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A MAST AT LAST!



Photo David Lamming

By the time you get this April edition of the Box River News the new mast on the 1071 should be up and running. Great news for mobile users but will we all benefit?

Installed by Telefonica UK for O2 and Vodafone who are working together to form a UK grid of around 17,500 joint base stations by sharing sites. However this will not improve the awful service we get from BT. Recently BT, dumped Vodafone when they merged with EE so it rather looks as though many of us will be missing out. In a planning application it was stated that "The purpose of the mast is to provide or improve Vodafone and O2 mobile phone signal coverage" so BT/EE users still do not have the coverage they all craved for.

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RESPONSE TO GOODLANDS PHASE 2

A Summary of the Boxford Society Response to Outline Planning Application for Goodlands Phase 2

The Executive Committee met and decided to make the following comments at this stage on this Outline Application in anticipation of a later fuller application.

1. Transport Statement: This proposal would bring a further 24 dwellings to the village and potentially another 40 cars. In the last two years a total of 45 dwellings have been added at Goodlands Phase 1, Station Field, and Cygnet Court off Swan Street will in due course add another 4. At an average of 1.5 cars per household this is adding around 105 additional cars to our already congested village.

This significant incremental housing growth has all taken place since the Traffic Survey quoted in the Application was undertaken in 2013 and the impact on village congestion and road safety is already plain to see. Since then traffic has also been significantly increased in peak hours by the addition of two age groups to the Boxford Primary School bringing many more parent's cars from the surrounding villages.

This medieval village with its narrow streets and lack of off road parking cannot take this amount of traffic without losing much of its character and quality of life. Swan Street in particular has been affected in this way and will bear the brunt of the proposed development. There should now be a thorough Traffic Management Study and Scheme for the Conservation Area (School Hill, Church Street, Broad Street, Ellis Street and particularly Swan Street/Daking Avenue). This should include a comprehensive traffic survey looking at current and future traffic levels and taking account of the incremental growth of the village. A 20 mph limit throughout the conservation area should be considered and the provision of off-street parking to serve the village centre.

2. The "Green Open Space" on the southern side of the development and access to Primrose Wood. The legal status and ownership of this space are not clear in the Application. Who will actually own the land and be responsible for its long term up keep together with the associated plantings? Is it to be a "designated Public Open Space? Details of footpaths are needed. The muddy spoil heap from Goodlands Phase 1 currently occupying a significant part of it would need to be levelled, landscaped and seeded. The Goodlands Phase 1 footpath from the Play Area down the west side of Phase 1 to the river and on to the bridge and Primrose Wood was not constructed. There needs to be a clear plan for proper access to Primrose Wood and path maintenance during and after any further development.

In summary, the Boxford Society wishes to reflect the concerns of residents about the impact that ad hoc development has had on Swan Street and the centre of the village, which successive developer led planning applications and the planning authority, have not considered.

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HADLEIGH BOXFORD GROUP PRACTICE Patient Participation Group (PPG)

A number of patients will be aware of the Patient Participation Group which has existed for some time. The working of the PPG has recently been reviewed and it has now changed from being a virtual group largely communicating by e-mail to a face to face group that meets formally every two months at the Hadleigh Health Centre.

The purpose of the PPG is to promote co-operation and strengthen communication between the Practice, the patients and the wider community for the benefit of all.

There are currently nine members of the Group, and we are keen to increase representation from the under 45 age group in particular. The next meeting is on Tuesday March 28th at Hadleigh and the meeting lasts from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

We are also planning to send out a questionnaire in the near future to find out what you particularly like about the present operation of the practice and to hear any suggestions you may have for improvements. So you can be fully involved in the development of our thinking without necessarily being a member of the formal group.

You may also meet members of the PPG in the reception areas in Hadleigh and Boxford in the coming months, so that we can hear your views at first hand.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the PPG or in providing feedback to the PPG from time to time, then please contact David Parke, Business Manager (david.parke@nhs.net) or one of the following members of the PPG, who will be pleased to tell you more about the group.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Tucked away behind Broad Street, next door to The Coffee Box, the clinic is a haven of calm and tranquillity. Run by husband and wife team Dr. Anthony and Jenny O'Neill, it has been thriving now for 17 years, discretely helping clients to look and feel their best.

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FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 7 April 8.00 £15

Solstice, featuring John Turville

"One of the brightest stars in the jazz firmament" (Ian Mann) returns with friends from the E17 Collective who combine influences from Brazil, New York, and France to serve up music to savour.

John Turville piano, Tori Freestone saxes and flutes, Jez Franks guitars, Brigitte Beraha vocals, Dave Manington bass, George Hart drums. Solstice is an exciting new collaboration between some of the foremost bandleaders and composers emerging from the thriving east London music scene. They have a unified sound drawing on influences from Brazil, New York, and France such as Hermeto Pascoal, Edward Simon and Pierre de Bethmann.

John Turville is a prodigiously talented pianist with very broadly-based resources. "His adventurousness with harmony and the always lyrical yet narratively swerving designs of his improvisations often recall UK piano giant John Taylor's playing" (John Fordham, The Guardian).

Friday 21 April 8.00 £18

Theo Travis

We welcome back this multi talented, multi reedsman who wowed us last year. Theo is renowned for his powerful, bluesy progressive and "rare, fine English psychedelic jazz." - MOJO

Theo Travis saxes and flute, Mike Outram guitar, Pete Whittaker Hammond organ, Nic France drums

The full flowing effect of the music from the Double Talk Quartet returns to Fleece Jazz after an astounding performance in January 2016. His many musical interests come together in this distinctive quartet project, which delivers music at the fluid interface between

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THIS MONTHS LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

Looking around the QD store in Hadleigh recently, I happened across their “Easter” section. It was, perhaps predictably, all chocolate eggs of varying sizes, fluffy toy bunnies and dainty flower baskets. Nothing wrong with that, as such, but I thought about how, in fact, it only tells part of the Easter story, the happy, flower-filled Easter Sunday part of the story. For many, this, indeed, is the only aspect of Easter they are aware of, or, if they are aware of the darker side of the story, that is something to be put far from the mind.



This too, is perhaps predictable and understandable, especially as Easter comes in spring, the cheerful time of year when our gardens are filling with daffodils, birds are finding their full voices again after the winter, and the trees are wearing their first blossom or showing the green shoots of leaves.

So why draw attention, as we do, in our Holy Week church services, to the bleaker side of the Easter story, as well as to the joy of Easter Day - Jesus' mental agony in the garden of Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday, his physical suffering and cruel death on Good Friday and the emptiness of the disciples' shattered hopes on Easter Saturday?



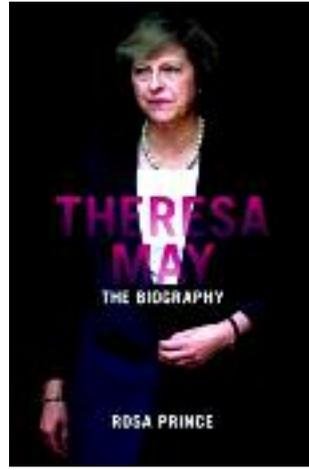
Well the reasons stare me in the face, though they are hard to look at. Yesterday evening I watched part of a documentary on Dunblane, that chilling and appalling attack on innocent children and today I read in my newspaper an account of the unspeakable brutality meted out to prisoners of the Syrian regime, by one who amazingly lived to tell the tale. Faced with such desperate and dark realities of our world, as well as the difficult times we all have to deal with in our own lives at times, the story of Holy Week powerfully reminds us that we have a God who understands our human plight, one who has been there, plumbed the depths, experienced some of the worst things that life can throw at us. The Easter Story – which must be taken in its entirety – sums up the uniqueness of the Christian faith: unique in claiming that God shared fully the human life that we all live; unique in claiming that, because of this, God not only understands the dark side of life, but actually walks in it, beside us; above all, in the defeat of death on Easter Sunday and the showing of a new way of life, unique in claiming that, in the end, the darkness of the world, the darkness of the human heart, even death itself, can be, and will be, through the power of God's love, utterly vanquished.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Revd Judith

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Theresa May: The Enigmatic Prime Minister by Rosa Prince



Eric Pickles worked closely with Theresa May for many years and is never less than complimentary about his fellow Tory. “But it’s true it takes an awful lot of time to get to know her,” he says. “I’m not sure anyone has ever entirely got to know her.” To this biography, Rosa Prince gives the subtitle “The Enigmatic Prime Minister”. Thus the author sets her own exam question: who is the woman behind the mask of steely self-control?

The search begins in childhood. I’ve wondered if May is irritated that she is constantly labelled “the vicar’s daughter”. Does she not mind being defined by her father’s occupation? Apparently not, because she has repeatedly referred to it herself and the chapters on her upbringing, the most

revealing section of this biography, explain why. It was a comfortable and secure upbringing in rural Oxfordshire with the Rev Hubert Brasier, an Anglican of the high church tradition, and Zaidee, May’s mother, about whom I would have liked to learn more.

It also sounds a lonely childhood. She was an only child and a reserved and shy one. Admiration for her father seems to have been tinged with some resentment that he had to be shared with his parishioners. A school contemporary recalls her as “very quiet... extremely studious... the person who always did their homework”. The vicar’s child could never be anything less than well-behaved, especially when there were no siblings to share the burden of responsibility. The young Theresa was, in her own words, a “goody two shoes”.

Ambition pulsed under the buttoned-up exterior. She was about 12 when she first announced an intention to be an MP. Some remember her declaring that she wanted to be Britain’s first female prime minister – and being annoyed when Margaret Thatcher got there first. Where that ambition came from is a bit mysterious. May says it sprang from a desire, inculcated by her upbringing, to do “public service”. This is what all politicians say, and sometimes it is even true, but there is always more to it than that.

“The vicar’s daughter doesn’t think that turning the other cheek applies in politics; she takes an eye for an eye”

No one else saw a potential leader. She wasn’t head girl at her grammar school and lost a mock election to the more charismatic rival who was. She participated in the Oxford Union, but was not rated a future star by contemporaries. While the Tory party’s gilded youths were accelerating up the greasy pole via jobs at Conservative Central Office, she took the slow lane to parliament through local government. She’d turned 40 before she became an MP. By surely painful contrast, David Cameron was a year younger when he became Tory leader.

In 2010, when her party got back into government after a 13 year absence, most observers thought May was destined to be a middle-order cabinet minister, distinguished mainly by the attention-seeking footwear that she adopted as an emblem and a defence mechanism to distract journalists from asking personal questions she didn’t want to answer. She was still alone in seeing herself as a future prime minister. On this account, it was George Osborne who rescued her from obscurity by pushing Cameron to make her home secretary. Irony of ironies. Their motives were not altruistic. She was dependable and hardworking, a natural rule-follower and no discernible threat. They needed a female face in one of the top jobs. She wasn’t in the Camborne clique, so it would be no great loss if she was destroyed by a department that has been the graveyard of many political careers.

As things turned out, and despite her much-resented exclusion from and clashes with Cameron’s inner circle, she was the longest-lasting home secretary in more than 60 years. This testified to resilience and meticulousness. Leading that crisis-prone department intensified the rigid and controlling sides of her character. One Lib Dem minister describes her rule as “a thinly veiled reign of terror” in which creative thinking was smothered. Civil servants and colleagues learned to fear the icy reprimand: “I’m very disappointed”.

Her promises to deliver a “different kind of Conservatism” have yet to bear much fruit and are hugely contingent on the outcome of Brexit. This biography sheds little illumination on what Mayism amounts to and comes too early to offer a solid verdict about her performance at Number 10. Where Rosa Prince succeeds is in providing a thorough and clear guide to the making of the prime minister. Damian Green, a contemporary at Oxford who sits in her cabinet, gets it right when he remarks: “The key to Theresa is what you see is what you get.” That’s the May secret: there is no mystery. She’s the sphinx without a riddle. She is what she is. We will all get to observe whether that is quite enough.

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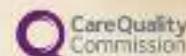
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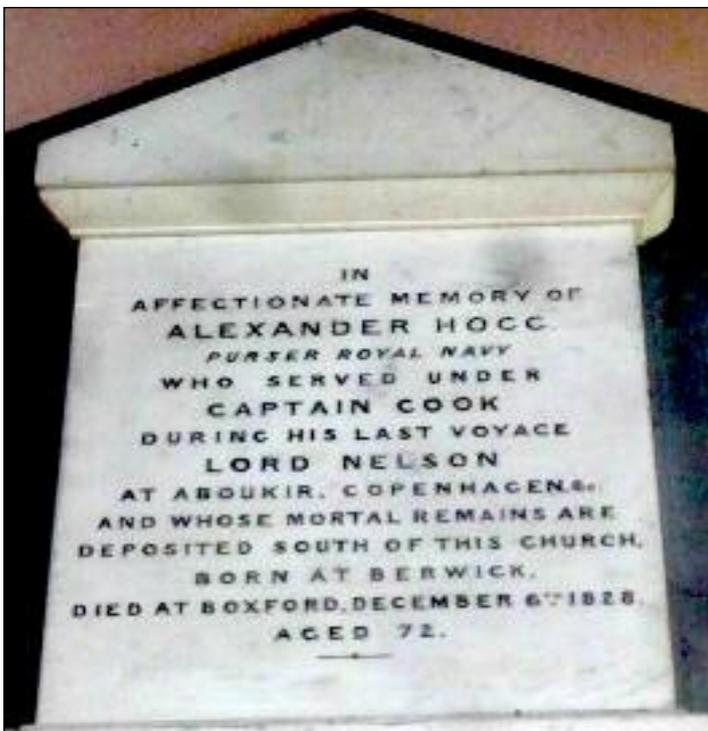
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WHO WAS ALEXANDER HOGG?

Ever since I was a choir boy in Groton Church in the 1950s I have been intrigued by a memorial over the south door to Alexander Hogg. It states that he was a purser in the Royal Navy and served under both Captain Cook and Lord Nelson. In recent years, whenever I went into the church (I no longer live in Groton) I thought I must investigate this and find out how this person ended up buried in Groton. Eventually, I decided to do something about it and this is a result of some investigations, which I hope may be of interest to others. There are, however, still many unanswered questions.

Firstly, I was confused by the name. On the memorial it looks like Hogg but it is in fact Hogg and a quick on-line search shows that while there was no suitable Hogg in the Royal Navy, Hogg was indeed a purser and he served under Captain Cook, although not as a purser.



Captain Cook's last voyage was his 3rd, and he set out from Plymouth in 1776 in HMS Resolution. While this was ostensibly undertaken to return the Pacific Islander Omai back to his home country, after he had been brought to Europe on a previous voyage essentially as a curiosity, it seems it was also to allow Cook to search for the fabled Northwest Passage. It was on this voyage that Cook was killed when the previously friendly locals in Hawaii turned nasty after a confrontation over stolen property. He was buried at sea (some body parts being retained by the Hawaiians) and his ship was put under the command of Charles Clerke. Clerke himself died in August 1779 from tuberculosis and when the vessel returned home in October 1780 it was under the command of John Gore. Also on board HMS Resolution was William Bligh, of Bounty fame.

Records show that Alexander Hogg was born in Polwarth, Berwickshire, in 1756, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (née Hiddlestan) Hogg. This means that when he sailed with Cook he was 20 years old and no doubt looking forward to adventure – he wasn't to be disappointed! He joined as an AB (Able Seaman) and did not become a purser until 1782, after he had returned to England. I can find no mention of Hogg in biographies of Cook but his later promotion to purser suggests he must have made a good impression on the navy. To sail as an AB you needed to have at least 2 years' experience at sea, which suggests that this was not Hogg's first voyage.

Records for the voyage show that when the Resolution sailed from Plymouth, in addition to livestock, a gift from King George III to the South Sea Islanders, there were on board 100 Kersey jackets, 60 Kersey waistcoats, 40 pairs of Kersey breeches, 120 Linsey waistcoats and 140 Linsey drawers – an interesting local connection with the Suffolk wool trade.

The church plaque also states that Hogg sailed with Lord Nelson at the battle of Aboukir. This is more commonly known as the Battle of the Nile and the battle for which Nelson was awarded the title Baron Nelson of The Nile and Burnham Thorpe. It took place between 1st and 3rd of August 1798 when Hogg would have been 42 and 18 years after he had returned from the South Seas. It would need extra research to establish what he was doing during this time, but the fact he was promoted to purser in 1782 suggests it involved the Royal Navy. Aboukir was the climax of a battle that had gone on for several months across the Mediterranean and in which the British fleet, led by Nelson, defeated the French forces commanded by Napoleon Bonaparte.

Three years later in 1801, when he was aged 45, Hogg was again at sea with Nelson for the Battle of Copenhagen. This was the battle, off the coast of Copenhagen, when Nelson is famously reported to have raised his telescope to his blind eye to avoid seeing a signal from the British fleet commander Admiral Hyde Parker.

There is no mention on the church plaque of the Battle of Trafalgar (21st October 1805) but a will made by him dated March 1805, when he was about to sail,

(possibly on HMS Courageux. The name of vessel is not clear in his will) indicates he was still sailing at that time and he was still on the Navy List in 1814. So what did he do between leaving the navy and ending his days in Groton churchyard? Also, why was he buried in Groton when he died/ (lived?) in Boxford? I don't know. The burial entry in the church records provides no further information stating only that 'Alexander Hogg of Boxford was buried December 12th [1828] aged 72 years.'

I had always assumed that the memorial was placed in the church shortly after Hogg's death, but this appears not to be the case. Jane Ingle, Suffolk Record Office, Bury St Edmunds, tells me that records show that a Charles Partridge did a survey of monumental inscriptions both in the church and in the churchyard in 1924 and there is no mention of any memorial to Hogg at that time.

There is information on the internet, although I haven't been able to verify it, that a nephew of Alexander Hogg, Thomas Hogg, when he was about 21 or 22 years of age, went to Raleigh, Essex, to take charge of a farm belonging to a Mr. Alexander Hogg his uncle, who was purser to Capt. Cook. Although this is not Boxford, it is certainly closer to Groton than Berwickshire. There is another report stating that he bought a farm after leaving the navy, so the Raleigh story is likely to be true. It is also possible that this Thomas Hogg is the Thomas Hogg who later went to the United States and become one of that country's pioneering horticulturalists.

Unfortunately, census records only start in 1841 but, interestingly, in that census there is an Alexander Hogg living in Market Place, Fryerning, Chelmsford (not that far from Raleigh) who was born in 1801 and 1 child, also called Alexander. His occupation is given as nurseryman. These are almost certainly relatives. Another connection with Fryerning is found in a will. We know from Alexander's will that his wife was called Ann and in 1837 an Ann Hogg of Fryerning was the beneficiary in a will made by H Dowsing. I cannot find Ann's own will and the only suitable death record (unless she moved well away from the area, in which case the possibilities are endless) is an Ann Hogg, widow, who died in Lowestoft in 1849.

In the 1851 census, it is recorded that a Susannah Hogg, unmarried female age 20, born 1831 and household servant from Manningtree, was visiting John Peggs innkeeper and farmer in Groton. Was this a relative come to see her ancestor's grave? I can find no record of a Hogg living in the vicinity of Groton, although it is by no means an uncommon name in the surrounding area. Hogg's death was reported widely in newspapers around the country but it was always the same few lines "At Boxford, Alex. Hogg, Esq Purser RN. This officer was with Captain Cooke in his voyage of discovery, 1777." Perhaps surprisingly, I can find no more detailed account of his life (or death) in local newspapers of the time.

So, there are still many loose ends, and although I have made some progress with Hogg the man I am still none the wiser as to how he ended up buried in Groton. If anyone can shed any light on the mystery I would be delighted to hear from them. *Stewart Moore*

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CHILTON - A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME A Talk by David Burnett

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome local historian David Burnett to talk to us about 'Chilton, The First Three Thousand Years'. The greater than 40 audience was enthralled with his account of the diverse nature of the history of this most unusual parish which lacks any defined centre and simply comprises the Hall, a church, a scattering of farms and a few houses and cottages.

David began by telling us that historically Chilton was regarded as little more than an extension of Great Waldingfield, whilst in modern times it has been under massive assault from the residential and industrial expansion of Sudbury, let alone the huge proposed development of Chilton Woods. He then explained that Chilton sits on a plateau above the valley of the river Stour, which provided a natural route for invaders to penetrate into the heart of East Anglia. As the valley bottom was marshy and prone to flood, early settlers tended to occupy high ground, living as hunter gatherers and leaving little trace of their passing, apart from 'scatters of worked flints'.

After parts of the parish were zoned for industrial development in the last century, archaeological excavations in 1997 between Chilton Hall and Grange Farm discovered permanent farming settlements spanning at least 1,500 years, from the late Bronze Age into the Iron Age. A section of a curved ditch was found, some 3 to 4 metres wide and 1 to 1.5 metres deep, cut into the boulder clay; due to subsequent development only part of the ditch was uncovered, but was estimated to have enclosed an area of 1.6 hectares - about 4 acres. Excavations within the enclosure revealed a multitude of post-holes, indicating the wooden frames of dwellings and other structures; post-hole patterns indicated two or possibly three family roundhouses of about 6 metre diameter - possibly housing one extended family.

David then explained how the settlement uncovered by the archaeologists was unusual because the enclosure was surrounded by woodland; analysis of mollusc remains found in the ditch showed a high concentration of shade loving snails, whereas most contemporary settlements of this sort lay in open country. Some land in the vicinity had been cleared for farming, with evidence of wheat, oats and barley having been grown, dried in pits over heated flints and stored in raised four poster granaries, then finally ground into flour using stone querns. There was evidence of tool making, with fragments of a clay crucible and metal working waste to indicate copper and lead were smelted on site, along with evidence of jewellery making. It seems the site was abandoned in the late Iron Age, with no evidence of Romano-British occupation, although an area of Roman occupation was found south west of New Farm, subsequently confirmed 10 years later after a series of trial trenches were dug in advance of the Chilton Woods development.



Coptic Bowl

He told us the 1997 excavation also revealed remains of a Saxon building to one corner of the Iron Age settlement, whilst the name of the village derives from its Old English (or Saxon) place name of Ciltona, usually translated as 'the farm or estate of the young noblemen'. We were then told that Suffolk Archaeological Service records show that pioneering Victorian archaeologist Sir John Evans excavated a grave near Chilton Hall; Kelly's directory for 1865 notes a barrow (burial mound) in the parish, which may be where Evans discovered a magnificent copper alloy hanging bowl dating back to the 7th century. The large Coptic (i.e. made in the Eastern Mediterranean) bowl is some 37 cms (14.5 inches) across and 12 cms (nearly 5 inches) tall; it is also more complete than the one found at Sutton Hoo and now resides at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.

During the Domesday survey, Chilton was a small part of the extensive estates of Count Robert Malet, son of William Malet Governor of York castle. They were among William the Conqueror's most trusted advisers / supporters and Chilton manor may have formed part of William's estates, or possibly part of Robert's reward for services during the conquest itself. On William's death both estates were merged, and by Domesday in 1086 Ciltona was a tiny part of Count Robert's territory of some 75,000 acres in Suffolk and Norfolk, stretching to the Midlands and into Yorkshire. Domesday records that 'Walter, son of Aubrey holds Chilton from the Count', a Norman knight

owing military service to Robert. There is no mention of a hall house (for further information on these, refer LWHS blog:

<https://littlewaldingfieldhistorysociety.wordpress.com/2013/11/>) and it seems likely that Walter had his main residence further to the East, closer to his overlord Robert Malet's stronghold at Eye. To put everything into context, Robert Malet had an annual income of about £600 from his many estates, of which Chilton contributed just £2 - a mere pittance (to him).

In 1086 Chilton was a tiny settlement of perhaps 40 to 50 people; by the beginning of the 20th century all signs of it had disappeared, apart from the church, isolated in the middle of an expanse of arable fields - as historian Michael Woods oft remarks 'the poor move invisibly through history'. It is not known why this happened, with the Black Death often being cited for the disappearance of the village. David observed that the explanation is likely to be more complex; the population of Suffolk was shrinking well before the arrival of the disease, whilst there was little to keep people in Chilton. By the late 14th century a flourishing cloth industry had grown up in both Great Waldingfield and in Sudbury, whilst the latter offered a range of other job opportunities. Both would have acted as magnets offering better paid work and more secure livelihoods - perhaps there was a gradual loss of population from the settlement around the church rather than a sudden event like the Black Death.



Chilton Hall

David then introduced the Cranes of Chilton Hall, an 'ancient and knightly family' who, in the 15th century, owned lands around Stonham in central Suffolk. This review is not intended to cover everything in David's hour plus presentation, so we will skip to the fourth generation Crane Robert, who succeeded his father in 1562 and ultimately secured the succession by a long and extremely complex will of 1590. Of interest to LWHS is the fact that one of the executors was Thomas Appleton of Little Waldingfield, who did not personally benefit from the will, unlike the other, Dudley Fortesque, who both occupied the Hall and ran the local Crane estates. Perhaps not surprisingly, this seems to have created differences between the two, with legal challenges and other rumblings going on for some years.

Dudley Fortesque then commissioned a survey and map of the Crane estate, which was completed in August 1597. Surviving to this day in the British Museum it is an impressive piece of cartography for its day, with its large scale of 1:3,200 showing the Hall in perspective, with the church standing in isolation to the south-east. Robert Crane built Chilton Hall between 1550 and 1560, surrounded by a moat with an arched gateway to the south leading to farm buildings and a small enclosure to the west. The whole estate, including kitchen ground and orchard to the north (now arable fields outside the registered boundary), was inherited by Sir Robert Crane V who built the present walled garden.

The lands were divided on his death, in 1643, between his four surviving daughters, with the Hall and grounds passing to the daughter married to Edmund Bacon. At this time Chilton possessed a large deer park to the south-east of the present site (reference the 1597 Survey), and by the end of the 17th century the estate passed to the Wodehouse family, whose main seat was at Kimberley in Norfolk. During the 18th century and early to mid 19th century the Hall remained little more than a large farmhouse, until around 1800 when it is believed a fire destroyed much of it, leaving only the east wing. By 1839 the Tithe map showed the deer park had been turned over to arable.

According to Historic England, the east wing is constructed of red brick and is two storeys high, with attics and cellars. The south gable has a moulded brick parapet with ornate detail added in the 1920s. The south-west corner has an octagonal buttress and the south-east corner an embattled turret which was also embellished in the 1920s. A door in the east front is reached by a brick and timber foot bridge over the moat. In the late 18th century the west front was given a Georgian facade with one and two light double-hung sash windows, and a late 20th century conservatory room has been added on this front.

St Mary's church is described by the Church Monuments Society as one of Suffolk's best-kept secrets, now redundant and in the care of the Churches

Conservation Trust. It is marooned in the middle of fields and usually locked, so presents a challenge to visit, yet it is worth persevering to get in, not least for the fine tombs to the Crane family, in particular the alabaster tomb monument commemorating Robert Crane and his wife, Anne Osgard, Lady Arundel, located between the sanctuary and the brick-built Crane chapel on the north side of the church. David told us that Robert personally chose how he wanted to be depicted on his monument because his will reveals he commissioned the tomb in his lifetime; a date in the early 1490s is confirmed by the fact the effigies are very similar to two other pairs in East Anglia, at Wethersfield (Essex) to Henry Wentworth and at Wingfield, to John de la Pole 2nd duke of Suffolk. When his widow made her will in 1508 she asked for burial 'in the chapel annexed to Chilton Church by the Grace of Robert Crane sumtyme my husband', thus proving that the Crane chapel was built by her husband in the late fifteenth century, possibly at the same time providing a chantry there.

Seen from the north or east, St Mary's church seems to sit in rural isolation, but sadly this is today an illusion. For centuries after the disappearance of the medieval village the church was completely isolated amidst a broad expanse of farmland, but in the late 20th century, Sudbury expansion led to much of the land around the church being zoned for employment and construction of the eastern bypass and Church Field Road. For the first time, worshippers and visitors no longer faced a long trek across muddy fields in winter, but by the late 1970s the tiny parish could no longer support its church. It was drawn into the parish of Sudbury St Gregory, declared redundant and left to its fate, and in the 1980s St Mary was vested in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

The church tower is constructed in rich red bricks and heavily buttressed, with the massive stair turret providing additional support to the church on the south side. David told us, the growing use of brick for church towers and the homes of the gentry provided evidence of a local brick industry developing in the 15th and 16th centuries. Apparently the bricks for St Mary's and the Hall were made on site by travelling brickmakers, using local clay seams that were still being exploited in the 20th century. Peter Minter of the Bulmer Brick and Tile Company advises that 'it would have taken many years to make sufficient bricks for the tower and then lay them'; he believes they would have been made in the summer months and laid after the frosts the following year, to ensure the lime mortar set properly. The bricks are unusually large and the 16th century workmen used a lime rich mortar containing small pieces of chalk, with Peter suggesting a construction date of between 1515 and 1520, putting it during the time of the third Robert Crane; in addition, it must have been completed before the reformation of the 1540s which put a stop to major church projects. Some damage was subsequently done to the three effigies on the Crane wall monument, with praying hands cleanly removed, although William Dowsing's journal makes no mention of any visit to Chilton.

Into the industrial age, digs and maps show a number of activities in the local area, including chalk and lime burning, brick making, flour milling, malting and mat making. Bringing the story more up to date, the face of East Anglia was transformed by the building of vast airfields for the USAAF, Eighth Air Force, with Chilton being one of sixty airfields. David told that a huge workforce of Irish labourers built runways, buildings and other facilities needed to house, feed and entertain 3,000 airmen and ground crew. Although it was common practice during the war for large private houses in the vicinity of airfields to be requisitioned for the use of officers, this did not happen to Chilton Hall. The reason was personal intervention by the then owner, Sir Thomas Crisp English, who had great influence in high places having saved the life of Winston Churchill in 1922, by diagnosing acute appendicitis and operating immediately. Sadly, before the Americans departed, they destroyed what they could not take, so food was buried, bicycles flattened by bulldozers, furniture and linoleum burnt on huge bonfires - effectively a ceremonial farewell to the young 'Viking Fleet' from across the Atlantic.

To conclude his excellent talk, David sold a number of copies of his book 'Chilton, the first three thousand years', which is very highly recommended to people interested in our shared local history.

Our next events will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on: 15th March, when Geoffrey Robinson will tell the tale of Suffolk Pioneer Henry Adams Cupper and take us on a transatlantic journey into the unknown. 19th April, when Ashley Cooper will tell us about the myriad connections between Suffolk and India.

BOXFORD WI



Our Speaker this month was Jonathan a Dementia Champion for Dementia Friends whose talks are to help people understand what it is like to live with dementia and encourage them to make a positive difference to people living with dementia in their community. The 5 key messages that Jonathan gave us are:

Dementia is not a natural part of aging

Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain

Dementia is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communicating and everyday tasks

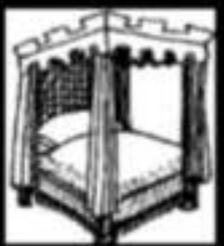
It is possible to live well with dementia

There's more to a person than the dementia

The NFWI supports Dementia Friends and we are grateful that Jonathan could come along and talk to us about what can be done to make our communities more dementia friendly.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

FIREWORKS 2017

This year's Fireworks evening will be on Saturday 28th October, with the lantern making happening at The Spinney during the week before half term week.

The Boxford Village Hall website

The Boxford Village Hall website as it stands will cease to exist as of Feb 10th a new section has been added to the BoxfordSuffolk.com website to replace it. So from now on the address for downloading the **Box River News** will be: www.boxfordsuffolk.com/box-river-news

3PR Stats for February

Hours covered were 593hrs out of a possible 672hrs and this included 15 call outs

James Cartlidge MP visited Peake Fitness gym

South Suffolk MP James Cartlidge was invited to Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa to take a look at the very latest state-of-the-art gym equipment that has just been installed in the Peake Fitness leisure and fitness club at the award-winning, family-owned venue.

Mr Cartlidge was shown around by Managing Director of the hotel, Susanna Rendall. He was impressed by the £250,000 investment and commented: "I was very pleased to visit Peake Fitness to see their fantastic new equipment and meet some members of their energetic team. It is always good to see a local rural company taking the opportunity to re-invest in their business to provide the most up-to-date service for their customers."



MP looked at the Artis Run machine and the Skill Mill which are born from Technogym's experience spanning two decades as official fitness equipment supplier to the Olympics. These are the first products to allow everyday athletes to improve their power, speed, stamina, and agility, with the ability to turn each user into a 'peak performer' – whilst making use of the in built iPod dock for accessing their favourite apps!

Chris Grimwood, Peake Fitness Club Manager, said: "We're delighted to be continuing our 17 year long relationship with Technogym UK and understand that this system is by far the most superior, fully integrated equipment on the market – our members are certainly appreciating the upgrade!" More information about membership can be found on the website at www.stokebynayland.com/membership/leisure-membership or by calling Peake Reception on 01206 265820/822 or Mary Saward on 01206 265841 and email mary.saward@stokegolfandleisure.com

Readers Letters

Sir

Yet more heartfelt thanks, this time for the wonderful kindness and thoughtfulness of friends and neighbours in the Box River Benefice who have supported me since Roy died. I am immensely grateful to you all

Pat Williams Boxford

Boxford Community Council AGM

The AGM of Boxford Community Council will take place at 7.00 p.m. at the Pavilion on Monday 24th April. All are welcome to see what the village has been up to and where all money raised has gone. Representatives from all village clubs and organisations are particularly welcome to share their activities over the year. There will be drinks and nibbles available from 7.00 with the meeting starting at 7.30.

Music for Monarchs -

A Concert for a Summer Evening

Come along and enjoy an evening of regal music in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church, Edwardstone. Organist Derek Grover will treat us to a selection of music originally composed for royal occasions, played on the notable St Mary's organ, the pipes of which date back to 1671. We are also delighted to welcome the Gainsborough Singers, directed by Michael Aves, who have put together a special programme of motets and madrigals for the evening. The concert will take place in the church on Saturday 13 May at 6pm, with tickets to include a glass of wine and canapés. All proceeds from the concert will go towards the upkeep of the church, so that it can be enjoyed by generations to come.

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LWHS Programme of Events - 2017

19th April

Connections between Suffolk and India by Ashley Cooper.

Ashley is a brilliant speaker and this talk will be full of surprises.

17th May The Life and Art of Thomas Gainsborough by Mark Bills.

Mark is a director of Gainsborough's House, so who better to speak to us.

14th June The life and times of Joan of Arc by Joy Bounds.

Joy is a local writer who focuses on women's issues and history who has published widely. This talk is based on "Far From Home" - her novel about Joan of Arc.

SHOPPING DAY

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PF50

PF50 - 50th Anniversary of the Playing Fields and Boxford Community Council.

We are holding a village fun day on Saturday 29th July on The Playing Fields. There will be stalls, games, exhibitions, rides for children and music including The Beavers into the evening. Entry is free. There will be a beer tent, food and entertainment. Some events have yet to be confirmed, but they will include performances on stage in the afternoon, falconry, virtual cycling, a cricket competition, golf, football and many more. Anyone who would like to run a craft/produce stall, please contact us as soon as possible at BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com, or ring 01787 210129. The event starts at 2.00 p.m, with bands starting at 5.00 and finishing at 11.00.

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Wot's On

YNEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

APRIL 2017

Saturday 1st	10.00 am	Parish Council coffee morning
Wednesday 5th	7.30 pm	Village Hall AGM and committee
Tuesday 11th	12.30 for 1.00 pm	Fireside Club – Easter lunch and raffle
Wednesday 12th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 25th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club - TBA
Wednesday 26th	7.30 pm	Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 27th	10.00 am	Wendy's Walk
Friday 28th	10.00 am	Fireside Club – outing to Audley End

MAY 2017

Thursday 4th	7.00 am	Suffolk County Council election
Saturday 6th	10.00 am	Church coffee morning and gift day
Tuesday 9th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – bird quiz
Wednesday 10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 23rd	12.30 for 1.00 pm	Fireside Club – Easter lunch and raffle

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Monday evenings: (6.00 pm) Trayfit high intensity exercise class (call Tracy 07772 575325)

Monday and Thursday evenings: Western Partner Dance Club (call Chris 371006)

Tuesday evenings: JT Steppers Line Dance Club (call Jean on 377434)

Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Anne on 312346)

Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club (call Brian on 312160)

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA is holding its AGM on Thursday 6th April 2017 in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This will be followed by a presentation entitled 'Submarines' with Richard Channon. Richard will tell us how a submarine works, give a potted history of the development of the submarine, tell us something about the ocean environment, and an account of operations over the past century. He joined Dartmouth in May 1956 and left the Navy in September 1990. He started with submarines in 1961, passed the CO's Qualifying Course in 1969, following which he commanded HMS Olympus. Thereafter he had a variety of sea and shore jobs, most of them submarine-associated, including command of HMS Churchill and Captain of the 2nd Submarine Squadron in Plymouth. After leaving the Navy he was Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights until retiring in 2002.

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

The Edwardstone Art Group

The Edwardstone Art Group are a group of friends who meet up in Edwardstone Parish Hall on a Wednesday to paint and exchange ideas. They paint in all mediums and styles producing a varied show. This is the first exhibition they have put on. There will be teas with homemade cake too, so please come and browse.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, May 13th, at 2.00pm at Groton Village Hall.

The Groton Church fund-raising team have decided to go back in time and hold a Jumble Sale; there will be toys, bric-a-brac, cakes, plants, a raffle and teas as well as Jumble, so please do come along for a bargain. Any jumble can be left in the inside room at Mary's House, Swan street, Boxford, which is usually open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. All proceeds of the sale to St. Bartholomew's Church.

CASTAWAY

Saturday, June 17th, 7.30 at Groton Village Hall.

This should be a great evening! The Reverend Judith Sweetman will be interviewed 'Desert Island Discs' style, including her choice of music of course. The interview will break half way through for a meal, and Groton is renowned for its food! The theme throughout will be "Tropical Island". We hope that this will appeal to everyone across the benefice, so please put the dates in your diary now; the tickets will be £12 a head, available soon, and so if you wish to reserve tickets, please phone either Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] or Jayne Foster [211360]

MILDEN PAVILION FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 22nd April

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March				
30 Little Waldingfield	Lent Lunch	Newman's Hall		12.00 to 2.00pm
30/31 & 1st April	'Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue, S'il Vous Plait' BDG	Boxford Village Hall		7.30pm
April				
4 Boxford Gardening Society	Alpines from the wild	Boxford Village Hall		7.30pm
7 Quiz and Curry	Groton Hall Mgt Committee	Groton Village Hall		7.30pm
10 Little Waldingfield PCC	AGM	Parish Room - all welcome		7.00pm
19 Little Waldingfield History Soc	Connections between Suffolk and India by Ashley Cooper	Parish Rooms		7.30pm
21 FOB's Quiz Night	Friends of Boxford School	School Hall		7 for 7.30
22 Fun Quiz Night	Milden Pavilion	Milden Pavilion		7.30pm
29 Boxford Society	The Great Detective-Sherlock	Boxford School Hall		7.30pm
May				
5/6 Milden Singers	Milden Pavilion	Milden Pavilion		7pm and 1.30pm
6/7 Edwardstone Art Group	Art Exhibition	Boxford Village Hall		10 to 5pm
7 FOB's Sale Trail	Friends of Boxford School	School Hall		12 to 4pm
13 Jumble Sale	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall		2.00pm
13 Music for Monarchs	Edwardstone Parish Church	St Mary the Virgin Church		6.00pm
17 Little Waldingfield History Soc	The Life and Art of Thomas Gainsborough	Parish Rooms		7.30pm
June				
4 Boxford Gardens Opean				
8 Little Waldingfield	Concert by Landermaison, Folk/jazz duo	St. Lawrence Church		
14 Little Waldingfield History Soc	The life and times of Joan of Arc	Parish Rooms		7.30pm
17 Castaway (Desert Island Discs	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall		7.30pm
July				
15 Little Waldingfield	Village Yard Sale, Refreshments in Parish Room			
29 PF50 - 50th Anniversary of the Playing Fields and Boxford Community	Playingfields			
September				
9/10 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival		St Lawrence Church		
First and Third Monday each month	Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford		7.30pm



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For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at www.achurchnearyou.com.

DEANERY NEWS

Deanery Synod

The synod met on Wednesday 8th March 2017 in St Mary's Church, Bures. Members heard a very interesting talk on personal and church security by Paul White, a member of the congregation at Bures. Paul is a former member of the Metropolitan Police security team, concerned especially with counteracting terrorist threats. The next meeting will be on **14th June** (venue to be decided) and will be the first meeting after new members are elected at this year's annual parochial church meetings.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

Kagera Lent Challenge

The diocesan Lent appeal is to celebrate our link diocese of Kagera in Tanzania. The challenge is to

- learn more about life in Kagera
- pray for our brothers and sisters there
- raise money to help them improve their lives.

A booklet gives an idea for prayer or giving for each day in Lent (1 March to 15 April). One example: "Most houses in Kagera do not have electricity. They have to use kerosene lamps for lighting. Give 1p for every electric light in your house." Speak to the Revd Judith or David Lamming if you would like a copy of the booklet (and don't worry that we are already part way through Lent.)

Diocesan Synod

The synod met (unusually) at the Cathedral on Saturday 11th March 2017. At the start, synod members welcomed Bishops Martin and Mike, who had just completed their Lenten pilgrimage, "walking together," as their episcopal purple fluorescent waistcoats announced, the 65 miles from the beach at Dunwich on Ash Wednesday to Bury St Edmunds: see photographs. Synod also welcomed Anna Hughes, the new diocesan secretary, to her first synod meeting after taking up her appointment on 30th January. The meeting, which heard an upbeat report on the diocesan finances from the Archdeacon of Suffolk, Ian Morgan, ended with a Eucharist.

Diocesan e-News

A reminder that you can sign up to receive the weekly diocesan eNews as an e-mail sent to your inbox each Wednesday. It contains news of forthcoming events across the diocese, especially those related to the Growing in God theme, with a monthly letter from Bishop Martin. Just enter your e-mail address on the form at this web address: <http://cofesuffolk.us2.listmanager.com/subscribe?u=c52dd45d5732d5bd4c5aa7748&id=f9db65220e>

Visit the **Churches Together** website for CTiS&D news and for details of other forthcoming events: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.



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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Cafe Church Sunday April 2nd at 11.00 am. An informal service with lots of good coffee and pastries. Craft activities for children and adults too! Everyone is welcome.

Good Friday A service of readings, seasonal music and reflections for Good Friday on **April 14th at 2.00 pm** in church. All welcome.

Easter Sunday A family service of Holy Communion on **16th April at 11.00 am**. All welcome.

On **Sunday 30th April at 10:00 am** we are host to the Benefice for the **Five Villages Service** with Holy Communion. Please come and enjoy the friendship of your fellow villagers; we have a well-equipped Children's Corner, so we can cater for families, and refreshments are served following the service.

There is a tremendous build up to Easter Sunday. During the 40-day season of Lent we allowed Jesus to ask us questions (such as why do you worry or do you want to be made well). These questions invited us to look inward and notice the places that needed pruning to make way for the new attitudes to take root within us and our church. And it is not merely we humans in a season of resurrection. At this time of year, all of creation is building up towards resurrection. From the flowers that have bravely withstood winter weather to the seemingly dead branch fashioning a new bud of bright green. There is a slow and steady rhythm towards new birth; a deep yearning for renewal. And so we understand why Easter is at the heart of our identity as followers of Christ. In many ways, the statement that God made through Christ's resurrection at Easter, is the point of our Christian faith: that death, sin, deceit, violence and despair do not have the final word, God's hope, peace, and eternal promise will prevail. However, at the pinnacle of Easter's summit we sometimes miss the power of Jesus' 50 days immediately following his resurrection.

Rather than proclaiming his resurrection and retreating to heaven, Jesus continually showed up to his disciples to help them over some of the issues that thwarted them from living out a deeper faith. Jesus kept appearing to his disciples: through locked doors of fear; when they were stuck in frustrating fishing moments; during times of deep doubt, or when shame was weighing down their souls. Into these circumstances, the post-Easter Jesus showed up and he turned their stumbling blocks into stepping stones. Immediately following Easter, we, like the disciples, will have the opportunity to notice where Jesus keeps showing up in our lives to address that which keeps us from following more fully, trusting more deeply, and surrendering more completely. Easter Sunday shows us that God will give us the power to live out our mission. Jesus, post Easter, shows us that God will never, ever give up on us.

Every blessing in Christ. Christopher Kingsbury

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St.Mary's, Boxford, will be held at **5.00 pm on Sunday 2nd April** in the church. Refreshments will be available at **4.45 pm** before the meeting. Please see the Benefice News section for details of this meeting.

The Bible Study Group meets at Russets, 47 Swan Street on 2nd and 4th Monday each month by kind invitation of Margaret and Peter Holden. All are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

Boxford Guides - A request from Eloise Bircher, Guide Leader. Please collect Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and put them in the collecting box in church. Thank you.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

We have two Sunday services in our church this month.

• On the **9th April at 10:00 am** we host the **Benefice Palm Sunday** service of **Holy Communion**, which will begin at Temple Bar and we will process to the Church accompanied, we hope, by a donkey. This is a service for all the family so please do come and swell the numbers as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a humble beast of burden.

• Our **Easter Sunday service of Holy Communion** on **16th April** will be at **09:30 am**.

Rota for April

Sunday 9th Sidesman/Coffees Jan Paul/Frances East and Ineke Morris

Sunday 16th Sidesman/Coffees David Saddleton/Maureen Cooling

Flowers for Easter Everyone

Cleaning Frances East

The **Village Garage Sale** that we had planned for **Saturday 6th May** will only be able to go ahead if sufficient people express an interest in taking part. Please contact Jan Paul on 01787 210972 **no later than 10th April** and don't miss this opportunity to clear out your unwanted items (remember that other people may want them!), whilst raising funds for your village church. **Music for Monarchs Saturday 13th May at 6.00pm**

A concert celebrating Edwardstones special "Father" Smith Organ. Father Smith was organ builder to the Kings and Queens, and much of the music will be from this period, the 17th century.

Derek Grover is the organist together with The Gainsborough Singers, and conductor Michael Aves.

Tickets £15.00 (including a glass of wine and canapes). Available from the Boxford Post Office and Etain Todds 01787 210344 or Liz Henderson 01787 211417

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 27th April at 7.30 pm** at the White Horse Inn, Mill Green, Edwardstone. Please see the Benefice News section for more details about the meeting



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:
Vacant

From the Registers Interment On 3rd March 2017 the ashes of Gwendoline Wild, who died in January 2016, aged 101 years, were interred in the churchyard.

Easter Day Service The Easter Day service at Groton this year will be one of Communion by Extension, led by David Lamming. We shall be singing traditional Easter hymns, so do join us at **9.30 am on 16th April 2017** as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and the 'good news' this is for a world and society that seems increasingly fractured and ill at ease. Jesus said, "I am come that you may have life – and have it to the full." (John 10 v. 10).

Church Roof - An Update Tenders have been invited from four firms to carry out the permanent roof repair following the lead theft in October 2015. Replies are due by 28th March 2017 and the PCC hope that the successful tenderer will be able to carry out the work before too long after that.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Tuesday 4th April 2017**, which will be held in the Village Hall at **7:30 pm**. Wine and nibbles will be served! Please see the Benefice News section for more details about the meeting.

Jumble sale Saturday May 13th at 2.00 pm at Groton Village Hall.

The Groton Church fund-raising team have decided to go back in time and hold a Jumble Sale; there will be toys, bric-a-brac, cakes, plants, a raffle and teas as well as Jumble, so please do come along for a bargain. Any jumble can be left in the inside room at Mary's House, Swan street, Boxford, which is usually open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. All proceeds of the sale to St. Bartholomew's Church.

Christian Aid This year's Christian Aid Week takes place from 14th to 20th May. Volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection are needed and always welcome: please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360. More details next month.

Castaway Saturday June 17th at 7.30 pm at Groton Village Hall.

This should be a great evening! The Reverend Judith Sweetman will be interviewed 'Desert Island Discs' style, there will be a meal, and Groton is renowned for its food! We hope that this will appeal to everyone across the benefice, so please put the date in your diary now; the tickets will be £12 a head, available soon, and so if you wish to reserve tickets, please phone either Pat Kennedy Scott 01787 210319 or Jayne Foster 01787 211360



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas

2nd April Mrs.

9th April

14th April

16th April

23rd April

30th April

Sidesmen

Eddington and Mrs. Martin

No service

Mr. Bowden and Mrs. Ridgeon

TBA

No service

No service

Flowers

No flowers

No flowers

No flowers

All

Mrs. Gregor-Smith

Mrs. Eddington

5th March Reverend Judith celebrated Holy Communion on this the first Sunday of Lent. In her sermon she spoke of Christ's temptation in the wilderness. In spite of heavy rain many people attended the service. Wet and cold, we all needed the most welcome refreshments of hot coffee and biscuits. The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on **Monday 10th April at 7.00 pm** in the Parish Room. Please see the Benefice News section for more details about the meeting.

On Good Friday 14th April at 09.30 am we shall have our usual family service followed by hot cross buns and drinks in the Parish Room. Children are especially welcome.

Easter Day 16th April at 8.00 am Holy Communion.

Some dates to remember

Christian Aid This year's **Christian Aid Week** takes place from **14th to 20th May**. Volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection are needed and always welcome: please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360. More details next month.

Thursday 8th June Landermason, a folk/jazz duo, will give a concert in St. Lawrence Church. Tickets £10 from Nancy Roser, tel. (01787) 882897, mobile 07792 299618, or at the door. See advertisement for further information.

15th July Village Yard Sale with refreshments in the Parish Room.

9th and 10th September Flower Festival in St. Lawrence Church.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Christine Cornell,

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

26th February. We celebrated the Service of Holy Communion with Revd. Judith. This is a special day known as Transfiguration Sunday. This recalls the time when Jesus took some of his disciples up a high mountain and they witnessed the event in which his appearance was radiantly transformed in what we think of as the 'glory'. We may see a type of 'glory' in our lives. Revd. Judith was delighted to welcome a good number of people attending the service including some from the other churches in the diocese. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and to all who joined in to help with parts of the service and with refreshments. We are very happy to welcome anyone to take part.

Our **Easter Sunday** service of **Holy Communion by Extension**, led by Chris Kingsbury, on **16th April will be at 09.30 am**.

BENEFICE NEWS

Church Annual Meetings including the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** Each year every church holds a series of three connected meetings which take place consecutively. First is the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)** the sole purpose of which is to elect churchwardens for the coming year. This is a joint meeting of all residents living in the ecclesiastical parish registered on the civil electoral roll and all of those on the electoral roll of the ecclesiastical parish, which can include people who live outside the parish. This meeting is then followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**. This is the meeting that elects representatives to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the coming year. This year, too, the meeting will elect two representatives of the laity to serve on the deanery synod for the next three years. The PCC will present its report and accounts for 2016 and there is an opportunity at the meeting to ask questions or raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Only those whose names are on the church electoral roll are entitled to attend and vote at this meeting. Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say. A copy of the accounts and the annual report will be on display on the church noticeboard at least a week before the meeting. The APCM is then followed by a short PCC Meeting at which will be appointed by election the PCC officers and the members of the Standing Committee for the coming year. Please see the news items for the individual parishes for the dates, venues and times of these meetings.

April 2017

Services in the Box River Benefice

Village Daily Prayers

****PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO DAILY PRAYERS IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 17TH APRIL****

Each week, in the five churches: informal, friendly service, 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! Please let Revd Judith know of any people or situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. *Tuesday* 9.00 Edwardstone, *Wednesday* 9.00 Groton; 17.00 Little Waldingfield; *Thursday* 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

Sunday 2nd	5th Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	(P)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion (traditional words)	Revd Judith
Lt. Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 <i>Cafe Church</i>	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 5th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 6th		
Lt Waldingfield	15.00 Holy Communion (Reserved Sacrament)	Lay Team

Sunday 9th	Palm Sunday (Jesus rides into Jerusalem)	(R)
Edwardstone	10.00 Holy Communion with procession <i>Hopefully with donkey...please bring a branch of greenery to wave!</i> <i>Meet at 9.50 at Temple Bar, the brick archway leading to the church</i>	Revd Judith

Wednesday 12th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd David Abel

Thursday 13th	Maundy Thursday (Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples)	
Groton	19.30 Informal reflective service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Friday 14th	Good Friday (Jesus is crucified)	
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Family Service (with Hot Cross Buns and craft)	Revd Judith
Boxford	14.00 Reflective service "at the foot of the cross"	Revd Judith

Sunday 16th	Easter Day (Jesus is raised to new life)	(W)
Lt Waldingfield	08.00 Holy Communion (traditional words)	Revd Judith
Edwardstone	09.30 Family Communion	Revd Judith
Groton	09.30 Family Communion (by extension)	David Lamming
Newton	09.30 Family Communion (by extension)	Christopher Kingsbury
Boxford	11.00 Family Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 19th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 20th		
Lt Waldingfield	15.00 Compline-Newmans Hall	Lay Team

Sunday 23rd	2nd Sunday of Easter	(W)
Groton	08.00 Holy Communion (traditional words)	
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 26th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion-Mary's House	Revd Judith

Sunday 30th	3rd Sunday of Easter	(W)
Boxford	10.00 <i>Five Villages Service with Holy Communion</i>	

Soap Box

I had intended to submit this piece last month, but the unexpected news that our village pub had been put into administration took precedence. Still, while the newsworthiness of the subject matter may have declined, its importance hasn't. So, for what it is worth, here is my take on the way technology is assuming an ever more important place in society today.

The news that the British government had set up a centre for fighting cyber crime in London served as a stark reminder of how much computers and the internet have taken control of our lives. The week that I put pen to paper (in a manner of speaking – I actually write these articles on a computer and email them to the editor) for this article, I was booking flights, parking and transfers for some trips we were making later in the year. All done online with no human intervention.

At the same time, the West Suffolk Hospital was confirming an appointment I was expected to attend by telephoning and using a pre-recorded message to ensure I was still coming. My response through the keypad would let the hospital computer know that the date and time was in my diary. Other hospitals do this too. While accepting a lift from a friend in Ipswich, he received a similar call regarding his hospital appointment. Even more remarkable is that a mobile telephone company has announced it would be providing computer voice generated answers to queries, rather than provide real people to respond.

These days the texts you receive on your mobile phone are as likely as not to be computer generated. As for the quantity of unwanted emails I receive, it almost makes me long for the days of simple junk mail through the post. At least you could burn that. And don't forget social media. How did we survive without Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram? Quite well, as I recall.

A little over twenty years ago, my wife and I were in Thailand and met up with an American couple who were on holiday from Vladivostok where they ran a programme for the US Peace Corps. Wanting to stay in touch after our holidays finished, they asked for our email addresses. Email? I wasn't even sure what it was in those days. Try operating in a business environment today without email!

As if technological advancement hasn't delivered enough change, we are moving on to the internet of things, whereby you can turn on your central heating, switch on your lights or even boil a kettle from your mobile phone or tablet, using the internet to communicate with your home. And

our electricity supply, bank accounts, air traffic control and a myriad of other important components that we rely on daily now use the internet to receive instructions and to monitor what is going on.

No wonder the government is so concerned about cyber security. Aside from the risk that the unwary might find their bank account raided, hostile nations could in theory shut down our power supply, prevent trains from running or, perish the thought, even make planes fall out of the sky. It really does make you think.

Of course, much of what has been developed using advanced technology has been for the benefit of mankind. Surgeons could in theory perform operations remotely. One day many medical treatments might become automatic, relying on robots to perform them. Just think how robots have transformed production lines. Think, too, of the jobs they might replace. Bookkeepers are an obvious vulnerable target. The pace of change continues and, if anything, is speeding up.

A quarter of a century ago I wrote and had published a book. It was entitled "The Second Financial Services Revolution" – a reference to "Big Bang", which had taken place less than ten years before and had shaken up the financial services industry massively. My contention was that technology would transform the business in which I worked even more. I was right about that and, if anything, I underestimated the speed and extent of the changes that computers and the internet were to usher in.

Today a new kind of adviser is developing. Called a Robo-adviser, it uses algorithms to generate advice for an individual who answers the questions needed to form a proper assessment of his or her financial circumstances. And it's all done over the internet without human intervention. It seems there are fewer and fewer jobs that are safe from the reach of technology. Investment managers are already under pressure from computer generated systems that take the emotion out of decision taking.

We can't turn back the clock, but I do wonder where it all will end. Television on demand, quick and easy shopping on the internet – all this is desirable and down to the internet and those clever people who devise the way in which it can be used. Despite my prescient book, I find myself lagging behind in this technological race. I know I am not alone, but I wonder if sufficient people understand just how much change could be just over the horizon.

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GARDENING IN APRIL HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Newly planted trees, shrubs, heathers and herbaceous perennials are liable to suffer from drought during April. Plants will be bursting into leaf and moisture will be lost through transpiration. Newly planted subjects will not have had time to make a sufficient root system to cope with this moisture loss, so unless water is given, many will die.

Cut back all those shrubs which flower on the current seasons growth, such as *Buddleia davidii*, *Hydrangea grandiflora*, *Sparticum junceum* and *Garyopteris clandestinis*. Pruning all last seasons growth back to two buds will produce better flowers and will keep the plants young and vigorous. Most silver foliage plants will also be in need of a trim to keep them neat and in good shape, if not pruned every year they will become woody and may eventually need to be replaced. If you have planted any trees for their decorative bark, cut off any shoots which are growing from the main stem, doing this while the shoots are young will avoid leaving any unsightly scars.

As soon as the soil is dry enough, get busy with the Dutch hoe among herbaceous plants and autumn planted onions and spring cabbage. As well as controlling weeds, loosening the soil around plants will admit air and sunshine, necessary to promote healthy growth.

Ground that was dug over in the autumn should be raked down to a fine tilth to conserve as much moisture as possible and it will then be in the right condition for sowings so it means that when the weather does warm up everything in the vegetable garden will need doing at the same time. Priority should be given to a planting of early potatoes, if they have been well sprouted they will quickly produce roots and shoots will soon appear above ground. You don't need large tubers for the early crop, so wide spacing of sets is not necessary, 9-12 inches apart is enough. Try and plant a row near a path where the plants can easily be given a protective cover of fleece when threatened by May frosts.

Parsnips and carrots should also be sown right away. The parsnip variety 'White Gem' produces medium sized roots suitable for the normal household, while the carrot 'Amsterdam Forcing' will quickly produce a crop of young tender roots. Carrot fly is always a problem and a severe attack can render a crop useless for eating. There are fly resistant varieties such as 'Fly away for but these resistant varieties, to be affective, they must be accompanied by a resistant variety to act as sacrificial crop.

Covering with fleece or insect control vitromesh is the most effective way of control.

Shallots, garlic needs be planted right away especially if they have to be started off in trays as described last month. Onions, leeks and brussel sprouts raised in the greenhouse can be planted out during the later half of the month. Red beet can be sown without any danger of them bolting and a sowing of perpetual spinach will provide pickings by the end of June.

Plant out dormant dahlia tubers at the end of the month, by time shoots emerge above ground the danger of frost will be gone.

Last week in the month make a sowing of sweet corn and courgettes in the greenhouse to supply plants ready for planting out at the end of May.

Sunshine and showers

Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. Expect the inevitable April showers this month but with sunny days too, when you can turn your attention to the lawn. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts...

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, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
- 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

Note

As many of you will know, Harry has been unwell and after a spell in recovery he has now moved into St Josephs in Sudbury. After a decent spell of recovery we will consider Harry's future as our gardening correspondent, it may well be that if he managed to continue it would be good exercise for his Grey matter!! In the mean time we have reproduced his notes from April 2006 with updates. We wish him well Ed

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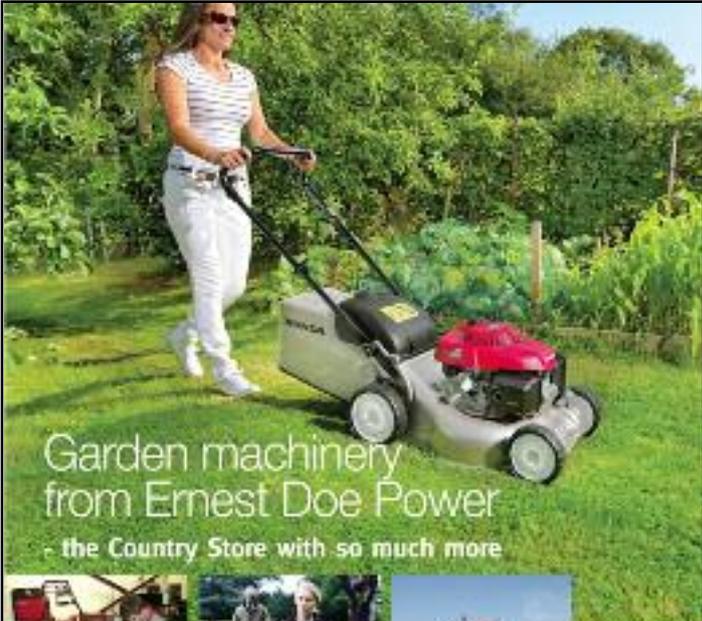
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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held on 6th March

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council will be held on Monday 3rd April. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 9th May.

Public Forum: Items raised included the state of road surface on Daking Avenue, the need for a grit bin at Station Field, a request for dog waste bins in the vicinity and outstanding maintenance in the Churchyard. A report was given in relation to the Community Council. The school fencing project was also mentioned. The Parish Council agreed to purchase a grit bin and dog waste bins. The boundary wall to the Churchyard has been inspected recently and non urgent timely maintenance was being considered. Reports on issues with ivy and trees in the Churchyard were being followed up.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the Council tax increase overall comes to about 3%. The District Council is looking to introduce a Leader cabinet model at their AGM. The mobile phone tower is in place and is soon to be operational. He reported on a site meeting at the recently improved footpath/bridle path leading to Station Field with money allocated during planning. The Parish Council agreed to write to Suffolk Right of Way to check there is adequate provision to sustain the path long term. Cllr Hurren thanked the Parish Council for putting out leaflets so cars were moved for the recent road sweeping. Cllr Waspe reminded Cllr Hurren of the state of Wash Lane. Planning topics discussed were Goodlands and also a Neighbourhood Plan.

Correspondence: The progress of items raised at Parish Council were discussed. Incomplete restoration of road markings on Sand Hill were to be reported.

Cemetery: Cllr Impett agreed to follow up on tree issues identified in the Cemetery. Work has since been authorised.

Reserving Policy: It was resolved to adopt a Reserving Policy for Boxford Parish Council. This followed a recommendation by the Internal Auditors.

Daking Avenue Road Surface: It was agreed to put pressure on County Highways to resolve the road surface issues on Daking Avenue due to heavy construction vehicles. Further support will be sought from County Cllr James Finch.

Planning: Permission had been granted to reduce ash trees at Boxbank, Rules Yard and for Listed Building for internal doorway at 12 Swan Street. The Planning Authority had refused permission for an agricultural Storage Building on land east of White Street Green. A detailed response had been issued ahead of the deadline to the outline application for a further 24 dwellings at Goodlands. There were no objections to the application for a porch and conversion of outbuilding to annex at Chequers, 7 Church Street.
Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

District Council Report By

Bryn Hurren

First of all thank you to all who have inquired about my health and sent me cards and those who have seen me limping along the streets of Boxford and wished me well.

The knee op seems to have been a complete success and I am back driving and light work when I can, I am also attending all the council meetings that I should and did not miss one during my short stay in hospital or during my recovery. Parish Council meetings are not the most exiting events in your villages but the Annual Parish meetings when all reps give their annual reports can be very informative and open to all parishioners, if you have a local matter that you are concerned about or an idea to share or a project that you need help with please come along and meet your local councillors who will I am sure try to help. Two of the five I represent have refreshments and if you are lucky enough to live in Milden you will get a free glass of wine or two. Watch out for the dates in this magazine. Coming back to other business you will all have noticed that the Mobile phone mast has arrived and should be functioning towards the end of April or early May, this project was started by people contacting their local councillors which led to the petition being set up and sent into parliament and later we can see the result. I have now been informed that Babergh and Midsuffolk district councils will be leaving the areas that they represent and moving into central Ipswich in September of this year, I will be speaking more about that at your Parish meetings next month along with the increase in Council Tax and many other matters. The new footpath from Stationfield has now been completed which should help with access by both Bike, Buggy, pushchair or on foot. The contractor is likely to come back and make good the final piece of the path to adjoin the road which will give better access down to the village via the Fen St path. I am hoping to work with others in the next month to finally get the old gaol cleaned and sealed from birds and finally fit for use as a village bus shelter, this has been a long process beset by problems and I apologise for the delay. Finally thank you to all those who moved their cars a few weeks ago so that the village streets could receive a good sweep and clean, the process will be repeated later in the summer and hopefully will work again. If anyone has any issue that they would like to raise with me, Village or District please get in touch. Have a great spring.

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

• Foster + Partners selected as Architects for the Upper Orwell Crossings Project in Ipswich

The crossings will be the second project Foster + Partners has undertaken in the town, following the construction of the architecturally significant Willis Building in Ipswich town centre.

The Panel, chaired by Sir Michael Hopkins CBE, selected Foster + Partners from a strong shortlist of five internationally renowned teams that included (in alphabetical order of design firm lead): Adamson Associates with William Matthews Associates and Ney & Partners; Knight Architects; Marc Mimram; and Wilkinson Eyre with FHECOR and EADON Consulting.

Foster + Partners impressed the panel by the quality of their overall approach and thinking, including the initial design concepts presented for the project's three crossings. The approaches were considered to have the potential to enhance Ipswich's thriving waterfront, as well as acting as a catalyst for regeneration of the wider harbour area.

The county council and key partners, anticipate seeing the initial design ideas developed further with the wider project team and in consultation with local businesses, communities and residents.

• One hundred gritting runs were completed this winter to keep Suffolk's roads safe

Despite very little snow Suffolk's gritting teams have treated enough miles to travel around the world four and a half times so far this winter !! Up to now over 100 gritting runs have been undertaken by Suffolk Highways, treating 110,671 miles of the county's road network in the

A total of 37 operatives, three supervisors, a lead decision maker, an assistant for the lead decision maker and the winter service manager oversee the shifts on the 'Priority 1' route, which covers all A and B roads and is 1,259 miles in length and on the 'Priority 2' route, which is 843 miles in length – a total of over 2100 miles.

The majority of gritting runs took place throughout the night and early morning, taking around three and a half hours on average. During the busiest period of the winter gritting season, 45 gritting runs were completed between January 9 and January 29, spending around 112 hours on the county's roads. I am sure you join me in expressing our thanks to them all for their commitment in keeping us safe over the winter. We all hope their job is now complete for 2017.

• My availability in the Stour Valley this spring.

I have recently been in hospital and am now recovering from some surgery on my hip. This is unfortunately preventing me from driving or travelling in a car for several more weeks which I am finding very frustrating. Please accept my apologies for not being in circulation as much as I normally am and thank you for your understanding.

If you wish to make contact with me please do so via email or telephone in the normal way when I will be pleased to help with any requests or queries you may have.

I am pleased to say I have been nominated again to be your Conservative candidate in the Stour Valley for the county council election on 4th May. I have accepted this with pleasure and look forward to being "round and about" before too long.

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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 1 March 2017 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: J Osborne (Chair), R Cheeseman, C Fraulo, D Wills

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren (BDC)

Apologies for absence – A Dixon-Smith, P Roberts, N Cox, J Finch.

Reports - **J Finch (SCC)** was not in attendance. He had however met J Osborne recently and advised that he was pleased that SCC would not be increasing its share of the precept apart from 3% for social care. The police's share of the precept will increase by 1.9%. He had said that devolution will not be going forward. He understood the Parish Council's concern about the drainage issue at Park Corner and although SCC Highways had a large workload he will try to ensure it is on the list to be dealt with.

B Hurren (BDC) said that the BDC precept would increase by about 3.2%. The phone mast on the A1071 has been installed but is not yet connected – this should be done before too long. BDC's move to Endeavour House in Ipswich is now likely to take place in September. Boxford Parish Council is trying to revitalise the creation of a neighbourhood plan and he will keep Groton PC informed in case it is interested in joining in.

Suffolk Police – the February police report was available, which gave crime figures for December. J Osborne said that a local breakdown of figures could be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website although it took time to get to them.

Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public – J Osborne said that there was a piece on page 3 of the March Village Edition regarding the Hadleigh Boxford Practice Patient Participation Group and the same article will appear in the April edition of the BRN. He is the local contact. The group is keen to get people under 45 involved in the group.

Planning Matters - Planning decisions received – B/17/00012 Goslings Green House CO10 5EX – this application had been withdrawn.

Fraudulent planning objection letters sent to BDC – it had come to the Parish Council's attention that 2 letters that had been sent to BDC objecting to a recent planning application were fraudulent as they had not come from the people whose addresses were given. BDC are now aware of this but say the letters did not materially influence the outcome. The PC resolved to write to BDC expressing its concern and will monitor future objection letters closely.

Local housing update – J Osborne said that he and C Fraulo met with Hastoe Housing but had not been happy with the proposed plans. Hastoe are reconsidering and will revert.

Other Planning matters – Groton PC had not been consulted about the proposals for Phase 2 of the development at Goodlands Farm, Boxford – B/17/00091 Land to the south of Daking Avenue, Boxford – erection of up to 24 dwellings (including up to 8 affordable dwellings) with access (outline permission). However, the PC considered the plans and resolved to write to BDC expressing surprise that it had not been consulted, repeating the PC's previous concerns about the pressure the additional traffic would put on the already heavily congested Swan Street, and the exacerbation of the existing problem of access up Swan Street for emergency services vehicles. B Hurren advised that he is also strongly against the proposals.

Chairman's reports and correspondence – the Clerk asked to attend a forthcoming information and networking session at SALC at a cost of £16 plus VAT – agreed.

Highway and Footpath matters - Footpath cutting – J Osborne will speak to A Dixon-Smith regarding future cutting plans.

Park Corner – See above. The PC will continue to chase for this work to be done.

Hedge at the corner of Heath Road and Broad Street – J Osborne had looked at this and said that it seemed that the first 20 yards or so had been cut at some time, but not further on. It appears that this is likely to be SCC Highways' responsibility as the growth is on the road side of the ditch. The Clerk will report the issue to SCC.

Other highway and footpath matters – the Clerk will report the deep pothole near Moat Farm, the general state of Heath Road and the long pothole forming at the side of Groton Street near The Croft.

Financial matters - The Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment and accounts to date were approved. Donations and s137 payments for 2016-17 were considered and the PC resolved to make the following payments:

Boxford Playing Fields £320 plus a one off additional sum of £100 to support the anniversary celebrations; Groton PCC £330; East Anglian Air Ambulance £100, Sudbury CAB £150 and East Anglia's Children's Hospices £100.

The PC resolved to increase the Clerk's salary point from SCP 18 to SCP 19 from 1 April 2017 in line with the terms of her contract.

Future agenda items were agreed as Goodlands, Park Corner junction, Community Emergency Plan, local housing, Neighbourhood Plan.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 3 May at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

A full copy of the Minutes can be seen on the Parish Council's website Groton.onesuffolk.net/

Anita Robinson, Clerk to Groton Parish Council



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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS -APRIL 2017



The Names on our War Memorials – April 2017

In the March article I gave an outline of the progress of the War on the Western Front through the early months of 1917. We learnt that in the few weeks between the end of March and the first week of May ten of our villagers lost their lives on this frontline.

In that article the short lives of four of those men were brought to mind and remembered as casualties of the great engine of destruction that the War had become. In this article, and the following one in May, I will try to bring into the light of recognition the lives of the other six men, who left their familiar surroundings and became soldiers never to return to live out their days amongst their fellow countrymen.

Before embarking on their stories, you might recall that last month I was uncertain of the identity of the parents of Charles William Mann of Groton. I am now able to confirm that they were Johnson William Mann and Martha, nee Lilly. Johnson was born in 1866 in Groton, and Lilly, born 1863, came from Long Melford. They married in 1885. Johnson was a shepherd, and his family were agricultural labourers. He appears in the Censuses either in Groton or Chelsworth living on heath or common land, which, perhaps, reflects where sheep were being grazed at the time. Martha came from a family of thatchers living in Long Melford. The 1871 Census shows her father and three of her brothers all engaged in this skilled craft.

The three men we meet this month are **Serjeant Bertie Robert Henry King** of Boxford, 8108, 11th Battalion Essex Regiment, who died on the 22nd April 1917 aged 30; **Private Harry Sterry** also of Boxford, 41847, 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), who died on the 24th April 1917 aged 36, and **Private Samuel John Giles** of Edwardstone, 41499, 13th Battalion Essex Regiment, who died on the 28th April 1917 aged about 39.

Bertie King is one of those men I just wish I could say more about. Like so many young men from the villages of Suffolk, he was, when he left to enlist, one of the many thousands employed on the land, or as the Census returns put it in their necessarily factual way, 'General Farm Labourer'. He was born in Boxford in 1887 to John and Mary Anne, nee Townes. They appear to have had ten children, four daughters and six sons. John was born in Boxford in 1861 and Mary Anne came from Kersey, also being born in 1861. They married in 1879. John's father is recorded as an ostler and in the 1901 Census John himself was a horsekeeper at an inn, which is another way of describing the same job. (Ostler is a shortening of Hostler, itself deriving from hostel). The family lived at Brook Hall in the Hadleigh Hamlet piece of Boxford just off Ellis Street. By 1911 John was now a bricklayer's labourer, but Bertie does not appear on the return with his family, so I would guess that he was lodging on the farm where he worked.

Bertie enlisted in Boxford, probably in 1914, and his regiment disembarked in Boulogne in August 1915 as part of the 6th Division. He must have been an able soldier because by the time of his death he was a Serjeant, and no doubt had proved himself in the battles of 1916, including the Somme offensive. His death falls on the day before the opening of the Second Battle of the Scarpe, the river that flows past Arras, so it is not possible to identify the action that cost Bertie his life. Whatever it was that ended his life, he, like Harry Sterry and Samuel Giles, who we shall meet shortly, has no known grave. Bertie is remembered on the Loos Memorial along with more than 20,000 other men. It was Bertie's father, John that collected his back pay and later his War Gratuity from Warley Barracks, near Brentwood.

Harry Sterry died two days after his fellow villager almost certainly whilst engaged in the fighting along the Scarpe valley, east of Arras. His regiment was attached to the 37th Division, which places him directly in this area of action. Unlike Bertie, Harry had left his native Suffolk before the outbreak of the War, but he was just as much a Boxford man as Bertie.

Harry's parents were Robert and Eleanor, nee Richer, who had married in 1878, with Harry joining the family two years later after his brother Leonard, their first born. The family lived at 15 Swan Street and Harry eventually had two other brothers (one of whom also died in the War four months after Harry and whom we shall meet later this year) and three sisters. Robert, born in Groton in 1847, was a bricklayer and is recorded as such in all of the ten year Censuses. However, in the 1881 Census Eleanor, born in Rattlesden, is shown as having the occupation of Fancy Repository. This is unusual, firstly because for most women the Censuses simply leave the occupation blank, or at best record simply Domestic Duties, or, to state the obvious, Unpaid Domestic Duties. Secondly, the occupation is not one I expect for a relatively newly married woman. The term fancy repository appears to have several different meanings dependent upon the part of the country in which it is used, but seems to be generally associated with the wholesaling or retailing of decorative goods for wearing or carrying, such as ribbons or boxes and baskets. Perhaps Eleanor actually ran a shop selling fancy goods and there is a clue that this might be the case in the 1911 Census in which Robert has become both a bricklayer and a newspaper agent. This does suggest the existence of some sort of retail premises. Perhaps others in Boxford can shed some more light on this.

Returning to Harry, he disappears from the Boxford Census records after 1891, at

which time he was still at school. So, I have nothing to tell me what occupation he took up when he left school at fourteen. However, I would guess that he went into service, because he turns up in 1911 in Dale Park House at Arundel in Sussex as the butler to the house. Dale Park House was owned by Charles John Fletcher, a wealthy Liverpool business man, who had been born simply John Jack, but changed his name at some point, perhaps to leave his more humble origins behind, and appear to be in keeping with being an officer in the 18th Hussars and owner of more than 400 acres of comfortable Sussex countryside. Harry, as butler, along with the housekeeper, had the management of the house, and they were supported by a footman, two housemaids, a kitchenmaid, scullerymaid, and a nurse. Like many, the family also owned a London house, theirs being 10 Grosvenor Place, which would have had its own retinue of servants.

Charles Fletcher's second son, Alan, was also an officer in the army, being a Major at the outbreak of the War and retiring as Lieutenant-Colonel in the 17th Lancers. Perhaps this strong alignment to the regular army placed some pressure on Harry to enlist, because he would have been about 34 in 1914, which, whilst not old, places him nearer the sort of age which was not, in the early stages of the War, seen as ideal for active service on the frontlines. However, enlist he did in Arundel in 1915, but unlike his employer's son, he did not return to that well-endowed family home in Sussex.

Looking at the 1911 Census, I noted that Harry was still single, and there I thought his story ended, but when I checked the records of who collected his pay and gratuity after his death, I saw that it was his widow, Lilian B Sterry. I then found the record of his marriage to Lilian Bessie Redwood in Taunton, Somerset, in 1913. The records are silent on how they met, but it is most likely through both being in service. In 1911 Lilian appears as a visiting Lady's Maid in the Census of Rangemore Hall, Burton-upon-Trent, home to Harriet, the Dowager Lady Burton, who had a staff of thirty and was the widow of Lord Burton, of Bass Breweries. After Harry's death, Lilian seemed to return to her native county and is seen intermittently in records until her own death in Taunton in 1975, aged 95, married for three and widowed for fifty-eight of those long years.

We have strayed a long way from 15 Swan Street, Boxford, but on the way perhaps we have brought to life two people whose lives may not otherwise have had a retelling, and whose world was changed forever when Harry met his death on Flanders' fields during the second Battle of the Scarpe. Harry is commemorated on the Arras Memorial along with 35,000 others who do not have the dignity of a grave.

Lastly, this month, we hear of **Samuel John Giles**, who was born in Islington, Middlesex, but who came to be living in Sherbourne Street as the peace of the Edwardian era ended one summer. Samuel's parents were Frederick Samuel and Lois, nee Smith. Frederick was born in Weymouth, Dorset and Lois came from Edwardstone having been born in Sherbourne Street. How they met is intriguing. Lois was the fourth daughter of John and Martha Smith, both born in 1803, John in Groton and Martha in Bury St Edmunds. John and Martha ran a small private boarding school, which is recorded in 1841 as being in Edwardstone Cottage, Sherbourne Street, having eleven pupils, all male, ranging from eight to thirteen years old. As well as the pupils, there were also three of the Smiths' sons and five of their daughters, no doubt being taught alongside the paying pupils. In 1851, the Census lists just six pupils and five of the family, and the eldest daughter, Martha, now also a schoolmistress, assisting her parents in running the school. Amongst the six pupils was one Frederick S Giles.

Unfortunately, I cannot locate a record of the wedding of Frederick and Lois, but they are both absent from the 1861 and 1871 Census records for the school. However, by 1881 Lois was back living at the school with her sisters, Martha and Miriam, and her now widowed father and listed in the Census with the occupation of a Teacher of Music under the name of Lois Giles, widow. With her are two sons, Percy and Samuel, born in the Islington area of Middlesex in 1867 and 1877 respectively. There is a record of the birth of Samuel John Giles in 1877 but I cannot trace one for Percy. Missing from the 1881 Census is Frederick and a record of his death in Mile End Old Town in 1878, just a year after Samuel was born, gives us the reason for that and for Lois being a widow.

Curiously, the 1891 Census lists the school as being located at Priory Green, though it was back in Sherbourne Street by 1901. In 1891 Lois was a Teacher of French and Music, and in 1901 she was head of the household with the occupation of schoolmistress of a private school, her sisters having retired. Her son, Samuel, was, by 1901, an agricultural labourer living at the school with his mother. Lois died in 1906, but Samuel continued to live in Sherbourne Street with his aunts and in 1911 was an agricultural smallholder, and the school had closed.

Samuel enlisted in Boxford, probably in early 1915 and by November of that year he would have travelled with his regiment to Boulogne as part of the 2nd Division. After fighting through 1916, Samuel was on the front line near Arras in the spring of 1917 engaged in the Second Battle of the Scarpe. Like our other two soldiers this month, his death was such that his remains were never recovered and he, like Harry Sterry, is commemorated in that fearful list of 35,000 men on the Arras Memorial. It was his aunt Miriam who collected his belongings, back pay and war gratuity from the barracks at Brentwood and she would then have returned to her sister in Sherbourne Street in the now quiet schoolhouse.

Samuel Giles will be remembered at the 10:00 Palm Sunday service at Edwardstone on Sunday 9th April; Bertie King and Harry Sterry will be remembered at the 11:00 service at Boxford on Sunday 23rd April.

Rufus Sweetman
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MY STORY SO FAR By Peter Hibben

Who would have thought it eh??

One minute helping to put out some tables for the Queen's 90th Birthday street party the next minute lying in a hospital bed with half speech and a paralysed left side.

From the 11th June to the 2nd August I was in the stroke unit on Shotley Ward at Ipswich Hospital in the close company of several other stroke victims.

My stroke turned out to be a double whammy every movement was a painful task but the staff at the hospital were very supportive and encouraging.

The decision was then made that I would be transferred to The Coleman Hospital Norwich which is a specialist occupational therapy unit. So on the 2nd August bumping along the country roads in an old ambulance to Caroline House I was on my next journey.

Yet more bed rest and body slings to move me from bed to wheelchair with my Family and Friends visiting regularly to take me on outings to the Local Park and surrounding area I spent a further 3 months in rehabilitation.

My Family then made the decision that a move to Magdalen House in Hadleigh would be the next step, so on the 22nd November yet another bumpy ambulance ride to Magdalen House where I am being looked after very well.

My main ambition is to walk normally and an assessment from The Icanho Centre in Stowmarket is on the cards.

I was invited to my Valentines Benefit Disco on Saturday 11th February which was organised by Veronica Hobbs with the aid of lots of helpers. Veronica and her team had done a brilliant job of securing auction lots and raffle prizes for the evening. Veronica is a great friend and as we all know puts her heart and soul into any project she tackles, what a wonderful effort.

That Saturday I arrived at the Village Hall to be greeted by Veronica the hall was decorated and all auction items and raffle prizes were detailed on special paper and everything ready for the off.

Dan Swansborough was to be the auctioneer and so arrived in his best Nurses outfit, he completed a very thorough if comical auction. The top item donated by my very good neighbour Shane Fenwick was the Audi TT experience and that went very well. All the other items were sold for well over the auction value a sign of the generosity of the people of Boxford.

When all was said and done out popped Veronica with a magnificent cheque which she passed on to me, an amount which has been surpassed today by a good margin. What a lovely group of caring and generous people in Boxford the envy of many a community throughout the land. I was simply bowled over by this and would like to thank all of you individually for your support the money raised will be used for further equipment and therapy to get me back walking.

Once I am up and about you will see me out and about in the village, please give me a 'Toot' as I shall be extremely grateful.

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Over the past few years this event has raised lots of money for the club, who have then gone on to make large donations to the community council to help fund the village fireworks, purchase a new defibrillator machine for 3PR amongst other things.

One of the features of this bike ride is that when the riders return to the playing fields we provide cake and refreshments free of charge. We do

ask for donations and all of this money is passed over to the community council to help with village events.

If anybody would like to donate a cake to the event this year it would be gratefully received and would help raise funds for the community. Cakes can be dropped of at "A Leeder Butchers" on swan street or at the pavilion on the day of the event. Ian Fovargue (Boxford Bike Club)

BOXFORD ROVER VISIT COLCHESTER UNITED



On February 25th Boxford Rovers Girls Team were treated to a day at Colchester United Football Club, training with their coaches, taken on a tour of the Weston Homes Stadium and then tickets to the match. For some of the girls it was their first visit to a professional match made even better as Colchester won 2-1 against Hartlepool

The girls had a great day and were a credit to the club, they were very vocal with their support and even got a mention on the stadium PA system along with their photo on the big screen, much to their delight.

The visit was made possible with the support of The Thrift Shop Hadleigh who kindly helped to fund the trip.

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12th March – 9-10am 19th March – 10am-12 noon

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In addition to the league fixtures this year, Milden Cricket Club have entered a cup tournament as well as arranged additional friendly fixtures, all details can be found on www.mildence.com or via our facebook page. If you are interested in playing some competitive and friendly cricket, maybe you have not played for a while or just want to come along and be involved in our growing club, please contact Tom Konopka on 07798822148 or email us via the Milden website or facebook page. We are in particular looking for younger players to come and join us and benefit from some coaching from two of our soon to be qualified ECB coaches. Up the Meldes !!