Freedom of Information publication scheme and to consider registering with the Information Commissioner's Office; The Clerk advised that the Council had previously adopted a similar scheme but that this now needed updating. Also, the Council needed to register with the Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection purposes at an annual cost of £35. Although disappointed at the cost, the Council resolved to adopt the scheme and to register and pay the annual fee by direct debit, proposed Rona Kelsey, seconded Nick Cox. The Direct Debit form was signed.

To consider adopting the Suffolk Association of Local Councils revised Code of Conduct: Councillors had had an opportunity to read the revised Code since the last meeting and resolved to adopt it, proposed Jeremy Osborne, seconded Rona Kelsey.

To consider appointing a representative to work with Boxford and Edwardstone on a Neighbourhood Plan: The Council considered the offer from Boxford to join together to work on a Neighbourhood Plan but could not see any advantage in doing so at this stage.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence: To review and approve the new Groton Parish Council website prior to publication. The clerk advised that she had liaised with John Kirby and Sue Knight and the contract for hosting the existing website, which expires in October, has been cancelled and no further cost will be incurred. She has drafted a new site using the OneSuffolk site, which is free to use and aimed at Parish Councils. Councillors considered the draft pages and were happy with the content. Jeremy Osborne will produce some wording for the

Parish Council Matters

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Meeting 19 August 2014

Present: A Sheppard, S Braybrook, C Miller, D Kiddy, M Foster.

3 members of the public

Apologies for Absence: M Ewen, Cllrs J Antill and F Lawrenson

Declarations of Interest: D Kiddy declared a pecuniary interest with regard to the planning application for Ireland's Meadow as he sometimes works for the applicant.

Police Matters/Speedwatch: A written police report detailed one assault and one theft.

Speedwatch – In the space of an hour each day for 5 days during July, 60 offending motorists were recorded with a top speed of 51 mph.

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

Matters Arising: J Kossick resigned on 4 July and the vacancy has duly been reported to Babergh DC and advertised within the village. No election has been called.

Public Session: The ongoing issue with dog fouling was raised. Following the letter distributed to all homes in the village the Warden has noticed an improvement, particularly on the playing field. However, the area of Church Road still remains a problem so more graphic posters have been displayed. Many dog walkers continue to clear up after other dog owners.

The poor condition of the Jubilee bench was discussed and the Chairman will make enquiries regarding the cost of renovations.

Planning Matters: The Introduction to Local Planning previously circulated to councillors will be borne in mind when considering comments on applications received.

No further plans have been submitted to Babergh DC in respect of Brookwood Manor windows.

The Enforcement Officer has confirmed that there was no requirement for planning permission for the garage at Heathfield House.

Permission has been granted for an extension to Woodhall Lodge.

Between meetings strong objections were returned in respect of the application to lift the agricultural worker condition at Spinney Cottage.

No objections to the application for the conversion of a barn to a domestic dwelling at High Street Farm were raised between meetings.

An application for an 'eco house' at Ireland's Meadow was discussed at length. One councillor raised concerns that if allowed this development may 'open up' the area between the site and the edge of the village envelope. Opinions of the four councillors allowed to comment were 2 in favour, 1 against and 1 with reservations and requesting further time to examine the application in more detail. Comments will then be submitted with the Chairman exercising his casting vote if there is no majority decision.

The Clerk was asked to notify Babergh DC that agricultural buildings are being used for storing non-agricultural business equipment, contrary to the agricultural covenant on the barns.

Corporate Policies: Draft documents are to be prepared and discussed at future meetings.

Financial Matters: The external auditor's report has been completed and received, and was duly accepted by the Council.

Cheques were signed for churchyard grass cuts, SALC training and Speedwatch travel expenses.

Correspondence: None received not covered by other agenda items.

Village Website: Pages have been updated and some old notices removed. Visitors are visiting more pages on the site.

Public Transport: A letter has been sent to Suffolk CC raising bus users concerns, along with the letters received from regular bus users. A response is awaited.

Footpaths: Clarification is still to be sought on responsibilities for the cutting of each path. The requests received for certain hedges to be cut will be held over until the next meeting to allow for landowners to undertake this once harvesting is complete. This also applies to the re-instating of the footpath sign at the rear of the playing field/Grove Avenue. Contact will be made with the relevant land owners if no action has been taken by the time of the September meeting.

Churchyard: The cheapest quote for works to the lime trees has been accepted and the contractor requested to undertake the work.

Playing Field: Registration has yet to commence.

Clive Memoria: Nothing further to report.

Risk Register: Following advice given at the councillor training course attended by the Chairman additions to the Register are required as a minimum in respect of the annual litter pick and churchyard clearance working parties. Risk assessments will then need to be completed. Zurich may be able to provide further advice.

Any other business: The village sign has been demolished by a collision by a car. 2 quotes have been received for re-instatement and passed to the loss adjuster of the car driver's insurance company. The Chairman has a meeting arranged with him later this week.

A request has been received for a donation towards the cost of floodlighting the church. It was decided to donate £250 providing the lights remain on for an additional hour to the times proposed. A covering letter will be sent suggesting that a more efficient form of lighting be installed which could possibly be funded from the Clive memorial, dependent upon cost, if the Clive family are in favour.

The Chairman will draft an Asset Register.

Dates of further meetings were set for 4 November and 16 December. The date of the next meeting is 30 September.

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

8th September at Bell House Public Forum:

The issues raised by the 9 residents who were present included: • suspected non-adherence to the letting criteria at Homefield Court flats following recent tenancy changes

• lack of feedback from the County Council to residents who completed the Flood Prevention Survey

• the apparent unsuitability of the surface of the RUPP for wheelchair users

• cars being parked on the pavement near Homefield Court

• The Parish Council was thanked for arranging the viewing of the new Sand Hill Plans

• Concerns were expressed about the new plans including the number of houses, the location and lack of integration into the village, the tenant allocation system and whether the new plans would go before the Design and Review Panel

• John Moles, Coordinator of Community Speed Watch, confirmed the scheme has now started with a number of offences already identified. They persevered and were able eventually to secure a location in Stone Street to use the detection equipment.

County Council Report:

County Cllr James Finch spoke of improvement in the GCSE attainment this year at Suffolk Schools. Cashless payments are now available with the young persons Endeavour (travel) card. The County Council's fostering and adoption teams are joining forces. Their first joint campaign is entitled "Give a Suffolk Child the care they dream about". "The Work Inspiration Employer Brokerage Service" will be rolled out to other areas following successful pilots. The aim of this service is to raise aspirations in partnership with schools and local businesses. Cllr Finch then spoke of his liaison on Community Speed Watch involving the new Police Inspector – Danny Cooper. Following questioning, Cllr Finch agreed to follow up the idea of improved signage to deter HGV's from using Stone Street, the issue of larger class sizes at Boxford School and feedback from the Flood Prevention Survey.

District Council Report:

District Cllr Bryn Hurren was unable to attend and the Clerk read from his report. The Planning application at Cobblers, Stone Street that was split into two parts has had the kitchen extension allowed and the garage refused. At Cygnet Court, he has lobbied very hard on behalf of local objectors and raised points re traffic in Swan Street, the access road and the poor design of the application. He will keep the Council informed of progress. The Sand Hill Consultation event took place and he recorded his thanks to all Councillors who attended. The event was generally well attended with a good cross section of views and advice as to how the scheme could be improved. He will take these back to the applicant and to the housing department at Babergh and Mid Suffolk. He will continue to raise the issue of the Council's letting system.

Correspondence: Two further volunteers have come forward for Community Speed Watch. The Clerk read a response from County Highways to our request for improvement to the road surface in Stone Street. Work is now scheduled for this financial year.

Finance: The new model Parish Council Financial Regulations make provision for internet banking. It was agreed for a working group from the Parish Council to review the wording and report back. The External Audit had been concluded with no issues found. Members took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for her hard work in this respect.

Cemetery: Repairs were authorised to a damaged water pipe in the Cemetery. Oak and beech trees appear to be diseased with "phytophthora ramorum". Further specialist tests have been ordered.

Proposed 20 mph for Stone Street:

Members had reviewed the notes on enforceability of such a limit through Stone Street and didn't believe the criteria could be met. The Chairman had met a representative from County Highways and improvements were agreed including the road narrow signs to be moved further up Brick Kiln Hill and once the road is re-dressed, stronger white lining is to be applied. It was agreed to review the situation once these changes are in place.

Reports: It was agreed to write to Babergh Housing Department to seek answers to concerns about the letting process at Homefield Court flats and the new potential scheme.

Planning: Babergh District Council confirmed tree work can proceed at Pickering, Stone Street and 32 Swan Street. Permission had been granted for the first floor window at Aldwyn Ho, Calais Street and rear/side extension at The Cobblers, Stone Street. Consent had been refused for 2 new dwellings at The Rosery, Calais Street and to fell the white poplar at 2 The Causeway.

The Parish Council had No Objections to the change of use to performing arts school at Old School Ho, School Hill, the proposed rear extension at 18 Fen Street and out-building conversion at The Compasses, 11 Stone Street. Objections were made to the proposed side extension at Simbos Gun Dogs and 3 roof windows at Box River Ho, 1 Broad Street. In respect of the application at Simbos, the applicant has since assured the Parish Council that he has not already gone ahead with the work. The Planning Authority has been advised of this representation.

The full meeting of the Parish Council will now be held on the first Monday each month at 7.30 p.m. Further Planning Meetings will be held on the third Monday when necessary.

Debbie Hattrell,

Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Readers Letters

Sir

"Spud's 80th Birthday Bash"

Thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday and many thanks for the donations to my two charities. We raised £55 for 3PR and £75 for The Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thanks again
Spud Murphy
Boxford

Sir

Rev Brian Bird was the author of two books – one on Skiffle music, written in the 1950s and one on the Peasant's Revolt leader John Ball, written in the 1980s. I am a Lecturer at the University of Essex and I've been asked to present something about him at a book festival.

If there is anyone who knows about him or knew him well, or has contact with his family, I'd really like to hear from them.

Dr Adrian May, Lecturer in Creative Writing,
University of Essex, C04 3SQ. adrmay@essex.ac.uk

Sir

Lenny, Adrian and Chri would like to thank family, friends and Neighbours for the cards, letters and kind words sent to us due to our very sad loss of Tina.

Tina passed away very suddenly on 25th July 2014.

They also wish to thank everyone who attended Tina's funeral on the 11th August.

Special thanks to Veronica, Caroline, Tessa and Bridgette for their help Tina will be missed by everyone who knew her

Lenny, Adrian, and Chris Southgate
Homefield, Boxford

Sir

I was interested to read the article entitled "Groton Answers Lord Kitchener's Appeal" in the September BRN mentioning men from Groton who served in the Great War. My grandfather Walter (Joe) Fearis lived at Castlings Heath Cottage and was also a WWI soldier. He was educated at Groton school and worked on the land when he left school. He was 20 in November 1895 when he joined the Army and the 19th Huzzars. He first saw action in North Africa and then from 1899 to 1903 in the Boer War in South Africa including the relief of Ladysmith. For this he was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps for the Orange Free State, and the battles of Laings Nek and Bergendal in 1900. He was also awarded the King's Medal and clasps for 1901 and 1902.

A Private in June 1903 he was transferred to the Army Reserve, returned home and back to work on the land. Two years later he married Sarah Hazell and they moved into Castlings Heath Cottage where they had two children, Leonard and Edith May.

As a Reserve at the outbreak of war in 1914 he was again called to the colours and rejoined the 19th Huzzars aged 40. As part of the British Expeditionary Force of experienced professional soldiers he was immediately dispatched to France where he took part in the opening battle of World War I, the Battle of Mons (August 1914). The 19th Huzzars also took part in the Battle of the Marne September 1914. Walter then served on the Western Front until 1916. He saw a lot of action and had a spell when he was sent home to recover.

Lance Corporal Walter Fearis was discharged before the end of the war in December 1916, probably because of his age and his health. He was 42yrs 6mths old and had spent 21 years in the army. He returned to Groton and after his wife died he married Minnie Jane Englefield. They had four children, Stanley, Alec, Doris and Eric. Walter died in 1937 and is buried in Groton Churchyard.

Brian Fearis.
Groton



welcome page and further content for the History section, and Rona Kelsey will liaise with the Village Hall Committee as to what information they would like inserted. The Clerk will contact Groton Educational Foundation to see if they would like a mention. There is plenty of room for village organisations to advertise their events. The Council resolved to go ahead with the website.

To confirm the location of the parish council's strimmer and provide an update on the parish fields: The strimmer had been located. Jeremy Osborne is researching the history of the parish fields and will report back once he has done

To consider correspondence received: A letter had been received from Chris Kennedy formally resigning from the Council. The Council considered the other correspondence received and had no comments.

Highway Matters:

Speeding Traffic The meeting with Paul Gant is referred to at 5.2 above. Rona Kelsey reported that she had been along to a speedwatch session in Boxford, who have invited anyone else willing to train to go along. They have also offered to come to our next meeting to explain what is involved. The Council agreed with this approach and Rona will arrange it.

Any other Highway and Footpath matters: Gerald Smith said that it may be that the reason for the road from Edwardstone through Groton to Lindsey being resurfaced could be that it is a C road and Groton Street is unclassified.

Jeremy Osborne noted that there had been a lot of work going on digging up the roads, believed to be for improved broadband speeds. The expectation is also that Groton should have 4G by January 2015.

Nick Cox asked why there were no dog bins on the Croft, as many people walk their dogs there. The Clerk will look into the cost of providing additional bins and paying for emptying.

Planning Matters: Local Housing Needs Survey: The Chair said that she had spoken to Sunila Osborne in the last few days. Sunila had confirmed that she had passed the marked up plan on to the Planning Department and they will decide which, if any, of the proposed sites are feasible and come back to us. The Chair, Rona Kelsey and Jeremy Osborne would be keen to meet up with the planners when they come to the village and Bryn Hurren asked to be kept informed.

Any urgent planning matters: There were none. The application for the extension at 1 Horners Green has been approved. The application for a shed to contain a WC cubicle in the church yard at St Bartholomew's Church, made in May 2012, has been approved.

Financial Matters: The Council resolved to pay the annual insurance premium which was now due, proposed by Carey Fraulo, seconded by Jeremy Osborne.

The Account book was checked by Jeremy Osborne and Gerald Smith and compared to the bank statements and cheque books and all was found to be in order.

It was resolved to add Housing Needs, Speeding Traffic, litter picking proposals and dog bins on the Croft to the next Agenda.

To agree the date of the next meeting

• 5th November 2014 There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

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Edwardstone's Ray Gibbons tosses one up to Chris Philbidge



An unsuccessful lbw shout, this time by Harry Young against Chris Philbidge



Edwardstone CC 2014 Season

EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB



Edwardstone Cricket Club's youthful side start to confirm early promise

Our results for the 2014 season have been a great improvement on last year's. One of the main reasons for this has been the progress of the younger players who have been coming into the team. Skipper Jack Clark now has a mix of great experience and youth to call on each week.

There have been stand out performances from the skipper himself scoring a century in the team's victory at Sudbury, and Cameron Hathaway getting his best bowling figures so far this year of 6 for 23 in the same game. James Thorogood also joined the centurions club in scoring 117 v Leavenheath and Brian Bloomfield, Brett Crisp, Sam Chapman have all scored 50s or above in what has been a much improved batting performance.

Impressive bowling figures also came from brothers Sam and Will Beven who took 7 wickets between them in the game v Earl Stonham. Other best match figures came from Tim Beven (6 for 2) Jack Clark (5 for 23) and Ray Gibbons (5 for 41) We must also mention opening bowler Tom Whymark who is this years leading wicket taker.

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This years Young Player of the Year award went to Archie Hurrell, who also played his first competitive matches this season.

Many thanks to all those who ran these sessions and therefore offered local children the chance to learn to play the game.

We must also thank all those who contributed to the running of the club and to Ray Gibbons for once again producing such a great pitch for all to play on.

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