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BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY AGM AND PARTY



On the 4th November 76 members attended the AGM and Party of the Boxford Gardening Society. The Chairman, Maggie Thorpe gave an account of the past year's very successful talks and outings and looked forward to a very exciting list of events for 2015 including Fergus Garrett of Great Dixter who will be the star speaker in July and this will be followed by a visit to his garden in late September when the exotic garden there will be at its best. Shirley Taylor, the Treasurer gave out the 2014 balance sheet and the committee was re-elected en bloc. A picture quiz kept everyone busy whilst they enjoyed a fantastic supper cooked by the committee followed by members' wonderful puddings.



Maggie Thorpe, Chairman, presents Frances Tebutt with her prize



Members are asked to submit questions to Maggie Thorpe in readiness for Gardeners Question Time at the first 2015 meeting on the 6th January.

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

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. From Dave Gelly: "Most jazz musicians have, tucked away at the back of the mind, a collection of tunes that have caught their ear, and that they plan to use one of these days. Guitarist Jim Mullen unearthed these 10 numbers, by Toots Thielemans, Chick Corea, Donald Fagen, Georgie Fame etc., from his wishlist, and they make a fascinating collection.

His trio, with organist Mike Gorman and drummer Matt Skelton, has a light, open, beautifully defined texture. Each piece gets a unique, often surprising treatment, performed with the understated virtuosity that marks out the best and most mature players."

Friday, 5 December, 8.00, Ticket £16

Gilad Atzmon Power Cats

"A revelation, a multi-reed man of enormous talent"-Tony Richards. Gilad Atzmon reeds, Ross Stanley organ, Asaf Sirkis drums. Gilad is an amazing musician. He is leader of several bands, is a prolific and powerful composer, and an excellent producer. "Asaf Sirkis has earned a reputation as one of the world's premier drummers" - Ian Patterson, All About Jazz. Ross Stanley is an internationally celebrated pianist and organist who has played with stellar jazz names such as Dennis Rollins, Guy Barker, Liane Carroll, Stan Sulzman, Steve Arguelles, John Paracelli, Bobby Wellins, Clark Tracey, as well as being a regular member of the Jim Mullen Organ Trio, the

Mark McKnight Organ Quartet and the Jacqui Dankworth band, and performing in many small and large ensembles.

Friday, 12 December 8.00, £20

Sarah Jane Morris

"River deep, mountain high, Sarah Jane Morris has a magnificent, enormous voice" - Sunday Times. Sarah Jane Morris vocals, Tim Cansfield guitar, Tony Remy guitar, Henry Thomas bass. I have heard a preview of Sarah Jane's new CD "Bloody Rain" and it is bloody good. Tony and Henry feature on it.. The two stunning guitarists and such a fine bassist provide not just a great backing, but superb solos. If you miss this gig, you are missing a force of nature performing.

Friday 19 December 8.00 £18

Ian Shaw

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Just a taste of the January 2015 into April 2015 season

with Kyle Eastwood gracing us in April, Fletch's Brew to blast us away, Simon Spillett amazing saxophone playing, and the beautiful voice of Tammy Weiss. Doors open 7:30pm on Fridays

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THE DECEMBER LETTER FROM CHRIS KINGSBURY

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are heading for the season of Advent, and Christmas will soon be round the corner. Christmas is a time when we often sit around with family and friends telling stories and remembering times past. Many of us have Christmas family traditions such as making the cake or the puddings together. We enjoy telling stories of how things used to be. It is good to share memories and recollections, to make people smile and to maintain some of the family traditions.

However I wonder how many of us feel as compelled to share the story of the true meaning of Christmas with our family and friends. That amazing story of how God came to live among us in human form through the birth of a baby to parents who enjoyed none of life's advantages, who lived a basic life in a remote town, and whose very existence relied on the support and love of their relatives and community. In many ways it is a very simple story and yet it has had a profound effect on the world over two millennia. It is a story that generates deep faith in some, hostile rejection in others; it is a story that initiates complicated and intense theological debate, yet brings peace and comfort to many who are unable to even read or write. It is a story though that can actually be quite hard to tell, so what are we to do?

Well sometimes stories don't always need to be told in words. This Christmas why not think about how you can share the message of the Christmas story through actions. The cards you send - will they contain a brief message pertaining to the story of Jesus' birth? The presents you give - perhaps you might consider ethical gifts, gifts bought from a charity that works with communities overseas to bring peace or with individuals at home to bring sustenance and independent living? Could you invite a neighbour or a lonely person to share your Christmas dinner or offer a cup of tea and some cake and a listening ear for an hour or two over the Christmas period? Christmas is the opening chapter of a story about a loving and gracious God who gave everything he could to understand us, to empathise with us and to show us how much he cares. The greatest way in which we can share that story is by living it and not just retelling it.

With best wishes for the Christmas Season
Christopher Kingsbury (Reader)

Groton Calendar 2015



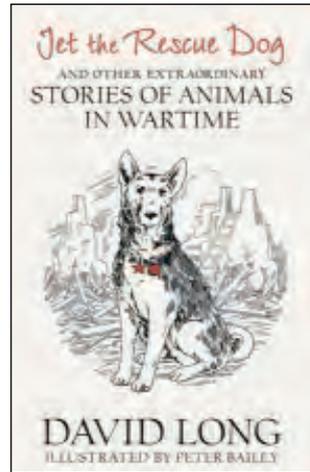
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THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

Jet the Rescue Dog by David Long



Many children are familiar with Michael Morpurgo's novel and subsequent film "War Horse," the story of a horse that was snatched off a farm to support the army on The Western Front. There are many examples of how animals have been involved in our wars over the last hundred years, and David Long, a local author, narrates thirty-three short stories in his lovely book "Jet the Rescue Dog". They tell of the unique bond between man and animal working together to save lives in times of great danger.

My favourite is the one about Voytek, the bear who carried bombs. In 1942 he was given to a group of Polish soldiers as an orphaned cub in exchange for tins of meat. He became their much loved mascot and as he grew older he picked up their habits of smoking and drinking beer! In 1944 the soldiers had to cross the Mediterranean to Italy and the only way Voytek could accompany them was to be enlisted into the Polish army as a private.

Private Voytek was two metres tall, had vicious claws and was immensely strong. He was able to assist his fellow soldiers by carrying giant shells from the Polish artillery depot taking them forward to the Allies' guns. This was at the Battle of Monte Casino where the Germans were finally ousted from their mountain stronghold, a victory which led to the liberation of Rome and Italy. He became a much loved hero and after the war he lived out his days in Edinburgh zoo, dying there in 1963. There is a life-sized bronze statue of Voytek the Fighting Bear in the Sikorski Museum and a plaque in the Imperial War Museum, both in London, recognising his invaluable work in the war.



David Long's heart-warming and charming book is full of such stories: dogs, pigeons, cats and even a donkey have a story to tell. It is a beautiful little book, made for small hands, full of lovely sketches by Peter Bailey. I think it would make a wonderful Christmas present for any child over nine as there is much to learn and enjoy in David Long's first book for younger readers. I adored it, and shall keep it on my bookshelf for my grandchildren.

Left: Mrs Babcock Cleaver with Jet of Iada wearing his Dickin Medal

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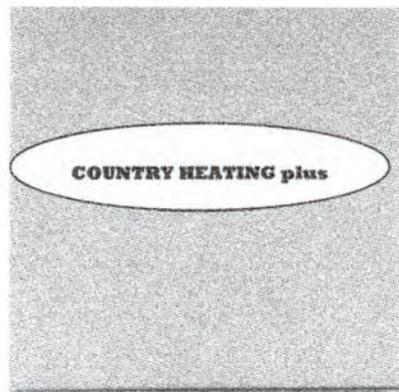
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We had over fifty volunteers from nearly all clubs and organisations in the three villages for the evening. From the village shops who sold the tickets so enthusiastically, to individuals who turned up early in the morning to set out the field, and others who donated machinery and equipment, the event would not have been a success without all of their contributions.

Particular thanks must go to the Parish Council who supported us from the beginning, both in encouragement and financially to set up the event. We estimate there were approximately 1400 people at the Fireworks – a remarkable number, even though the weather was perfect, and this will not always be the case! At the time of writing, we are still waiting for some outstanding invoices, but we are able to say that we received a significant excess of income over expenditure. This money will benefit the whole of our community – from the youngest residents to our oldest citizens. We have a number of projects we are considering from various organisations, which will be greatly boosted by this income. It is important that we continue to enhance the 'village experience' for all three villages (in particular the Senior Citizens' Outing which is entirely funded by your contributions), and for that we need to continue to provide fund raising events that are very good value for money. Of course, lessons have been learnt and we will endeavour to improve the event in the future.

Our profound thanks to all who helped and to all who came to support this important village event.

We look forward to an equally successful event next year.

Ward Baker, Chairman, Boxford Community Council

Remember

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GUIDING AWARDS

Monday 20th October was a night of milestones and achievements for two of Girlguiding's committed adult volunteers in Boxford.

The Rainbow Unit in Boxford has thrived for many years and, during their weekly meeting, Janice MacMillan was presented with her 20 year Service Award. Janice began her involvement with 1st Boxford Rainbow Unit in 1994 before taking over as Leader in 1999. More recently, Janice has become actively involved in running the Guide Unit in Boxford, where she has assumed the role of Assistant Leader, further demonstrating her commitment to volunteering in Girlguiding and to providing young girls with the opportunity to learn and have fun in a safe environment.

Later the same evening, Eloise Britcher received her Leadership Qualification. After months of self-development and commitment to learning more about the running of a Unit and how to help the girls get the most out of their time as a Guide, it was wonderful to see Eloise be presented with her award in front of Guides, parents (theirs and hers!) and many of the other Boxford Guiders.



Above Left:

Janice being presented with some flowers by Charley Rowe,

Above Right:

Eloise (far right) being presented with her Leadership Qualification. We are always on the look-out for new Leaders to assist in the running of the Guiding Units in Boxford. If you are interested please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

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Boxford School News

Over the many years that I have been contributing to this newsletter I have covered many topics and themes and I understand that on occasions my contribution has been referred to as 'Rob's Rant'. In all those years though I have never had to put an article together that is as difficult as the one I am about to write.

You may have already heard on the grapevine that Wendy and I have recently announced our decision to retire at the end of this academic year. We have thought long and hard about this and it is with great reluctance that we have come to our decision, but recent developments in education, and in particular the OFSTED framework have placed many new pressures on schools. Unrealistic demands on teachers and the relentless focus on a very narrow range of data-driven performance measures do not fit comfortably with all we have valued in primary education over the last twenty years.

It has been a privilege and indeed an honour to have served the village of Boxford and the surrounding communities for the past 22 years and we shall leave with many fantastic memories. It has been a pleasure to have worked at Boxford amongst so many fantastic parents, wonderful children and exceptionally talented staff and we shall miss it more than we can say

On school matters congratulations to our boys football team who qualified for the regional finals of our local football tournament. They finished a creditable fourth but what pleased me most was their attitude and general behaviour. Following the final match the competition organiser telephoned our school to compliment our boys on their sportsmanship and the way they conducted themselves throughout the competition. Well done to them all.

For us then this will be our last Christmas and we are very much looking forward to seeing the various nativity concerts and musical shows that have been a feature of our time at Boxford. Whilst on the theme of Christmas may I remind everyone that our annual fayre will be taking place on Saturday 29th of November. This year promises to be a great afternoon and it would be wonderful to see many of you there.

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

• Success for first-ever Suffolk Skills Show

Suffolk businesses turned out in great numbers to support the first-ever Suffolk Skills Show; a skills and careers event reaching over 4,000 young people. The event set out to engage Suffolk's young people and provide an insight into the career opportunities available to them locally. The show, which took place at Trinity Park in Ipswich, targeted those aged between 11 and 24. The businesses exhibiting at the event worked hard to ensure those attending left with their eyes opened to the wide range of careers across Suffolk, some which they may never have considered. There were many interactive indoor and outdoor stands showcasing opportunities in energy, IT and technology, finance and business services, creative digital, agriculture, construction, motor vehicle, advanced manufacturing, ports and logistics as well as HM Forces and a 'have a go' area where attendees were able to try their hand at new skills. Those unable to make the event during the day were encouraged to come along for a drop in session in the evening to explore options available to them locally; giving them an opportunity to talk to employers, colleges, training providers and advisers about their future careers.

• UK's first Youth Employment Centre now open

The UK's first-ever dedicated youth employment centre opened in November. In October 2013, Ipswich was unveiled as the location of the MyGo centre. 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 supports aims to halve youth unemployment in the greater Ipswich area over the next two years which includes the whole of the Babergh area. 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 funded by money unlocked through the Greater Ipswich City Deal - the government's flagship programme to devolve power to local authorities and businesses to put them in control of economic opportunities and challenges.

• Suffolk's blue-light partnership awarded nearly £5million in funding

A newly-awarded government grant will help increase the number of shared bases in Suffolk for fire, police and ambulance services. The grant of £4.94 million follows the submission of a joint-bid, led by SCC's Fire and Rescue Service, earlier in the year to the Department of Communities and Local Government. As Colin Spence, SCC's cabinet member for public protection, said: "Over the last two years, we have worked with our partners to create four shared fire and police stations which are located in Ixworth, Elmswell, Debenham and Framlingham. Ambulance crews are now based at fire stations in Lowestoft and Brandon. This national funding will support the co-location of our front-line blue-light services at further locations across Suffolk. Work will continue to establish the possibility of further shared blue-light bases across the county." The national funding will be provided in 2015 to help establish more shared bases in Suffolk. The collaborative approach creates long-term financial savings for all parties and it will help the partners work more closely together in the community. The potential three-year programme could bring the number of blue-light shared fire stations to 12 out of a total of 35 Fire and Rescue Service buildings.

• High-speed broadband for Suffolk gets another boost

SCC Cabinet agreed during November a new £10million contribution to phase two of the plan to secure high-speed broadband across Suffolk. In the first phase of the programme, high-speed broadband is expected to have reached 85% of homes and businesses by 2015, with the remainder being offered a minimum of 2megabits per seconds (Mbps). However, with this new investment, matching the £10million coming from the national government agency Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), will ensure that the total proportion of premises receiving super-fast broadband speeds will reach at least 95% by the end of 2017. On 31st October Suffolk were the first county in the country to sign the procurement contract with BT for access to this second phase of funding. While reaching the final 5% will be more difficult, The County council do not intend to stop until they have secured 100% coverage for the whole county.

• Suffolk's adoption week launched

The county's adoption service have launched a National Adoption Week in Suffolk during November encouraging prospective adopters to come forward. This last month there was a focus on finding sibling groups, older children and disabled children their forever families. The six children currently waiting for a family all have additional needs and will require support for their future health and development - they are Suffolk's priority and we seek your help in our communities.

My priorities for Suffolk: Education, Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth, Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength, Strong financial management and low council tax.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

BOXFORD CHRISTMAS CARD 2014



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

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A CRIME FREE CHRISTMAS....?

A 'thief' loves Christmas. That's because it gives them the opportunity to have Christmas on you, in lots of different possible ways To ensure that doesn't happen Suffolk Police is offering the following simple advice to make sure you stay safe and crime free this Christmas:

1. Parking – Choose a safe place to park (look for a www.parkmark.co.uk accredited car park), physically check your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave anything attractive to a thief on display
2. Purse/wallet/handbag – A handbag on the back of a chair, in a trolley, a purse sitting in an open bag, a wallet in the back pocket, a mobile phone on the table in a restaurant - are all calling out to a thief to steal. Don't make it simple for them by providing the easy opportunity to steal it. If it's a crowded place or somewhere you are likely to be distracted, you are more at risk. Property mark your items and register them on www.immobilise.com for free along with all your other electrical belongings.
3. Out for a drink? – Enjoy a drink but don't make yourself vulnerable by drinking too much, tell someone where you are going
4. Home – When you are out make your house appear occupied (i.e. lights on timers, radio on, alarm set), make sure your house, gates and shed/garage are shut, locked and secure, don't leave presents under the Christmas tree in full view from the outside.
5. Social Media – When using Facebook be wary of announcing to the world that you are away and your house is empty, or showing what you got for Christmas. Make sure your profile does not contain private information that would identify you or your address to a stranger.
6. And what should you also do? Do have wonderful crime free Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Verity Howell Suffolk Police Crime Reduction Office

Boxford WI

Boxford WI met at Boxford Village Hall on the 5th November to hear a most entertaining talk called 'Curtain Up' by Elizabeth Norman. Her voice is heard by millions every day, for she is the voice for BT Answer 1571 and BT Call Minder. She gave us a wonderful peek behind the scenes of life in the theatre by using items of theatrical memorabilia. We heard of some of the activities in which understudies participate while backstage, including jewellery repair and crochet! She took over the lead in Peter Pan after Nyree Dawn Porter damaged her ankle and was thrilled to wear Dorothy Tutin's costume in the production, which played in the Birmingham Hippodrome and the Liverpool Empire. Audience participation was required when we helped her to resurrect Tinkerbell and boo and hiss Captain Hook. We certainly felt that we had earned our tea afterwards! We were delighted to congratulate Jayne Foster, who represented our WI at the WI Competition Day held in Lavenham Village Hall in late October as she won the Coronation Cup. She did the most beautiful flower arrangement based on the words of 'In Flanders' Fields'.

Forthcoming dates:

27th November: Lunch Club meets at The White Hart, Boxford

3rd December: Christmas Party in the Village Hall



The most beautiful flower arrangement based on the words of 'In Flanders' Fields

GROTON CALENDAR

The new 'Hot-off-the-press' Groton 2015 Calendars are being sold fast, and we only had 100 printed, so get yours soon, they are a snip at only £6.50 each. They are available from The Fox and Hounds pub, Groton, Mary's House and the Post Office, both in Boxford, and by phoning Pat Kennedy Scott on 210319. If there are any left, they will also be for sale at Groton's Cheese-and-Wine Party [see details elsewhere in the BRN] and at Groton's Carol Service.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2014.

Another successful year! We have 180 shoeboxes to take to the warehouse in Sudbury. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and generosity. To all those who helped us at Mary's house and also to those who packed their own boxes we were delighted with the response. Our faithful band of knitters kept us supplied with lovely hats, mitts, scarves, hand puppets and knitted bags. Our boxes will be going once again to Belarus to make a lot of children very happy.

We must also thank all those who supported our cream tea afternoon at Bernard and Barbara Golding's garden and our cake stall at Mary's house where we raised £757 to help pay for the transport on the long journey to Belarus. So thank you once again and we hope to do it all again next year. For further information please contact:

Ann Porter 210581. Jennie Lindsley 210520. Shirley Watling 210024

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Would horse riders please refrain from riding on the permissive path from the Fox & Hounds to Boxford.

Edwardstone Parish Council has a new website at edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net. Information about the parish council and its meetings is published there. If anyone in the village has any information or photographs they would like put on the website, please send them to the clerk, Anita Robinson at clerk.edwardstone@btinternet.com for consideration

Edwardstone Parish Hall Quiz Night

25 October 2014:

Thank you to all who supported our event. Also many thanks to all members of the committee who supplied food for the interval and helped out throughout the evening. The Quiz Master was great, as always, and we thank both Alan and his wife, Liz, for their continued support. Just over £500 was made which will help with the outside painting of the Hall due next year. *Daphne Clark*

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MISSING - LIEUTENANT GORDON THORPE MC by Stephanie Thorpe



Above: Photograph of Gordon aged 21 on the day he was commissioned

My Grandfather, Barrie Thorpe, first introduced me to Gordon's story when I was 14 years old on one of his infamous battlefield trips. I was fascinated by my Grandfather's research into his late uncle and it ignited my interest in the First World War. I have since been on two more trips with my Grandfather, a school trip and once with my family a few months after Grandpa passed away in 2013. At the age of 22 I am now the age that Gordon was when he was killed during the First World War on the 24 March 1918. It is because of my Grandfather's curiosity as a young boy and the extensive research he carried out later in life, that I am able to tell the story leading up to the 24 March 1918, the aftermath and the affect on his family.



Herbert and Lizzie Thorpe with their family in 1910. Gordon has his little sister on his knee and Osman ("Os"), his elder brother is in the middle at the back.

Gordon's parents, Herbert Thorpe and Lizzie Gregory, married in 1892. Gordon was one of six children. The eldest was Osman, known as Os, who was born in 1894. Gordon was born in 1896. The family was brought up on the Isle of Wight until Herbert moved his family to Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire in 1917. Herbert bought a drapery business there. He tended to buy drapery businesses, build them up and then sell them on. By the time the family moved to Bishop's Stortford in 1917, the eldest two sons, Os and Gordon, were already at war.

Gordon aged 19, a student at university in 1915



At the beginning of 1915 there was no rush for Os and Gordon to join up. Os had a new design job, Gordon was studying at the University of Southampton and at this point the war was expected to be over soon. Os and Gordon had lost a lot of their peers already and they realised that an

Osman, Gordon's elder brother, in 1915.





Gordon on embarkation leave with his fiancée Marjorie in September 1917

officer's life expectancy was short. They made a pact between themselves that, if they were to join up, they would not accept a commission. They had both been educated at the Rugby School and their educational background would have meant a commission would have been easily attainable. However, in the spring of 1915 Os joined the Gloucestershire Regiment and then subsequently the Machine Gun Corps where he became a Sergeant. During the battle of the Somme in 1916 Os was wounded in the leg by a shell splinter. He was invalided into a clerical job for the rest of the war.

Gordon joined the Gloucestershire Regiment on the 21 August, 1915, while he was in his second year of university. Gordon was studying to become a teacher of English and History. He became a Lance Corporal after 19 days, a Corporal after 4 months, a Lance Sergeant after 5 months and a Sergeant after 10 months. His quick progression shows how rapidly the war was moving at this point. As a Sergeant he became a bombing instructor in Chiseldon. However, Gordon felt guilty that he was on the home front and wanted to be able to tell his children that he did more in the war; a pressure many men felt at the time, which was exploited by government recruitment propaganda. The only way out was to break his pact with his brother and accept a commission. Os tried to stop him through a letter. He told my Grandfather many times that he regretted not trying harder to stop him.

Gordon applied and was accepted immediately. He joined the King's Liverpool Regiment as a Second Lieutenant. There was little choice of which regiment you joined by this point of the war. Gordon spent some time at the Officer Training School in Pirbright before his embarkation leave in September 1917. During his leave he proposed to his girlfriend Marjorie. Sis, Gordon's younger sister, sewed the divisional tabs onto his uniform and walked him down to the station. She was the last member of the family to see him alive. Gordon's last words to Sis were 'If I get the chop, which I think I'm going to, please look after Marjorie.'

Gordon fought in three different places within a small area between Arras and Cambrai in Northern France. When he arrived he learnt the basic skills of trench life, such as leading patrols and inspecting feet. A major German attack was expected in March 1918 and the British army wanted to capture and interrogate prisoners. Gordon was selected to lead a major night trench raid between two points 120 yards apart. These were carefully planned operations with lots of artillery, but it took three raids to achieve their objective. The third successful raid was actually in daylight at 11am on 16 March, 1918. According to records it took 6

minutes over the wired and cratered ground. Gordon used a hunting horn to indicate the success of the raid. He didn't lose any men in the three raids. However, a German shell from the retaliation fire killed a Sergeant Gammon from the Grenadiers. Gordon was awarded an immediate Military Cross in the field.

The shelling increased as the Germans wanted to attack before the Americans arrived. The German attack, Operation Michael as it was known, began on the 21 March, 1918. The King's Liverpool regiment were pulled back into the front line after a brief rest. They were now based in a trench that had previously been occupied by the Germans. Thick lines of German barbed wire were now therefore on the wrong side behind them, so some serious digging had to be done on the right side of the wire. The Germans fought up to their line and there was some desperate fighting and very heavy shelling. Gordon and his company (D Company) had to dig in. There was a danger of being surrounded on all sides. They put up an SOS rocket, but no help was received. Colonel Murray ordered a retreat around 2pm. What was left of D Company was ordered to maintain their position to cover the retreat of the rest of the battalion. We believe they held out until about 4pm. The rest of the battalion were able to retreat safely, but this is the last we know for sure about Gordon and his companions.

Back in Bishop's Stortford, Gordon's father Herbert read the casualty list in The Times every day. A telegram arrived early one morning. Herbert entered each bedroom in turn to say 'I'm sorry to tell you that Gordon is missing' and walked out. He was not able to say anything else. Gordon's kit came home in July 1918 while the war was still going on. It arrived just before Herbert was due home. The rest of the family felt it had to be explained carefully to him. They saw him walking up the front garden path so they pushed Gordon's things under a table covered by a cloth. When he got in, he sat down and spotted it. He threw a terrible tantrum about how they could treat Gordon's belongings so carelessly.

Herbert hoped that Gordon might be a prisoner of war, or was suffering from amnesia, but the end of the war came and went with no news. Herbert wrote to the War Office, the War Graves Commission and everyone who had served with Gordon to try and find out what had happened to him. He insisted that he should remain missing. He wouldn't allow him to be declared killed. By the summer of 1919, Herbert thought he knew of a possible grave. This would have been discovered by Gordon's regiment and the army of occupation. The grave found was marked 'Ein Englisher Officer und Drei Men.' Herbert had gathered



Gordon's hand drawn map planning his night trench raid, for which he was awarded the Military Cross.

Herbert, Gordon's father, after the war.



information from people who were with Gordon and he was believed to have been wounded in the arm sometime in the afternoon. Os told Grandpa that samples of his uniform had been taken by the occupying troops and sent back to his tailor in London. Returned prisoners were also interviewed at the time and Herbert was sure he had got the right grave. He applied for a passport and permission to enter the battle zone.

Herbert's brothers-in-law, Egbert and Walter, accompanied him to France. As well as trying to identify Gordon's grave they also went to find Harold Gregory (Egbert and Walter's brother). They found his grave in the middle of a field, but his grave was later lost. Harold is on the Arras memorial to the missing. He was killed on the 24 April 1917 aged 40 and was a Lance Corporal in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Most of the information my Grandfather was able to find about the expedition came from a letter Herbert wrote to Marjorie, Gordon's fiancé, as soon as he returned home from his search in France.

We reported to HQ at Riencourt at 8.15 on Wednesday morning and at 9.30 set out for Haplincourt to find the grave which was on the right-hand side of the road nearly into Bertincourt, but a little way back from the front line trench which our brave boy had held to the last.

The Germans had given him a decent burial. Officers think it was out of respect for the man who had put up such a brave fight. Three of his men were buried at his side. His body was taken out by a party of our men. I am quite sure it was dear Gordon.

Then I put all the flowers about him that I had taken from the garden including your heather with a beautiful red rose, and placing the body on a military wagon and covered with a fine new Union Jack, we followed his remains, all the men and officers going with us to the British Cemetery at Bancourt. We buried him at 12 o'clock still covered by the British flag. All officers and men stood bareheaded as Egbert read a beautiful and fitting service he had specially written.

Herbert's evidence was accepted by the War Graves Commission and the War Office. Herbert and Lizzie chose the words from Robert Browning's Epilogue to Asolando which they loved, for Gordon's headstone. It reads: 'Held we fall to rise, Are baffled to fight better, Sleep to wake.'

Herbert's remaining children said that he paid a desperately heavy price for his determination to find Gordon. Seeing his son's body after eighteen months in the ground must have been a harrowing experience. Understandably, Herbert didn't go into much detail in regards to this in his letter to Marjorie. Herbert died in 1927 at the age of 59.



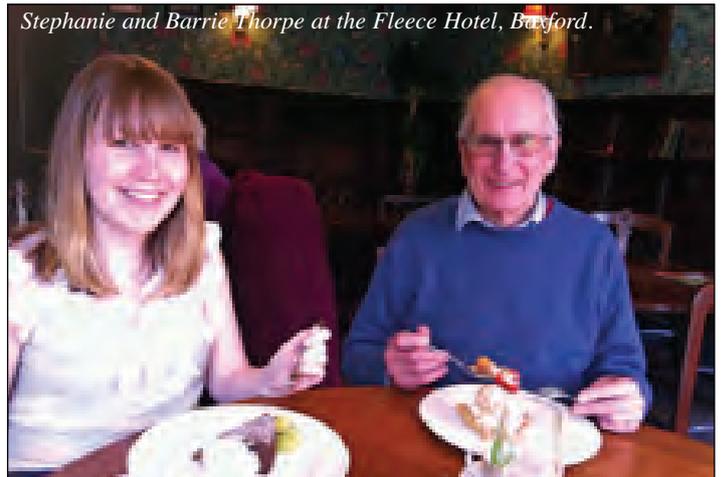
Herbert, Gordon's father, after the war.

I've come to the conclusion that as well as finding Harold's grave, Herbert went to France for closure after such uncertainty as to what had happened to his son. Herbert's travels to France allowed him give Gordon a decent burial. We can't be certain as to whether they knew that it was Gordon's grave before this or whether Herbert's identification was the confirmation that they needed.

Lizzie Thorpe, Herbert's wife, had lost her father in 1916, her brother Harold in 1917 and her son in 1918. She went to France to visit Gordon's grave in 1922 with Gordon's fiancée Marjorie. Marjorie was always treated as one of the family and my Grandfather said he remembered her well. Sadly, she never married, like so many women in the aftermath of this war, and she became a school mistress. Lillian, Gordon's sister, kept her promise to Gordon to look after Marjorie.

It is usual for people to be complimentary about the dead especially when writing to the loved ones of a fallen soldier, but my Grandfather felt Colonel Murray's tribute, which appears in the Rugby School's memorial, volume 7, had quite a heartfelt ring. He wrote: I am quite sure that, if only he had been spared, he would have won further honours and decorations: in fact I have no doubt he did win them, only there was no witness left alive to tell the tale.

Stephanie and Barrie Thorpe at the Fleece Hotel, Boxford.



DID YOU GUESS THE MYSTERY PICTURE?



Fred Leeder by his swimming pool

It is the grave of Fred Leeder, who owned Goodlands Farm. He later sold 27 acres to the Woodland Trust and it became the site of our Millennium Wood Project. His only stipulation was that the woodland be named Primrose Wood, in honour of his wife, Prim.

Fred and Prim Leeder, over approximately 40 years, generously opened their farm to several generations of children from Boxford and the surrounding area. They were able to swim, ride horses, and socialise together, off the streets. (More about that next month.)

Sadly, there is nothing now left of Fred and Prim on the land, part of which is currently being developed as Goodlands Housing Estate. Recently, the Primrose Wood Management Team discovered, buried in the Wild Area, Fred's old hay rake. We intend to display it next to his grave, and to name that area "Fred's Corner", with a path making it more accessible to people who want to come and remember Fred.

Fred and Prim gave the countless children who went "down the farm", so many happy times. Some of them recently got together to share these memories at the Fleece, and discovered that Clare, the landlady, had also "gone down the farm". She had a photo of herself riding Nefton, one of the many horses at the farm.

We are trying to arrange a re-union of people who went to Fred's Farm, if you are interested please contact: Vic Rice on 01787 210504, or Elaine Carpenter on 01787 210601.

Fred's old hay rake



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Groton Remembers. The wreath was laid at Groton by Pat Smith and two young people from the village, Max Fraulo and Jemima Cox. It was a poignant moment for Pat whose grandfather, James Gant, was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916 (see the July BRN.) 38 people, including four young people, attended - the most for at least the last six years.



Above: Some of the many who attended Boxford St Mary's to honour the dead of two World Wars and recent conflicts.

Below: November 11th at Edwardstone War Memorial

Boxford St Mary's was packed to capacity for the Remembrance day service on Sunday 9th November. During the service, a poem written by one of the Girl Guides was read out followed by the singing of a special song of Boxford Remembrance by the Girl Guides. It was so good to see so many young folk in the congregation.



Hidden

I dare not move or say a word,
In case by one of the soldiers I'm heard.
I slowly look up at the night sky,
I can see the German planes passing by.
Dropping bombs as they go,
People being hit and others in sorrow.
I feel so sad in my tiny hiding place,
Up and down the soldiers must pace.
As well as sad, I am proud,
For the men of our country, fighting in a crowd.
I can hear the battling men,
Fighting for their lives, wondering when,
This war will be over soon enough,
The weather's sounding stormy and rough.
But it's the dropping bombs I can hear,
Not the weather, it's very clear.
I can hear the beating rain,
The guns banging again and again.
Screams for help, cries of pain,
The guns banging again and again.
The Germans' feet pounding along the ash-covered floor,
While I sit there hiding behind the door.
I can feel the cold grey ash on my feet,
All the rain coming down must beat
On my face, making me wet,
The bullet and my arm have finally met.
I can feel the pain, the blood trickling down,
Another bullet flies, I lie down.
I close my eyes the sound disappears,
All that's left is the ringing in my ears.

Abigail Simmons (10)
Wethersfield CE (VC) Primary School

Abigale who is now 13 years old, read this poem out at the remembrance day service in Boxford St Mary's on 9th November



Saturday, 25 October 2014 a team of bell ringers from the The Essex Association of Change Ringers North Eastern District rang a peel called '5088 Cambridge Surprise Major' Composed by Robert D S Brown. It was rung in honour Simon P Griffiths of Ipswich St Mary Le Tower.

It was intended to ring it in march to mark 200 years since the first ever peel on the bells but the team were quite busy and unfortunately missed it.. The first peel on the bells of Boxford St Mary's was on the 3rd March 1814.

The team above consisted of Yvonne A Towler, Colin F Salter, Ian J Culham, James L Towler, David G Salter, Andrew R C Kelso, Paul A J Bray, and Brian G Meads. The peel lasted three hours.

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MISSING - LIEUTENANT GORDON THORPE MC



Above: L toR Maggie Thorpe, Stephanie's Grandmother, Stephanie Thorpe, Tina Loose, Chairman of the Boxford Society and Roger Loose far right.

Over a year ago Eddie Kench and Barrie Thorpe invited us to provide pictures and information from the Boxford Archive about World War I in the local area. Sadly Barrie passed away before he could realise his dream of a series of articles commemorating WWI in the Benefice. Having talked to Barrie about the scheme it seemed right for The Boxford Society to pick up the idea and run with it. Many of you will have read these monthly articles and attended the WWI Exhibition in the Church earlier in the year. I would like to thank all those who offered material to help us on our way. Special thanks go to Roger Loose who gave many hours of

work to the project and ensured the quality was sustained throughout.

Barrie was an outstanding WWI historian with an amazing library and archive. He was to have talked to the Boxford Society during this year about the unusual story of his Uncle, Gordon Thorpe, who went missing in action on 21 March 1918. Sadly this was also not to be. However, Stephanie Thorpe, Barrie's granddaughter, was inspired by his interest in WWI and stepped into his shoes by taking over the story and telling it most skillfully to an audience of over 80 on Saturday 8th November. Stephanie ably rounded off The Boxford Society's year with this Commemorative talk in memory of Barrie Thorpe and his uncle Lieutenant Gordon Thorpe, MC. The story is retold in this month's Box River News as our 12th and final article on WWI.

Tina Loose The Boxford Society



Above: Gordons MC sitting on a page of his wartime diary.

Editors note: There will be other items in this series as and when they become available during the period of the war.

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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!



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.

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2014 / 2015

21st Jan 2015 Len Manning, Member only event - War escapades by our local master of escape. Parish Room 7.30

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 Parish Room 7.30.

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

Edwardstone Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th December in the Village Hall from 10.30. Cake Stall, Gift Stall and Raffle. All proceeds to the Church. Admission Free. All are welcome. Contact Pam Dodd on 01787

Christmas concert by candlelight.

13th December 3pm Chilton Church Sudbury.

Tickets £8 (Including mulled wine and mince pies)

Free admission for children.

Tickets available at Sudbury Tourist Office and on the door.

Little Waldingfield Playing Field Committee

Pulled Pork and Wine evening

Saturday 13th December

7.30pm at St Lawrence Church

Little Waldingfield

£7.50 per ticket (including free entry to draw)

Contact the following for details/tickets:

Sue 01787 249800

Sarah 01787 248010

Charlie 07850 210256

Trevor 01787 247509

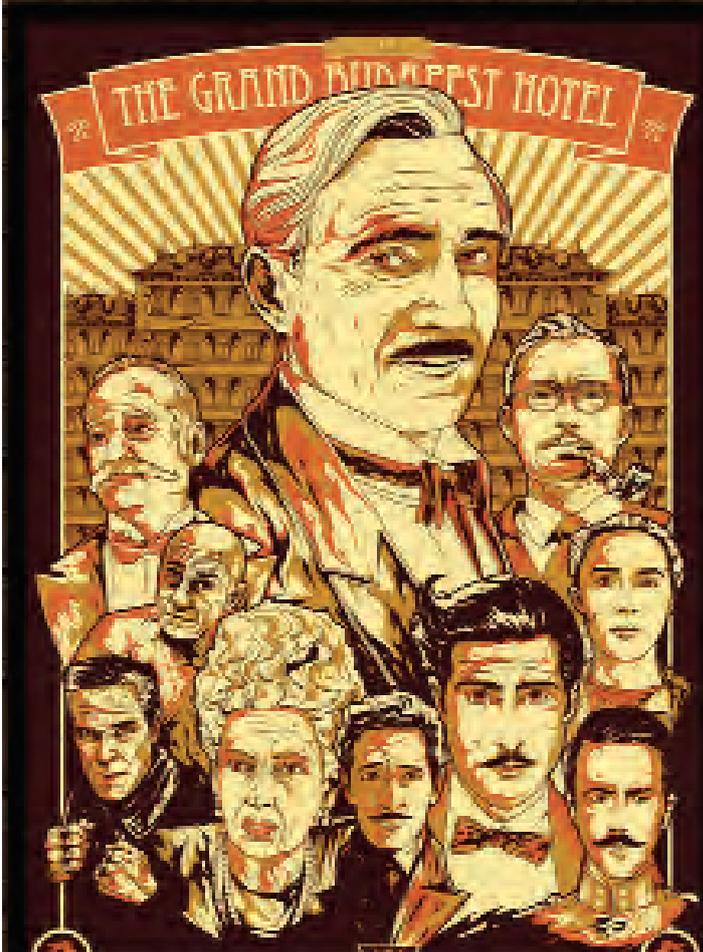


FUN & GAMES NIGHT

Saturday 24th January 2015
7.30pm for 8.00pm prompt start!
BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL
£48 per team – Max. 8 in a team

Contact Stephanie Atkins 01787 210444
Mark Miller 01787 210596
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Tickets Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266)
£3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person


Sunnies

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**SATURDAY
13TH
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**BOXFORD
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**



**Spring Series of 10 Lectures
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Starting Thursday 22nd January 2015, 7.30 pm**

**The Tower of London -
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We shall examine the history of the Tower as the focus of English history from the Kings of Canaan in 1100 to the future Queen Elizabeth. Thomas More, John Rastell and John Grey, Samuel Pepys, Oliver Cromwell, Rudolf Hess and the King's men to name but a few. Also in the light of recent discoveries with regard to the Pharoah in the Tower.

Roger Mannion has been a tutor for the WED for nearly 11 years. He is a retired school officer with a strong interest in history and has formally trained to teach adults. Roger's family has a tradition of observing the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower. His grandfather has taken 4 or 5 generations from the 19th century till today and he has a collection which has written out of the entire time cycle for 100 years.

Price: Adult £48 (includes after the lecture drink)
Come to the first session or please contact
Gail Whalley for further information
Phone: 01206 210649 or email
whalleyg@btinternet.com

Future Dates
April - Thursday 10th April 7.30
July School - Saturday 10th July 2015

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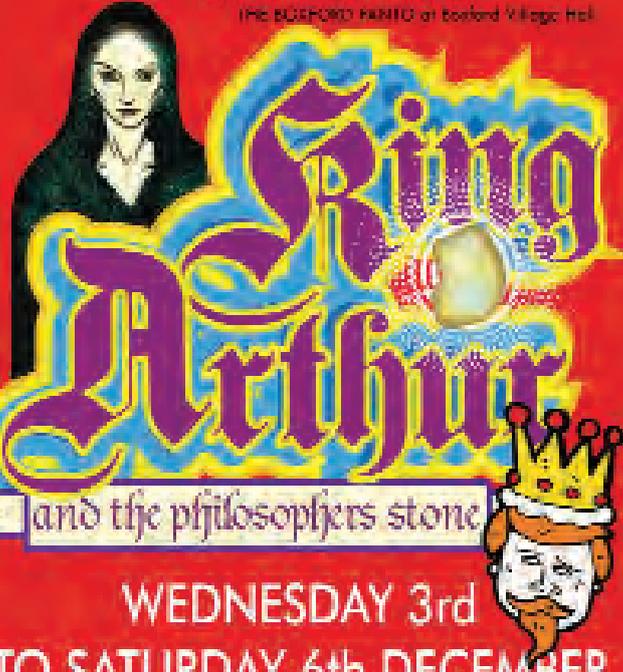
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Wot's On

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE WALKS

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

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 December 6th "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

Bridge at Newton Green Golf Club

Sorry I had to cancel the bridge drive in October because of illness. We only had four tables in play at the November drive which was rather disappointing.

The prize winners were:

James and Rebecca Ward 2510
Ann and Alan Vince 1760

Because of other commitments at the golf club I have had to alter the date of the next drive which will be on Monday 1st December instead of the 8th.

I hope this will not inconvenience anybody and hope to see you all then. Provided numbers improve I have provisionally allocated 5th January for the first drive in 2015. Alan Vince 01787 373963.

Newton Village Hall Events December

Wednesday	3rd	7.00 pm	Village Hall Committee meeting
Saturday	6th	10.00 am	Church Christmas coffee morning
Monday	8th	7.00 pm	Bridge Drive at Golf Club
Tuesday	9th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – make snowmen!
Monday	15th	12 – 12.30 pm	Fireside Club – Xmas lunch at Golf Club

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
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"Magic in the Moonlight" is booked for January 23rd.

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



St. Mary's Church Boxford

An Advent Celebration Service

Saturday 29th November at 6.30pm.

With seasonal music & readings.

Followed by refreshments

(£5.00 to church funds for these)

Following the huge success of
Nayland Farmers' Market
relaunch, we very much look
forward to seeing everyone at the
next market on

Saturday December 13th
9.30am – 1pm
Nayland Village Hall



Please note that due to the Christmas Pantomime performance in the village hall, the Farmers' Market has to finish early, at 12.30pm, on this day.

Further info from Justine Paul on 07704 627973

www.suffolkmarketevents.co.uk

justine@suffolkmarketevents.co.uk

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 cake will be open for donations, so may ladies refreshments please. 100% every cent retained for the primary school.

Forthcoming Events Diary

November

29 Christmas Fayre	FOB's	Boxford School	3-6pm
29 Advent Celebration	St Mary's PCC	Boxford St Mary's	6.30pm

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
6 Edwardstone Coffee Morning		Village Hall	10.30am
6 Newton Christmas coffee morning		Village Hall	10.00am
8 Newton Bridge Drive		Golf Club	7.00pm
10 Countryside History	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
13 Pulled Pork and Wine evening	Little Waldingfield Playing Field Committee	St Lawrence	7.30pm
14 Carol Service with Millwheel Singers		All Saints' Church, Newton	4.pm
15 Newton Fireside Club Christmas Lunch		Golf Club	12.30pm
23 Santa Run	BCC and Babies and Toddlers Group		

January

6 Gardeners Question Time	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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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First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in

Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm



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The Revd Judith's day off is normally Friday but this may vary according to circumstances

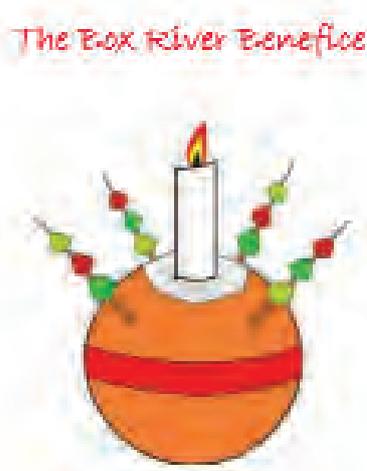
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Tel: 210397; e-mail: doddpanda@btinternet.com

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

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



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

The 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.

Advent Celebration Service 2014- Will be held on Saturday 29th November at 18.30, - seasonal music & readings- everyone is most welcome- followed by refreshments (There will be charge of £5.00 for these).The service is of course free. (Proceeds towards church funds)

The Boxford Church Calendar 2015 is available from mid November @ £7.00 per copy- makes a great present It is available from Boxford Stores or The Post Office , or from church.

Boxford Church Tea Towels are available from Boxford Post Office or in church £5.00 each or £8.00 for two.

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

Christmas Worship at St.Mary's

December	7th	8.00am Holy Communion
		16.00 Christingle Service
	21st	18.30 Carol Service
Christmases Eve	24th	23.30 Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	25th	10.00 Christmas Day Family Service

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

100 YEARS, 100 TREASURES: A celebration of Suffolk Churches

Copies of this colourful book, produced to celebrate this year's centenary of our diocese, are still available to purchase, price £5.00. It would make a good Christmas present or stocking filler, or why not buy one to keep in your car? The book features 100 churches from across the diocese, including two (Boxford and Groton) in the Box River benefice. Contact David Lamming, who has a stock of the books, if you would like to buy one. (Tel: 01787 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) Perhaps you might buy a copy to go with the 2015 Boxford or Groton Calendar.

NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP: The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) met in London on 15 and 16 October 2014 and made their decision on the person to be recommended for appointment as our new bishop. Watch out for an announcement of the name, which it is hoped will be made shortly.

DEANERY SYNOD:

A reminder that Sudbury Deanery Synod is meeting at Shimpling Village Hall, at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm, on Wednesday 26th November 2014. We shall welcome the Diocesan Director of Mission, the Revd Dave

Gardner, who will give a presentation on 'Growing in God', the diocesan vision for growth.

DIOCESAN SYNOD:

The synod held its autumn meeting on 8th November in Ipswich. The opening worship, led by Bishop David, included the commissioning of the Revd Tim Jones as the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands. Synod received a presentation on the work of the Public Affairs Advisory Group, during which Mark Bee, leader of Suffolk County Council, was interviewed. Synod heard how the church is working in the community across many areas of public life, such as Town Pastors and the Ipswich Night Shelter. Paul Daltry spoke of the church "growing in presence, engagement and service." Formal business included approval of the 2015 Diocesan Budget and Centenary Share. See the diocesan website for a fuller report: www.stedmundsbury.anglican.org.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of the various activities taking place over the Advent season: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

GROTON CALENDAR The new 'Hot-off-the-press' Groton 2015 Calendars are being sold fast, and we only had 100 printed, so get yours soon, they are a snip at only £6.50 each. They are available from The Fox and Hounds pub, Groton, Mary's House and the Post Office, both in Boxford, and by phoning Pat Kennedy Scott on 210319. If there are any left, they will also be for sale at Groton's Cheese-and-Wine Party [see details elsewhere in the BRN] and at Groton's Carol Service.

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.

Christmas carols, mulled wine and mince pies Groton's Carol Service this year is to be on Monday 22nd December 2014 at 7.00 pm. Elisabeth and Colin Blackmore have invited everyone back to their home, The Old Rectory, Groton Street, after the service for mulled wine and mince pies. Do join us!

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC (postponed from 18th November) is on **Tuesday 2nd December 2014, at 10.00 am in the rectory.** Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 23rd November.

Rota:

Sidesman:

Mr Lamming

Flowers:

No flowers until Christmas, then Festival arrangements

Cleaning:

Mrs Fearis and Mrs Foster



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

2 November The Revd Judith celebrated Holy Communion. We were so happy to welcome so many friends from Groton, Edwardstone and Newton.

9 November Our Remembrance Service was conducted by Tim Harbord and prayer led by our lay team. So many people attended this very moving occasion, both in our church and at the War Memorial, in glorious sunshine. The names of those who fell were read out, the two minute silence observed and wreaths laid. We will remember them.

Rota:

Sidesman

Flowers

Dec 7	Mr Bowden & Mrs Ridgeon	No flowers - Advent
Dec 14	Visiting	"
Dec 18	Mr & Mrs Tora	"
Dec 21	Visiting	"
Dec 24	Mrs Nicholls & Mr Duffy	All
Dec 28	Visiting	All



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Vacant

Saturday 6th Dec from 10.30. There will be a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall with a Cake Stall, Gift Stall and Raffle. All proceeds to the church. Everyone welcome. Contact Pam Dodd on 01787 210397.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride on 13th Sept. Thanks to Anthea Tribe for nobly manning the Church all day. Unfortunately no-one was riding for Edwardstone this year, but hopefully we can find

people next year who we can sponsor for our church. Thanks are also due to David Richardson who kindly came to play the organ during the morning.

Harvest Festival 21st September. The Church looked splendid. Many thanks to all those who helped decorate and also those who provided produce, which was donated to the Bridge Project in Sudbury. This was very much appreciated. Young adults with learning difficulties help to run a cafe, among other things which are organised at the Project.

Edwardstone Carol Service. Do come and join us for our Annual Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 6 pm.

Rota

Dec 21st 9.30 am Holy Communion David & Sheila Saddleton
24th 6.00 pm Carol Service David Saddleton

Flowers: No flowers in Advent. Christmas – all arrangers.

Cleaning: Justine Walters.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

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

26th October: Our Morning Service was a special one of Thanksgiving for daughter and mother, Linda and Lucy Cutts and their generosity to the church. Revd Judith dedicated new hymn books in their name. The whole service conveyed our appreciation of all the time, energy, kindness and humour that Linda gave to putting on the amazing Christmas services with the children and playing the organ. Members of the congregation recalled amusing times shared with Linda in church or within the community. We welcomed friends of Linda and Lucy who came and after the service joined us for refreshments and reminiscences. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all who made this a very happy service.

9th November: Our Remembrance Service with Holy Communion was conducted by the Revd Canon David Stranack. Harry Buckledee, a veteran of the second World War laid a wreath in front of the Altar, read out the names of those killed in the two World Wars and gave a moving recollection of his war service. A relative of one of the listed joined us. Thank you to Michael Colleer for playing the organ and to all our helpers. Following our church service, we were joined by a crowd at the War Memorial on the Green for a short service and observed the two minute silence in warm sunshine.

Notices:

22nd November 10.00 to 12.00 am St. Nicholas Hospice Coffee Morning in the Village Hall and 7.30 pm Quiz Night with cheese and wine in the Village Hall.

6th December: 10.00 to 12.00 am. Our Annual Church Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. All are warmly welcomed.

14th December 4.00 pm. Our Candle lit Carol Service joined by The Millwheel Singers followed by wine, mince pies, soft drinks and biscuits. We will be delighted to see you and hear you.

Copy Date for Church News in the January/Christmas Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 9th December

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

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.

Carol Services in the Benefice			
Dec 7	16:00	Boxford	Christingle
Dec 14	16:00	Newton	Carol Service
Dec 18	19:00	Lt. Waldingfield	Carol Service
Dec 21	18:30	Boxford	Carol Service
Dec 22	19:00	Groton	Carol Service
Dec 24	15:00	Newton	Crib Service
Dec 24	18:00	Edwardstone	Carol Service

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship December 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, NB Changed time and place* Wednesday 9.00 Groton; Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford. [**Note: no Daily Prayer 23rd December to 1st January]

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

Wednesday 3rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion – Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 4th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Holy Communion – Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team

Sunday 7th	2nd of Advent	(P)	
Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith & Lay Team
Boxford	16.00	*CHRISTINGLE SERVICE*	Revd Judith & Chris Kingsbury

Please bring your children along to this very special service, where each child receives a Christingle Orange and candle

Wednesday 10th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
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Sunday 14th	3rd of Advent	(P)	
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	16.00	* CAROL SERVICE **WITH THE MILLWHEEL SINGERS*	Revd Judith & Lay Team

Wednesday 17th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 18th Little Waldingfield Lay Team	19.00	CAROL SERVICE	Revd Judith &

Sunday 21st	4th of Advent	(P)	
Edwardstone	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	*CAROL SERVICE*	Revd Judith & Chris Kingsbury

Monday 22nd Groton	19.00	*CAROL SERVICE*	Revd Judith & David Lamming
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Wednesday 24th	*CHRISTMAS EVE*	(W)	
Newton	15.00	CRIB SERVICE	Revd Judith & Lay Team
Edwardstone	18.00	CAROL SERVICE	Revd Judith & Lay Team
Lt Waldingfield	21.00	CHRISTMAS COMMUNION	Revd Judith
Boxford	23.30	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION	Revd Judith & Chris Kingsbury

Thursday 25th	*CHRISTMAS DAY*	(W)	
Groton	09.30	Family Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	10.30	Family Service	Revd Judith

Sunday 28th	Christmas 1	(W)	
Groton	9.30	Holy Communion *	Revd Judith

**Please note: this is the only service in the benefice today*

Soap Box

Do you find the sheer numbers of sales calls you receive drive you to distraction? Elizabeth and I dread returning from a trip away in case our answer phone is jammed with unwanted homilies to replace our boiler, or install solar panels, or claim against an unwarranted sale of Payment Protection Insurance. And those are just the prerecorded ones. Having a real person on the end of the phone, from Bangalore as like as not, can be even worse.

When we got back from our latest trip to Portugal, there were no fewer than 29 answer phone messages. Strange, we thought, as our friends knew we were away. Twenty three of the 29 were identical messages exhorting us to take advantage of a government initiative to replace our gas boiler at a subsidised price. And we don't even have gas in Little Waldingfield.

And it is not just our telephone at home that gets targeted. I receive an increasing amount of nuisance calls on my mobile – usually from abroad and always recorded. This means that I am often having to pay to receive calls I did not request and do not want. Receiving them on my UK phone whilst in Portugal is doubly annoying. They are, frankly, not even relevant, so far as I am concerned.

The latest ploy seems to be to start the conversation with the words "I'm not trying to sell you anything", or something similar. Or there is a request for you to take part in a survey. I ask you – do they take me for a fool? A "survey" is simply a ploy to justify a phone call later from a company that purports to offer a service or product that happens to fill a need in your household. Such a call is usually preceded with "You expressed an interest in..." whatever it was that had been mentioned in the survey. As if!

So aggrieved was my wife at the flood of pre-recorded phone calls promising us a subsidised boiler that on one occasion she took the offered option of "press 2 if you want to speak to one of our advisers". Two was duly pressed and, sure enough, a real person came to the phone. Unfortunately, this person's reaction to being told we had no interest in the service offered led to him hanging up the phone. Still, on the plus side the calls appear to have stopped.

While my annoyance at this practice extends mainly to the waste of time involved, there is a more important issue at stake here. My elderly mother in law is plagued with such calls and frankly does not know how to handle them. It has caused her so much worry that we are investigating

installing a phone (supplied by BT) that promises to screen out any such unwanted calls. Our investigations into its efficacy is ongoing, but recalling that we signed up to the telephone preference service some years ago, yet nuisance calls still persist, lead me to a healthy degree of scepticism when it comes to blocking out these parasites.

Modern communications have facilitated cheap and easy communication of services and goods to a vast audience. My spam input far exceeds the real emails I receive on a daily basis – and there are quite enough of those. But somehow phone calls are more difficult to deal with. Those on the other end of the phone will have a script which aims to deal with obvious objections and lead the recipient on to the next level of buying into whatever is on offer. The elderly are often less able to brush such techniques aside.

One person I spoke to recently told me he no longer answered his home landline, such was the weight of unwanted traffic. I was instead directed to his mobile phone. I couldn't help but wonder how long that would be safe for him. This is a real issue, in my opinion. By all means tell me if you think I am overreacting, but if, like me, you find the practice of cold calling to offer products and services you have not expressed an interest in, let the Box River News know.

Brian Tora was Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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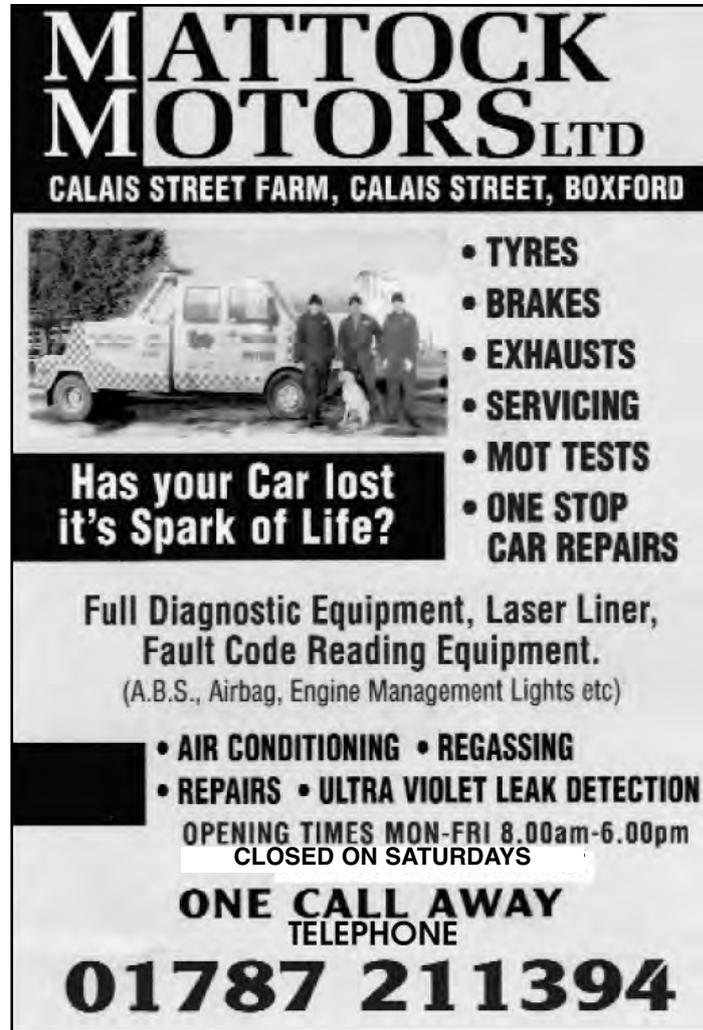
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GARDENING IN DECEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

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Many trees are planted too close to the house or to the boundary fence and are grubbed out because they have outgrown their allotted space. There is no need to remove such a tree, it can be made into a pollard or a cob as it was always known around here.

To pollard a tree means cutting the main branches back close to the crown so that a close thick head of growth shoots from the top of the trench. This process should be repeated every two years or so, or whenever it becomes necessary. By reducing the size of the top growth, root growth is also reduced and therefore less likely to invade foundations, etc.

There are many trees of a compact and slow growing nature suitable for small gardens, Amelanchier Lamarchi is an ideal tree where space is limited, has white flowers in spring on coppery foliage which turns red in autumn. Robinia pseudoacacia frisia, has bright yellow foliage all summer. Any of the Birch family with their silver white bark and upright growth take up little space. Bare root trees can be planted from now until March.

Never buy container grown trees that are pot bound. These are usually slow to get moving when planted out. Dead and diseased branches on trees and shrubs should be cut away as soon as possible. Make the cut well below the affected area and treat the wound with a fungicide.

Mummified fruits, which are a source of brown rot disease, still remaining on the trees and any that have fallen, should be gathered up and burned. Brown rot is a disease which seriously affects the storage life of fruit.

Wisteria is now due for winter pruning to ensure a good crop of flowers next year. Left to its own devices it would become a tangled mess of branches with few flowers. Prune previous years growth back to two buds from the main branch. Once established wisterias require little feeding and flower better if a little on the hungry side. Grape vines should also be pruned now in a similar way to wisterias by cutting this years lateral

growths back to two buds from the main stem or rod. Loose and peeling bark on the main stem should be removed to prevent pests over wintering there. Remove all the lower yellow leaves from the stems of Brussels Sprouts. These can harbour fungal diseases which will spread to the sprouts causing them to rot.

New planted Rhododendron's and Camellias are easily killed by severe penetrating frost. Cover the roots with a thick layer of straw or leaves and a sheet of polythene draped round the plant will protect the foliage from drying winds.

Frost, rainfall and winds are increasingly common, sunshine hours are much reduced and it can be bitter with a risk of snow. You may not want to be working outside at this time of year, but luckily there's not a lot to do. Keep an eye on winter protection, and if you have a greenhouse, make sure the heater works. It's time to think about pruning apples and pears too.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place
- 2 Check that greenhouse heaters are working
- 3 Prevent ponds and stand pipes from freezing
- 4 Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls)
- 5 Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
- 6 Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops
- 7 Deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted
- 8 Take hardwood cuttings
- 9 Keep mice away from stored produce
- 10 Reduce watering of houseplants

Look after your pond so keep an eye on ice. To make a hole in frozen ponds, hold a saucepan of hot water on the surface until melted through. Do not crack the ice, as this is harmful to fish.

Rake out fallen leaves or shake off those that have gathered on protective netting. You may wish to make your pond more wildlife-friendly.

This may also be a good time to repair any leaks in your pond and continue to watch out for herons stealing your fish. The only way to discourage them is to net your pond,

Continue to remove fallen leaves from lawns before they block out light and moisture to the grass.

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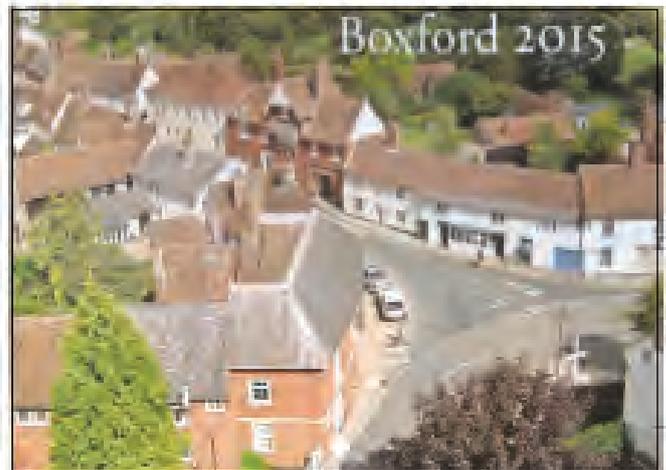


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Above: *Ophelia* by John Everett Millais

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Geoffrey to the Parish Room to talk to us about the story of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood (PRB).

As we had hoped but more than we anticipated, Geoffrey enthralled our near forty audience with a passionate and detailed account of how the PRB (which was how the artists originally signed their work) came into being, and how this changed the direction of painting away from the 'Grand Style' extolled by Sir 'Sloshua' (Joshua) Reynolds, founder and first president of the Royal Academy.

Geoffrey began by introducing the 'Dramatis Personae' involved with the PRB: Dante Gabriel Rossetti, John Everett Millais and William Holman Hunt, who together formed the PRB. Ford Maddox Brown, John William Waterhouse and John Ruskin then joined, and it seems all of these young artists were actually very angry men who railed against the conventions of the Grand Style.

Geoffrey then discussed the impact on the brotherhood of Christina Rossetti, one of England's greatest women poets, Effie Gray, a muse who annulled her marriage to Ruskin and later married Millais, and Elizabeth Siddal, an artists model who was painted many times. He recounted the experience Siddal had while posing for Millais' *Ophelia* in 1852, when she had to float in a bathtub full of water to represent the drowning Ophelia. Millais painted daily into the winter, putting lamps under the tub to warm the water, but on one occasion the lamps went out and the water became icy cold. Being absorbed with his painting, Millais did not notice and Siddal did not complain, but she then became very ill with a severe cold / pneumonia, for which her father held Millais responsible, forcing him to pay for her doctor's bills.

Geoffrey then began showing us many of the artists pictures, but rather than simply detailing the important aspects and symbolism of each, he got the audience to participate in describing what was going on, and why. His easy-going style, much appreciated and commented on later by our audience, positively encouraged this involvement, and when he later explained the symbolism of each picture in detail, it made a great deal more sense.

Everyone had a really entertaining evening learning much from an easy narrator who really knew his stuff and could put it across in both a passionate and absorbing manner.

At our next talk, Anthony Arbuthnot will entertain us with his talk on the history of Great Yarmouth, which was founded by the Angles, recorded as having a population of a few hundred in the Domesday Book, but today is better known as a seaside town. It was an important fishing port for hundreds of years, with an annual Herring Fair that dates back to the 12th century, and in the Middle Ages it prospered, despite the harbor continually silting up. Several attempts were made to dig a new haven during the Middle Ages and the 16th century, and the present one dates from 1614. The town then grew rapidly in the 19th century, particularly after the railway reached it in 1844, and the herring fishing industry reached its peak at the beginning of the 20th century. Sadly there was also an appalling bridge disaster in 1845 that killed 79 people, mostly children.

Anthony is sure to cover this and a whole lot more, and we very much look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room on Wednesday 19th November for what is sure to be a most fascinating and educational evening. *Andy Sheppard*

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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

on 3rd November

All Parish Councillors were present together with Bryn Hurren - District Cllr, James Finch - County Cllr, the Clerk and around 50 members of the public.

Public Forum Strong opposition was expressed in relation to the proposed Sand Hill Affordable Development. The "Your Boxford Group" was represented at the meeting. Others spoke in favour of the scheme in that it would allow young people to stay within the village and that improvement had been made to the original design following feedback. The Parish Council listened to all the views being expressed. Topics discussed included flooding, the 2010 Housing Needs Survey, the Open Event where the new plans were shared with the village, the proposal to leave the field access and recent issues with the Babergh Planning website. Points were made that other villages had successfully integrated smaller schemes. Concern was expressed that the scheme seemed to be driven by economics and that the village was already growing as a result of other schemes. Technical points were raised in relation to the drainage system and protection of wildlife. Attention was given to the subject of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Village. The opportunity to influence future development in the village was recognized following a commitment by about 50 people over around 3 years. Some investigation was underway by members of the Parish Council. The Chairman felt the new Parish Council following the May Elections may be well placed to see this through. Some residents put their names forward to assist.

Police Report One incident was recorded during October which was a burglary of a shed on School Hill where garden tools were taken.

County Council Report County Cllr James Finch confirmed a Suffolk Skills Show was held. This aimed at sharing local career and training options with young people. A newly awarded grant will help increase the number of shared bases in Suffolk for fire, police and ambulance services. Further investment will be made on high speed broadband in Suffolk bringing the target up to 95% of homes and businesses by 2018. Locally, discussion continues about using the school mini bus for children in outlying villages. Cllr Finch agreed to follow up the flooding issues.

District Council Report District Cllr Bryn Hurren reported on improvements to the letting system brought about by Boxford. Firstly to the 106 agreement wording and recently that those eligible for local needs housing in a particular area will be notified when properties are available for them to bid on. He confirmed the Sand Hill plans will go before the Planning Committee at Babergh. On other matters the Cygnet Court application has been declined and traffic issues are being considered in relation to Goodlands. Further items can now be recycled in the blue bins and residents will be notified.

Finance In addition to the usual business, a donation of £1750 was agreed towards the Church and the recent proceeds of the bottlebank will be split between the Village Hall and Boxford Guides and Scouts. Cemetery

The Memorial Risk Assessment had been completed and winter priorities were being agreed. A contribution of £100 was agreed towards the pruning of the yew trees on the boundary of the school and churchyard.

Reports

It was noted that the re-introduction of the Fireworks to Boxford was a complete success and the organisers were being congratulated. A resident had written thanking the Parish Council for its support to the event.

Planning The Parish Council had No Objections to the applications for Listed Building Consent at Cox Farm and the garage application at Monkshams both on Cox Hill. Following discussion, members voted unanimously to recommend approval of the new application for affordable homes on Sand Hill. They made four recommendations including a new bus stop, the access into the field to be closed, proper monitoring of the drainage systems and that the new road is adopted. In reaching their decision to support the new plans, members recognized improvement to the design following feedback and maintained their commitment to work with the County Council to reduce flooding regardless of the outcome.

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

GROTON WINTHROP MULBERRY TRUST



A very special meeting of the trustees was held on November the 6th at The Waterside Barn, home of Jeremy Osborne. This was the first meeting for our new secretary, Rona Kelsey.

Having concluded the agenda, much to the surprise of Margaret Kant, who has been a most efficient secretary since the first meeting of the croft trustees, a large bouquet of flowers and an even larger chocolate cake were presented to her.

Everyone drank a toast thanking her for her sterling work over the years an added bonus being that Margaret remains a trustee and will offer her wise thoughts in the future.

Thank you again Margaret for all that you have done

R A Bowdidge, Chairman GWMT.

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March 16th H. Pinter: The Homecoming
March 23rd P. Fitzgerald: The Bookshop
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Sand Hill Development

At their meeting on November 3rd Boxford Parish Council recommended approval of the second planning application of 20 affordable houses and 5 for sale on Sand Hill for occupation by villagers and relatives of villagers subject to:

- a. A bus stop to be located on Sand Hill for the outgoing bus route towards Hadleigh/Ipswich.
- b. The proposed access into the field from the development be closed
- c. That an addition is written into the Management Agreement for regular monitoring of the drainage systems
- d. that the new road to be adopted by County Highways..

Note: County Highways maintain that he current proposal does not give enough detail to confirm that an acceptable drainage scheme can be provided for the proposed roads to be adopted as public highway and that whilst the development is providing a new footway on the south side of Sand Hill, the proposed site plan appears to show no separate footway adjacent to the layby resulting in pedestrians walking where vehicles will be manoeuvring. This is considered unsatisfactory and a separate footway should be provided.

The **County Council** require the developer to contribute £73,086 towards providing additional primary school facilities for the development and £5,250.00 to enable the widening of a section of the bridleway to 3 metres, which is currently very narrow, and to surface with hogging to provide adequate provision for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.

It is anticipated that sometime later in the year the sustainable drainage provisions within the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 will be implemented, requiring developments to seek drainage approval from the county council and/or its agent alongside planning consent. At this time, the county council and/or its agent will be expected to adopt and maintain Sustainable Approval Body approved systems for more than one property and a mechanism for funding this ongoing maintenance is expected to be introduced by the Government.

The developers Icen Homes have incorporated many of the improvements in answer to the key objections of the Suffolk Design Review Panel. It is however unfortunate that they have chosen not to attend an open meeting where they could have had the opportunity to discuss concerns of some of the villagers.

The plans still require the approval of Babergh District council and in the event that they be turned down the developers can appeal to the Government Inspector when approval would almost certainly to be given. In response to comments published in the Free Press by 'Your Boxford' representing residents most affected by the new development, please see below a statement from Michael Norman – Chairman of Boxford Parish Council.

"The Parish Council listened to all the views for and against the scheme. We ensured the new plans were shared with the village at the earliest opportunity and felt considerable improvement had been made as a result of feedback. We had before us a viable and improved scheme to help meet the housing need of Boxford people and voted unanimously to support the new scheme. This Council has worked tirelessly to bring about improvement to the letting system to ensure local people get the opportunity to bid for suitable homes. Previous schemes have helped sustain village life and if approved this will be no exception. The final decision rests with Babergh Planning Committee and regardless of the outcome the Parish Council will continue to work to reduce the risk of flooding."

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Readers Letters

Sir

Thank You' to all at The Fleece, everyone who baked cakes, helped and came to the Charity Coffee morning on 18th, September. The few remaining cakes were sold at the end of the day at Kersey Primary School, resulting in a grand total of £700 for Macmillan Cancer Care & Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Rachael Rogers Boxford

Sir

Thank you to everyone who bought bracelets from our stall in the village during the summer holiday. We raised £60 and this has been sent to Pancreatic Cancer UK. Thank you to Abigail & Frank for helping!

Ella Rogers

Sir

Ward Baker Chairman Boxford Community Council

I certainly could not let Saturday night's Boxford Fireworks go without passing on my congratulations to Ward on behalf of all of us who enjoyed it so much. It was a courageous move by him personally to take on the return of a fireworks display in the village after an absence of eight years. He has every right to be extremely proud of the result.

I have been told how he led the detailed planning from the outset and successfully wrestled with all the latest statutory requirements to produce all the necessary approvals and licenses that ensured a properly directed and safe evening for residents and visitors of all ages. He also led a large team of Community Council members and volunteers to bring back a traditional Boxford family occasion for which we have an enviable reputation and of which we can be justly proud. He would be the first to point to those who played a full part in selling tickets, looking after the finance, putting up the tents and arena fences, marshalling the crowds, running the barbecue, the bar, the sweets and candy floss and the tea and cakes stalls, securing the area, providing lights and electrics to mention only some of the contributions. Mark Miller's idea to encourage and teach the making of lanterns was an inspirational addition to the fireworks and he does deserve a special mention for his efforts as does Wards wife karen.

Many will have thanked him personally but on behalf of Boxford Parish Council I express the gratitude of all of us for his leadership of a very special event.

Michael Norman

Chairman Boxford Parish Council

Sir

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ward Baker and his tremendous band of volunteers for getting back the Boxford Fireworks in 2014. It was an amazing display, well organised and well supported.

Let us hope this can now be one annual event that it used to be

Veronica Hobbs and family Boxford

Sir

Box River News October 2014

We read with interest your editorial "Boxford Society Summer Visit".

It was reported that there is no other company in the UK capable of such work as carried out at The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company.

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Jackie Longman W H Collier Limited

Sir

I would like to wish all my friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best wishes from

Masie Tricker

PS I will be giving a donation to 3PR instead of sending cards

Dear Mrs Thurlow, (copy of a letter sent)

Unavailable planning pages on Babergh council website

I refer to your letter dated 16 October 2014 (received 20th October) advising me of the receipt by the council of a revised planning application, No. B/14/01259/FUL, for permission to erect 25 houses (20 affordable and 5 market) on land east of Boxford Court, Sand Hill Boxford.

Your letter directs me to <http://planning.babergh.gov.uk> where I am informed that details of the application are available for inspection online. I have now attempted several times this week to access the application papers, but each time without success. When attempting to do so using Internet Explorer I was informed that the documents were not available. When attempting to do so a few minutes ago using Google Chrome, I got the message "This webpage is not available."

I trust that you will agree that this situation is most unsatisfactory and not acceptable. Until recently Babergh's website planning pages were 'user-friendly' and enabled searches to be carried out by parish for several years back. That appears to be no longer possible - certainly not with ease.

It appears that the current problems are the result of the council seeking to merge its services with Mid Suffolk DC, despite Babergh residents having voted against the proposed merger of the two councils in the referendum. While saving costs by sharing services may be laudable, plainly it should not be done at the expense of worsening the service to residents and council taxpayers.

Accordingly, please confirm (i) that the original Babergh planning website pages have been restored (or will be by the end of next week) and (ii) that the period for commenting on application B/14/01259 will be extended until at least 21 days after the application papers are readily accessible online and available for downloading.

By way of warning of the consequences for the council (including costs consequences) if planning application papers are not properly and timeously made available for members of the public to view, I refer you to the attached judgement, handed down yesterday, of Mr Justice Cranston in the case of *R (Joicey) v Northumberland County Council* [2014] EWHC 3657 (Admin). See, in particular, paragraphs 45 and 47.

You will note that in view of the public interest, both in the particular planning application and in the current issues with the website, I am copying this e-mail for information to Cllr Hurren and to the local press.

Kind regards, *David Lamming* Boxford

Sir

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has saved their used stamps for me throughout the year. Also the staff at Boxford Post Office for having the collection box in store. I will still be collecting stamps in 2015 but in aid of St Elizabeth's Hospice, so would be grateful for your continued support

Yours Sincerely *C Boon* Hadleigh

Sir

Ann and Ken King would like to thank all the kind people in the village and elsewhere who kindly sent us cards on our 70th wedding anniversary, for visits from family and friends and for the phone calls of good wishes to our daughter who worked so hard for weeks to give us both such a wonderful weekend, it meant so much to us. Thanks also go to Chris, Richard, Kati, Jessica, Grace, Ella, Elaine, Linda, Betty, Kath and Steve who worked tirelessly on Saturday 25th October, the day of our party.

To Richard and Kati who hosted a surprise BBQ on Sunday 26th October at their home for us and the family, Kati thank you so much for the lovely anniversary cake you made for us. Victor thank you for your kind words that you said about us, they took us back to the days gone by.

A big big thank you to everyone who made a donation to EACH (East Anglia Treehouse Ipswich) a grand total of £565.80 was raised for a very worthy cause, monies have now been sent and your generosity has been much appreciated by us both.

Thanks go to the Box River News editor, Eddie Kench for the gift of a framed wedding photo, that was really kind.

To everyone who celebrated the occasion with us, a special thank you for giving us a weekend we will never forget.

All our love *Ann and Ken King* Homefield, Boxford

Sir

I would like to thank the Chairman, Bob Bowdidge and my fellow trustees for the beautiful flowers on the occasion of my retirement as Secretary to the Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust after a very enjoyable 20 years. A big thanks also to Rhona Kelsey, the incoming Secretary, for the glorious cake she made. I will continue as a trustee and hope that our new Secretary will enjoy the help and encouragement that I have always received from fellow trustees.

Many thanks, *Margaret Kent*

Box River Benefice, directory of clubs & Organisations

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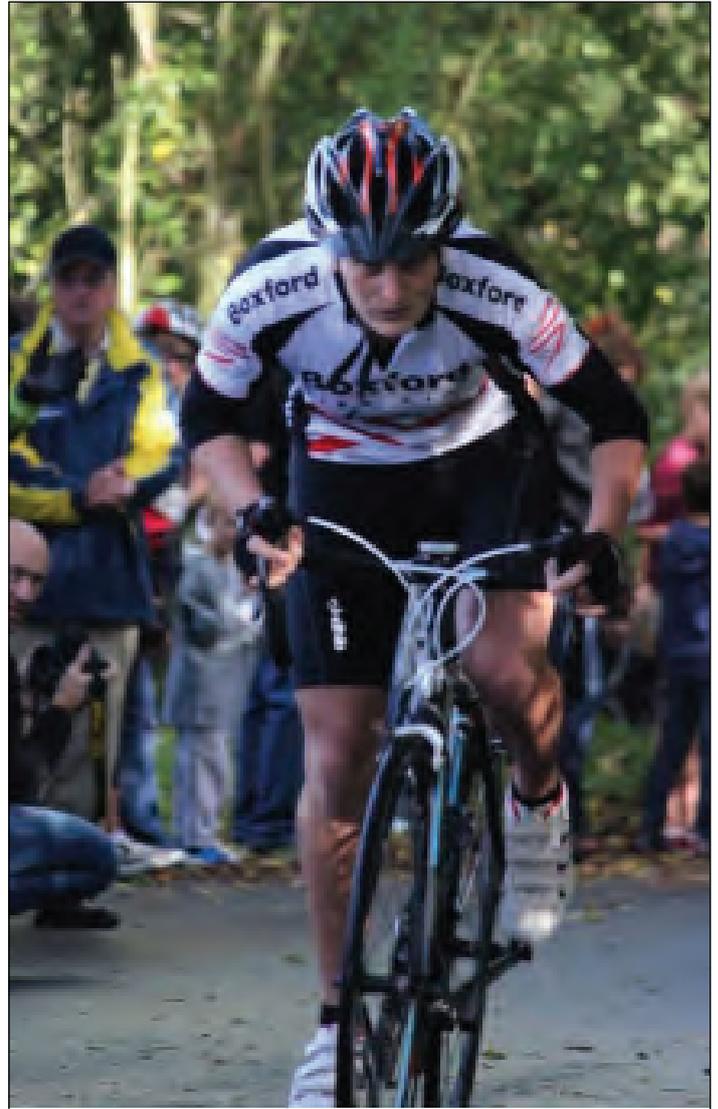
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BOXFORD BIKE CLUB HAS A HILL-CLIMB WINNER!

Five Boxford Bike Club members competed in the annual Cycle Club of Sudbury hill climb time trial ridden up Watson's Hill at Semer. The short uphill course, which rises to 11% steepness in some places, takes around a minute to climb. Conditions were far from perfect as the road was wet and there was a strong head wind at the top. Cycle Club Sudbury had done a brilliant job in organising the event and indeed, in sweeping the closed road for the riders. Riders went off in one minute intervals from a standing start at the bottom. They were then faced with a large crowd cheering them on from the side of the course, all the way up the hill.

There was a record 76 entrants to the event this year which also incorporated the district championships. The event had also attracted a few local professional male and female riders vying for a share of the prizes.

In the men's competition Matthew Shinn improved his last year's time by 2 seconds coming in at 1.00.2 minutes. This was followed by Chris Steward at 1.01.5, Jamie Lones at 1.04.5 and Steve Norman at 1.05.2. The



male event was won by Frank Longstaff a 15 year old, juvenile rider who completed the course in an amazing 46 seconds!

The highlight of the morning was undoubtedly the ride by Boxford's own Samantha Segger, who managed to climb Watson's Hill in an amazing 59 seconds (the fastest women's time for at least the last 5 years!) This time beat her nearest female rival by 4 seconds and professional rider Tanya Griffiths by 6 seconds, winning her the competition! Sam was only 2.4 seconds off the course record for women held by none other than Olympic multiple gold medallist Victoria Pendleton! It was a brilliant effort by Sam who has only been riding for a few months.

ROVERS AT OBH

On Sunday 9th November the U13 Girls and U11 Boys Boxford Rovers' teams were invited to play at Old Buckenham Hall School for a morning of "friendlys". It was a pleasure to see so many boys and girls enjoying the new OBH Astro facilities and playing the game in the right spirit.

The conditions were perfect, with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment. The matches were keenly contested with both sides working hard. For the OBH girls it was their first match and their individual skills improved throughout the match with both sides playing some fast flowing football at times.

A great morning of football and our thanks to Old Buckenham Hall for hosting the matches. Any children aged between 5 and 18 years who are interested in playing football with



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