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LTL WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE HISTORY PUBLISHED



Susan Moore, Chairman Little Waldingfield History Society, addresses the guests

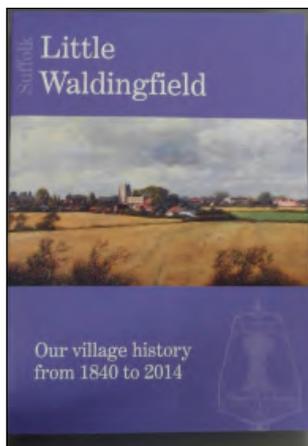
Back in the spring of 2012 when the History Society was in its infancy, Vic Flute, a former resident and trustee first mooted the idea of a book to pick up from where Harry Clive's *Beyond Living Memory*, published in 1979 finished off, roughly at the start of the 19th Century.

Coincidentally at the time a one-off programme, known as the All Our Stories grant was available through the Heritage Lottery Fund giving, and I quote, 'an opportunity for everyone to get involved in their heritage.' The idea being that with the funding and support of the scheme the applicants could plan activities that helped to explore, share and celebrate their heritage. This scheme had been developed in support of the BBC's *The Great British Story A People's History* broadcast on BBC2. The History Society went for it and the Little Waldingfield History Society was one of the first groups to receive the grant. They were responsible for £9800. and a dead line (one year), to write the book.

It was a huge piece of work for such a small village and a big thank you is due to every person who was able to contribute in any way however small from giving a name to finding old documents and photos, to carrying out research should feel part of this project and delight in the achievement.

The budget was used wisely giving enough to have 600 copies printed including a limited number of hardbacks which were all but sold in advance to make sure they could afford them. The 550 softbacks for sale should raise over £10,000 for the ongoing maintenance of our beautiful church.

On sale at £18 every single penny of which will go to the church. With such a beautiful church in Little Waldingfield it is felt that it should not have to rely on the dozen or so members of the congregation who look after it for the village. Every penny counts so it will be money well spent.



HARRY GOES TO MILDENHALL



Above: Harry addresses the assembled airmen

Harry Buckledee was invited to by the RAF Mildenhall Prisoner of War/Missing in action Fallen Comrades Committee luncheon on 17th September as their guest speaker. His fame had travelled from RAF Lakenheath where he had addressed Fallen Comrades committees in 2012 and 2013. Harry, a former prisoner of war during World War II spoke about his time as a POW during the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Fallen Comrades Committee luncheon. It was American forces who rescued Harry from his imprisonment in April 1944. following his long march to freedom that was made into a TV series recently.



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Final date for reserved copy for the December 2014 Issue is:

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GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER



As with so many Benefice occasions guests arrived at Groton Village Hall well before the 7.30 opening time to secure their seats. The Groton Harvest Supper and Christmas Cheese and wine parties have become an institution and as so many of the seventy odd guests who came say, where can you get a great evening out with an excellent meal for just £10.00

This year the cottage pies were cooked to a tee, and for those of us unable to digest beef the Vegetarian Cottage pie was excellent. Long may these convivial evenings continue and congratulations to all those involved with the food preparation and cooking.

Over £800 was raised for St Bartholomew's church.

The equally famous Groton Cheese and wine party is due to take place on December 6th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall so make sure you get your tickets at £7.50 each good and early as they will be in great demand, and do not forget the pancake lunch to be held at Mary's House on February 17th.

RANSON AND WEST PHOTOGRAPHERS

A new photography business called Ranson and West has been launched by two Boxford women, Nicky West and Cristina Ranson.

Whether it's photography for a special family event – or getting images for your company website – Ranson and West know what makes a great photo and the environment needed to get it just right.

Nicky started her career in London working for corporate companies, and she set up a business specialising in wedding photography. While studying for her degree in the subject, she built her photography business. Cristina's career has taken her all over the world, capturing photographs for travel magazines and brochures.

The women met when their children started at Boxford Primary School and they discovered a mutual interest in photography. They say their combined skills complement each other and they do most photographic jobs as a team as they say this gives each job a different perspective.

On their website www.ransonandwest.co.uk they have a comprehensive gallery of photographic jobs they have completed both for individuals and for businesses.

They have developed a mobile photo studio which enables businesses to get pictures taken without having to leave the comfort of their own offices – providing a stock of corporate images for website, media and social media and marketing purposes.

The women have found their fun photo-shoot idea for the family very popular - with photos taken in favourite locations, such as the beach or in the garden. Ranson and West know some lovely venues for a perfect photo-shoot and travel costs are free up to a 30-miles radius.

One idea which has taken off is children photographed with their friendship groups in a casual setting – a different take on the traditional school photograph.

Nicky and Cristina say they love being creative, trying new things and are passionate about quality and creating bright, dynamic and emotive shots. They love how a photograph can become an important part of a family's history and, for business, reflect brand values and identity.

Added Cristina: "We're a team that loves working with people. We believe capturing the right image is about making you feel comfortable and enjoying the whole experience." To find out more:

visit www.ransonandwest.co.uk

or call Nicky on 01787 211525 or 07771 893834.

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday, 31 October, 8.00, Ticket £18

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The Guardian said "...tricky zigzagging heads are played with flawless attack, and the quartet's trademark of seamless idiom and time-shifting within each piece operates with a gleeful tautness". You should book early for this one.

Friday, 7 November 8.00, £18

Tim Richards HEXTET

"Richards' arrangements are terrific, and the choice of material is just as good... A landmark achievement in a long career." - John Fordham on "Great Spirit" With Tim Richards piano, Dick Pearce trumpet, Ed Jones sax, Ralph Wyld vibes, Peter Ibbetson drums and Dominic Howles bass. Pianist Tim Richards' new six-piece combines GREAT SPIRIT founder-members Dick Pearce (Ronnie Scott, Stan Tracey) and Ed Jones (US3, Incognito) with up and coming young lions Ralph Wyld and Peter Ibbetson (ex-Puppini Sisters), plus longtime associate Dominic Howles. Book early, their last 2 gigs at London's Kings Place were sold out...

Friday 14 November, 8.00 £15

Damon Brown Quintet

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, 21 November 8.00, Ticket £16

Katya Gorrie: The Moscow Drug Club

Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, New Orleans Funeral Parade, and Gypsy Campfire combine for a special evening. Katya Gorrie vocals, Denny Ilett guitar, Andy Crowdy bass, Mirek Salmon accordion, Jonny Bruce trumpet. In a curious musical place where certain elements of darkest 1930 's meet, have a few to drink and stagger arm in arm into the darkness of some eastern European cobbled street on a mission to find the bar where Django Reinhardt & Tom Waits are having an after hours jam with the local Tziganes. Combining their original material with songs by the likes of Jaques Brel, Leonard Cohen, Tom Waits & Bertolt Brecht, Moscow Drug Club provide an intoxicating & intimate musical experience.

Friday, 28 November 8.00, Ticket £15

Jim Mullen Organ Trio

Three masters present the organ trio as it should be. Jim Mullen guitar, Mike Gorman organ, Matt Skelton drums Dennis Rollins trombone, Ross Stanley organ, Pedro Segundo drums. Guitarist Jim Mullen unearthed 10 numbers, by Toots Thielemans, Chick Corea, Donald Fagen, Georgie Fame etc., from his wishlist and they make a fascinating collection. Each piece gets a unique, often surprising treatment.

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

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All cheques (with S.A.E. please) to:
Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

THE NOVEMBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

*No sun - no moon!
 No morn - no noon -
 No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.
 No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
 No comfortable feel in any member -
 No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
 No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds -
 November!*

These words, written by the poet Thomas Hood in 1844, paint a bleak picture of the approach of winter. Negativity abounds! Look at what we're missing, what is lost, the poet says. And yet it is in November, when the leaves finally finish falling, that a different, previously hidden beauty of tree and landscape is exposed as the contrasting shapes of oak and ash, poplar and plane are revealed.



It is easy to dwell on the negatives in life and sometimes the negatives really do outweigh the positives. When work is a struggle, when friends or colleagues disappoint, when we face chronic illness, when a beloved family member dies, it can be hard to find reasons to continue.

And yet, sometimes, it is when things seem at their lowest ebb, when our energy and joy in life have dissipated, that something unaccountably changes.

I have had many conversations with those facing grave illnesses who have talked of how, like the November leaves on the trees, as so many smaller things in life have fallen away, they have discovered the things that really matter: the love which endures, the altruism of true friends, which shines even more brightly when you find that they stand by you in the darkest times; the intense beauty of the world around, seen, now, perhaps, with freshly opened and appreciative eyes.

Clive James, the famous journalist, editor, presenter and author, contemplating his own impending death through untreatable cancer, writes, in his poem "The Japanese Maple" of the burning beauty of its leaves as they turn from green to red:



*You feel the drain
 Of energy, but thought and sight remain:
 Enhanced, in fact. When did you ever see
 So much sweet beauty as when fine rain falls
 On that small tree
 And saturates your brick back garden walls,
 So many Amber Rooms and mirror halls?*

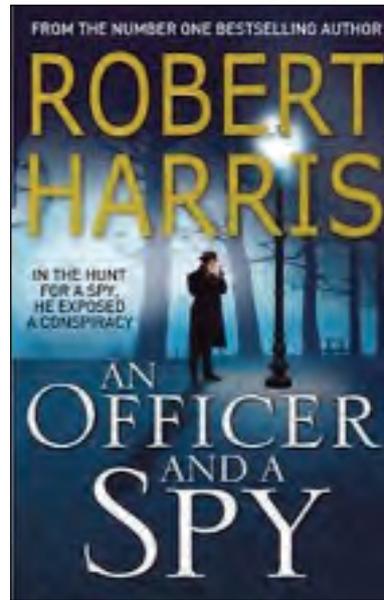
We can choose to spend (waste) our lives being negative or critical, about other people, about our society, about our world. Or we can let God open our eyes to the things that really matter, change our minds and hearts, so that we focus instead on the positives: the beauty of his world, the love which can never be extinguished, the things about other people that we should give thanks for and celebrate. In a letter to some of the first Christians, in Philippi, we find these words of encouragement:

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Blessings, Revd Judith

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

An Officer and a Spy by Robert Harris



Robert Harris's latest thriller, *An Officer and a Spy*, is his version of The Dreyfus Affair. It is based on extensive research, and told through the eyes of Colonel Georges Picquart.

The novel opens in Paris 1894 when it was discovered that French military secrets were being sold to Germany. The suspect was Captain Alfred Dreyfus, a serving officer in the French army. He was a wealthy Jew from Alsace Lorraine and he spoke with a German accent. Anti-Semitism was socially acceptable in France then, especially amongst Catholics, so it was logical to suspect Dreyfus. He was accused of treason, found guilty by a military court and sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil's

Island, off the coast of French Guiana. The prison conditions were so horrific that it was thought that Dreyfus would not survive his incarceration for long. However, this was not the end of the story - The Dreyfus Affair would dominate France for a further eleven years and it would convulse the nation.

It is Colonel Picquart, not Dreyfus, who is the hero of the piece and central to the story. Without him, The Dreyfus Affair would never have been exposed.

Picquart had recently been appointed head of a secret intelligence unit where he stumbled upon information proving Dreyfus's innocence, and, after much soul-searching, he began asking awkward questions. Every whistle-blower must fear the consequences of his actions, and Picquart, the youngest serving Colonel in the French army with a promising future ahead of him, had much to lose. Inevitably the establishment closed ranks, and senior officers justified to themselves that lying was for the greater good. They could not face the fact that there could possibly be a non-Jewish spy in the ranks of the French army. Slowly Harris reveals how the most notorious miscarriage of justice was finally exposed. It is a fascinating story of espionage, conspiracy and corruption.

Robert Harris asks the age-old question: Do you obey your conscience or do you obey your superiors?

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees of Groton United Charities will be meeting to review applications for grants in November, and will be pleased to receive requests from individuals living in Groton and from organisations in Boxford whose activities benefit the residents of Groton.

Requests for grants should be sent to the clerk to the Trustees, Jeremy Osborne, at Waterside Barn, Groton Street, Groton CO10 5EE or by e-mail to jeremyosborne1@btinternet.com.

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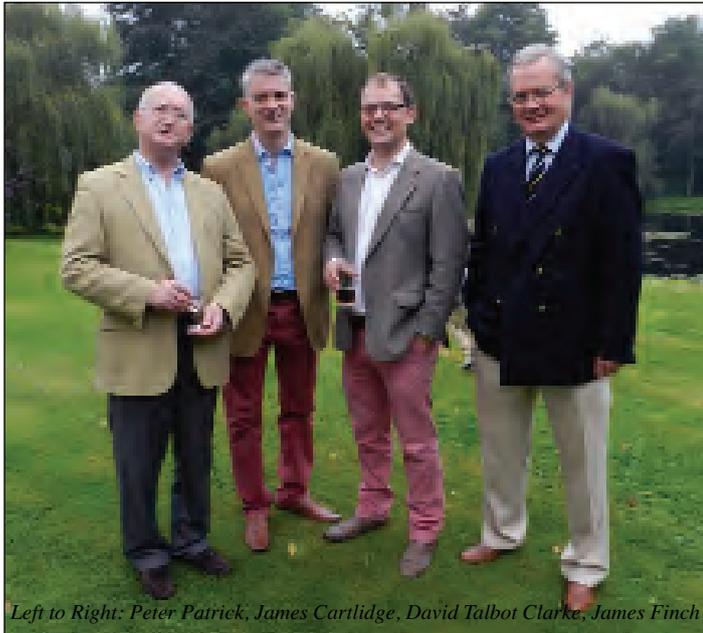
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BOXFORD CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION



Left to Right: Peter Patrick, James Cartledge, David Talbot Clarke, James Finch

Boxford's branch of the South Suffolk Conservative Association has relaunched! Not so long ago we had a reputation as one of the most active branches in the constituency – and, after a few years of inactivity, we hope to return to those dizzying heights.

At the end of September – during an all too brief lull in the rain – we held our inaugural social event, kindly hosted by Mr & Mrs Brandt at the delightful Spout Farm, Groton. Our guest of honour was James Cartledge, the Conservative Party's Parliamentary Candidate for South Suffolk; a near neighbour from Assington whose older children both attend Boxford school. All in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to share their views with James and hear his thoughts on how he hopes to serve the residents of South Suffolk should he be elected as our MP next May. Thank you to all who were able to join us.

Recent National events have stimulated a vocal discussion on politics as personal relevance reaches levels unparalleled in the last few decades. Anyone interested in joining the party and getting involved in Boxford and the surrounding villages should call me on 211976 to discuss.

David Talbot Clarke, Chairman – Boxford Conservatives

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

Latest county-wide truancy sweep finds fewer offenders

Just six pupils have been found truanting from school as part of a co-ordinated county-wide sweep carried out by SCC and Suffolk Police. The operation has shown a significant drop in offenders when compared with a sweep which took place last year in Ipswich alone, whereby 43 individuals were caught truanting in the town.

There is a direct correlation between poor attendance and poorer academic achievement. Figures from the Department for Education show that 88% of children that regularly miss days in school fail to gain 5 good GCSEs - and 45% fail to get any. And the decline in levels of achievement is significant following even a seemingly small drop in attendance.

The new protocol in place from September 2014 allows SCC to issue each parent or carer with a £60 penalty notice fine for each child who has an unauthorised absence. Any unauthorised absence will result in an immediate fine.

UK's first Youth Employment Centre opening soon

Work has begun on the UK's first ever dedicated youth employment centre, at Fraser House in Ipswich. In October 2013, Ipswich was unveiled as the location of the MyGo centre which will open in November 2014. The centre will pioneer a new approach to helping young people get into work. Led by businesses, local councils, New Anglia LEP and Jobcentre Plus, this programme will help achieve the goal of halving youth unemployment in the greater Ipswich area over the next two years. The MyGo centre will offer all 16-24 year olds in Ipswich and the surrounding area free training, career and employment support. The project is being funded by money secured via the Greater Ipswich City Deal. EOS Works Ltd, a training and welfare company, has recently been appointed by SCC to operate the MyGo Centre. Outreach services will also be provided from mid-2015 across greater Ipswich, including those living in Babergh, Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Coastal. The centre will be staffed by Jobcentre Plus, EOS and Tomorrow's People employees working together so that young people can access all the help they need in one place.

Boxford School Transport

Early stage discussions have started to try and make better use of the school minibus to assist in transporting school children in from the outlying villages. I have met with the SCC Manager for passenger transport with a Boxford school parent from Groton to try and co-ordinate this bus with other school transport programmes.

Stay Safe Scheme badges launched across Suffolk

Suffolk's Hate Crime Service and partnership organisations have launched Stay Safe badges to help support vulnerable adults. The Stay Safe Scheme was developed to enable vulnerable people to feel safer when out and about by providing them with places they can go to, should they need help or support. These individuals are given a Stay Safe card which folds up to credit card size. This includes their name, relevant information regarding their health, how they communicate and any emergency contacts. Suffolk Police has supported Stay Safe by producing more Stay Safe cards, stickers and funding the Stay Safe badge, which will help identify these vulnerable ones. Those out in the community who may feel vulnerable are urged to look out for a Stay Safe sticker; they can then enter the place and seek refuge. The staff may find somewhere they can sit quietly or phone an emergency contact that may be able to meet them and take them home. If required they will also call emergency services. Businesses involved include libraries, leisure centres, shops, restaurants, banks and pubs. Anyone can join the scheme by displaying an A5 Stay Safe window sticker clearly in their main window. Suffolk Hate Crime Service will be happy to provide advice and information on the scheme. A full list of Stay Safe Places is below and can be found at www.suffolkhatecrime.org.uk or phone 01473 668966.

My priorities for Suffolk

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

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FLORIDA BOUND



It is now approaching three years ago that Clare and Jarred Harris took on the Fleece Hotel in Boxford after a sad time of neglect in its history, years of being owned by a big pub company and the associated lack of maintenance and empathy for this historic coaching inn had resulted in it being left empty, more damage was incurred during the winter of 2010/11 with thirty two frost broken water pipes.

During 2011 the Fleece Hotel had a careful renovation where particular attention was given to its history and previous use, it is a grade two star listed building, the highest listing of any building in Boxford apart from the Church.

Early in 2012 Clare and Jarred took on the task of bringing the pub back into use, it soon gained a reputation for seriously good food, drink and service, I believe rated 4th out of 75 restaurants in the Sudbury area, no mean task.

Now I come to the less good bit for the residents of Boxford and area, Clare and Jarred took on a three year commitment to run the Fleece which comes to term at the end of January 15. After much thought they have decided to move back to Florida where Jarred's parents live. I'm sure all of us would like to wish them good fortune, health and happiness in their new life and hope their last few months are memorable ones.

The owners are at present talking to agents regarding the search for a new tenant/lease holder to run this extraordinary historic pub.

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* Hudson & Cutler, 8th Nov. 8.30pm.
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* Acoustic Session, Fri 17th November, 8.30pm.

* O'Hoolley & Tidra, 22nd Nov. 8.30pm. Nationally acclaimed folk duo.
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Table-Top Jumble Sales in The Guild Room

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WALL OF DEATH IN BOXFORD



The Wall of Death was back in the yard of the Boxford White Hart again this year. The response to this year's show was overwhelming with folk from all over Suffolk and neighbouring counties making the journey to the village to witness the daredevil riders on the 30ft high wall. The show honoured Tornado Smith who brought the wall to Boxford back in the 1930's.

AN UNCREMONIOUS ROLLIK or CALL MY BLUFF!

The cast of Dinner Ladies with Coralie Marshall, David Phillips and Georgie Waterson



A lively audience of teams enjoyed a fun filled evening on Saturday 20th September in Boxford Village Hall, when members of the drama group presented Call My Bluff - with the words defined by the casts of popular TV sit coms. Everyone from Fawlty Towers to Last of the Summer Wine via Ab Fab and Dads Army presented some fairly impossible definitions for the audience to guess "Bluff" or "Truth". Bill Horne compared in his white tuxedo keeping things running along and the 'cast' made use of the Costume Cupboard to dress the part with some hilarious results. A half time Ploughmans was provided by Janice Macmillan and the winning team went away with a bottle of wine each! Make a note to get your Panto tickets on Saturday morning November 1st from Boxford Village Hall (9 to 10am)



BOXFORD CHRISTMAS CARD 2014



This year's Boxford Christmas Card is called 'St Mary at Christmas' and is on sale now in the Post Office.

All profit from the sale of this year's card will be going to the Babies and Toddlers Group in Boxford.



Above: Boxes of Harvest produce ready for distribution to Senior Citizens following the Boxford Schools Harvest Festival



Above: The Fleece hosted a Pancreatic Cancer coffee morning on 18th September

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BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

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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.

Report from Boxford WI for the Meeting held on 1st October, 2014

Boxford WI met at Boxford Village Hall on the 1st October to hear an interesting talk about 'Remarkable Women of Ipswich' given by Mrs Ann Day. She is an Ipswich Tourist Guide who gives Guided Walks around Ipswich, but we were lucky enough to see all the points of interest from the comfort of our armchairs! We discovered that of the eighteen blue plaques around Ipswich, only two commemorate women: Edith Maud Cook and Jean Ingelow. The former was the first woman pilot and in total contrast, the latter was a poetess who became friends with Lord Tennyson. The ladies of Ipswich took part in suffragette demonstrations and did many jobs during both world wars, including working in factories, being bus conductresses, fire fighters and Land Girls. Enid Blyton spent time there too. A most enjoyable meeting!

Forthcoming events:

Next Meeting: 5th November 'Curtain Up' with Elizabeth Norman

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Suffolk Constabulary

The county of Suffolk has always been a low crime area and a safe and beautiful place to live and work. Suffolk Constabulary is committed to ensuring it stays that way. Burglary is one of the most emotive crimes, we all like to think our house is the safest place on earth so it can be a very distressing for victims.

Unfortunately throughout the month of September the area of Babergh West along with Sudbury and Babergh East are suffering an increase in these types of crimes.

It is very difficult to plan where the offender will target next, but the current properties being predominantly affected are isolated or secluded premises. Entry is generally gained from the rear of the property using force and they are being committed in the main during day light hours.

If you see any persons or vehicle at a suspicious location or they just look out of place please record the location and time you see them, a description including the registration number of the vehicle and telephone the police on 999 if an offence is occurring there and then, otherwise please dial 101. Genuine people do not mind being questioned by police as to their entitlement to be on the premises.

NOVEMBER POLICE MEETING.

The Police Priority Meeting for November

is Tuesday the 18th in Thorpe Morieux Village Hall (IP30 0NR). 11-noon.

Find out about the community priorities in your neighbourhood & how they are being dealt with. Anyone who lives/works in the area are invited to come along, raise any issues or concerns directly with their dedicated police team & help set the policing priorities in the local area for the next few months.

Sue Green.

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 10th. NOVEMBER 2014
TIME 7:30 P.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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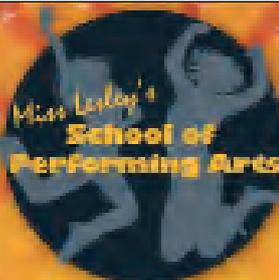
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LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT

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Early on there was such patriotism and lack of realism about conditions at the Front that dozens of under age boys enthusiastically signed up. Many were rejected and sent home to their mothers, but others slipped through to become serving soldiers. The shock would be too great for a few and some 16 year old boys found themselves in a court martial for desertion and then shot at dawn. Their families would hear through the dreaded telegram that they had "died in action". Later, older soldiers would report on these horrendous incidents.

From 1916 there were local newspaper reports of the Local Tribunals decisions on who should be exempt from conscription. Eventually in 1917 the chairman of the Sudbury Tribunal resigned in distress and frustration as he was seeing men called before the Board again who had already been exempted three or more times, or unfit men of category C3 being pressed into the army as fodder for the guns.



A Suffolk woman, Flora Sandes, fought in the Serbian Army when Britain refused to allow women to join up for the front line. She had an outstanding military career.

Woman keen to serve their country were in the early days spurned by the War Office and had to show much determination. Elsie Inglis, a Scottish Doctor, offered her services at the Front but was turned away with the words, "Dear Lady, go home and keep quiet". Undaunted, she organised three female units to serve at the Balkan Front to look after Serbian soldiers. A Suffolk vicar's daughter, Flora Sandes, was determined to serve as a soldier. She too went to Serbia with the Red Cross, but then joined the Serbian Army. She soon moved up the ranks, becoming corporal and then sergeant-major. While engaged in hand-to-hand

fighting, Flora was wounded by a grenade. She was rescued by a lieutenant who crawled out under fire to drag her back. She eventually became a Captain. Flora enlisted again aged 65 in World War Two and was held by the Gestapo. She married Yuri Vladimovitch Yudenitch and when widowed she returned to live at Wickham Market. Flora died in Suffolk in 1956 and is believed to be the only British woman to fight on the front line during World War I.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.

CHRISTMAS COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.—The children attending the Council Schools of this parish collected and forwarded the sum of 12s 8d to the Secretary of the "Overseas Club" for the purpose of providing Christmas comforts to our soldiers and sailors. Last year they sent 21s to the same object. The result may be considered as very satisfactory, considering that the attendance at this school is now considerably below the average.

Newspaper adverts and reports constantly encouraged women and children to provide gifts for those on the front line. Suffolk Free Press, December 1916.

Soon, however, it became clear that women were needed on the home front in more ways than knitting comforts for the troops. The Suffragettes and many other women came forward to support the war effort in jobs previously occupied by men. Before the war, twenty five percent of women worked outside the home. This was about to increase dramatically. As men went to fight, and especially after conscription in 1916, women filled the jobs the soldiers left behind. They also took on new jobs created by the demands of war. Thousands worked in powder and ammunition factories, risking their lives from explosions and poison. Many more went to the Front as nurses, cooks, war grave attendants and ambulance drivers.

Nurses Wanted.

We are asked to state, on behalf of the Suffolk Branch of the British Red Cross Society, that any fully-trained nurses who are free to serve in England or abroad should at once send in their names to the County Director, Red Cross Society, 9 Guildhall Street, Bury St. Edmund's.

Right from the start of the war nurses were being recruited to nurse the wounded. Suffolk Free Press, August 1914.

Articles began to appear in The Suffolk Free Press for women to come forward to take on responsibilities in a variety of roles. Meetings were held to encourage and support volunteers and to combat male hostility. The long standing Sudbury International Grocery Stores advertising cartoon suddenly changed, from a man enticing you to shop there, to a woman welcoming you in.

Women for the first time worked the land, became bus conductors, worked in communal kitchens, toiled in the forests, joined the Police Force, were bank clerks, ticket sellers, elevator operators, chauffeurs and tram conductors. They were labourers in steel mills, airplane works, and even on the street boot blacking! There was factory work of all kinds and many worked on the railways in track checking, locomotive maintenance, signal boxes, machine shops, shovelling coal and clerical jobs. Many women moved from Service in other people's homes into the wider work place. In general, women did very well, surprising men with their ability to undertake heavy work with great efficiency! By the middle of the war they were already regarded as a force to be proud of. However, their entrance into the workforce was initially greeted with hostility for the usual sexist reasons and also because male workers worried that women working for lower wages would put them out of work.

By 1917 food shortages really began to bite when Germany began unrestricted submarine warfare, though rationing was not introduced until 1918. The Suffolk Free Press was publishing ideas from DORA (The Defence of the Realm Act) to help people manage their food. They were being taught how many calories were appropriate and how that might be achieved on the little people had, as well as advice on foraging. There

The farmers should employ as many women as possible. He had ten women working for him, and as a practical farmer, he could say that they were doing very good work indeed; he was satisfied with them, and he hoped they were with him. He was paying piece-work, which was more satisfactory to the workers, as he was sure it was more satisfactory to him. Very often a woman wanted to get home half an hour before one o'clock in order to get her husband's dinner; also she wanted to come half an hour late in the morning, after 8 o'clock, so that she could get the children ready to send them off to school. She was very well able to make up that time in the evening. He found it very much better that the women should have their own time as nearly as possible. He had always endeavoured to work it so that the women should earn a minimum of 2s a day; if they liked to earn over that, so much the better for them and for him. If the farmers encouraged them and were quite fair with them, they would never regret employing the women. He did not pretend a woman could do everything on the land that a man could do, but in hoeing and weeding, in hay and harvest, their services this year would be invaluable. With ships being sunk every day, there would be a shortage of foreign corn, so it behoved farmers to employ all the women they could. When the war was over they would be surprised to find how useful this labour was; it would be one of the wonders of the war that women had come forward to help their country in the way they had (applause.)

Once the German naval attacks on food ships began to bite, more women were needed on the land locally and nationally. These three extracts from speeches at a meeting of farmers in Sudbury, Suffolk Free Press 12 April 1916 tell us much about the attitudes of the day.

Mr Wilson said the shortage had come when they wanted most labour, and when the season was one of the latest they could remember. They had done practically nothing on the land since Christmas. One-third of the agricultural labour had gone to the war, and the most serious part was that the shortage was not uniform; whereas some farms were able to go on much the same, there were many where they had lost practically all the labour, and horses were standing about doing nothing because there was no one to work them. Then the quality of the labour had very much deteriorated: they had lost all the young energetic men; there were some able bodied men left, and they had the old pensioners, and medically unfit. Certificates of conditional exemption had been granted in many cases, but he should not be surprised if before very long those certificates were mere scraps of paper, and the farmers would have to get on the best way they could without those men. There was the training and equipment of women. He had had women at work in low shoes and silk blouses, while others had as a considerable part of their clothing old manure bags. Women under such conditions could not do their very best work. Here the organisation would come in, as also for bringing employer and employee together. There must be willingness to carry out the instructions of an employer—a feeling of comradeship, they must sink their petty jealousies, and their little village quarrels. In his district they paid the labourer a minimum of 18s a week. They considered that three unskilled women could do the work of two unskilled men at 2s a day of about 8 hours. They were not asking the women to do piece-work at a lower price than the men (applause).



Eventually some land army women were properly dressed for the job. (Picture from Stowmarket Museum.)

was outrage from time to time when it was thought that the aristocratic wealthy were getting more than their fair share. This was heightened when girls still working in Great Houses were asked to clean wall paper with four loaves of bread, while others were going hungry. Some thought the wealthy families should be forced to eat the bread afterwards.



Railways were kept going by a female workforce that was vital to the war effort. Coal yard workers kept the steam engines rolling

On December 25 1917 the local paper reported that Ernest Steward of Siam Hall, Newton was summoned to the Boxford Court on seven charges of selling butter in Boxford at a price exceeding that fixed by DORA. Mrs Eliza Self and others had complained. Steward said he had told them he was not prepared to sell it for less as he would otherwise have to sell his cows. He was fined.

Britain's naval blockade forced Germany to introduce rationing early in 1915 and by the winter of 1916 many Germans were starving. Feelings in Germany would slowly change from early patriotism to great bitterness and 750,000 Germans are thought to have died of starvation. The home front in France had rationing from 1914 and it grew stricter as time passed. Much of their best farming land was under siege and not available for crops. The Suffolk Free Press reported in 1917 that British farmers tried to help by supplying gifts such as chickens to French farmers. Monsieur E. Tiller wrote from near Arras to say that he would now be sharing his eggs with the soldiers and that getting up each day to the devastation around him was now more bearable with the cheerful cock crowing every morning.

People at home were worried about spies and were encouraged to be wary. As a result the local paper was often reporting on those picked up on suspicion of spying. Mr Riddlesdell of Boxford (Shop owner and

Church Warden) had a close encounter as a suspected spy as the cutting from the Suffolk Free Press of 23 August 1916 shows.

Others stories of possible spies were frequently quoted in the local paper. They were particularly numerous in the early days of the war when there was a frenzy of spy spotting, especially near the coast. In August 1914 two young men were captured at Walton-on-the-Naze as they were seen sketching and taking a photo of the signal station. They were on holiday and after a night in custody and an appearance before the JP were released and their photograph plate confiscated. Meanwhile, in Braintree, a man went into a barbers and asked for a beard trim and hair cut. After much to-do he was sent on his way to Halstead as the JP assumed he was not a spy but a German tramp. One wonders what Halstead made of him and whether he was then escorted along the road to Sudbury. At Dovercourt in the same week two foreigners, an Hungarian baron and his Austrian tutor, were arrested. Once their identity was established the military released them. Nearby, another man "of somewhat foreign appearance" was arrested by citizens for sketching and taken to the police station. The policeman thought the sketch rather fine and released him! The police cells at Felixstowe were said to be full of men accused of being spies. Further afield at about the same time a Boy Scout identified three Germans who were later arrested and held as spies. Another interesting snippet reported a German prisoner at Felixstowe refusing to go to bed until he had clean sheets. One doubts he would have survived the privation experienced by his comrades who spent the war at the Front.

BOXFORD,
**MR. A. W. RIDDLESDELL'S UN-
PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.**

Mr Arthur William Riddlestedell, grocer and provision merchant, of this place, has had an unpleasant experience in Bicester Town. He has reason to remember this week-end trip to Yarmouth. He failed to register himself, and was detained for 18 hours without food, a procedure which seems to demand inquiry, even if he had been an alien. Mr Riddlestedell was before the local courts on Tuesday, and having told them that the military kept him in custody for the period stated, observed that he thought "they were rather like German methods." The summons for which he was before the Bench was for failing to fill up a form of registration within 12 hours after his arrival in Yarmouth.

Chief-Inspector Smith said when he saw the defendant at the military headquarters he said he had no reason to suppose he had to register. Defendant told him he had never been from home for a night for two years, and knew nothing about these regulations.

Defendant said the police officer had explained the reason for not registering. He had nothing to eat all the time he was detained. He asked for food, and after the sergeant-major had spoken to another superior officer he was told they had no authority to supply any food. They were rather German methods, added defendant.

The Observer: Seeing you have been 18 hours in custody we will let you off with a small fine of 2s 6d.

There was much prejudice and suspicion and the many German butchers up and down the country suffered greatly at the hands of the English population in August 1914. People were singling out anyone they were suspicious of or those they had a grudge against. The local paper published a letter in October 1914 from Mr Meade of Sudbury. "Dear Sir, Will you kindly allow me through the medium of your paper to emphatically deny the false rumour that is being circulated in the town that I am a German. I was born in Haverhill, Suffolk. My father and mother were also born in Haverhill, Suffolk. I have my birth certificate at my hairdressing shop, 6, North Street, Sudbury, and should be pleased to show it to anyone who doubts my statement. I remain, Yours respectfully, C.C. Meades, Hairdresser". Even as early as August 1914 a local debtor found a new excuse and was reported as saying "I did not pay my bill because I thought he was a German". This kind of behaviour was still going on in 1916 when the local paper reported a publican being fined for punching a baker on the nose saying he believed he was a German. He was in fact a Frenchman. However, a German butcher was

sentenced to six months hard labour for keeping homing pigeons without a permit.

People tried to maintain some normality and the local paper gives some indication of this. For example, it reported in 1917 that relatives of Arthur Charles Grimwood of New Barn, Newton travelled to Shenfield for his wedding to Florence Mary Brewer during his 10 day leave from the Front. He had enlisted in 1908 aged 18 and after 3 years in the Reserve rejoined The Coldstream Guards at the outset of war. He survived.

In September 1914 it was reported that Mr and Mrs John Ardley celebrated their Golden Wedding. They retired to Rose Cottage (now The Hazels), Hadleigh Road, Boxford. He had been a teacher and headteacher in various parts of the country. He trained as a pupil teacher from 1855 at Boxford School and was organist at the church in his youth. DORA (The Defence of the Realm Act) was controlling peoples lives. It was forbidden for church bells to be rung. They were to be reserved for invasion. However, Little Waldingfield reported in November 1916 that 720 changes of Grandsire Doubles had been rung. It was rung for J Martin of The Suffolks who was ringing the tenor and was about to return to the Front. V Cornell of The Bedfords was ringing 3rd bell in spite of his hand injury and was recovering in Belle Vue Hospital. It appears DORA was not always obeyed!

Sergeant Peck was kept very busy with the Petty Sessions at Boxford Court House. In September 1914 Frederick Young (Edwardstone) appeared for keeping a boar without a register during a period of swine fever. He pleaded ignorance but was fined. Edwin Exsell, farmer (Boxford) insisted he be taken off the jurors list as he was a Canadian. In November Edmund Richardson, miller (Edwardstone), was summoned for carrying a gun without licence and shooting a rabbit. Mr Richardson's son, Mr Henry Taylor, farmer (Edwardstone) and Mr Frederick Simpson Kembell (Groton) were all witnesses and the case rumbled on into the next Petty Session with it hanging on which way the rabbit was running! On the same day William Smith, shoemaker (Boxford), was accused of disturbing the area near the church by cursing all and sundry. The locals were annoyed at the failure of the police to do something as Mr Smith usually stood on his own doorstep, so could not be prosecuted. Someone was so incensed they had "written to London to get something done". To whom we do not know, but given there was a World War raging it seemed a somewhat futile thing to do. Mr Smith claimed the boys threw brick-bats at him, but he lost his case.

By 1916 Zeppelins were flying over London and East Anglia and dropping bombs. One had come down not far away and people were becoming more wary of the risks of lights at night. Light rules were being strictly adhered to in order to protect people. As a result Sergeant Peck and his policemen were following up cases such as Mrs Runnaces of Swan Street, Boxford who was accused of allowing light to show from her window. She put up a sturdy fight saying the Special Constable had abused her by saying he hoped a bomb would drop on her after she was rude to him. Sergeant Peck defended his Specials, saying they were constantly abused by people but none the less did good work. She was fined. Even the Church at Nayland got into trouble for lights, along with other Nayland folk. (Nayland is the most represented village at the Sessions during the war. Was their Special Constable particularly vigilant or the folk less inclined to obey the law?)

Leonard H Brown of Sudbury wrote to the local paper in exasperation after being home on leave. He was struck by the people's ignorance of and indifference to life at the Front. "I heard more grumbling about the hardships at home caused by the war than I have heard all the time I have been in France". He quotes from another soldier's observations to make his point and refers to a well meaning letter from his wife who tells him to keep his feet dry and warm while he is currently standing waist deep in water. He mentions the exempted friends who write that they know the boys must soon get used to the privations. He asks if anyone thinks they get used to seeing their pal drop maimed and mauled beside them or the "gallant self sacrificing stretcher bearer save six wounded comrades from the terrors of no-man's-land only to be killed himself". He speaks of other unmentionable horrors that they hide from their loved ones when on leave or in their letters that lightly describe the worst experience of their life as "trying times". Clearly front line men were beginning to be worn down by some of the thoughtless reaction on the home front.

Every day mothers, wives and family at home waited anxiously for letters from the Front. They arrived within two or three days of writing, so efficient was the system. They hoped they would not receive the dreaded letter or telegram telling them of the death of a loved one. But this would all end with 360,000 British fatherless children, 700,000 men killed and 1.5 million wounded. Over 1 million Frenchmen died and 2 million Germans. Nothing would ever be the same again. Tina & Roger Loose

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Little Red Riding Hood by Andy Gribben



This year Sudbury Dramatic Society are bringing to Sudbury's Quay Theatre the tale of SDS' Little Red Riding Hood is soooo nice (Oh yes she is...), sooo lovely she makes Spring spring early – which upsets the evil Winterking (Boo Hiss!) who wants it to be Winter forever, so he calls in the Big Bad Wolf to get Little Red Riding Hood out of the picture.

- Will Little Red escape the Big Bad Wolf?
- Will she get to visit Grandma in safety?
- Will Spring ever spring again?

Find out the answers in this hilarious traditional pantomime with all your favourite characters, a rollicking Dame, plenty of song and dance and plenty of audience participation

Little Red Riding Hood starts on Friday 12th December at 7.30pm and runs for a total of 20 performances, with a variety of evening and matinee performances on offer up until Saturday 28th December at 3pm. Tickets are available now from the Quay Theatre Box Office on 01787 374745 or online at www.quaytheatre.org.uk, with a discount of 10% for parties of 10 or more.

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Nayland Village Hall
(GG6 4JH)

5th, 6th & 12th, 13th
December 2014

Evenings **7.30pm**
Doors open 7.00pm

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Wot's On

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.

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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 Milden Singers perform Hits from the Blitz

With songs from both World Wars featuring The Andrews Sisters, Glenn Miller, Including Moonlight Serenade, Chattanooga Choo Choo and Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.

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.



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QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 22nd November 2014
At the school hall 7:00pm for
7:30pm start
£6pp
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Licensed bar available
Teams of min 6 max 8
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Friends of Boxford School

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29th November
at Boxford Primary School

3-6pm

Free Admission

A fun filled festive afternoon for the whole family. There will be numerous colourful and welcoming stalls, as well as an array of fun stalls and activities for the children. The Christmas cafe will be open for business serving festive refreshments plus a **NEW** merry outside bar for the grown ups.

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.

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

The date for the following drive is Monday 3rd November.
Alan Vince 01787 373963

Newton Village Hall Events November

Saturday 8th Bonfire Night

Thursday 20th 1.30 pm Fireside Club outing- The Mousetrap at Regent

Saturday 22nd 10.00 am St Nicholas Hospice coffee morning

Saturday 22nd 7.30 pm Village Hall/ Church Quiz evening

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 21st November 'Chef'

Yoga classes

Running Thursday mornings 9.00-10.00am and evenings from 5.45-6.45pm 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 marianemarshall@fastmail.fm.

King Arthur in Boxford?

We all know the story of King Arthur and his Castle, Camelot, believed to be located in Tintagel, Cornwall. Recently discovered documents seem to suggest that shortly after his Queen, Guinevere, had run off with Lancelot, and his lifelong friend the Wizard Merlin had left to go North to continue his works, Arthur suffered some sort of breakdown brought on by loneliness and depression and the responsibility of being the custodian of Merlin's prized possession the Philosophers Stone which, according to the legend, will turn anything to gold if touched.

It was decided he, and his Daughter Amonia, should take a break from the onerous duties of running the country away from the demands of the Court.

His journey took him across country through Bath and Oxford, passing through the beauty of Cambridgeshire via Bury St Edmunds to finish up in Boxford.

He, apparently, entered the village via, what was then, The Causway and passed the Running Waters of the River Box.

At the other end of the village was The Avenue of the Dakins, this area was owned by the Dakins a large and influential family, and this is where Arthur's main party set up camp.

The adjoining field dropped away to the centre of the village and was called The Field of Home.

It appears he settled in a rather imposing building just opposite St Mary's Church which is now believed to be the current site of the Village Hall. To celebrate this interesting development in our history, the Boxford Drama Group will be telling the full, un-expedited, story of this noble King's visit in the form of this year's Christmas Panto aptly titled King Arthur and the Philosophers Stone.

We hope you will join us for an evening of the usual crop of fun and laughter which will also give you an insight into the past of our village. Ticket go on sale on the 1st November 9-10am in the Village.



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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 Mildens Pavilion and HELP FOR HEROES

Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2014 / 2015

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;
- Access to exclusive LWHS member events;
- Access to Suffolk Local history and other local events;
- and • Access to the Suffolk Review.

Pancake Lunch

Tues, Feb 17th, Pancake Lunch at Mary's House 12.30

James Finch your County Councillor will be in Mary's House 4-6pm Wednesday December 10th. All discussions are held in private and are confidential. Sue Green.

QUIZ NIGHT

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SATURDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER
10.30AM - 4.00PM
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, KERSEY

IN AID OF KERSEY SCHOOL
St Mary's Church &
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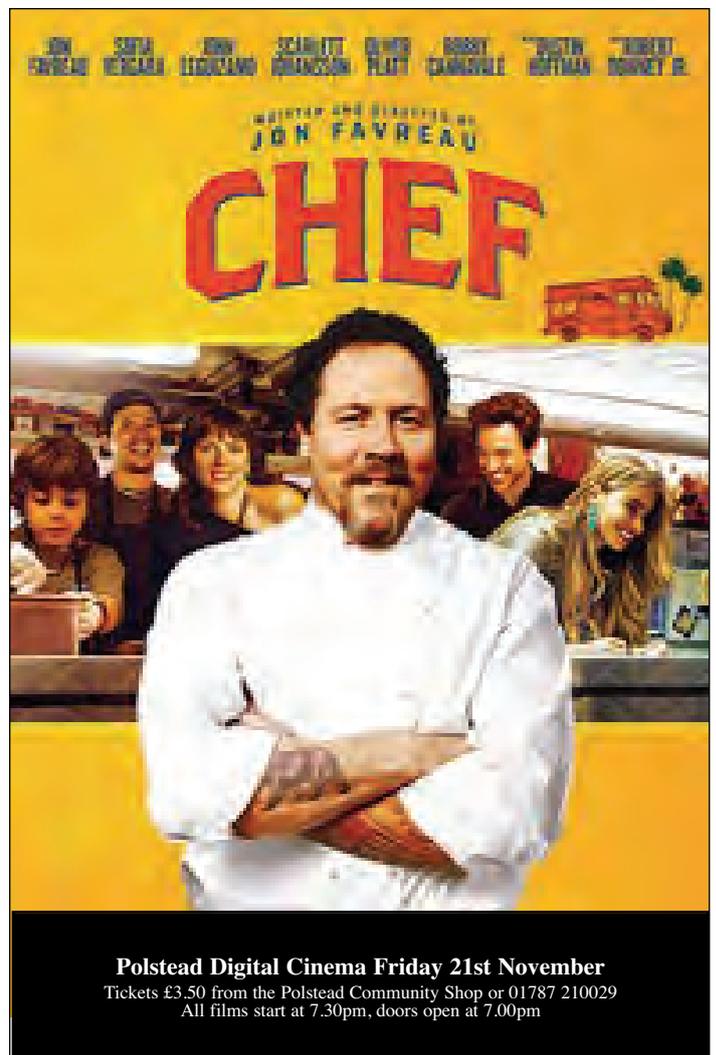
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CHEF

Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 21st November
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

FUN & GAMES NIGHT

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL. We will once again be holding our Annual Fun & Games Night in Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 24th January 2015. Teams of 8 contestants (max.) will battle through the various indoor games and quizzes to claim the prestigious title. A fun night is promised for all with a licensed bar, raffle and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30 with registration and the first round of games at 7.50 promptly. Ticket prices are £48 per team. We have a limit of 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed please contact Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Mark Miller on 01787 210596, or alternatively e-mail Mark on Mark.Miller@talktalk.net We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas and, if you are not in a team but would like to help, please also let us know. It is never too early to book your place, so book it now!



Boxford Fireworks

Sat 1st Nov. 2014

It's back! Boxford Fireworks returns on Sat 1st November. After 8 years, the traditional Fireworks evening will start with a Lantern Parade, led by the Bury Boys' Brigade Marching Band, at 6.30 from the centre of the village. Once on the Playing Field, there will be a Beer Tent, BBQ, Teas, Coffees, Soup, Cakes, Candy Floss and Pop Corn. The Boys' Brigade will entertain us before the Fireworks begin (and maybe some more surprises!) and there will be children's amusements and rides. The Fireworks begin at 7.45. Tickets are £5 for Adults and £3 for Children in advance, and £6 and £4 on the Gate. They are now on sale in the village shops.

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Saturday 22nd November, St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh, 7.30pm
Colchester Symphony Orchestra, conductor Christopher Phelps

John Cooper - Organ, Elinor Rolfe Johnson (soprano) Timothy Travers Brown (counter tenor) Paul Curievici (tenor) Richard Fallas (bass)
Tickets £14 £12(conc) £2(under 16) available from choir members, or The Idler, Hadleigh, 01473 827752 www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk/

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GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY Saturday, December 6th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

The tickets will soon be available for this popular annual event, so get yours in good time [£7.50 each] from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. The usual attractions, 'Pat-and-Gerald' Bar, Raffle, Tombola and the usual excellent 'eats' will all be there, so make sure that you are there too! All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church.

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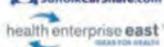


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Forthcoming Events Diary

October

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
3 Bridge at Newton Golf Club		Golf Club	
4 Members End of Year Party and AGM	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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
10 Boxford Village Hall AGM		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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
22 Cake Stall	In aid of Entebbe Orphanage	Mary's House	
22 St Nicholas Hospice Coffee Morning		Newton Village Hall	10.00am
22 Church Quiz Night		Newton Village Hall	7.30pm
29 Christmas Fayre	FOB's	Boxford School	3-6pm

December

3-6 King Arthur Panto	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
10 5 Countryside History	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
23 Santa Run	BCC and Babies and Toddlers Group		

January

21 Dissolution of the Monasteries	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
24 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

February

17 Pancake Lunch	Groton PCC	Mary's House	12.30
18 Hist of Gt Yarmouth	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

March

7 The Friendly invasion lecture by Clive Hall	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

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

The Box River Benefice



Christingle Service

2014

Sunday December 7th 4pm.

St Mary's Church

Boxford



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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

All Age Service Sunday 2nd November at 11.00 am- The service lasts about 45 minutes. For the children, we seek to have fun and teaching within a biblical framework, including craft work. For adults as well, we look at what the Bible means for our daily lives. There will be some music & worship songs. We aim to make people of all ages comfortable in a church environment and we have a children's area with a range of toys and activities to interest those who are too young to cope with the service or whose attention span has come to an end. There are also books & crafts which can be taken into the pews or to our cafe tables when we hold "Cafe Church". WC facilities are available in the village hall nearby. After most services refreshments are served, with the option of squash and biscuits for the children.

"Remembering our Loved Ones" Service - 16.00 on Sunday 2nd November- a special, reflective, candlelit service for anyone in the benefice who has been bereaved.

Remembrance Sunday- A parade service will be held on **Sunday 9th November at 10.50 am**. Everyone is most welcome. Of course, this year we reflect upon the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the 1st World War

Advent Celebration Service 2014 Will be held on Saturday 29th November at 18.30, followed by a delicious supper. (The service is of course free but there will be a charge for the supper @ £6.00, proceeds towards church funds)

Proposed improvements to the Church West End & Children's Corner- At St. Mary's Church we want to carry out some improvements to the West End of the church - by possibly removing or relocating some pews, laying carpet across the church from the South to North side & by having some new tables & chairs for "Cafe Church" all age services. The space would also be used for community purposes. Improvements to the Children's corner are also planned. We need your help - perhaps by arranging a fund raising event, donations or by helping out at events. Ideas please to ChrisKingsC@aol.com or to **Revd Judith** or a churchwarden.

St Mary's Church Choir- Welcomes new members - the choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7.00pm in church - please do come along - you will be made most welcome.

The Bible Study Group- meets 2nd & 4th Monday each month at 47 Swan Street (The home of Margaret & Peter Holden). We are presently exploring The Old Testament Book of Ruth - all are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

Paying for St. Mary's Church- The church building is a Grade 1 listed building of considerable importance to the village. It costs some £80.00 a day to keep the building maintained & insured. If you could help with the cost of maintaining the building- perhaps with a standing order to the Church Building Trust, or in any other way please contact a Churchwarden, The Revd Judith, or email ChrisKingsC@aol.com

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

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Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2015 diary in Mary's House for making 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 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.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

NB There will be no 8.00 Holy Communion Service in Edwardstone for the time being. Please check 'The Church at Worship' page for changes in service pattern.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE: The Edwardstone Remembrance Day Service will be held at the War Memorial on Tuesday 11th November and will start at 10.50am. It will be led by Antony Dodd and David Saddleton.

Rota:

Sidesman and Coffee duties:

November 19th 9.30 Morning Worship **Sidesman:** Pam Dodd. **Coffee:** Marlene Clarke

Flowers: Marie Paddon

Cleaning: Sally and Chandos Hoskyns



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:
Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360
Sue Knight:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on Tuesday 18th November 2014, at 10.00 am in the rectory. (Please note this experimental time and the venue.) Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 9th November.

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.

RE-ORDERING UPDATE: Further to the report last month that planning permission has now been granted for the proposed WC timber building in the churchyard, the PCC has resolved to apply for the necessary faculty for this, together with the proposed kitchen area in the base of the tower and the carrying out of repairs to the interior of the tower. Prior to that, however, the PCC's architect, Tony Redman, is to carry out the now-due quinquennial inspection which will include checking whether any further work is required in the tower.

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY: Saturday, December 6th 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall. The tickets will soon be available for this popular annual event, so get yours in good time [£7.50 each] from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. The usual attractions, 'Pat-and-Gerald' Bar, Raffle, Tombola and the usual excellent 'eats' will all be there, so make sure that you are there too! All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church.

Rota:

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr & Mrs Marchant

Cleaning: Mrs V Riddleston

Flowers: Mrs V Riddleston



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Little Waldingfield: Our church was decorated for Harvest Festival. Four children helped to carry the gifts up to the altar and a fifth, Elizabeth Hood, gave a reading for us. Fran Gregor-Smith baked the Harvest Loaf, which was enjoyed by all with butter, homemade jam and tea.

The Bike Ride: Julie Francis cycled to four villages and raised an amazing £336.00. Peter Simpson was sponsored by three very generous donors and raised a further £70.00.

Little Waldingfield History Society held a book launch in our church on

4 October. This was to celebrate the publishing of our village book. All proceeds from sales will go to the church; we are so grateful. They have worked tirelessly, and we all applaud their tremendous achievement.

In Revd Judith's absence our lay team gave home communion on 2 October and led Morning Worship on 5 October. Their first efforts were warmly appreciated.

Rota:

	Sidesman	Flowers
Nov 2	Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell	Mrs Gregor-Smith
Nov 9	Mrs Nicholls and Mr Duffy	Mrs Roser
Nov 16	Visiting	Mrs Duffy
Nov 23	Visiting	Mrs Ewen
Nov 30	Visiting	No Flowers - Advent



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

13th September: The Annual Suffolk Trust Bike Ride and Walk took place in very favourable weather for all concerned. Although we only saw a few participants there was enormous admiration for two people from the village who finished in our church having visited over 50 churches in Norwich. Organists were encouraged to play in the churches to support the cyclists powering through Suffolk and Michael Colleer did just that, and his wife took a turn on duty for us.

14th September: Holy Communion was celebrated by Revd Judith, taking as her theme from the Bible "Those who are weak only eat vegetables" which gave us food for thought. Thank you to Michael Colleer who played the organ and to all our loyal helpers.

28th September: Our Harvest Service was led by Revd Judith and she gave a few words in response to each reading. Items were taken up to the Altar by members of the congregation including a five and a two year old boy. We gave thanks for all the produce we have - compared with that of other parts of the world. Looking around in our church, the vegetables, fruit, bread, made by Revd Judith's husband Rufus, and the flowers, made us think and appreciate all that we have here and the community sharing their produce with us.

Following the service, the Harvest Lunch was provided for all from the village. The Village Hall was full of wonderful food and people coming together. A big thank you to a great team.

12th October: Revd Gerald Drew took our service of Morning Prayer as the Revd Judith was on her annual holiday. He recalled the recent wedding of the son of one of the congregation and how all had attended the happy reception. Unlike the parable of the wedding feast where the invited did not attend, even though the king had every thing prepared. He then gave invitations for any one from the streets to attend but one man's clothing was not suitable according to tradition and he was cast out. As a church, we need to extend our invitation to others. Thank you to Revd Drew and to his wife for coming and to friends from our other parishes. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all helpers.

Notices:

9th November: 9.30am Remembrance Service in church followed by meeting at the Memorial on the Green.

22nd November: 7.30 pm. A Quiz Night with cheese and wine in the Village Hall.

BENEFACTIVE NEWS

MINISTRY TEAM: The next meeting of the ministry team is on Monday 17th November 2014, 7.30 pm at Mary's House.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

'GROWING IN GOD' ROADSHOW

Tuesday 18th November 2014, 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Sudbury. Don't miss the roadshow, hosted by Bishop David and our archdeacons, when it arrives in Sudbury on 18th November. There will an 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.

DEANERY SYNOD: Sudbury Deanery Synod will meet at Shimpling Village Hall, at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 26th November 2014.** The Revd Dave Gardner will be the main speaker at this meeting, which will focus on the diocesan vision for growth.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship November 2014

Village Daily Prayers: Each week, said in the five churches: an informal, friendly service, lasting between 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! **Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or any situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com.** The rota is: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, 16.00 Little Waldingfield at Newman's Hall, Wednesday 9.00 Groton; Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

**** PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE PATTERN AND LOCATION FOR 8.00AM HOLY COMMUNION IS UNDER REVIEW ****

Sunday 2nd	4th before Advent	All Saints	(R)
Boxford **	8.00 Holy Communion		Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30 Holy Communion		Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 All Age Service		Revd Judith
	16.00 “Remembering our Loved Ones”		Revd Judith
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Wednesday 5th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 6th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Holy Communion- Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team

Sunday 9th	Remembrance Sunday	(R)
Groton	10.50 Remembrance Service at the war memorial.	David Lamming
Little Waldingfield	10.45 Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord
Newton	9.30 Remembrance Holy Communion Service	TBC
	11.00 Remembrance Service at the war memorial	TBC
Boxford	10.50 Remembrance Service	Revd Judith & Christopher Kingsbury

Tuesday 11th Edwardstone	10.50	Remembrance Service at the war memorial	Antony Dodd & David Saddleton
Wednesday 12th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel

Sunday 16th	2nd before Advent	(G)
Edwardstone	9.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 19th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 20th Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline -Newmans Hall	Lay Team

Sunday 23rd	Christ the King (The Sunday next before Advent)	(W)
Groton	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 26th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Saturday 29th Boxford	18.30	Advent Celebration Service (followed by a supper)	Revd Judith

Sunday 30th	First Sunday of Advent	(P)
Boxford	10.00 Five Villages Family Service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Photo's from Little Waldingfield Flower Festival



Soap Box

When first I started to contribute articles to this august journal, the subject matter was always financial. This was a natural field for me to cover. I had worked in the financial sector all my life (51 Years last July and still counting!) and had developed a useful sideline writing about financial and investment issues for a variety of journals, including one national daily newspaper.

But chance comments in our local pub lead me to believe that not everyone shared my interest – passion even – for matters financial and I broadened the areas on which I was prepared to write. Financial events can be importance to us all, though. Aside from the direct affect that rising and falling share prices may have on our wellbeing, markets are considered to be an indicator of what might lie ahead, economically speaking.

Life certainly seems to have become trickier for investors of late. Autumn has arrived, reminding us that Indian summers can only be of limited duration. The world's trouble spots seem to be getting no better. Europe appears to heading for a recession - again. And Ebola is causing international concern and stunting growth in West Africa. Little wonder shares have reversed recent positive trends and fallen to their lowest for a year.

Or rather they had when I was writing this. For all I know they will have bounced back by the time you read this - or even suffered greater setbacks. Whichever way they move, it is of more significance than many realise, even if the actual effect in the short term is almost certainly exaggerated. But the health of the stock market should be of particular concern to us in the light of the recent changes to the pension's environment announced by the Chancellor.

The world of pensions has changed out of all recognition during my lifetime. I was a mere babe in arms when the Welfare State was ushered in and occupational schemes were the icing on the cake for a privileged few when we were recovering from the debilitating effects of the Second World War. As time has gone on, workplace pensions became more commonplace, though even these received a significant setback in the wake of the bear market that ushered in the new millennium.

The upshot of it all is that final salary schemes have all but disappeared, other than for those who work for the Government, while personal pension plans are now more usual, delivering what are known as defined

contribution results. For those unfamiliar with pension's terminology, what this means is that the amount of pension income you receive in retirement will depend on what you put in to the scheme and how it performs until you draw on it.

In the past the natural thing to do was to invest your pension pot in an annuity on retirement, but a prolonged period of low interest rates, combined with increasing life expectancy, has led to some fairly low returns for annuity investors. Recognising this – and being mindful, too, of the inequities that have built up in the way in which pensions are treated in the tax system – a complete overhaul of the personal pensions system is to take place.

It would take several Soap Box columns to even outline the changes that are proposed, but the essential ingredients are that much greater flexibility will be introduced, the ability to pass on pension pots to your heirs becomes easier and less heavily taxed, but we will all need to take greater responsibility for our pension investments.

For some the changes will be thoroughly welcomed. Others, though, will doubtless find the new environment both challenging and unsettling. For all of us we need to be just a little more interested in what markets are doing and what they might be predicting for the future.

Brian Tora

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Although bare rooted trees and shrubs can be planted from October until the end of March, autumn is the most natural time to plant. We often get long spells of dry weather in April and May and trees planted in Autumn will cope with this better than late plantings/.

Large trees should have a hole dug to a depth of two feet and at least three feet in diameter. The sub-soil should be thoroughly loosened and well rotted manure dug in. Standard trees should be secured to a stake which should be placed in position before the tree is planted. Fine soil should be worked in around the roots and firmed by treading to get rid of any air pockets. Do not plant any deeper than the soil mark on the stem. Keep the planting area free of grass and weeds for a few seasons as these will only compete with the tree for nutrients. Container grown plants should be submerged in a bucket of water for a few hours to ensure that the roots are thoroughly saturated before planting. The soil around the planting hole should be well cultivated, with well rotted manure or compost and bone meal mixed in to encourage the plant roots to leave the root ball.

Clematis are sold as pot grown plants and will grow in any well cultivated, well drained soil although one that is slightly alkaline is more suitable. There are a wide range of varieties to suit all aspects but all must have a shaded root run. The root ball should be planted 15 inches away from any wall or fence and have four to five inches of stem layered a couple of inches below soil level, this will help minimise the danger of Clematis Wilt' where the whole plant collapses for no known reason.

Apart from the beneficial effect on the soil of early digging of the vegetable garden, it is advisable to complete as much as possible while the weather is still open. Soil dug early will settle naturally during winter and there will not be the need for firming before sowing in spring.

Don't forget to sow Broad Beans of the variety Aquaduce at the end of the month. Try and site the row near to a path where sowing can be done without treading on the wet soil. Pot up a few parsley plants and take into the greenhouse to keep up a winter supply.

Pull up bamboo canes that are no longer needed and wash the soil from the base, disinfect and store them in a dry place. Camellias have set buds for flowering next spring. At no time should they be allowed to become dry at the roots as this may cause the flower buds to turn brown and drop off.

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4 Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5 Plant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
- 8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- 9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

Save yourself untold irritation and expense by draining and lagging standpipes, outdoor taps, irrigation lines and water pumps in advance of sudden hard frosts.

For beds that lie bare in winter, carry on with the winter digging until the soil is too hard - use compost, manure, leaf mould - in fact as much organic matter as you can lay your hands on to replace the goodness in it. It can be left in a pretty rough state over the winter when the elements will break the clods down, making spring planting infinitely easier!

For text book soil improvement, you should add a layer of organic matter and dig it in by turning over spadefuls so it is buried below the surface. If this seems too much like hard work, just mulch the bed and leave the rest to the worms! If your soil is thin or heavy clay, just fork it over now; too much digging on the former will bring up infertile matter from below whilst great chunks of wet clay will remain rock solid over the winter and become nigh on impossible to break up next year.

Check stored tubers, bulbs, potatoes, onions, and garlic for spoilage and softness. Winterize all power tools and sharpen, clean, and repair hand tools before storing them.

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Boxford School News

Nayland Farmers' Market Under New Management

We are delighted to announce that Suffolk Market Events is taking over Nayland Farmers' Market on the second Saturday of every month.

With the huge success of our other Farmers' Markets in Sudbury & Lavenham, we are really excited about our brand new venture in Nayland.

Please come & join us at the relaunch on Saturday November 8th in Nayland Village Hall between 9.30am and 1pm & if you are a local producer and you'd like to join the Farmers' market then please do get in touch.

Further information from Justine Paul on 01704 627 872 or email justine@suffolkmarketevents.co.uk

www.suffolkmarketevents.co.uk



As I sit here contemplating the beginning of yet another year, my 23rd at Boxford I find myself reflecting on my time at Boxford and the changes that have taken place in education over that time. I cannot remember a start to a term which has been so frenetic and with so many pressures on schools and their staff. I have to say that I have concerns about this and only the other morning I saw an article on the breakfast news about the ever increasing numbers of teachers who are phoning the help lines with stress, anxiety and even complete breakdowns. I am also concerned about the high numbers of teachers who are leaving the profession within five years of starting because of this stress and workload. Something has to change.

Despite this the children and staff have come back to school in good heart and raring to go. As always the first event on our calendar was our Harvest Festival service held in St Mary's Church on the same weekend as the churches own Harvest Festival. We were joined by many parents, grandparents and friends of the school for a lovely relaxed service taken by Reverend Judith. Part of this service was the collection of produce which was displayed over the weekend in the church and then distributed to local people in our community the following Monday. Judging by the number of thankyou letters the small food parcels have been very well received.

You may have heard an announcement recently regarding school swimming and the requirement that all children leave primary school being able to swim at least 25 metres. I can report that every child who left us last year could swim at least 25 metres and in the majority of cases considerably further. At the end of last term our swimming team qualified for the Suffolk finals and finished an outstanding 4th, competing against some much larger schools. Well done to them.

Whilst on the PE and Games theme those of you who may have come down to school recently cannot have failed to notice that we have had the playground repainted with a special non-slip surface designed to enhance our PE and Games lessons. Together with our spacious hall, our swimming pool and our good sized playing field we are in a great position to continue to provide first class a for our pupils.

Finally later this term we will be starting our preparations for Christmas and FOBS are busy preparing for their annual Christmas Fayre. This will be taking place on Saturday 29th November. It promises to be bigger and better than ever. I hope that many of you will be able to join us and we look forward to seeing you there.



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Parish Council Matters

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 15 September 2014

at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: S Norman (in the Chair), Paul Clarke, Jim Robinson, Shirley Flack, Melanie Childs

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

To receive and approve apologies for Absence: Clare Britcher, business commitments (approved) and the police. Garry Peacock attended at the beginning of the meeting and tendered his resignation. The Council thanked him for all his work and declared a casual vacancy.

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any items on the Agenda There were none.

To approve Minutes of the Meeting of 21 July 2014 : Approved, proposed by Paul Clarke and seconded by Melanie Childs.

To receive reports from:

Suffolk Constabulary: The police reports had been received and read. There was one vehicle crime reported since 21 July.

Suffolk County Council:

James Finch had circulated a copy of his report. He gave details of the rise in GCSE results, cashless payments available for young people aged 16-19 on Ipswich Buses with the new Endeavour Card, and advised that the Fostering and Adoption Services have joined forces and are looking for new carers. He gave details of the Work Inspiration Employer Brokerage Service, helping young people understand and develop skills employers need, and of Suffolk Energy Action, which will provide funding now that the Government Green Deal Home Improvement Fund is closed. He confirmed that Boxford Speedwatch is now up and running. Jim Robinson advised that he is looking into providing a defibrillator in the phone box in Edwardstone and asked James whether he had any information about the one in Bures. James will provide the contact details. He will also look at the issue of the potholes on the C715 near the pits, where it seems that every other pothole has been filled, and even those done badly. He is meeting Suffolk Highways on 25 September to discuss a number of issues and will include this and report back. He did, however, advise that the backlog of potholes to be filled is reducing. There was a discussion about the poor mobile phone signal and James agreed that this was an important issue and he is looking at it.

Babergh District Council: Bryn Hurren reported the hedge at Mill Green was cut a week or so after the previous meeting. It is still quite high and he understands that they will reduce it in height each year. He will chase this up in the spring. There is a parking issue in the area and Bryn will speak to the person concerned. He confirmed that he had mended the noticeboard – the clerk will check that the lock works. There is no news on the solar farm as yet. He advised that the Quay Theatre had lost a valuable colleague and asked Councillors to encourage everyone to support the theatre. He will provide Jim Robinson with contact details of the person in Boxford who has the information about defibrillators. Regarding Babergh District Council, he said that it had been a difficult 2 years and a staff liaison board is now being set up. BDC is looking at fuel poverty at the moment. Regarding the Sand Hill development in Boxford, he said that a consultation evening had been held recently to look at the proposed plans, though the revised planning application had yet to be made.

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

To consider Planning Matters:

Any urgent Planning Matters There were none. Planning approval had been granted for the poultry house at Sherbourne House Farm, the extension at Seytons, 2 The Winthrops and the extension and other works at Priory Green House.

Sand Hill development, Boxford

Further to the brief discussion above, Bryn provided copies of the proposed plans for the development and Councillors considered them. Once the application has been made, Councillors resolved to reconsider and although they will not be officially consulted, decide whether to write to BDC with their opinion on the development.

Financial matters: To consider and approve the Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment. The Council's financial position was reported by the Responsible Financial Officer: This was approved, proposed Sharron Norman, seconded Shirley Flack. There were no payments to be made. The accounts book, bank reconciliation and chequebook were checked by Shirley Flack and Paul Clarke and approved.

To approve and accept the Annual Return for 2013-2014: The Responsible Financial Officer reported that the Annual Return had been received back from the auditors and there were no issues arising. The Council resolved to accept the Annual Return, proposed by Shirley Flack, seconded by Paul Clarke.

To report on and consider any Highway and Footpath matters: The Clerk reported that Matthew Glason had kindly confirmed that he had cut the hedges bordering Footpath 13. Suffolk County Council had responded regarding the issues raised following the last meeting. The Public Rights of Way Officer will be inspecting a footpath off Sherbourne Street and the Clerk will ask that he contacts the Chairman so that she can attend with him.

To consider adopting the amended Suffolk Association of Local Councils Code of Conduct: The Clerk advised that the Council had adopted the Code in July 2012 but SALC have now recommended some small amendments. The Council considered these and resolved to adopt the amended Code, proposed by Jim Robinson, seconded by Sharron Norman.

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 was obliged to adopt a scheme based on the draft. 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 Melanie Childs, seconded Paul Clarke. The Direct Debit form was signed.

To consider appointing Jim Robinson as representative to work with Boxford and Groton on a Neighbourhood Plan: Jim Robinson confirmed that he had spoken to Roger Balls who is in the early stages of considering a Neighbourhood Plan for Boxford. Jim said that he appreciated that this is a long and possibly expensive process but that grant funding could be available. He would like to represent Edwardstone's interests and provide feedback and would not need to commit the Council to anything at this stage. The Council resolved to appoint Jim as their representative. Bryn Hurren mentioned Boxford Playing Fields and the Council will consider whether to provide any financial support at their next meeting when they will be considering donations.

To consider retention and use of the telephone kiosk: Jim Robinson said that he had looked into the possibility of adopting the kiosk and installing a defibrillator. Obviously there were costs involved and he has found a source of some grant funding. The Council agreed that it would be a good reason to retain the phone box other than just a landmark, and resolved to go ahead with further investigations, and Jim will liaise with the 3PR group in Boxford to ensure that he does not duplicate anything they are doing. He will find out more and report back.

To report on and consider Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence: The correspondence received was noted. No further action was required save that the Chairman had received a letter from a resident in Sherbourne Street regarding a mirror he has erected opposite his property and the request from Suffolk Highways to remove it. The Clerk was asked to write to Suffolk Highways to indicate their support for the use of the mirror in this dangerous location and ask for further information, such as their suggestions for alternatives. The Clerk will also write to the resident to confirm that this has been done.

To set future Agenda items: The telephone kiosk, potholes near the pits, the mirror on Sherbourne Street and the Sand Hill development will be added to the next Agenda.

To confirm the date of the next meeting 17 November 2014

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

Minutes of a meeting of Newton Parish Council 10th September 2014

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

Attending: James Cartlidge (Babergh District Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk) and 3 residents.

Apologies for Absence: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor)

Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Presland and Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 14/127e as they are members of the Newton PCC.

Requests for councillor dispensation: None were received.

Minutes of meeting held on the 30th July 2014: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: James Cartlidge informed councillors that due to his selection as the South Suffolk Parliamentary candidate for the forthcoming General Election he will not be standing as a Babergh councillor next May. Residents raised the issues they face with the road accessing their homes not having a name.

Correspondence (Appendix A): Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated to councillors there were no further actions.

Clerks Report (Appendix B): Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors agreed that the Better Broadband presentation by SCC to Newton residents should take place on Wednesday 12th November 2014 in the Village Hall starting at 6pm.

Finance: a. The councillors reviewed the findings of BDO's External Audit report for the year ending 31st March 2014 and resolved to accept the findings which had no actions brought to the attention of NPC.

b. The councillors reviewed the NPC Asset Register as at 1st September 2014 and agreed that it reflected all the council's assets.

c. The councillors reviewed the proposed level of insurance cover offered by Aviva against the Asset Register and the Risk Assessment and resolved that it met the council's requirements.

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

e. The councillors resolved to give a donation of £375 to the Newton PCC with regard to Churchyard maintenance.

f. The councillors resolved to give the Poppy Appeal £50.

Planning:

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

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:

No issues were raised by the councillors.

Parish Survey:

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

NPC Byelaws: NPC is still awaiting final confirmation of the Byelaws from the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government.

Local Housing Needs Scheme: NPC's preferred partner for the Local Housing

Parish Council Matters

Needs scheme, Hastoe, is currently in discussions with landowners on the availability of land for the proposed scheme.

Fireworks: The councillors resolved to run the 2014 event on the same basis as in 2013 with a working party of Cllrs Parker, Taylor and Williams making the detail plan of the arrangements for the event on Saturday 8th November 2014. Ticket prices will remain as £4 adults and £1 for under 12's. The Clerk to apply for the TEN license and provide a Risk Assessment of the event to the insurers.

A134 Road Safety Questionnaire: The councillors were grateful to Cllr Vince for collating the survey responses from 92 of the 225 households in the village (41%). The councillors agreed that the following outcomes will be raised with SCC Highways and James Finch with the hope that SCC Highways may be able to address the issues raised at the NPC meeting on the 12th November:

- Gateways at entry points to village
- A pedestrian crossing
- Interactive speed signage
- The Valley Road / A134 junction
- Extension of 30mph zone / creation of 40mph zones outside 30 mph zones
- Road signs of village to include "a community speed watch village"

Street Name for track on Village Green: The councillors discussed with residents the issues they faced by not having a road name associated to the access track to their homes. The houses on the track were reclassified as Sudbury Road rather than Assington Road around 4 years ago and were given the post code associated to Links View. Since the change there have been many circumstances of deliveries, taxis and emergency vehicles ending up in Links View looking for the houses. The residents felt that if a name could be found for the track, and street signs erected at both ends of the track facing oncoming traffic, then this will help resolve the current issues.

The Clerk informed councillors that following a discussion with Babergh, they would only take forward such a request from NPC if all the 10 households concerned were in agreement to the street name and were happy that the post code may change as a consequence. The councillors were supportive of the proposed solution and agreed that the Clerk write to the 10 households concerned to see if they were in agreement with the plan and could suggest a name for the road.

BDC Caretaker Scheme consultation: The councillors reviewed BDC's proposed Caretaker Scheme, whereby NPC may be offered a grant in order to maintain the village, and agreed that they would apply for a grant.

Fit Village: The councillors reviewed the Fit Village initiative and agreed that the Clerk Invites Suffolk Sport to meet with the Cllr Presland to explore the idea for Newton.

Village Hall and Trust representative updates: There has been no meeting of the Village Hall Committee since the last NPC meeting. The Trust is to hold a meeting with the residents of Little Green in order to discuss the track used for access.

BDC's Meeting with Parishes: Cllr Parker plus one other will attend the BDC meeting with parishes in November.

Questions to the Chair: The Christmas Trees for the village will be discussed at the next meeting.

Exclusion of Public: The councillors resolved to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the Clerk's contract of employment.

Clerk's Appraisal: The councillors reviewed the appraisal of the Clerk undertaken by Cllr Presland and resolved their agreement with the outcomes and that Cllr Presland was authorised to sign it on NPC's behalf.

Clerk's working hours: The councillors reviewed the breakdown of the hours worked by the Clerk against the hours he has been paid since joining the council in 2005. The councillors resolved that from the 1st April 2015 the Clerk's hours of work be increased from 5 to 6 hours per week. The necessary changes to the Contract of Employment to be presented to councillors at the November meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council on 6th October

Public Forum: It was agreed to check progress of flooding improvements at the Spinney and chase feedback to residents following completion of flooding forms. The Environment Agency will be contacted again regarding the schedule of river clearance in Boxford. A progress report was sought regarding the letting of Homefield Court flats to those who apparently do not have a local connection. The Parish Council had written in strong terms to the Strategic Housing Manager and Chief Executive at the District Council. A meeting had been agreed to address issues with the Letting system. It was agreed to follow up a complaint of commercial waste filling the litter bin near the newsagent. District Cllr Bryn Hurren was asked about a "Community Engagement" document that will accompany the new Sand Hill plans. He confirmed this document will be available on-line and he would provide hard copies upon request to residents who do not have internet access.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was pleased the fireworks were returning to Boxford and he urged everyone to support the event. On planning, he will press for the Cygnet Court plans to go to Committee if the Officers are minded to approve. In relation to Goodlands Farm, any amendments will need to go through the appropriate planning process. Congestion along Swan Street continues to create problems for service vehicles. The District Council has banned airborne torches due to safety. An issue being debated at District Council is the lower business rates charged to out of town stores compared to those in the town centres. Cllr Hurren is part of a Committee at the District Council dealing with staffing issues brought about by recent changes. Cllr Hurren is vigorously

pursuing improvements to the Housing Letting system along with the Parish Council.

Finance: The annual grant to the Village Hall was agreed at £1500 (which is the same as last year). A contribution of £100 was agreed towards glow sticks for the Fireworks event.

Cemetery: Members were grateful to Paul Rose who repaired a damaged pipe in the Cemetery free of charge. It has been agreed for the Tree Surgeon to monitor the condition of a diseased oak tree in the Cemetery. A cremation memorial application was approved subject to a reduction in the size of the headstone to comply with the cemetery regulations.

Planning: Babergh District Council had granted approval for the following: -

- side extension for storage at SIMBOS Gun Dogs, Stone Street (this is subject to conditions including the use being for storage only and that it is removed by November 2016 to comply with the original permission).

- planning and listed building consent to convert outbuildings for annex accommodation and reduce the height of garden wall at The Compasses, 11 Stone Street

- single storey rear extension at 18 Fen Street

- change of use to performing arts school at Old School House, School Hill.

An appeal had started following refusal for 2 detached dwellings at The Rosery, Calais Street.

The Parish Council had No Objections to proposals to carry out work to trees at

- 3, The Causeway,

- Old Court Ho - Cox Hill

- the Cemetery - Stone Street Road.

The full meeting of the Parish Council is now 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

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Sir

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Many Thanks *Bridget*
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Sir

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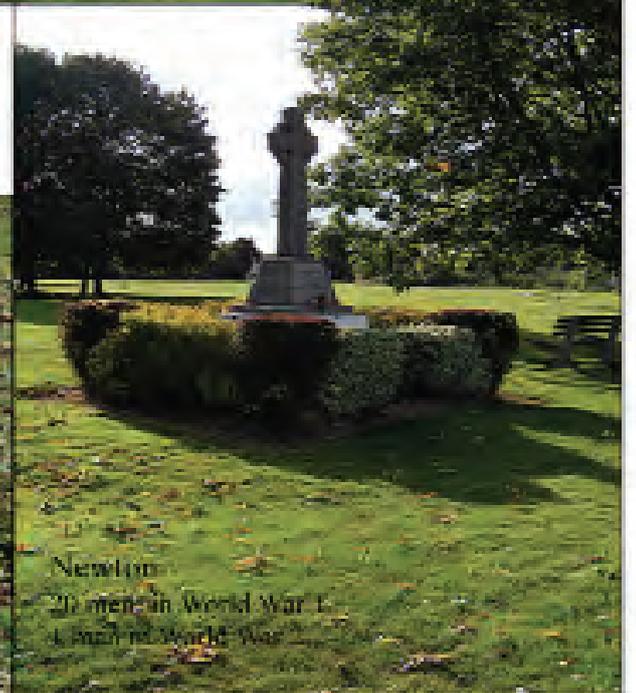
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