

# Box River News

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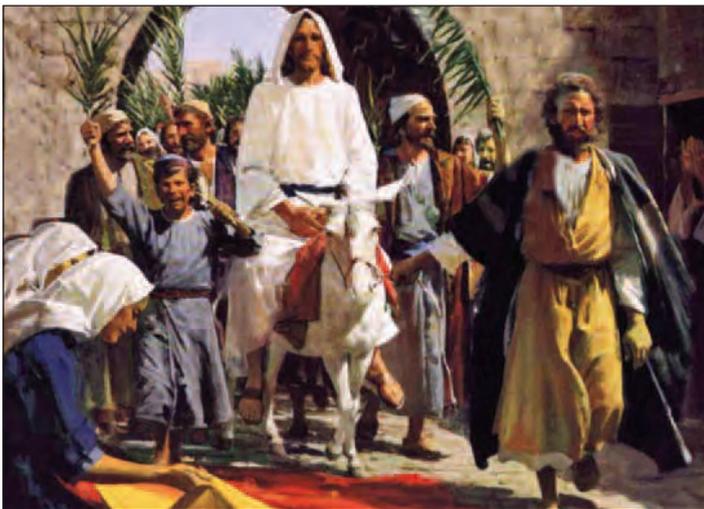
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## A DONKEY THROUGH TEMPLE BAR



*Above: Temple Bar was built as a gateway to the Edwardstone Estate. It is believed to have been modelled on the traditional western entrance to the City of London designed by Christopher Wren.*

**“I’m holding the front page for you... !”** Daunting words from the Editor to your Priest in Charge, more used to a modest place on page three. Since the BRN comes out before the end of March, he kindly invited me to pass on to you the exciting news that, on Palm Sunday, 29th March, our very own local re-enactment of Jesus’ procession through the Jerusalem gate will take place at Temple Bar, the great brick archway at Edwardstone, complete with donkey! Do come along and bring the family in good time to park at church first, then walk back to Temple Bar ready to start the procession at 10 am. (Those unable to walk the long drive, please meet us at church for the Five Villages Service which follows.)



Sunday, March 27, 33 AD, Jesus made a bold entrance into Jerusalem. This step was taken deliberately, with every consideration for the consequences. Prior to this moment, Jesus had refused to allow any public acknowledgement as his being the Messiah and thus avoided intensifying any conflict with the Jewish religious authorities. But, the time was at hand and his opponents fully understood the strong messianic implications of the manner of his entry into Jerusalem. His riding upon a colt, the garments and palm branches in his path and the shouts of the Passover pilgrims all pointed to Jesus as the Messiah.

## BOXFORD STORES SALE COMPLETED

At long last the sale of the Boxford Stores has been completed and the new owner, Lawrence Motts and his young family are expecting to move in soon to make this historical house a home and become a part of the Boxford Community.

Lawrence has committed to working towards finding a tenant for the Shop and Post Office in the hope that this essential service can continue to be maintained for the benefit of the villages. He had no part in the recent closure of the shop and sale of its contents, this being entirely the responsibility of the Vendors and their Solicitors.

Lawrence, his partner Lisa and their three children, aged six to ten, are looking forward to getting to know the people of Boxford.

“We both come from a village background and like the way of life in a small community. We’d like to thank the villagers for their efforts in keeping the shop open until a new tenant can be found. It was really needed and appreciated,” said Lawrence.

“We’re an ordinary, young family so the renovation process will be a long, slow and careful one but we’d like to reassure the community that we will be working with Babergh’s conservation officer to ensure it is done sympathetically.”

The support for the Community Councils appeal to save our Post Office has been great and sufficient has been raised to meet rental costs for the next two months. However it could well take longer than that to find a new Tenant and complete all the formalities.

## ANTIQUE SHOP OPENS IN BROAD ST

Helen Miles has opened Country House Antiques in Broad St Boxford on 7th March. She has been dealing in antiques for a considerable time, buying and selling early 20th century pictures and 19th century decorative items.

Helen buys what attracts her and enjoys getting up early and travelling, some times some distance to find original and desirable pieces to sell. Items in the shop will be selling from £15 - £500 and she hopes people will be able to find something in her shop for their home, garden or as a gift.

Country House Antiques will be open Thursday to Saturday 10.00 - 4.30 pm. 2 Broad Street, Boxford, Telephone 210258 or 07899 835409



## Box River News

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# THANK YOU

Tea party to say "thank you" to the staff of our village shops.



On Saturday 28th February more than 100 villagers met at the Village Hall to give a big, community "thank you" to more than 30 past and present staff from our village shops. We were pleased that so many of those staff were able to meet us in a happy, convivial atmosphere over tea and delicious cakes, home-made in Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone.

Ward Baker, Chairman of the Community Council, gave a short speech welcoming everyone. He praised the service we have had over many years from the staff of all of our shops. It is very sad that two have closed altogether, for Boxford's shops have always been a cheerful place to buy, meet others informally and exchange news. The shops and the staff are greatly missed. The dedication of so many people has been invaluable and two persons present have given more than 50 year's service each! (One at the Village Stores and the other at the Butcher's.)

However, we were reminded that our Butcher, Post Office and Village Shop are still very much open and need our custom and support. The Post Office is guaranteed in its present location until the end of March and the fund raising jointly arranged with contributions from the Boxford Parish and Community Councils is going well. These funds are vital to cover the considerable extra costs incurred in rent and solicitor's fees to keep the Post Office there for now and Ward asked us all to go on giving our support in whatever way we can.

Ward welcomed the new owners to the village shop, Kunal and Komal

Odedra, who were unable to be present because of their commitments. He thanked them and wished them well in their venture.

Ward then thanked Tina Loose and her team from the Boxford Society for organising the afternoon and the many other friends who had helped and contributed the amazing variety of cakes. The attractively laid out tables covered in pretty cloths with flowers and sumptuous cakes showed how much effort had been made to welcome our guests. The remaining cakes at the end of the afternoon were offered for sale and £78 was raised to help support the Post Office in its location for now.



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## FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

**Friday 3 April 8.00 £18**

**Liane Carroll, Solo**

"Deeply soulful, wonderfully honest" The Times.

"Utterly brilliant" Time Out

"Highly recommended ... I love it" Michael Parkinson

"The real thing" Sholto Byrnes, Independent on Sunday  
Liane Carroll vocals and piano. What a joy it is to welcome Liane again. It is not just the list of awards she has been given, or the fine and accurate reviews of her work that we love her. She is a true original. And she is great fun.

"Some musicians are talented, some brilliant and a few just seem to be made of music. Liane Carroll is one of these. Every phrase she sings sounds unstudied, fresh and somehow inevitable. It is best to experience her in person" - Dave Gelly

**Friday, 10 April 8.00, Ticket £15**

**Chris Ingham Quartet - Celebrating Hoagy**

A Sophisticated tribute to a master. Chris Ingham piano, Paul Higgs trumpet, Andrew Brown bass, George Double drums  
Sold out at Ronnie Scotts in October 2014 and a top ten album of 2014 in the Sunday Time, Chris Ingham's Celebrating Hoagy is packed with songs and stories of one of America's most enduring and endearing songwriters. Wry, wise, sentimental, down-home and sophisticated,

All four members of tonight's band have graced our modest stage on numerous occasions and it is with great pleasure we welcome them all for what we are sure will be a truly memorable night.

**Friday, 17 April, 8.00, Ticket £16**

**Bryan Corbett Quartet**

Highly regarded both nationally and internationally, this multi award winning musician brings his acclaimed quartet back to Fleece Jazz by popular demand. Bryan Corbett trumpet/flugel, Al Gurr keyboards, Neil Bullock drums and Ben Markland bass. Bryan made his initial impact in classic hard bop mould but then branched out into a more contemporary sound and feel on his 2003 album "Corbenova" This took jazz to a younger audience, one of Bryan's biggest aims and one we share, although I must stress Fleece Jazz welcomes young and old alike and our audience has included a nine and a ninety year old!

**Friday, 24 April 8.00, £22**

**Kyle Eastwood**

With considerable charm and unassuming excellence, composer, performer, arranger Kyle demonstrates his monster bass chops. Kyle Eastwood bass, Andrew McCormack piano, Quentin Collins trumpet, Brandon Allen sax, Chris Higginbottom drums. This gig will start at 8:30pm, not our usual 8:00pm. In demand bassist Kyle Eastwood makes a welcome return to Fleece Jazz. Kyle has very much made his mark as a performer, composer and arranger and his many screen credits as composer include Mystic River, Million Dollar Baby, Gran Torino & Invictus and as arranger, Flags of our Fathers and Changeling. Kyle has also appeared onscreen in several Hollywood productions.

He brings a truly starry band who all showcase their equally impressive talents.

**Friday 19 June 7.45pm £10 to £17**

**Clare Teal at The New Wolsey Theatre**

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

**01787 211865**

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Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

## THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

### Grave or glory?

If you read my letters each month, you will know by now that we are trying, in all kinds of ways, to explore and discover different ways of “being church” across our five communities. We don’t believe that there should only be one way to worship, the traditional way, with everyone sitting in pews and passively listening. God has made us individuals, with a great variety of gifts and skills and needs, and we want to find new ways of allowing those needs to be met and those gifts and skills to be expressed and to flourish.

“Café Church” is one of the ways in which we are exploring a freer, more informal kind of gathering, where we can learn about and enjoy the Christian faith in a relaxed way together. We have also held two “Reflective Services” at Little Waldingfield and Groton, sitting comfortably “in the round”, instead of in rows, and enjoying poetry – funny, serious, reflective – and music – modern and classical, together with some stillness and spiritual reflection. The themes we have taken so far are, “Love – human and divine” and “Pilgrimage – our journey through life”.



For the Pilgrimage theme, Pauline Lamming had created a wonderful winding pathway, using stones, pebbles and candles to represent our journey through life. At the start of the path, a tiny pair of baby booties reminded us of our coming into the world.

Some stones were rough and jagged – the tough times we face. Some of the pebbles were colourful and shiny – the times when life is bright and good. The small, lit candles all along the way, a reminder of the presence God who walks with us along life’s path, and also of the companions – friends, colleagues, family – who each shed their particular light on our journey. As the hymn says, “I will hold the Christ-light for you.”

I have to admit, of course, that I fell into the trap of misreading one of the symbols, though! At the very end of the path was a vase of golden daffodils. Ah, I said, they must be the flowers that people put on a grave – the last stage for all of us in life’s journey...

I was soon corrected though... Not at all, they don’t symbolise the grave, they symbolise the glory! Not the end of life, but the beginning of a new life – the glory and beauty that awaits us, as we pass through the gate of death and find ourselves surrounded by the light and love of God.

Holy Week and Easter are coming into view, now, and they mark the journey of the One who walked our human pathway some 2000 years ago, so that we can now journey with him all our life through. Please join us at our different services, as we travel the road of life together. And remember, the Easter promise is that, at the end of the road, our path leads us, finally, not to daffodils on a grave, but to a gate that opens to glory. My favourite writer, David Adam, puts it like this:

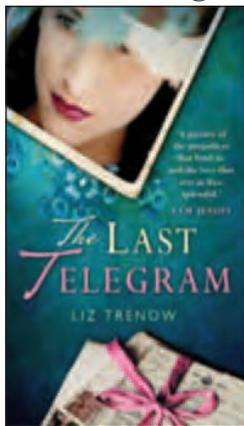
“Where does the journey end?  
Beyond where you can see.  
Where do the years end?  
That’s unknown to you or me?  
Where does life end?  
In love and eternity.

Blessings, Revd Judith



## THIS MONTH’S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

### The Last Telegram by Liz Trenow



Liz Trenow, after a career in journalism, has turned to novel writing. Her first book, ‘The Last Telegram’, was inspired by her family’s three hundred year history in silk weaving. She had grown up next to Stephen Walters’ silk mill in Sudbury and had listened to her father’s stories about the mill in the Second World War. Mixing fact with fiction she has created a fascinating novel.

The book revolves around a young woman called Lily Verner, whose family owns Verner’s Silk Mill. Another World War is approaching. Lily starts her apprenticeship by learning to operate a loom, weaving silk for parachutes. There is no margin for error – one mistake in the weave could cause the death of a pilot. On the next loom is Stefan, a fellow worker with a very different past. He is Jewish and has just arrived from Germany on the kindertransport and has been offered work at the mill. The story follows the developing relationship between Lily and Stefan and we also learn about the workings of a silk mill in war-time. But as the war intensifies, Stefan, a skilled linguist, feels compelled to move on to a more active and dangerous assignment with unpredictable outcomes.



I enjoyed this book very much and wondered if I could visit the mill to see where Lily and Stefan had laboured night and day producing all that parachute silk. When I was advised that the mill is unable to offer tours, I managed to make contact with Liz Trenow who has agreed to give a lecture on her family’s involvement in silk weaving in Sudbury to The Boxford Study Centre. This will take place at Edwardstone Village Hall at 2.30 on Tuesday 21st April, and you are all most welcome. See the poster advertising this event in this edition of the BRN.

The kindertransport memorial at Liverpool Street Station.

The Boxford Study Centre presents

### An afternoon with Liz Trenow

Liz Trenow, author of ‘The Last Telegram’, worked for many years as a journalist for national and regional newspapers, and for BBC radio and television news, and is now a full time writer. She visits Boxford Study Centre to talk about her family’s three hundred year involvement in the silk industry.

Place: Edwardstone Village Hall

Date: Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 2:30pm

Cost: £8

Everybody welcome.

Come and enjoy tea and biscuits after the lecture.



### Remember

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Just go to [boxfordvillagehall.co.uk](http://boxfordvillagehall.co.uk) and click on the BRN icon. The Newsletter is usually available about two days after the published press date. [ed.kench@btinternet.com](mailto:ed.kench@btinternet.com)



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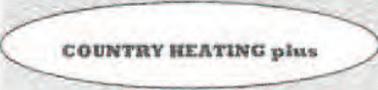
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## NATIONAL AWARD FOR SUFFOLK MEDICAL CLINIC

SUFFOLK MEDICAL CLINIC IN BOXFORD WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE

Suffolk Medical Clinic in Boxford are celebrating this week after being recognised above other far larger clinics with a prestigious National award for excellent customer service by private healthcare search engine, WhatClinic.com, based on feedback by customers over a twelve month period.

WhatClinic.com awarded the top clinics across the country for excellent customer service, superior satisfaction and consumer feedback. Customers rated clinics based on how well the clinic treated them, how quickly they were contacted and seen and how happy they were with the treatment.

Suffolk Medical Clinic was honoured with the award due to their fantastic customer feedback and a constant drive to better patient experience.

Clinic co-owner Dr. Anthony O'Neill said today: "We are delighted to be recognised for our commitment to customer service. As a practice, it is something we focus on in everything we do and to receive such positive feedback from our patients is the best accolade we could receive".

WhatClinic.com CEO Caelen King congratulated Dr. O'Neill and his wife and business partner Jenny telling them: "It's the customers who select our winners, by their clinic ratings and the feedback they leave about service and experience. We believe that empowering the patient with accurate information is the future of a successful healthcare market. With these awards we honour clinics that are dedicated to the highest level of customer care and consistently putting the needs of the patient first."



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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 9pm

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Llamas"

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Food is served:

Tuesday - Saturday : 12 - 3pm & 6 - 9pm

Sunday: 12 - 4pm

Call us now on

01787 211183 to book.

### Easter is coming!

We have lots planned over Easter with live Saturday night music with a fantastic acoustic guitarist, and a Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday with a Bouncy castle and Easter egg hunt.

### B&B Room - Open

Friends or family visiting? Then why not suggest they stay in our lovely new B&B room. The characterful double and en-suite room is the perfect place to relax whilst staying in beautiful Boxford

### The Fleece

Walkers & well behaved dogs welcome, so come in from the cold and soak up the atmosphere with fantastic food & drink by our wood burning fires.

Our Guild Room is available all year for birthday's, wedding receptions etc.

### Live Music - FleeceFolk



Kris Drever & Boo Hewardine. Live Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Tickets available online now.

Kieran Goss. Live Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Tickets available online now.

Tickets & info - [www.boxfordfleece.com](http://www.boxfordfleece.com)

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# Boxford School News

Some years ago I met up with an ex-parent who told me how much he enjoyed reading the school news items in this publication. He went on to tell me that because I often made reference to what I saw as ridiculous education policies my column was referred to in his household as Rob's Rant! With this in mind I decided to try to avoid 'ranting' and to make my contributions a positive look at what is happening at Boxford School. I hope that I have been able to stick to that but I am afraid such is my despair with education policy I am going to relapse for just one issue.

The recent debate surrounding the learning of tables in the media has caused quite a stir and if I had any doubts about my decision to retire at the end of this year they have been completely dispelled. Please don't misunderstand me, at Boxford we teach tables thoroughly and if you look on our website you will see a list of pupils who have successfully learned all of their tables. We also reward children with a range of certificates and ultimately a traditional geometry set if they learn all of their tables. Most of our children successfully complete this challenge and we would certainly expect this to be the case but for some children with learning difficulties the memorising of tables is very difficult and to threaten school leaders with severe sanctions, if 100% of children do not leave primary school knowing all of their tables is, quite frankly, madness. Who would be a Head these days? Incidentally when asked to answer a simple tables question the education secretary declined to answer!

On a more positive note last week a team of our pupils attended the Sudbury and District Hockey tournament finishing a very creditable second. The children played exceptionally well and despite dominating much of the final game they narrowly lost to a very strong Nayland side who scored with less than with 30 seconds of extra time remaining. There is a picture of the team on our website under the School Events and Activities tab.



Whilst on the sporting theme, our Year 4 and 5 pupils who have been involved with the Boys in Babergh initiative are making final preparations for their performance at Dance East this weekend. The boys have been working very hard and are very much looking forward to performing their dance to a live audience this Saturday.

Finally I am delighted to be able to announce that from September Boxford will have a new Headteacher. At a time when Headteacher recruitment seems to be at an all-time low the Governors were delighted to be able to appoint Mr Toby Barkworth-Knight to the post. Toby, who has a house in the Boxford area, is currently working in a British overseas school on the Turks and Caicos Islands as a Vice Principle. He is very much looking forward to returning to this area and becoming part of this wonderful community.



Toby Barkworth-Knight

## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### > SCC freezes council tax for fifth year in a row

SCC's share of council tax is to be frozen for a fifth year in a row. This means that Suffolk residents will not pay any more than they did in 2010/11. The council has successfully delivered savings in excess of £130m over the last four years. However, with the government's deficit reduction programme set to continue until at least 2018/19, there is a forecast of a further £120m budget shortfall that will need to be addressed over the next three years. The Council tax freeze was agreed as part of the budget proposals for 2015/16, which include savings of £38.2million, to be made across services delivered by the council during the financial year 2015/16. The bulk of these savings (£24.6m) will be delivered through wide-ranging transformation programmes which will result in the council becoming a leaner and more focused organisation. The remaining savings will be made by reducing previous contingency budgets, set aside for major projects and change management as well as making other budgetary savings from within service areas. Meanwhile, over the last five years, there has been a reduction of around 47% in workforce numbers across council services

### > Changes to children's centres get green light

Children's centre services in nine areas across Suffolk will be made more accessible for those most in need. A review of children's centres in Suffolk, including a wide-ranging public consultation, was concluded earlier this year. It recommended that services in nine children's centres be moved from their existing locations to different settings, either using other local community facilities or neighbouring children's centres. There would also be additional outreach work included, to ensure that our excellent children's centre services really get to those most in need of them. At the same time, the changes would allow the council to dispense with buildings that were either too expensive or not fit for purpose and so save money for the Suffolk tax payer. The decision, which was confirmed at the last meeting of SCC's cabinet on 24th February 2015, will save up to £265,000, thus putting the services on a more sustainable footing.

### > Applications invited for the Leading Lives Benefit Fund

Applications are currently being encouraged for the Leading Lives Community Benefit Fund for 2015. Leading Lives is a Suffolk-based social enterprise, formerly part of SCC, which provides support for a wide range of people. This year, they are awarding grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to Suffolk-based charities and community groups who support people with learning disabilities, older people with dementia, people with autism, young people in transition and family carers. This year's fund has been doubled in value to £30,000 to enable larger grants to be awarded and more projects to be supported. The fund has been set up to further Leading Lives overall vision to enable vulnerable people to lead the life they choose. The fund will support projects that allow vulnerable people to live more independently, to gain new skills, to stay safe and to participate in the life of their communities. Criteria for funding and an application can be found on our website [www.leadinglives.org.uk](http://www.leadinglives.org.uk). Please share this information with organisations and individuals who you believe may be interested in applying.

### > Suffolk County Council service for children and young people

**tops national awards.** The Suffolk County Inclusive Resource has won a national award in recognition of its approach in supporting children and young people with autism within mainstream schools in the county.

Picking up the award for Inspirational Education Provision at the National Autistic Society's Autism Professionals Awards 2015, Jan Welsh, Peripatetic Head Teacher at Suffolk's County Inclusive Resource said: "I have the privilege of working with an inspirational group of talented staff who are passionate about what they do, and it is fantastic that their work has been recognised. The award is also about the many amazing Suffolk school staff that work so positively in partnership with us to ensure that the children and young people are well supported. Ultimately, the award is about the very special group of children and young people in Suffolk, and it is an honour to work with them on a daily basis."

Autism is a spectrum condition which affects each person differently and requires a range of education provision, including mainstream schools, mainstream schools with SEN units and specialist schools. The role of the County Inclusive Resource is to support children with autism attending mainstream schools in Suffolk, ensuring they are taught in an inclusive environment which helps them to reach their full potential. The team offers an extensive range of training for school staff and provides advice and guidance on supporting individual students. To find out more information about the Awards please visit [www.autismprofessionalsawards.org.uk](http://www.autismprofessionalsawards.org.uk).

# Haunted



What would you do if your dinner party had an uninvited guest – a guest who died two hundred years ago and had chosen this night to unleash hell? What if you tried to escape but discovered the house would not let you leave?

That is the horror let loose on Mark and his wife Kate, who thought they had bought their dream cottage, and their friends Bill and Louise who arrive to celebrate Mark's birthday and instead find themselves in a battle for survival against an unspeakable evil, and a struggle to help free a lost soul.

As the tale unfolded in the style of such terrifying classics as *The Woman in Black* and *Turn of the Screw*, we experienced shock upon shock, and were chilled to the bone, and witnessed a violent end to a story that started with a birthday celebration and finished with a scene of horror bathed in blood.

These were the words used by the Boxford Drama Group to describe their latest production and how true they were. It was not more than a few minutes into the play that I involuntarily rose from my seat in fear and my wife spilt her wine. The tension was maintained throughout the play with amazing lighting and sound effects.

We had dared to go to see *Haunted* on Friday the 13th with a sell out audience. *Haunted*, was written by Michael Munn and directed and produced by Jane Lindekam, a brilliant script and superb production.

The great cast had the author in the role of Bill, one of the guests with Alison Barlow as his wife, Louise. The hosts, Kate and Mark played by Elaine and Will Carpenter had no problem playing husband and wife in all their moods! And Emily Barlow made a scary Mary the Ghost. I do not normally pick out what I consider to have been an outstanding performance but on this occasion I believe that Elaine Carpenter warrants a special mention, her performance was outstanding which is to be expected from one of the BDG's most loyal members. One of the best from the B.D.G.



## THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MONASTERIES Pip Wright



Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Pip Wright back to the Parish Room once again. As anticipated, the packed Parish Room was enthralled with his account of the dissolution of the monasteries and with the nuggets of information he always manages to unearth.

He began by telling us there were around 800 religious houses in England during the 15th/16th centuries, some 260 for monks, 300 for regular canons, 142 nunneries and 183 friaries - before advising us that nearly 10% of these surprisingly were in Suffolk! He then noted that the dissolution of the monasteries everyone associates with Henry VIII around 1540 was actually the second dissolution as royal action to suppress religious houses then had a history stretching back more than 200 years against so called 'Alien Priors'.

After the Norman Conquest many French religious orders held substantial property through daughter monasteries in England; some were merely agricultural estates with a single foreign monk in residence but others were rich foundations in their own right (e.g. Lewes Priory was a daughter priory answerable to the abbot of Cluny monastery). Arising from the near constant state of war between England and France in the Late Middle Ages, successive English governments objected to money going overseas (as the French king might get hold of it), they also objected to foreign prelates having jurisdiction over English monasteries. King's officers first sequestered assets of Alien Priors from 1295-1303 under Edward I, which then continued to happen for long periods during the course of the 14th century, particularly in the reign of Edward III. Pip told us that pretty much everyone in society had issues with how religious orders other than churches were run, primarily because of the ostentatious wealth and lavish entertaining that was going on. This was particularly of landowners and wealthy merchants, in the hope they would subsequently bequeath assets to the order to gain speedy passage through purgatory - an intermediate state after physical death through which those destined for heaven underwent 'purification' to achieve the holiness necessary to enter heaven. It seems that monasteries with as few as 10 or 12 monks could have up to 35 or so 'servants', creating a most unfavourable impression when monks were seen to be enjoying a lifestyle felt to be completely at odds with religious beliefs.

Alien Priors with functioning communities were forced to pay large sums to the king; those that were mere estates were confiscated and run by royal officers, with proceeds going to the king's pocket (a valuable source of income for the Crown in its wars against the French). Larger priories were often allowed to naturalise, by buying a special legal recognition from the king to become 'native' religious houses; however, for around ninety smaller houses their fates were sealed when Henry V dissolved them by act of Parliament in 1414.

When Henry VIII failed to receive a declaration of nullity regarding his marriage from the Pope, he declared himself Supreme Head of the Church in England (in February 1531), instigating a programme of legislation to establish his Royal Supremacy in law. We then heard that in 1534, Thomas Cromwell undertook an inventory of the endowments, liabilities and income of the entire ecclesiastical estate of England and Wales (the Valor Ecclesiasticus), including monasteries, on behalf of Henry to assess the Church's taxable value; Pip advised that larger monasteries could have an income of around £2,000, which equates to millions in today's money.

Henry also had Cromwell "visit" all monasteries to purify them in their religious life and to instruct them in their duty to obey him and to reject

Papal authority. Although an objective assessment of monastic observance in the 1530s would have been largely negative, Cromwell did not leave matters to chance - the timetable was tight and inquiries concentrated on gross faults and laxity. Where reports of misbehaviour returned by 'visitors' can be checked against other sources, they appear to have been greatly exaggerated, often recalling events and scandals from years before; also, from correspondence with Cromwell it seems that visitors knew that findings of impropriety were both expected and desired - they put the worst construction possible on whatever they were told, though do not appear to have fabricated allegations of wrongdoing.

Everyone had a fantastic evening, hearing an incredible story from a most gifted and natural narrator who both knows his stuff and puts it across in so entertaining a manner. We also learnt one fact that we are sure to remember for all times - Pip told us that Friar Tuck, of Robin Hood fame, could never have existed because there were no Friars in England at the time of Richard the Lionheart, when the stories were set - another myth dashed then!

Our next event will be on 18th March at 7.30 in The Parish Room Little Waldingfield, when James Hayward will regale us with his talk on 'The Ship of Dreams' - the story of East Anglians caught up in the most famous maritime disaster in history.

A lawyer by profession, James was educated at Ipswich and St. John's College Oxford; he has long been involved in the performing arts and when working on a Broadway production of the musical Titanic, his fascination with the "Ship of dreams" developed and led him to research the stories of the passengers and crew with local connections.

The story of the Titanic continues to enthral audiences and this talk, with its emphasis on personal stories and tragedies, should truly capture the imagination and enable guests to re-live the spirit of the times and the sometimes gung ho enthusiasm that anything was possible.

We look forward to welcoming guests new and old to the Parish Room for what is sure to be a fascinating evenings entertainment.

*Andy Sheppard*

### Remember

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Just go to [boxfordvillagehall.co.uk](http://boxfordvillagehall.co.uk) and click on the BRN icon. The Newsletter is usually available about two days after the published press date. [ed.kench@btinternet.com](mailto:ed.kench@btinternet.com)



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# THE FRIENDLY INVASION



On the evening of 7th March, at Groton Village Hall, 44 of us were treated to a riveting lecture about 'The Friendly Invasion' by Clive Stevens. In his presentation, illustrated

with some amazing photographs, Clive told us the story of the American Eighth Air Force, from its arrival in England in 1942 to Victory in Europe in 1945. The operation to build the hundreds of airfields, control towers, and all the necessary buildings was the largest civil engineering task ever undertaken in the UK before or since. It transformed East Anglia into a noisy, bustling war-zone, with aircraft constantly taking off, circling overhead and all too frequently crash-landing on return from their bombing raids. The villages were filled with new faces; off-duty American soldiers and airman, and our lanes were dominated by military vehicles delivering fuel and supplies.

Clive also took a look at the American airfields of Suffolk and Norfolk now, seventy years after they fell silent, after the bombers and the fighters, those that survived, went home. Now all that remains are runways cracked with age, the occasional hanger and Nissen hut, and poignant roadside memorials to honour some of the 26000 American airmen who perished in those three years.

In raising £200 for Groton Church, Pat Kennedy Scott did a wonderful job in finding such an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker and she and her team also provided us with war-time snacks including sausage rolls, meat paste sandwiches and jam tarts, just like our grannies used to make!

## Boxford WI

Our speaker this month was Mark Brennan, he spent 25 years in the Army and has a great interest in military history. His fascinating talk was about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. There are 22,000 cemeteries in over 150 countries. Land was first acquired in May 1917 by Royal Charter; to provide a lasting memorial to those who had lost their lives during the Great War. Work started in 1918, all the original wooden crosses of the fallen in the makeshift cemeteries where they lay, were replaced with Portland stone Headstones, the stones were put in exactly the same place as the original crosses had been. Each cemetery has a gatehouse with a register of names; the one at Ypres has 55,000 names. Many people both old and young still visit these cemeteries to pay their respects and gratitude to the fallen.

**Future Meetings:** April 1st Hearing Dogs for the Deaf VH  
 April 9th Walk Groton and Boxford, May 6th Resolution VH @2pm  
 May 14th Coasters Mary's House 2pm, June 3rd Bowling Club VH 2pm  
 June 10th Blue Bade Walk Lavenham, July 1st Museum costumes VH 2pm, July 9th Glass painting and Decopatch Kersey Mill

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## DENISE VAN OUTEN'S VALENTINE'S WEEKEND



*Denise and Eddie on the balcony of their lodge overlooking the lake and golf fairways*

Actress, singer, TV & radio presenter and Strictly Come Dancing star, Denise Van Outen chose to return to her favourite lodge at the family-owned Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa for her Valentine's weekend with boyfriend Eddie Boxshall and two close friends. Having loved her stay in the lodges when she played in the Ladies European Tour Access Series Pro Am last October, Denise booked to return for two nights for a packed Valentines itinerary at this renowned award-winning golf and spa resort, situated in beautiful Constable Country on the Suffolk/Essex border.

Arriving Friday evening, the new guest Eastenders actress and friends enjoyed a sumptuous dinner in the hotel's Two AA Rosette Lakes Restaurant with family director Tamara Unwin and husband Stephen. Denise had been interviewed on the red carpet the night before for the Premier of 50 Shades of Grey, but despite 3 hours sleep looked as stunning as ever in an elegant short black dress with sky high heels.

After a photoshoot in the lodges on Saturday morning Denise teed off on the Gainsborough course for a relaxed round of golf with her friends. She only took up the game last year and is already looking impressive on the course, showing a natural swing and aptitude.

A fun Rasul Mud Therapy Experience after her golf – one of the most popular treatments in the hotel's Peake Spa – provided Denise and her singer/songwriter friend Cozi Costi with much hilarity.

On Valentine's night Denise and friends enjoyed a special romantic champagne candlelit dinner in the Lakes Restaurant. She was so impressed by the excellent quality of the food that she wanted to thank Executive Head Chef Alan Paton and his talented team personally – and surprised him by walking into the kitchen to order her own dessert and asking him to do a selfie with her. The delighted and startled Chef was very happy to oblige!

After dinner Denise and friends joined hotel family owners Tamara Unwin and Susanna Rendall and their guests in the Devora Suite and quickly got into the Mad Hatter's Tea Party theme for the hotel's Valentine's Ball, dancing the night away to popular live band, Juke Box Fury.

She later said "We literally had the best time. We had a really fun day followed by a lovely meal in the evening. We met some great people and it was everything we wanted it to be. The lodges are amazing and we felt like we had our own space and we could really enjoy the weekend."

## BOXFORD FARMS WIN TOP FRUIT GROWER AWARD

Boxford (Suffolk) Farms Ltd have won the Top Fruit Grower of the Year Award 2015 They were presented with the national 2015 Top Fruit Grower of the Year Award on the 25th February at the prestigious Grand Connaught Rooms in London.

The 77 year old family business, which also created Copella Fruit Juices and the 4 star Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf and Spa, has been recognised with this award for their highly innovative technology and growing systems that they have invested in over the last 10 years. These developments reflect the family tradition of innovation and enterprise and at the same time are helping to build a sustainable business for the future.

Particular focus has been placed on planting intensive systems, with environmentally friendly irrigation systems? and with the most suitable apple varieties - both traditional and new – all maximising and protecting yield, whilst minimising the environmental impact.

Robert Rendall, Group Director said: "We are so excited to have received this prestigious award as a first time entrant, and to have all our hard work recognised in this way. As a team we challenge ourselves to be the best

growers that we can be - in a worldwide market place. Our Farms Director, Robert England, and our highly motivated and capable team have delivered this and more with their energy, enthusiasm and dedication."



*Left (l to r): Jason Perrott (Morrisons Supermarkets) BSF Team & Directors: Marcel Grigore, Jonathan Loshak, Iain Clarke, Susanna Rendall, Srinivas Gottam, Robert England, Robert Rendall & Tamara Unwin.*



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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## Watch Found

Watch found on the croft Monday 16th February, please call 01787 211825 if this could be yours.

## The White Horse is Top Pub

White Horse at Edwardstone has for some months now been No1 'the best Pub or Restaurant in the Sudbury area out of 81' this is from Tripadvisor the world's biggest user generated restaurant review site which an increasing amount of people are using.

## Boxford Spinney Scout & Guide Camp Site Improved through new trees!

A group of scouts and guides from Boxford improved their local activity and camping site by planting new saplings in the ground as part of an event organised to install hedging and replenish trees within the existing wooded area

Gordon Edgar from the Spinney Management Committee said: "Whilst the site already has many trees they are now ageing and some needed replacing. We planted new varieties of tree to improve the habitat for wildlife and provide screening in some exposed locations. There are approximately 120 youngsters in the scout and guide sections at Boxford and wanted to involve them all in appreciating the benefits of planting trees. The site is also used by Scout & Guide groups from all over East of England and elsewhere throughout the year who will benefit from the results of this event.

The trees, all native broadleaved species, will grow into a flourishing young wood in as little as 10 years. They have been provided by the Woodland Trust, as part of its tree pack scheme, where trees are supplied for free to groups that want to improve their neighbourhood and local environment.

## Kenny's News for April

Greetings from Oliver (Ollie to my intimates), resident "Top Cat" at SESAW. Poisoned, rescued and nursed back to health by Mother. Now wary of people, though I might allow you to stroke me if I'm in the mood.

I'm here to spill the beans on that upstart Kenneth, who has blotted his copy book. The Little Squirt led the canine chorus as Mother was being interviewed by on BBC radio. Fortunately this did not spoil the Pets Corner broadcast and two rabbits were found a home. Another time Mr. Smartipants got caught in a cat trap in the garden. He didn't make a sound as we frantically searched for him, just when a bark would have been a good idea.

Whilst on the subject of the lower species, dogs, great news - Angel and Harvey have found a new home. By the time you read this there will be new dogs waiting. Visit us to choose your canine pal and make my day, please! We always have cats waiting for a loving home too.

A big thank you to the Uni Volunteers who helped us during the Annual Spring clean by staining kennels and renewing fencing. Our next fundraising event is a big table sale on Sunday 12 April at the Old School, Long Melford. 10 to 3pm. Mother is just about to walk her rounds, as the sun is shining I might accompany her. Hope you have appreciated Oliver's observations, but Kenneth's fans will be please to know he will be back in May. It's far too arduous for a cat to do this every month. Kenny (The Boss), Huh! He's a good ambassador, but really! A dog, the Boss? Obviously the person who dreamed that one up did not realise the power of felines like me, Ollie (the Black) Cat.

## The Sunnies say Thank You

The Sunflowers fund raising team would just like to say a huge thank you to:

The Boxford Community Council, Court Knoll Lodge Edwardstone Almshouses, Groton Educational Trust James Finch (Locality Budget), Suffolk Empowering Community Fund Eddie Kench of The Box River News and all our parents - for continued support Your support has been integral in the continuing growth and development of Sunflowers Childcare and is much appreciated.

## Elizabeth De Alwis London Marathon

I am running the London Marathon this year for Asthma UK. and will be holding a coffee morning at Mary's House on Saturday 18th April from 9.30 - 12.30 to help raise some of the £1,800 I need to raise. This will be a chance to come & catch up with friends, eat cake or buy some to take home. There will also be a few fund raising games for people to take part in. If you can't make the coffee morning but would like to donate you can by visiting my sponsorship page at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ElizabethDeAlwis>

Both my children have suffered with asthma over the past 7 years and it is thanks to the research of Asthma UK that my daughter Maya is still with us today.

Alan Leader Butchers & Lavenham Bakery also have sponsorship forms.

## Public Notice

A Vacancy now exists for

### Coordinator of Community Speedwatch in Boxford.

If you have some spare time and would like to work with other volunteers to help promote safer driving through the village, then please get in touch.

The scheme is already set up and full training would be provided to the new coordinator.

For information about this voluntary post, Please contact the Parish Clerk on 210943

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## Wot's On

### BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Boxford Village Hall and guests (£5 each) are very welcome. See this months ad. Just turn up. .

### Monks Eleigh Whist Drives 2014-15

Come and join a group who play whist every third Monday of the month in Monks Eleigh Village Hall. We play 12 hands, refreshments are provided and we have a raffle.

We aim to have a social game of cards and a fun evening so beginners to experienced players are welcome.

Dates: 15th January 19th February 16th March 16th

### Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next event is the Themed Supper on 11th April. This will be an India Supper with all the trimmings. 7.00 for 7.30. The last two have been a great success, so book early by ringing Sue on 247173. There will be a small quiz, just for fun.

### Newton Village Hall Events REGULAR EVENTS:

Monday mornings (term time only) : Yoga class ( 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 (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)

### Nayland Open Gardens:

**Sunday 14th June 2-6pm.** Tickets £5 from any garden. Teas and Car parking at the village hall. Proceeds to local conservation projects of the Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society. registered charity no. 268104

### The Nayland Village Players Present: Dead Ringer

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More information can be found at [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk).

### What's On in Sudbury - April 2015

Sudbury has an extensive programme of events throughout the year and to make the most of your day by visiting Sudbury town centre as it has a wide range of independent and national shops and an excellent choice of restaurants and cafes around town. Visit Sudbury on a Thursday or Saturday and have a look round one of Suffolk's longest running markets which is held every week and take advantage of the 3 hours free town centre parking.

Two annual events in April are the Sudbury Fun Run on April 3 and the Spring Choral Concert on April 18. This year the choir are presenting "A night at the Opera"; a chance to hear some of the most popular arias and choruses with full orchestral accompaniment.

Tourist Information Centre located in the library or can be downloaded from [www.sudburytowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.sudburytowncouncil.co.uk)

Jane Hatton Sudbury Town Team

### Moldova by Beth Baker

Stoke by Nayand WEA AGM and Talk - Stoke by Nayland Village Hall Thursday 30th April 2015 at 7.30 pm

Just where is Moldova? Beth, our branch treasurer worked in local government as a Trading Standards Officer for 15 years before embarking in 2003 on a number of EU-funded 'twinning' projects. These are intended to align potential member states to the practices of the EU, and to allow trading between countries even if they are not part of the EU or aiming to become a member state.

Over the last 10 years Beth has worked in Latvia and Poland and more recently in Moldova. She will tell us of her experiences in a state on the outer edges of Europe and what is said to be its poorest country.

All past, present and future members welcome to this FREE lecture and complimentary coffee

For further details please contact Sue Whiteley on - 01787 210945 or email - [Whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk)

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# Wot's On

## Little Waldingfield History Society

### Programme of Events - 2015

**15th April** - Youth must have dalliance by Sarah Doig A romp through Henry the Eighth's life through the eyes of his wives and mistresses. All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp.

**20th May** Roger Clark My customers and other animals.

Roger is a past president of the Suffolk Horse Society, a judge of the Shire, British Percheron & Suffolk Horse Societies, a former Master of the Essex & Suffolk Hunt & Joint Master of East Anglian Bloodhounds. He breeds Punches, runs a farriery at his farm, which is managed with heavy horses and has appeared in many filmed scenes featuring working horses.

**17th June** Darren Clarke

This successful metal detectorist will discuss his craft and some of his many historical finds from around the local area, a number of which have been reviewed by Find Liaison Officers and included in the Portable Antiquities Scheme 2004/5 annual report for the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.

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

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## Annual Meeting of St. Lawrence Church

Notice is given for the Annual Meeting of St. Lawrence Church, Lt. Waldingfield on the 31st March at 7pm in the Church, refreshments will be available.

Whether you are a seasoned villager or a newcomer, this is an opportunity to come and see how our church affairs are conducted, you will be most welcome.

## Taste of Sudbury

Taste of Sudbury Food & Drink Festival will be held on Sunday 14th June 2015 between 11am and 6pm, this will be the third year this successful event has been held in the centre of Sudbury with cookery demonstration throughout the day on stage compered by Mark David. The event promotes local food and local restaurants and has 70 exhibitors from Essex and Suffolk in St. Peter's and on the Market Hill. The event will be opened by Lesley Dolphin of BBC Radio Suffolk.

Jane Hatton, Town Centre Development Manager said "added attractions this year will include a Guinness World Record attempt and pop up restaurant. It will be an ideal day out for Father's Day and to make it extra special you can book a table in the pop up restaurant for lunch. Information can be found at [www.tasteofsudbury.co.uk](http://www.tasteofsudbury.co.uk)"

If you are a local business and would like to get involved either to exhibit or sponsor then please contact Jane Hatton on 01787 468634 or [enquiries@tasteofsudbury.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tasteofsudbury.co.uk)

## THE MILDEN SINGERS

### Get in The Country Mood

Friday 8th May doors open 7.00pm Show time 7.30pm

Saturday 9th May doors open 1.30pm Show Time 2pm

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## Leavenheath Open Gardens

### & Magna Carta Scarecrow Trail

Sunday 14th June 11:00am – 5:00pm

Gardens open, Craft Fair village hall; Magna Carta exhibition  
Music- Choir singing period music, Men of Straw- folk/country duo,  
Medieval stocks & games, Visit a Medieval house,  
Apple bobbing, Lucky dip, Magna Carta clues to solve;  
Entrance via Village Hall

£4:00 adults, Children under 14 free

In aid of The East Anglia's Children's Hospice, & Leavenheath Beavers/Cubs & Scouts [www.leavenheath.org](http://www.leavenheath.org)

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# Wot's On

## Nayland Church Fete

Monday 25 May 2015 2 - 4.30pm at Nayland Playing Field  
Traditional Stalls and Sideshows, Children and Adult sports, Tug of War,  
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## The Lost City of Dunwich

A lecture by Mark Mitchels

### The Boxford Society

Mark Mitchels makes a very welcome return to The Boxford Society on  
Saturday 18th April at 7.30pm in the School Hall when he will talk about  
the Lost City Of Dunwich. As always with Mark we know it will be a  
thoroughly researched, illustrated and entertaining lecture. It will be  
followed by a very short AGM which usually lasts around 15 minutes.  
Visitors welcome.

Please put the date in your diary now so you don't miss it.

## Little Waldingfield History Society

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### A Musical Soirée

At St Lawrence Church  
Little Waldingfield

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m.**

The programme will include JS Bach's

- Two violin concerto in D minor, and
- Concerto for oboe and violin in C minor

Performed by Accomplished Musicians

Gillian Harritt (violin) Emma Jane Willan (oboe)  
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Nick Parry (cello) Patrick Friend (cembalo)

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St Lawrence Church

Advance tickets £6.00 (£7.50 on the night) are available from

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Sue Sheppard, School House, Church Road 01787 247980

There will be a Licensed bar

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### CLAIRVOYANT EVENING

An evening of modern mediumship with the amazing  
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Saturday 25th April  
7:30pm for 8:00pm start  
Refreshments and Bar available  
Boxford Village Hall

£10pp

For tickets please call Sunflowers Childcare on 01787 211363



# Wot's On

## LAUNCH AND BOOK SIGNING

### Little Walsingham Church

A Suffolk 'Landmark' Church: History and Guided Tour  
Little Walsingham Church, Saturday 16 May, 10.30 We would like to welcome you to the launch, by the author, of CLIVE PAINE's new colour-illustrated history and guide to our elegant church (available March, in the church). All proceeds of sale to St Lawrence's fabric fund.

Clive is a well-known local historian, author and TV/radio broadcaster ('Crown and Country', 'Songs of Praise' and more). From a mine of knowledge, and engagingly as ever, he will present the Guide in a short talk, to be followed by signing and refreshments.

COME AND ENJOY AN ENTERTAINING MAY MORNING

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## HADLEIGH HEALING SOCIETY

We are holding a Clairvoyant Day on Saturday 11th April 10am - 4pm at The Bungalow, Sisters Court, Calais Street Hadleigh. You will be able to have a 20 minute private reading with one of three Mediums for £12.00. If you would like to book, please do so early, as these Clairvoyant Days are very popular. Please telephone 01473 823282 (answer machine) clearly leaving your name and contact telephone number. We look forward to seeing you.

## BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

**Sunday 7th June 2015, 11am-5pm**

This will be the 18th year of Boxford Gardens Open and the event is still proving as popular as ever, drawing visitors from a wide area to see our lovely gardens. This year we will be doing lunches in the village hall and there will be plant stalls in and around the church and school. Please put the date in your diary and also pray for good weather! The event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help are always extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (call 01787 212264 or email [angela@tolputt.com](mailto:angela@tolputt.com))

### Matthews Church Leavenheath

## Spring Fayre

Help fund the internal decoration of the beautiful Saint Matthews Church by attending the spring Fayre being held in the Leavenheath Village Hall on Saturday 18th of April from 10 am until 2 PM. There are lots of stalls refreshments games raffles etc. All welcome

## Boxford Drama Group

Our next production is a 'First' for Boxford Drama Group and a World Premier!

With the script written by Elaine Horne and some amazing music composed by Mike Keith, it's an original Musical/Comedy entitled '**Reading Between the Wines**'.

It is a tale of a Ladies' Book Club and a Gentlemen's Wine appreciation Group with a few twists and turns thrown in.

Guaranteed to have you laughing, crying and tapping your feet, we hope you will come along and enjoy this very exciting new venture.

Performances are on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June. Tickets are £13.00 and include Supper served during the interval. Tickets will be on sale from the 1st of May from The Post Office Boxford or you can book your tickets by phoning Elaine on 01787 210643.

## BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

THE CROFT, OPPOSITE THE WHITE HART

# GREEN OPEN

Sunday

19 April 2015

at 2.30 p.m.



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**New bowlers welcome**

**All you need are flat-soled shoes**

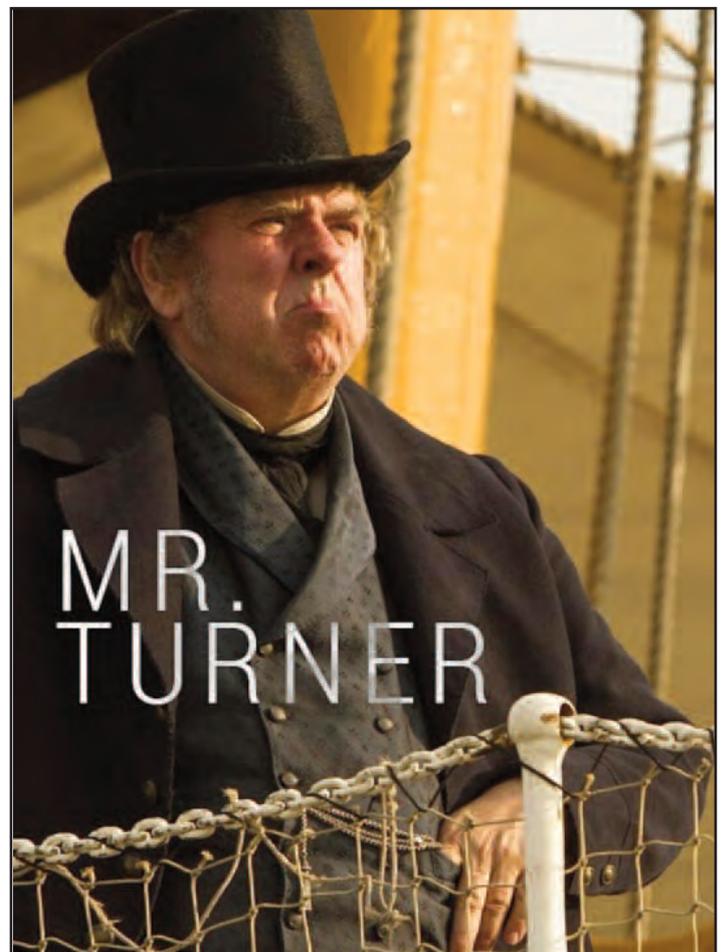
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# MR. TURNER

**Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 24th April**

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029  
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

## Forthcoming Events Diary

<b>March</b>	28 Coffee Morning	In aid of Mary's House	Mary's House	9am to 12noon
<b>April</b>	1 Boxford WI	Hearing Dogs for the deaf	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
	7 Boxford Gardening Society	Helmingham Hall thru the year	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	9 Boxford WI	Walk in Groton and Boxforde		
	11 Indian Supper	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.00pm
	15 Youth must have Dalliance Sarah Doig Little Waldingfield History Society		Parish Room	7.30pm
	17 Quiz and Curry evening	Groton Village Hall Mgt Com	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
	18 The Lost City of Dunwich Talk by Mark Mitchels	The Boxford Society AGM	Boxford Village School	7.30pm
	25 Clairvoyant Evening	Sunflower children	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
<b>May</b>	6 Boxford WI	Resolutions	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
	8/9 Milden Singers	Get in the Country Mood	The Pavilion, Milden	7.30 and 1.30pm
	9 A Musical Soiree	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.00pm
	14 Boxford WI	Coasters	Mary's House	2pm
	16 Launch and Book Signing	Little Waldingfield Church		10.30pm
	20 Roger Clark My customers and other animals	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
<b>June</b>	3 Boxford WI	Bowling Club	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
	7 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford PCC		11am to 5pm
	10 Boxford WI	Blue Badge Walk	Lavenham	
	16 Clive Paine: Launch of his History and Guide to Lt. Waldingfield Church			
	17 Darren Clarke	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
	18/19/20 Reading Between the Wines	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
<b>July</b>	1 Boxford WI	Museum Costumess	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
	9 Boxford WI	Glass Painting and Deco patch	Kersey Mill	2pm
September	2 Boxford WI	Samaritans	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
	10 Boxford WI	Christmas Decorations	Mary's Housel	2pm
	First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in		Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm



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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

**Priest in Charge:**

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David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU

Tel: 210360; Fax: 329770; 07968 791135; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.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.

Box River Benefice

## Café Church



An informal time of worship  
With fresh coffee and pastries!

Boxford Church  
Sunday May 3rd  
11am

With activities for children.



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

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

Peter Patrick, Amberley,  
White Street Green. tel 210346



**Café Church** held on 1st Sunday each month-  
Next service will be on Sunday May 3rd at  
11.00 am. Everyone is welcome.

**What's it all about!** Café church is a church  
with a difference. We sit around café style  
tables instead of in rows of pews - We drink  
coffee - eat pastries etc. Lots of help is needed  
though. Please contact the Revd Judith of a

churchwarden if you can help.



**Easter Sunday 5th April-** A Family Service of Holy  
Communion will be held at 11.00 am- Everyone is most  
welcome.

**Sunday 12th April** – Following Morning Worship The **Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting** starts at 12.15pm, with the **Parishioners  
Vestry Meeting** to elect churchwardens for the ensuing year. This will  
then be followed by the **APCM**.

**Saturday April 18th at 9.00am** - A cake Stall / Coffee Morning in  
Mary's House. Please do come & support this event - all proceeds to  
church funds.

**Christian Aid Week 2015 is 10th-16th May.** Christian Aid Week is the  
biggest act of Christian Witness in Britain & Ireland. It is a way of  
answering Jesus's call to help people in need.

We will be holding a Christian Aid Service on Sunday 17th May at  
11.00am. Please contact Janet Daniels if you can help in any way.

**VE Day 70th Anniversary Service.** We are planning to hold a  
thanksgiving service for the 70th anniversary of VE Day, 8th May 1945,  
at 4.00pm on Sunday 10th May. Everyone is very welcome



We are seeking to improve the west end of the church  
with carpeting, new chairs & café style tables. We  
urgently need donations to enable use to purchase what  
is needed. If you can help please let Judith or a  
churchwarden know.

Do make a date for **Boxford Open Gardens 2015** on Sunday 7th June.  
Please contact Angela Tolputt on 211264 if you can open your garden or  
help in any way.

**Church Calendar 2016** - Please do send photos for the 2016 calendar to  
*ChrisKingsC@aol.com*. Many thanks to all who contributed to the 2015  
calendar which was sold out - all proceeds to church funds.

## 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.

**Copy Date for Church News in the May Box River News:**

**Please, NO LATER THAN 13th April 2015**

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

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
**Vacant**

**Lent Lunch** held at Mill Green End on 24th February. Thank you to everyone who came to this and so generously donated what amounted to £130 for St. Elizabeth Hospice.

**Coffee Morning Saturday 9th May in the Village Hall at 10.30.** There will be a Cake Stall, Plant & Produce Stall and a Raffle. Do come and join us for a coffee and meet your friends and maybe even make new ones. Any produce for the stalls would be much appreciated. Contact Pam Dodd 210397

**Calling all Jazz lovers!** Date for your diary: **Friday 12th June** at 7.30. There will be a Fleece Jazz Gig at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel, to raise funds for Edwardstone Church. The John East Project will be playing their brand of melodic vocal jazz. A great opportunity to hear some of the best musicians in the country in a great local cause. Tickets £15 each in advance of general release by phoning 01787 211865. Please send all cheques, with a stamped addressed envelope to: Fleece Jazz, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR.

**Rota:**  
**Sidesman/Coffee:** David and Sheila Saddleton  
**Flowers:** Everyone for Easter  
**Cleaning:** Frances East



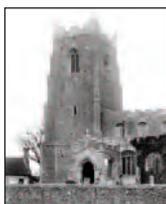
## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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

**EASTER DAY SERVICE:** For the last few years Groton has hosted a sunrise service on Easter morning. This year Little Waldingfield are holding this early service, while at Groton we shall welcome the Revd David Stranack to lead our service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. And we shall be singing traditional Easter hymns—so do come!

**CHRISTIAN AID:** This year's Christian Aid Week takes place from 10th to 16th May. Volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection are always welcome: please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

**Rota**  
**Sidesman:** Mrs Foster  
**Flowers:** Mrs Tweed/ Easter Festival arrangements  
**Cleaning:** Mrs Skinner



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**  
**Vacant**

The Reverend Judith and our Lay Team led our first Reflective Service of music and readings in the Lady Chapel at 4pm on 15 February. We began with tea and cake baked by Nancy Roser. It was informal, gentle and peaceful. Several friends joined us from other parishes and we felt that everyone enjoyed the service.

On 17 February the funeral of Mrs. Joan Scott took place. She had lived for many years in our village, and at one time ran the Swan Inn with her late husband, Roy Scott. In later years she moved to Great Waldingfield, and at the time of her death was resident at The Red House in Sudbury. She leaves two sons and a daughter and five grandchildren. So many attended the service that extra chairs had to be placed, and still some people were standing. The family and Reverend Judith left for the crematorium at Bury St. Edmunds, and the congregation were welcomed at the Swan Inn.

Reverend Judith celebrated Holy Communion on 1 March. The service was well attended, and coffee and biscuits being served afterwards gave us the opportunity to welcome friends from Newton and Groton. We are hosting the Sunrise Service of Holy Communion at 6:00 am on Easter Sunday. Breakfast in the Parish Room. Please join us.

The Annual Meeting for St. Lawrence Church Lt. Waldingfield will be held in the church on the 31st March at 7pm there will be light refreshments available.

If you are on the Church Electoral Roll, this is an opportunity to come and see how church affairs are conducted, and to voice your opinion.

A copy of the revised Electoral Roll will be available in the church from the 15th March 2015

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th—16th May 2015:** Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's major annual fundraising initiative so, if you could help with this year's collection, please contact David Lamming (Tel: 01787 210360.)

### Rota

**April 3**  
**April 5**  
**April 12**  
**April 19**  
**April 26**

### Sidesman

Mr Bowden & Mrs Ridgeon  
Mrs Nicholls & Mr Duffy  
Visiting  
Visiting  
Visiting

### Flowers

All for Easter  
Mrs Eddington  
Mrs Gregor-Smith  
Mrs Roser



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

15th February: At St. Lawrence Church, Little Waldingfield a new service took place at 4.00 pm. The Benefice was trying out this type of service called a Reflective Service of Love - Human and Divine. The setting was informal, sitting around a candle lit table with spring flowers on it. We started with tea and a delicious piece of cake listening to reflective music. The Revd Judith led the service with two members reading appropriate poems and prayers which reflected on different aspects of human love, ending with God's divine love for us and our love for God. The number of people there and comments made gave a very encouraging sign for the future. Many thanks to the team who made the service successful and the warm welcome offered to all. It is hoped that this service will take place at the other churches in the Benefice.

22nd February: Our Morning Worship Service was led by Revd Judith. This service was special as it was the last time that Michael Colleer our organist was playing for us after almost three years. Michael chose the hymns which were personal to him and his wife Jean, who was with us. Our Churchwarden presented a gift and cards signed by friends. Thank you to Michael with our appreciation and good wishes.

3rd March: Our Lent Lunch was held at Lisa and John Robertson's home with friends from different churches attending. Thank you to all helpers and to all for donating generously to Diabetes Research

8th March: The Morning Worship Service in the 3rd week of Lent was taken by Revd Judith and she welcomed Nancy Roser from Little Waldingfield who played the organ for us. It was great to see many of our friends from the other churches in the Benefice. Thank you to our helpers and to our organist, whom we offer a warm welcome to come again.

### Benefice News

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING:** The ministry team meets next at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2015.

**'THE NEW WINE':** This weekly 'pew sheet' is now being produced as a benefice publication, with copies available in each church in the benefice. Please look at it for notices for the week ahead and any changes to dates or times advertised in the Box River News. Please e-mail Christopher Kingsbury: *ChrisKingsC@aol.com*, or telephone 01787 211236, if you would like an item included. Copy, please, to Christopher by 6.00 pm on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's edition.

### General Church News

**FAREWELL TO ACTING BISHOP DAVID** A reminder that the diocese will say 'thank you' and farewell to the Rt Revd David Thomson, who has been our acting bishop for the past 18 months, and to his wife, Jean, at a service of Choral Evensong in St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 2.30 pm on Easter Sunday, 5 April 2015. David will then be returning to Ely and taking up again his duties as suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon.

### GENERAL ELECTION - HUSTINGS

On Wednesday 29 April 2015 Churches Together in Sudbury & District are to hold a general election hustings in St Peter's Church, Sudbury. Starting at 7.30 pm, this will provide an opportunity to grill the candidates standing for election in the South Suffolk constituency on the policies and promises in their manifestos. Make a note of the date and time and come with questions for those who will be seeking your vote on 7th May.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT**

**PRAYER BREAKFASTS IN APRIL: Saturdays, 8.00 am to 9.30 am**

12th Sudbury Baptist Church  
 18th Cornard Christian Fellowship (1 Broom Street, Great Cornard)  
 25th Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events: [www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk). There is also a weekly e-mail Church News with information from CTiS&D and the churches. To receive a copy, please send a message to [ctis.news@gmail.com](mailto:ctis.news@gmail.com).

**Box River Benefice The Church At Worship April 2015**

**Village Daily Prayers:** Each week, said in the five churches\*: an informal, friendly service, lasting about 40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, for concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or about any situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed to: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com). The rota from April to September is now: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, Wednesday 9.00 Groton; 17.00 Little Waldingfield, Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford. \* **Please note 1) changed day for Little Waldingfield 2) No village prayers 6-10 April \***

**Wednesday 1st**  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

**Maundy Thursday 2nd**  
 Groton 19.30 Informal reflective service with Holy Communion Revd Judith

**Good Friday 3rd**  
 Lt Waldingfield 09.30 Family Service (with hot cross buns) Revd Judith  
 Boxford 14.00 Service of Devotions & Reflections for Good Friday Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 5th</b>	<b>Easter Sunday * Families welcome to all services ! * (W)</b>	
Lt Waldingfield	06.00 Sunrise Service of Holy Communion	Revd Judith
		<i>* Held in the churchyard and followed by breakfast in the Parish Room *</i>
Edwardstone	09.30 Easter Holy Communion (by extension)	Christopher Kingsbury
Groton	09.30 Easter Holy Communion	Revd David Stranack
Newton	09.30 Easter Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Easter Holy Communion	Revd Judith

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

<b>Sunday 12th</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter (W)</b>	
Edwardstone	8.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	9.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	15.00 Baptism of Lilian Elizabeth Rose Phillips	Revd Judith

**Wednesday 15th**  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

**Thursday 16th**  
 Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament) Lay Team

<b>Sunday 19th</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter (W)</b>	
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	1.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	12.45 Baptism of Wilfred Jacob Groom	Revd Judith

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

<b>Sunday 26th</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter (W)</b>	
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Newton	11.00 Morning Worship	Revd Judith & lay team
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

**Wednesday 29th**  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel



## Soap Box

Our village has been a congregating point for numerous white vans, with their occupants often clustered around telegraph poles, red and white plastic fencing guarding the work in which they appear to be engaged. Some of these vehicles openly admit to being part of BT. Others seems to be just hangers on, perhaps hoping the epithet "superfast" will somehow cling to them as well.

I refer, of course, to the introduction of fast broadband into rural Suffolk. Perhaps "faster" would be a better description, in the sense that it will be faster than what we have at present, as I very much doubt we will be seeing the sort of speeds being bandied around as desirable arriving in our neck of the woods any time soon. Given the speeds we presently enjoy, faster may well turn out to be simply bringing us up to the bare minimum to allow us to watch You-Tube without constant buffering.

Today it seems the computer, smart phone and internet are crucial components to ensure our business and personal lives function properly. Certainly, it would be difficult for me to deliver the various articles I write without a computer and the internet. But sometimes I feel that these devices are taking an inordinate place in our lives, not always in a positive fashion.

One of the least understandable sights these days, in my opinion at any rate, is a couple sitting at a table in a bar or café, each engrossed in their personal hand held devices. I sometimes wonder if they are texting or emailing each other. To me it seems the height of bad manners, but society has moved on, so perhaps I am being merely old-fashioned.

Not that I am a technophobe. Indeed, a little over 20 years ago I was invited to write a book on the changing state of the City and investment institutions. True, the concept envisaged by the publisher did not accord with my views on what was likely to happen. We spent a rather liquid lunch at a City club discussing the outline of the book and it wasn't until we reached the port stage that it became evident we were approaching the topic from different directions. The publisher considered new legislation

would stimulate great change. I thought the main driver would be technology.

We were both right in a way, though I believe technology has had the greatest impact. Aside from improving information transmission and delivering more efficient transaction capabilities, it has also made the monitoring of what happens in financial firms that much more transparent, not that such development has lessened the incidence of fraud. Indeed, technology has made possible the type of complex financial instruments that brought the banking system to its knees eight years ago.

But enough of the negative side of technology. One consequence of the book's publication was that I was invited to address an audience of independent investment advisers in Hull. One IFA asked why, since he had a perfectly efficient and workable paper based record keeping system, I believed he needed to install a computer based administration system. Because, I explained, eventually this would be the only way he would be able to transact business with the financial institutions with which he dealt. And so it has proved.

So we should welcome the efforts to improve our internet infrastructure. The trouble is that advances in technology could make the plans laid down between the County Council and BT obsolete before they are completed. Personally I welcome faster broadband speeds in this village. It strikes me as being rather sad that the speeds I can achieve in Portugal are more than ten times faster than here.

But the growth of wifi (pronounced wiffy over there) is changing the face of how we use the internet. That's the exciting thing about technology. It changes rapidly. Each time I visit a hospital (something that seems to occur more frequently as I get older), I discover some new piece of kit has been introduced. I only hope I can keep up with it all.

*Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.*

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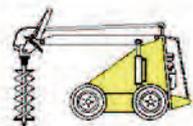
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# GARDENING IN APRIL HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Divide old clumps of Michaelmas Daisies, much finer flowers and healthier growth come from young plants selected from the outside of the clump. After lifting the old clump, always dig the ground deeply, working in any moisture holding material that you may have. This will help to prevent mildew which Michaelmas Daisies are prone to. Dust the whole area with two ounces per square yard with a fertiliser which is low in nitrogen and high in potash.

If you have the time, it is useful to remove faded flowers from daffodils and tulips to prevent them wasting energy producing seed, chionodoxas and muscaris should have their seed pods left on to allow the seed to fall and produce a further supply of plants. Keeping bulbs watered in dry weather will make the flowers last longer and a feed of a general fertiliser after flowering will help fatten up the bulbs before the withering of the foliage.

Bush willows and Cornus, grown for their coloured stems can be cut down to the ground level. This encourages the growth of young stems which will give the best colour effects next winter.

Evergreen shrubs should be pruned by cutting out any dead wood and shortening straggling branches to give a good shape.

Silver foliage plants such as Santalina and Helichrysums should be cut back hard to prevent the plants becoming straggling. Lavender, of the Hidcote and Munstead varieties can be cut down to the ground level and they will produce new growth from the base.

Heathers which have become straggly and woody can be given a new lease of life by spreading out the woody stems, pegging them to the ground and covering with a mixture of peat and lime free soil.

Start the regular spraying of roses against mildew, black spot and rust as soon as the first shoots appear. Keep a sharp look-out for attacks of green fly, a severe infestation can kill off young shoots.

As greenhouse temperatures rise on sunny days give plenty of ventilation and damp down floors with water to maintain a humid atmosphere. Plants in small pots and trays dry out rapidly and will need regular watering.

House plants can be potted up to the next size pot, incorporate a controlled release fertiliser into the potting compost to provide a regular supply of nutrients over a long period. The foliage of house plants will have collected a certain amount of dust during the winter and will need a clean up to allow the leaves to breath. Small plants can be stood in a

sink and sprayed with tepid water and allowed to dry. Dry leaved plants can be cleaned by wiping the leaves with a piece of damp cotton wool. Runner beans, French beans, marrows and courgettes can be sown in pots for planting out when the danger of frost is over - or even earlier if you are able to protect them with fleece.

Plant lily bulbs in a pot. If your garden suffers from gaps during the summer, why not use lilies to add a temporary, but timely, burst of colour? Plant bulbs into pots in spring and you can simply drop them - pot and all - into displays on the patio, or even into the border.

The soil on the vegetable garden should be warming up and most seeds can be sown outdoors now. It used to be said that soil was warm enough for sowing when you could sit on it with your bare bottom - just a suggestion.

Early April is good for planting out earlys and salad potatoes. Late April is good for second earlys and Maincrops. Whilst it is good to get the potatoes planted no gardening rules are hard and fast but weather dependant and if the season is very cold it can delay planting. For more information follow the link to growing potatoes.

Potatoes take up a lot of space in the veg plot and they are just as happy in large pots. Tip: ensure you earth up carefully and don't damage the foliage. Potatoes form underground and by earthing up you keep creating more space for the tubers to form which makes for a better crop. The top growth is frost vulnerable and will need protection if frost strikes. Cover with a fleece or cloche. It is important not to let the tubs or containers dry out and spring can sometimes be dry.

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Keep weeds under control
- 2 Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
- 3 Tie in climbing and rambling roses
- 4 Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds
- 5 Start to feed citrus plants
- 6 Increase the water given to houseplants
- 7 Feed hungry shrubs and roses
- 8 Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
- 9 Prune fig trees
- 10 Divide bamboos and waterlilies

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# Parish Council Matters

## Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 16 December 2014

**Present:** A Sheppard, S Braybrook, B Campbell, M Foster

And 7 members of the public

**Apologies:** M Ewen, Cllrs J Antill and F Lawrenson

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Minutes of the last Meeting:** Agreed as a true record and signed.

**Police/Speedwatch/District Councillors reports:** None received.

**Public Session:** The hedge at The Lodge has been cut back following an accident, and the question was asked if this is a coincidence or was it at the request of the police because of the incident. Enquiries will be made. The 'creep' of the bank will again be reviewed and if necessary SCC Highways written to again. Further windows have been replaced at Brookwood Manor although no decision has been posted on Babergh DC website. Work has not yet started on the sewage treatment works however.

**To receive Progress Reports:** None not covered by the agenda.

**Casual Vacancy:** No-one has shown any interest.

**Actions on circulated emails:** Prices have been obtained for spray paint available from Does, and it was agreed to trial spraying dog waste on grass footpaths. A Sheppard and S Braybrook are to attend a training course on new legislation regarding dog fouling and dog control. The proposal to make the playing field an area where dogs must be on a lead will then be revisited.

**Planning Matters:** B/14/01342/ROC/JM Wood Hall Lodge – no objections were raised between meetings to the application for the change of roofing materials and permission has been granted. Applications for works to Pink Cottage and 3 Woodhall Barn have also been approved.

**Appointment of new Parish Clerk:** All councillors are in favour of the appointment of Dave Crimmin, and this will be confirmed to him by the Chair and Vice Chair.

**Financial Matters:** Cheques were signed for the contribution to the Speedwatch Scheme and travel expenses. No donation will be made to Headway as there is no direct benefit to village residents. S Braybrook approved the bank reconciliation after last month's meeting. Following much discussion the precept for 2015/16 was agreed at £6691 and the form duly signed. A donation of £40 towards materials used in the renovation of the Jubilee bench was agreed.

**Adoption of Standing Orders:** Standing Orders as previously circulated were agreed and adopted. A protocol regarding the filming of meetings was also agreed.

**Registration of the Playing Field:** Following much chasing by S Braybrook for a progress report BW&B have sent a letter within the last couple of days and this will be circulated to councillors.

**To receive information on other Village Matters:** The hedge by the footpath at the rear of Rose Cottage still needs cutting. Other residents abutting the footpath also need to be reminded of their responsibilities with regard to their hedges.

**Clive Memorial:** No progress report on the History of the Church received. The PCC have decided to replace the external lighting of the Church in readiness for next winter.

**Risk Register:** B Campbell agreed to look at the risk assessments required arising from the Register.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The dates of the next meetings were agreed as 17 February and 31 March.

## Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

2nd March

**Public Forum:** Items raised by the public included the forthcoming Parish Council Elections, an enquiry about a response from the Planning Authority to the recommendations made by the Parish Council to the Sand Hill Plans and the untidy state of the croft following tree cutting. Additionally the applicant to Listed Building plans for a boiler attended to explain the urgency of their situation when their boiler stopped working a couple of weeks before Christmas.

**County Council Report:** County Cllr James Finch provided details of the review of Children's Centres in Suffolk aiming to improve access and reduce cost. Applications are invited for the Leading Lives Benefit Fund – see [www.leadinglives.org.uk](http://www.leadinglives.org.uk) for details. The Suffolk Autism Service had been nominated for a national award.

**District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed that Peter Freer – Enabling Officer at the District Council - was happy to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on the subject of Neighbourhood Planning. In relation to the solar farm application at Newton, this was due to be decided by the Planning Inspector. Various approvals had been made for solar panels in the Parish. Regarding the Sand Hill Development, following some changes, the amendment was passed. Ten trees will go, but it has been suggested that a greater number are replaced to form a good canopy.

**Correspondence:** Landex, the developers of Goodlands, have made good the damage to the house wall reported at the previous meeting. The County Council has a LED Lantern replacement Project which may affect the lights through the centre of the village. The Parish Council also has further lanterns to upgrade. It

was agreed to seek further information from the County Council as this stage.

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, it was agreed to share the cost, incurred so far, with the Community Council to keep the Post Office operating whilst a permanent arrangement is being sought.

**Education and Learning Infrastructure Plan:** On reviewing this plan, a member had noted the budget for providing new school places had been drastically reduced by £10M. It was agreed to clarify with the County Council as such a large reduction seemed hugely out of step. It was noted the new headteacher had been appointed at Boxford School.

**Planning:** Approval was recommended for Listed Building Consent to retain the external oil fired boiler to the rear of 10 Ellis Street.

**Reports:** The poor drainage on Footpath 10, which is close to the planned development on Sand Hill, was reported. It was agreed to notify our footpath warden and the county right of way officer. The state of railings on the bridge near the Church was to be investigated.

2015 Meeting dates for Boxford Parish Council:

7th April, 11th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December. *Debbie Hattrell*, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**  
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The theme is a Neighbourhood Plan for Boxford. There has been some interest in helping to shape how the village will develop in the future. This is your opportunity to come along and hear how you could get involved.

Guest Speaker is Peter Freer,  
Enabling Officer, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

Reports will be provided from the Chairman and other Village Organisations.

Please come along, listen and share your views with your Local Councillors and Police Representative.

## Easter Holiday Club

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## Readers Letters

*Sir*

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Saturday Tea Party for all the village shop staff, past and present. Particular thanks to the cake bakers from Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, the flower arranger, the amazing kitchen team and all those who prepared the hall and helped dismantle it at top speed. Although we had a few too many cakes, it was far better than insufficient. Every spare slice of cake found a home with £78 being raised towards the Post Office rent and keeping it where it is for now. If you did not see your cake it was because it was being enjoyed elsewhere in the room or in someone's home later! How lucky we are to live in a community where everyone pulls together so well.

Thank you all,  
Tina Loose.

*Sir*

I would like to thank my many friends for their kind words of comfort, sent cards and flowers on the sad loss of my beloved dog Tilley

Thanks  
Shirley Grimwood, Swan Street

*Sir,*

Please would you mention in your columns that the box bush that was planted a few years ago at the entrance to Primrose Wood has had to be moved. We do not know who planted it and therefore could not consult before doing so. It has been relocated as it was directly in the path of the new tractor access to the meadow that the Woodland Trust is acquiring as an addition to the wood. The bush would have been destroyed by the machinery. It has been moved up to the top corner of the new meadow near to Fred Leeder's grave and the hay rake. It will help to set off this corner and will not need to be moved again. We shall tend it to help it re-establish.

The meadow should be open to the public later this year. It will give lovely views of though to the village provided we can negotiate for it to be only partly planted. We expect to have a meeting with the Woodland Trust to discuss this in May. Anyone who wants to discuss this should contact me.

Roger Loose,  
on behalf of the Primrose Wood team of volunteers.

*Sir*

May I say a huge thankyou to each and everyone of you who were involved in anyway with the Tea Party on Saturday 28th February. Thank you Tina for organising the whole event, what a task to take on. To everyone who made the delicious cakes, to those who waited on tables supplying us with numerous cups of tea and to everyone working behind the scenes in the kitchen, all that washing up you poor things, Not forgetting everyone who came along to join us on the afternoon. It was lovely as we walked into the hall to see all the tables laid so beautifully, we were thoroughly spoilt. What a lovely gesture from you all to all of us, it was much appreciated

Jackie Iliffe  
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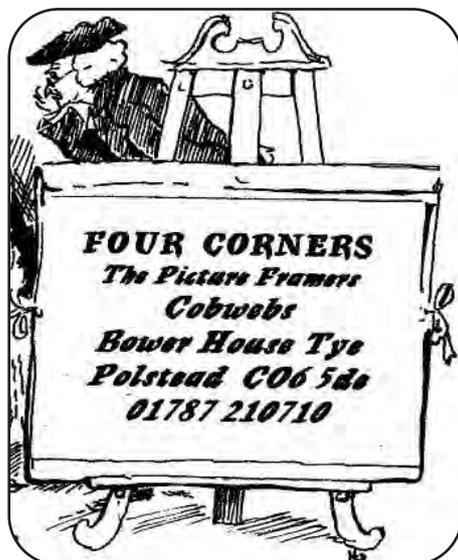
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Riders will be setting off from the Boxford Playingfields from 9.30am onwards, with the riders returning to Boxford early in the afternoon.

Can we thank the residents of Boxford in advance for accommodating our two-wheeled guests for the day.

Any donations of cake, to feed the hungry riders on their return, can be given to Alan Leeder at the butchers in Swan Street, or to members of the community council. Any other queries about the event, please contact Matthew Shinn on Boxford 211296.

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## BREW UP FOR NEWTON'S SHIELA

It was tea time on the tee for the drive-in of Newton Green Golf Club's new ladies' captain Sheila Walter. Sheila, known for her dedication to mint tea, did not know what was brewing until she turned up on the tee and found a reception committee wearing headgear consisting of a wide variety of tee cosies



The new captain was then fitted with special headgear of a tea pot made from fabric, but she still managed, in glorious sunshine, a drive of 114 yards. Ladies then played a 10 hole, four ball Stableford competition.

Results: 52 pts, Jan Doe, Carol Durston, Pat Hawkins and Susan Sills, 51 Tibby Mimpriss, Jennie Leech, Rosie Jackson and Adrienne Hughes, 50 Margaret Hills, Pat Walsh, Sus Thurgate and Joan Fry.

Low handicap, nearest pin, Carolyn Cocksedge

High handicap, nearest pin, Maggie Manby.

Di Cunningham guessed the length of captain's drive, which raised funds for The Bridge Project, the club's charity for the year.

## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY



*Above: Maggie Thorpe (Right) and Anne Tweddle*

Gardening Society met in the barn at Cox Hill House by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Wagener on Tuesday 10 March for a morning learning about propagation. The Chairman, Maggie Thorpe and Anne Tweddle, Propagation Officer from Plant Heritage, analysed soil, cuttings were taken and seeds sown, all in readiness for the Plant Sale on Saturday 16 May this year. It was hugely successful and members felt they learnt a lot and were delighted to have the opportunity to have a hands-on session. The Plant Sale will take place in the garden of The White Hart and members will be able to bring their contributions to the marquee during Friday 15th which will enable sorting and pricing to take place before we open at 9am on Saturday 16th.

Coffee and cakes will be available in the pub throughout the morning.

The Society meets again in the Village Hall on the 7th April to hear Chris Reeves' talk on 'A Year at Helmingham'. Chris is the gardener who looks after Helmingham's Grade 1 listed Garden.

Guests welcome - £5 pp and members free.

## 2015 WOMENS TOUR TO VISIT BOXFORD



Stage 2 on 18th June of the Womens tour this year will again pass through Boxford on its way from Sudbury to Hadleigh. This time it will pass through the village the opposite way to last year entering from Boxford Lane and leaving via Sand Hill.

The 138-kilometre, (85.8mile) stage will start on Braintree High Street, rolling out of the town along Bradford Street and heading north along the A131 to Halstead - revisiting the finish line of the old Grand Prix of Essex - before taking in the historic Castle Hedingham, passing through Great Yeldham and finally leaving the district and crossing into Suffolk. From there the race will continue through Sudbury, Hadleigh and East Bergholt before entering into Tendring District at Manningtree, with the finish on Marine Parade, Clacton.

Let us be there to cheer them on. May be the School band could be with us to give them a noisy welcome!!