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BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN



Swan Street from the Church Tower

Boxford Gardens Open were once again blessed with a lovely sunny, if slightly breezy day, and a good time was had by all. The new organisers, Sara Mattock and Linda Blake, were delighted with the turnout, and are very pleased to report that over £3000 was raised for St Mary's church funds. They would very much like to express their appreciation and thanks to the continuing support of the sponsors for their contributions, to everyone who helped to make the day such a success, and to all the many visitors who came to view the many beautiful gardens and enjoy the delicious lunches and cream teas.



Mary's House Garden



Bunting at the Village Hall

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING



Wednesday June 14th, on a warm, sunny summers evening, 67 senior citizens from Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton and their drivers enjoyed a beautiful mystery tour around some of the finest of Suffolk's countryside. The convoy, (which at times it became) finally ended up at the Rushbrook Arms on the A134 near Bury St Edmunds where we were greeted by Ward Baker, chairman of the Boxford Community Council and his team. Our drivers ensured that we had plenty to drink and finally we were treated to a two course meal of superb steak and kidney pie followed by a syrup sponge pudding.

It was especially good to have Peter Hibben with us for the evening. Peter as past chairman of the Boxford Community Council organised many of these events and it was great to have him as a guest.

Finally a grateful thanks to all the drivers who looked after us so well.



Peter Hibben with his wife Marion and David House

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BOXFORD CUBS DO THEIR BIT FOR PRIMROSE WOOD



How interesting to read Emily Kench's article in June's BRN on Bugs, Birds and Beasts, especially as two days before publication the Boxford Cubs had descended on the wood with their broken flowerpots, sticks, moss, bags of leaves, pieces of cane, bark, wood, milk and drink containers, tiles, and sheep's wool etc. intent on building a Bug Hotel. They set to with gusto filling every container they could find in the piles of recyclables with materials that would make an insect or small creature happy to hide in it. Their enthusiasm was boundless as they used the materials they had brought or went off in search of new ones. They had lots of ideas about how it should look and kept the actual builders very busy with their pile of individual 'rooms' fashioned in each of the containers. The occasional distraction of someone finding actual bugs in the grass added to the excitement.

Thanks to the Cubs for their contribution and to those who give up their time every week to provide interesting and exciting activities for the youngsters in our community. Their leader set clear standards before they set off and the Cubs responded by being very well behaved, delightful and inquisitive.

What a lovely evening for us all. Tina Loose

CASTAWAY



During the long hot evening of the 17th of June Villagers in Groton were taken off to an uninhabited island in The middle of the village hall. On the island was our own Rev Judith accompanied by the 21st century Roy Plumley in the guise of David Lamming. With stories about her youth in Liverpool, at university and Finally how she became a priest and our Priest in charge.

Her record choice Ranged from Cilla to Elgar, James Taylor to Rutter As Follows: Cilla Black – *Anyone who had a heart*, Edward Elgar – *Introduction and Allegro for Strings*, John Newton – *Amazing Grace*, Joni Mitchell – *Ladies of the canyon*, Jean-Philippe Rameau – *Overture to Pygmalion*, George Gershwin – *Summertime*

James Taylor – *You've got a friend*

John Rutter – *'Believe in life' from The Gift of Life*

Her choice of book Book (in addition to the Bible and the complete works of Shakespeare) was Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë And as a Luxury a pair of binoculars (after being told that the luxury had to be inanimate, so she couldn't have Rufus or Colin Firth!)

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 7 July 8.00 £18

Fletch's Brew

Prised away from near residency at Ronnie Scott's to deliver funky jazz originals and Metheny, Brecker and Weather Report classics. Mark Fletcher drums, Carl Orr guitar, Freddie Gavita trumpet, Jim Watson organ, Steve Pearce bass

A powerful and very jolly way to spend an evening. Drummer Mark Fletcher's powerhouse jazz fusion quartet with Freddie Gravita on trumpet is a regular feature at Ronnie Scott's and greatly impressed Wynton Marsalis: "We haven't had anything like this in New York for over twenty years."

Tonight they will be joined with Steve Pearce and Carl Orr.

Come and discover the power of funky jazz originals and the music of Pat Metheny, Michael Brecker and Weather Report. I.

Friday 21 July 8.00 £18

Sue Richardson: The Music of Clifford Brown

Multi talented Sue "plays swinging trumpet and sings with a musician's phrasing" - The Observer.

Sue Richardson trumpet and vocals, Andy Panayi sax, Neal Richardson piano, Andy Cleyndert bass, Rod Youngs drums Sue was touring with big bands by the age of 16 and has played in over 50 countries. She has worked in Paris with French singer Mina Agossi and Archie Shepp on a blues project., and also worked with Ian Shaw and The Humphrey Lyttelton Band.

With Andy Panayi playing all the flutes and all the saxophones, Neal Richardson firmly rooted in the acoustic piano jazz and blues, Andy Cleyndert - top bassist and mix/master genius, and Rod

Youngs, one of the most expressive and adept of musicians, we are in for a superb gig.

Sue's gigs are a great combination of her original songs and imaginatively reworked standards. Her tightly-knit band has taken their special brand of modern jazz with a main stream twist to many venues on the national and international circuits.

Friday 28 July 8.00 £18

Tony Kofi and the Organization

Tony's full bodied sound, clear articulation and committed attack carry immediate impact, with the Hammond Organ, guitar and drums this is unmissable

Toni Kofi saxes, Pete Whittaker hammond organ, Peter Cater drums, Simon Fensbey guitar

More information soon...

Friday 4 August 8.00 £18

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More information soon...

Friday 18 August 8.00 £18

Kevin Fitzsimmons

Kevin makes his long overdue Fleece Jazz debut with a top drawer band. Kevin Fitzsimmons vocals, Leon Greening piano, Jeremy Brown bass, Matt Home drums

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THIS MONTH'S LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

Geordie gems....?

Just what is it about music? There is simply nothing quite like it, is there, for being able to energise, uplift, entertain, soothe and challenge? And the music performed by the folk – jazz duo Landermaison at Little Waldingfield Church recently certainly did all of those things. It did much more, too. It somehow managed to take a full church of disparate individuals and turn them into one united appreciative community and audience. Somehow, wrapped up in the wonderful atmosphere and music, we were all one – one with each other and one with these two gifted musicians from Northumberland, “Geordie gems” as I’m calling them,



Fiona and Paul. They promised to come back – and we so hope they will. Of course, that capacity of music to stir, excite and energise can be, and has been, pounced on and misused too, as part of a carefully orchestrated strategy of manipulation to glorify and militarise whole regimes or countries and their peoples. What a travesty.

And what a far cry from the nature of much ethnic African music – spontaneous, heartfelt, soulful - whether in exuberant joyfulness or in lamentation, a cry for freedom born of past slavery.

That willingness to express emotions and feelings so openly through music is one of the great contrasts between the Christian Church in parts of Africa today and in our own country (excepting perhaps the black Pentecostalist churches) where our more reserved culture prevails..

I love and know – as you might expect - many of the hundreds of beautiful traditional hymns we have inherited in the Church of England and it is a huge sorrow to me that the young couples or families who come to me for their weddings or baptisms usually only know, at the very most, three or four hymns, which seems to be all they have learnt at school. I feel they have lost and are missing out on so much of the beauty and poetry of at least two centuries. So I am not looking to abandon traditional church music. Far from it.

However, I also long for our churches to explore and enjoy more of the best of modern hymns, to take risks and to allow themselves to have fun trying out new things with their singing and music. We do a little of this at Café Church, and I hope that the special Kagera Service, at the end of June, which may have happened by the time you read this, will have been one opportunity to do just that – even if I wasn’t able to secure a full African drumming band as I would have wished!.

In the Old Testament, King David was scowled at and ridiculed by his wife for leaping and dancing with joy in a special procession for the Lord. Thankfully, he didn’t take a bit of notice, but just kept on dancing.

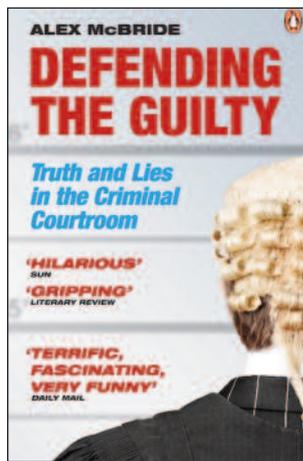
If our faith isn’t constantly - as this Geordie music was - energising, uplifting, entertaining, soothing and challenging us...if our faith isn’t making us feel – and be - at one with each other and at one with our God...what use it and what are we going to do about it?

Blessings, Revd Judith

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READS By David Lamming

“Defending the Guilty” by Alex McBride

“Jeremy Hutchinson’s Case Histories” by Thomas Grant

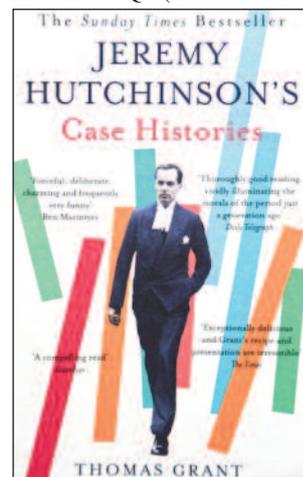


Two related, but very different, books to recommend for your holiday reading this month. Both are about practice at the criminal bar and criminal cases in court. From the ITV drama ‘Crown Court’ in the 1970s to ‘Rumpole of the Bailey’ and the recent Channel 4 programme, “The trial: a Murder in the Family,” in which a fictional murder case was tried in court with a retired Old Bailey judge presiding, senior criminal barristers and a real jury, criminal trials have continued to fascinate and have been the staple diet of much television drama. These two books shed light on the criminal justice process, but from two very different perspectives.

As a practising barrister, a question I was often asked was, “How can you defend

someone you know to be guilty?” The answer, of course, is that unless your client tells you he is guilty, you don’t know. You may think he is guilty and the evidence against him may seem overwhelming, but if his instructions are consistent with a ‘not guilty’ plea, your job is to test the prosecution evidence and put the client’s case to the jury, whose function it is to decide guilt or innocence. Sometimes, as criminal barrister Alex McBride says in his book, it is a hopeless case, but juries can return surprising verdicts. McBride, who (unlike Rumpole) both prosecutes and defends, takes us behind the scenes of the criminal justice system. He sheds light on life as a pupil (trainee) barrister and on getting started (“an uncertain adventure”) and getting work. He explains how to challenge evidence that might seem insurmountable, the significance of DNA and CCTV evidence, how juries should treat identification evidence (“so powerful and so dangerous because often it’s unchallengeable”) with caution, but also how, if accused of a crime of which he was innocent, he would opt for trial by jury rather than judge alone every time. He tells astonishing stories of courtroom triumph and defeat: “Whether he’s defending hapless teenagers at Harlow Youth Court or prosecuting gold bullion robbers at the Old Bailey, these hair-raising tales reveal that justice rarely operates in quite the way we expect.” But throughout the book, McBride grapples with the key question that should be at the heart of the criminal justice system: how do we ensure that the guilty are convicted and the innocent walk free?”

Grant’s book (a Sunday Times bestseller) is very different. Jeremy Hutchinson QC (Lord Hutchinson of Lullington), who celebrated his 102nd birthday last March, is regarded by many



as the greatest criminal barrister of the 1960s, ‘70s and ‘80s. The opening chapter is a short ‘biographical sketch’ of Hutchinson’s life but the bulk of the book, as its title indicates, relates Hutchinson’s role as defence advocate in many of the high-profile trials of this period, from R v Penguin Books (the ‘Lady Chatterley’s Lover’ obscenity trial) in 1960 to the ‘Romans in Britain’ private prosecution by Mary Whitehouse in 1982. Other forensic triumphs include the discredited official secrets prosecution of (among other defendants) Jonathan Aitken in 1971 (“an illustration of the dangers of legislation designed to protect the interests and safety of the state being used for the political purpose of protecting the policies of the government”) and the Tom Keating ‘art pastiche’ trial in 1979. As one of the reviewers quoted at the front of the book states, “This is a greatly entertaining read which celebrates a barrister who stood up and argued with clarity and passion for various freedoms that we now take for granted.” But perhaps we should no longer take them all for granted. In a postscript, Hutchinson comments on his long career but also, pulling no punches, he highlights what he perceives to be the recent, and dangerous, government attacks on the criminal justice system, “all this in the name of saving money.” Like McBride, Hutchinson is a fierce advocate of trial by jury – and this is perhaps the main and important feature linking these two books. Defending the Guilty was first published in 2010 by Viking; the paperback edition was published in 2011 by Penguin Books, price £9.99.

Jeremy Hutchinson’s Case Histories was first published by John Murray in 2015; the paperback edition was published in 2016, price £9.99.

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WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU (BUT WE THINK YOU OUGHT TO GO)



Bill Horne gave us value for money at the Boxford Village Hall by giving us not one but two one act plays in one evening. The first called 'The Reunion' and was set on Armistice day in a Suffolk pub during the 60's. A reunion is taking place between two couples who had not met since the outbreak of WW1. Tom had returned to marry his childhood sweetheart but nothing had been heard of Ted.

We were treated to flash backs to the pub in 1917 when at that point the friends had joined up but it was not until the reunion that it was discovered that Ted, the most youngest and most unlikely recruit had not only been over the top with horrific consequences but later volunteered as a medic and won the Military Medal for bravery. There were strong performances all round but a special mention for Michael Munn as Ted and a very warm welcome to two newcomers Sam and James Tolputt, let us hope this was not just a one off on their part.

After an excellent dinner and many Raffle prizes we were treated to act two 'We don't want to lose you (but we think you ought to go)'. A brilliant production by Bill Horne, Smutty trench humour, a lack of respect for authority, plenty of good songs very well Directed to the high standard we now come to expect from the team of Price, Keith and Baker.

A slick production that turned one of the world's bloodiest conflicts into a musical satire. Special mention has to be made of the very strong performance by David Phillips as the old hand who had been over the top many times and was clearly a survivor being shown more respect than the generals. We also had the lovely ladies with their excellent singing and randy banter at the end of the war with the return of our troops.

Another warm welcome to another two newcomers. Steve Claydon and Peter Korabik for whom the same comments as for the other two re future performances.

John Kirbys set designs were just right and I was hoping to set a new trend to applaud the sets as the curtains are drawn open but alas I was alone in my ambition.

We look forward to the next BDG production, Cinderella the 2017 pantomime being held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th November until Saturday 2nd December. Written by Joe Barrett and Directed by David Phillips, look out for more details in future editions of the Box River News.





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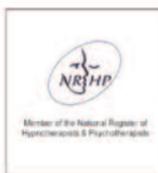
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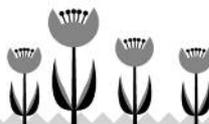
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THE LIFE AND ART OF THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH A Talk by Mark Bills

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome art historian and Gainsborough House director Mark Bills to talk to us about the life and art of Sudbury old boy Thomas Gainsborough. The subject was clearly dear to Mark's heart, whilst the 35 + audience was spellbound by his incredibly detailed and comprehensive account and the depth of his knowledge of Gainsborough's life's work.

Mark began by telling us that Thomas Gainsborough was born in 1727 in Sudbury, in the house now known as Gainsborough's House, where he passed his early years before the bright lights of London beckoned. According to Mark, while you could admire artistic rivals such as Sir Joshua Reynolds, Gainsborough was an artist you could love; this was possibly because he was rooted in his native land so that his work was natural and intuitive. Like John Constable, a later admirer, his landscapes were snapshots of their time.

Gainsborough was most at home with country scenes; the now iconic painting of Mr and Mrs Andrews showing the Stour valley from their Auberier estate overlooking Sudbury is his best known. He made his money and contemporary fame from the lucrative business of painting portraits for wealthy clients, but ultimately he grew tired of this, preferring the natural world; a biographer wrote after his death "nature was his teacher and the woods of Suffolk his academy". Mark told us that Gainsborough had a sharp wit, hated pretentiousness and humbug, and that many of his letters survived, giving an idea of the man he was. As an example, he told us of a court case where Gainsborough was an expert witness, concerning whether a painting attributed to the French artist Poussin was authentic. The painting had sold for £500 (a very considerable sum then) but Gainsborough said it was a fake "for which he would not give 5 shillings". An attorney perhaps unwisely questioned this judgment, asking how Gainsborough could tell, to which the reply came back "the eye of a painter is equal to the tongue of a lawyer."

Mark then took us on a journey through Gainsborough's life, showing many of the perhaps 900 paintings Gainsborough completed, to demonstrate his artistic style, endeavour and genius.



Mr and Mrs Andrews 1748 Early Life (1727 - 1740)

Early Life (1727 - 1740)

Thomas was the fifth son of cloth merchant John Gainsborough, who in 1722 bought "a most excellent Brick Mansion" in Sudbury, on a plot that had been inhabited since medieval times. They knew both good times and bad as John's economic fortunes fluctuated, ultimately realised when John went bankrupt in 1733. The property was bought for £500 in 1735 (a bargain as this is just about £110,000 in today's money) by his nephew, also John Gainsborough; this allowed the family to remain and thus alleviated their financial worries. Thomas's father became the Sudbury postmaster until his death in October 1748.

Apprenticeship (1740 - 1749)

When still a boy Gainsborough impressed his father with his drawing and painting skills, painting heads and small landscapes by the age of ten, including a miniature self-portrait. He was allowed to leave home in 1740 to study art in London, where he was apprenticed to a London silversmith and taught by Hubert Gravelot, a French engraver and book illustrator. He became associated with William Hogarth (the famous painter, printmaker, pictorial satirist, social critic and editorial cartoonist) and his school, and contributed to the decoration of the Foundling Hospital, now the Thomas Coram Foundation for Children. According to Mark, Thomas quickly became part of the London art scene.

By 1745 Gainsborough had established his own studio in London. In 1746 he married Margaret Burr, an illegitimate daughter of the Duke of Beaufort, who settled an annual annuity of £200 on them. Mark told us this took place in a Mayfair chapel presided over by an excommunicated vicar living in the local gaol, something quite legal until the later marriage acts came to pass.



Self Portrait 1737

Sudbury (1749 - 1752)

At this time Gainsborough's work, which mostly consisting of landscape paintings, was not selling well and he returned to Sudbury in 1748-1749 to concentrate on painting portraits. His now famous Mr and Mrs Andrews painting cleverly places the portraits within the landscape.



Cornard Woods 1746

The Charterhouse 1748

In 1752, he and his family, now including two daughters, moved to Ipswich; commissions for personal portraits increased, but his clientele included mainly local merchants and squires and he had to borrow against his wife's annuity.

Bath (1759 - 1779)

In 1759 Gainsborough moved with his family to Bath, where he studied portraits by van Dyck; this was because he was outgrowing the East Anglian



The painters daughters chasing butterflies 1757

market for portraits and he was at last able to attract a fashionable clientele. He was soon a busy man juggling commissions and having to come up with a good line in excuses for delays in completing them (he was a great letter writer):

If I disappoint you . . . I'll give you leave to boil me down for painters' drying oil, and shiver my bones into pencil sticks . . . I wish you would recollect that painting and punctuality mix like oil and vinegar, and that genius and regularity are utter enemies, and must be to the end of time. I would not insinuate that I am a genius any further than as I resemble one in your opinion, who think I have no such thing as punctuality about me. In short Sir, I throw myself at your feet and thank God most sincerely that I am not any nearer to them, for surely you could not help kicking me.

In 1761, he began to send work to the Society of Arts exhibition in London (now the Royal Society of Arts), and around this time wrote that:

I am sick of portraits and wish very much to take up my viol da gamba (literally a leg viola) and walk off to some sweet village where I can paint landscapes (landscapes) and enjoy the fag end of life in quietness and ease. But these fine ladies (his daughters) and their tea drinkings, dancings, husband huntings and such will fob me out of the last ten years.

From 1769 he submitted works to the Royal Academy's annual exhibitions, selecting portraits of well-known or notorious clients to attract attention. This helped him acquire a national reputation and he was invited



Ann Ford 1760

to become a founding member of the Royal Academy in 1769, but he later quarrelled with them over the hanging of his pictures and did not exhibit there again until 1777.

London (1774 - 1788)

In 1774, Gainsborough and his family moved to London, to Schomberg House in Pall Mall, where a commemorative blue plaque was placed in 1951; this was in order to gain royal patronage. In 1777 he again exhibited paintings at the Royal Academy, including portraits of contemporary celebrities such as the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland.



Girl with pigs 1781

Exhibitions of his work continued for the next six years, but in 1784 he again quarrelled over the same

subject and never again exhibited at the Academy, instead organising a series of annual exhibitions in his studio at Schomberg House.

During the 1770s and 1780s Gainsborough developed a type of portrait where he integrated sitters into the landscape. A splendid example of this is his portrait of Frances Browne (Mrs John Douglas). This portrait was included in his first private exhibition at Schomberg House in 1784.

In 1780, he painted the portraits of King George III and his queen, afterwards receiving many royal commissions. In 1784, royal painter Allan Ramsay died and the King was obliged to give the job to Gainsborough's rival and Academy president, Joshua Reynolds. Gainsborough remained the Royal Family's favourite painter, however, *Queen Charlotte 1781* eventually painting the entire family.



Queen Charlotte 1781

Mark told us that whilst Gainsborough sketched from nature, his landscapes were constructs of his imagination. Welsh landscape painter Richard Wilson described his trees and foliage as 'fried parsley', something more accurate than he knew because Gainsborough built up model scenes (as visual aids) from bits of cork, coal, moss, mirror, lichen and sand, with broccoli standing in for the wooded background.



The harvest wagon 1784

We were also told that Gainsborough used a Claude Glass (or black mirror) to compose his landscapes; a small mirror, slightly convex in shape, with its surface tinted a dark colour. Such mirrors abstracted the subject reflected in them from the surroundings, reducing and simplifying colour and tonal range of scenes to give a painterly quality. Gainsborough then painted the image as viewed in the mirror.



The morning walk 1785

In the 1780s Gainsborough painted a series of landscapes in oils on glass, which were viewed in a specially constructed 'showbox', which contained a painted glass transparency set before a silk diffusing screen originally lit by three candles. The image is viewed through the adjustable lens at the front. The box opens at the top and back, contains slots for storing transparencies and now resides in the Victoria & Albert museum.

Mark then showed us ambitious plans for a significant expansion of Gainsborough's House, along Weavers Lane, which it is hoped will at last provide space where Thomas Gainsborough's work can be properly celebrated.

This concluded Mark's excellent and incredible talk, which left the audience just slightly breathless - truly it was something wonderful.

Our next event will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on 14th June, when Joy Bounds, a local writer on women's issues and history, will tell us all about the life and times of Joan of Arc - Maid of Orleans and a true French Heroine - its going to be great. Andy Sheppard



Water Nymph Musidora mid 1780



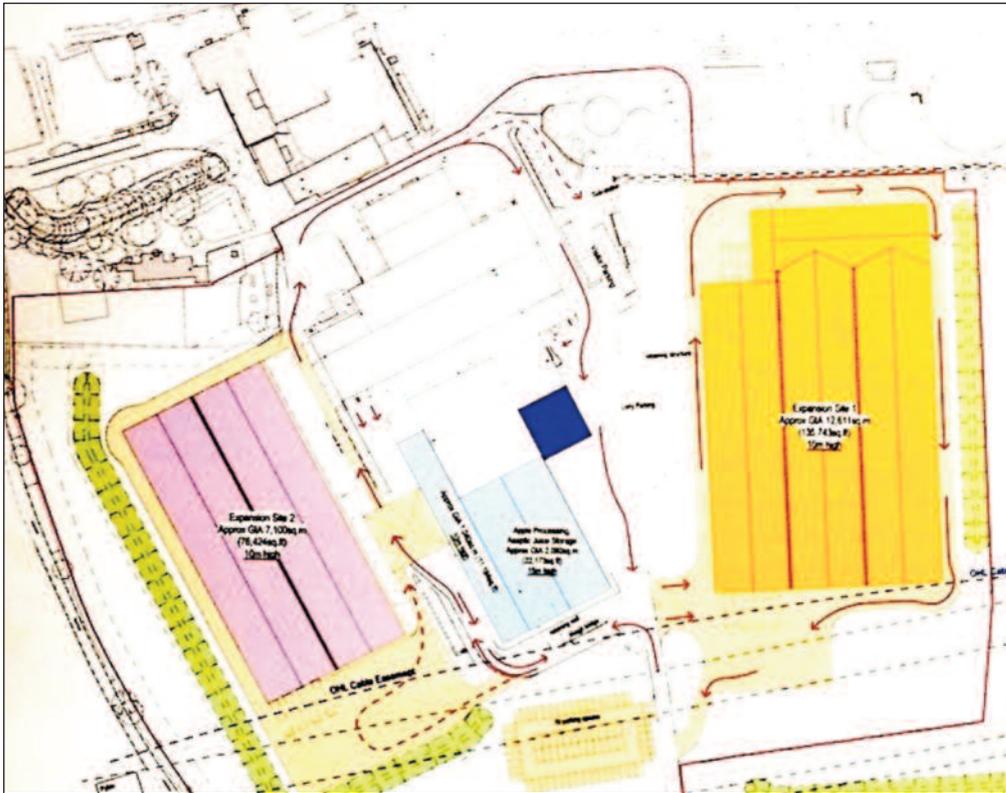
ZMMA model of the proposed new extension to Gainsborough's House in Weavers Lane Mark Bills

JUNE 2017 REVIEW FOR WI LIFE

Our Speaker Oggie Wheldon worked as a private secretary before taking up Millinery. She took an 18 months course followed by some shorter courses on techniques and now runs a small business. Oggie has made pantomime hats for the Mercury theatre in Colchester as well as hats for big race and society meetings. We were given a demonstration of the basis for making a hat on a wooden block and the various stages that need to be gone through. Oggie brought along a wonderful selection of hats and fascinators (as the attached picture shows) and we all had a great time trying them on, including our lovely Jennifer modelling a beautiful fascinator. As well as making exclusive hats for all occasions; Oggie also has hats for hire. What an enjoyable and fun afternoon we had.



MASSIVE NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AT COPELLA



vehicles associated with the construction of such a large factory over the next few years..

The size of the factory shows a substantial increase in the footprint of the existing plant (see plans). The application involves walls up to 15 meters high which will be impossible, even with landscaping to hide the new buildings.

In addition to the existing operations being expanded it is intended to process cider and a canning plant is included in the plans which will process up to 203 million cans of cider per annum in addition to manufacture of apple juice processing and bottling plant

- What be the impact of such a huge factory on air pollution?
- What be the impact of such a huge factory on noise pollution?
- What be the impact of such a huge factory on light pollution?
- What be the impact of a huge increase in HGV traffic on noise and air pollution?
- What guarantees will there be to ensure that hundreds more HGV journeys do not travel through the heart of our villages and other minor roads especially Stone Street. The drivers will be mainly from Eastern Europe, with Poland being one of the major suppliers and from experience they will not speak English, do not understand our road signs and use private car Sat Navs

PepsiCo have sold out to Konings of Belgian

PepsiCo and many other multi-nationals have moved to "Asset Light" strategies. The Juice market has contracted 8% year on year due to "hidden" sugar concerns has led to excess capacity in manufacturing assets

PepsiCo looked at multiple options that came down to sell or close the site. Konings Bought the manufacturing assets and agreed a long term deal with PepsiCo for continued manufacture. Had Konings not made the purchase then the site would have been closed with the loss of existing jobs.

Konings is a Privately owned Belgian business with 3 factories in Belgium, 1 in the Netherlands and employs 450 people

They are a co-manufacturing business IE they do not have a brand ownership. Their strategy is based on long term relationships. 35% of current EU manufacture is for the UK market and they are looking to establish a UK manufacturing base

After careful consideration Konings have opted to submit an application for a development that meets it's aspirations for the Boxford site over the next 10 years. It is believed to be far more honest to show the full extent of the plans, rather than to keep coming back with iterative applications. The development is likely to be phased whereby the main construction phases will be in years 1 and year 3, and production lines filled over the following years.

Potentially this will be the construction of one of the biggest bottling and canning factories in East Anglia if not the UK It is Being built in the heart of our beautiful rural communities on the edge of The Dedham Vale AONB

The development will involve many hundreds more HGV movements on our already fragile road infrastructure, and these movements could well be operating 24/7. There will also be many movements of construction

- What are the risks of pollution and environmental contamination? There is noise contamination from the Anaerobic digester which supplies power to the plant and Stoke by Nayland Hotel.
- Why have our Parish, District and County Councillors not kept us informed of this potential huge expansion?

THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED TO BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL IN MID JUNE. -

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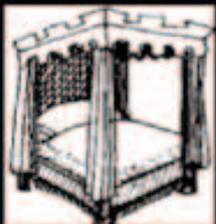


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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for May

Our responders covered 480 hours out of a possible 744 (65%) and attended 20 incidents.

Little Waldingfield Coffee Morning

Thanks to all those who supported and helped in any way, at our Annual Coffee morning in support of Christian Aid Week last month. In particular, thanks are especially due to Fran Gregor-Smith, who once again presented a wonderful display of photographs - this year of her travels in Myanmar (Burma). As a result, we raised £140 to send to Christian Aid

Tricia Eddington, Chris Bowden

Music for Monarchs in Edwardstone Church

Large, grandiose church organs are not my favourite musical instruments, but I believed the little "Father Smith" organ we have in Edwardstone Church, parts of which date from the 17th century, was a rarity that not many people knew about. So it was worth bringing an organist friend Derek Grover from Sheffield, and finding a small local choir, whose scholarly director Michael Aves has a special interest in music of that period, to create a concert in the church.

The history of Father Smith is fascinating. For although Oliver Cromwell himself loved secular music, the Puritans suppressed or destroyed church organs during the Civil Wars. Hence, after the Restoration of Charles II, a king who had acquired European tastes in exile, Bernhardt Schmidt (Father Smith) came over from Germany and rose swiftly to eminence, building organs for five British monarchs and, with his two nephews, raising the craft to new heights.

The result was a delightful evening. Derek felt privileged to play such a fine instrument, and in the audience was Peter Bumstead the organ's restorer, and a man from Thorpe-le-Soken who had worked the organ's bellows when he were a boy. The unpromising weather turned to sunshine at just the right moment, and newcomers to the church were charmed by its beautiful, peaceful setting. Everyone appreciated the warm welcome and good organisation of Bill Dastur and (in absentia) Liz Henderson, and enjoyed the splendid canapés kindly provided by Elisabeth Dastur and her team of helpers. The evening raised £1000 for the church. My great thanks to all who contributed. *Etain Todds*

MILDEN EVENTS

Milden has enjoyed two great social events in the past month on April 22nd the Fun Quiz hosted by Andrea and Laure raised £405 for Milden Pavilion, with some amusing games during the evening!

At the beginning of May The Milden Singers provided their best concert to date, according to the audience, raising £1026 with £320 donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care from the Raffle. Their next concerts will be on 17th and 18th November.

Milden Pavilion offered Milden Residents the opportunity to attend an accredited Emergency First Course by SRE First Aid Training. Due to the demand plans are underway to host another evening course along with one specifically for the younger members of the community funded by Milden Pavilion.

Plans are underway for the ever-popular Milden Ball with the date in November to be confirmed very soon.

The Model of the Village is complete.

Mr Geoffrey Winters has been building a scale model of Boxford for many years. It is skilfully executed and beautifully displayed. I am trying to help Geoffrey find a more permanent home for this beautiful representation of our village. The Boxford Society have in the past had parts of it on display at an exhibition and it has spent a little time on show in The Boxford Stores window. It is a model for exhibiting and sharing and especially for the village children to enjoy when studying their heritage.

It measures 8ft (244cm) by 2ft 9in (84cm) and is to have a perspex dome to keep it pristine. Has anyone got any good ideas for homing this treasure so that it can be enjoyed by all? If so please contact Tina Loose on 210538 or email: tina.loose@gmail.com

The big breakfast

The big breakfast was a huge success raising £593.00 without the gift aid. Thanks must go to everyone involved. We plan to do it again next year. The school raised £293.91 with their dress down day.

NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF BOXFORD AND GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities and of Groton United Charities have both voted to merge their two organisations because the two charities have much in common in the way they work, often make grants to the same organisations in Boxford and already share the income from one substantial parcel of land. This proposal has been approved in principle by the Parish Councils of Boxford and Groton. The Trustees of both charities have received written advice from the Charity Commission on how best to implement the merger and will be acting according to their advice. The name of the new charity will be

BOXFORD AND GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

The initial trustee board of the new charity will consist of four(4) trustees nominated by Boxford Parish Council and two (2) trustees nominated by Groton Parish Council, together with the Rector or Priest in Charge of the Five Parishes on an ex officio basis.

This notice which is being published in both parishes as required by the Charity Commission is to inform all parishioners of Boxford and Groton of the proposed changes, and to allow time for any questions to be raised. The consultation period will end on 31 August 2017, and after that date the formal application will be made to the Charity Commission to approve the changes required to implement the merger.

If you need further information please contact either:

Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, Boxford United Charities

E-mail: guygodfray@hotmail.co.uk Telephone: 01787 211378 or Jeremy Osborne, Trustee and Clerk to the Trustees, Groton United Charities

E-mail: jeremyosborne1@btinternet.com Telephone: 01787 211960

SESAW Open Day

At last it's time to invite you to the SESA Open Day and Fun Dog Show on Sunday 30th July. There will be family games, face painting, competitions, stalls, a vintage corner, music, homemade snacks and cakes, a bbq and ice cream too. If you still have the energy after all that, you may pick up a bargain in our Barking Basement!

Most importantly, you can meet the animals awaiting new homes because that's what it's all about. The event starts at midday and if you are really lucky, you will also meet me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua! Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg. Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Tel: 01787 210888 www.sesaw.co.uk

Boxford Rainbows

Boxford Rainbows say goodbye to Sonja Lane our Magpie.

Sonja Lane has been a Rainbow leader in Boxford for 18 years and is about to sail away at the end of this term to start an exciting new life on a narrow boat. She has been a dedicated, continuous, fun loving leader who has given so much to young girls in their first steps into guiding. As leaders we have had the privilege to work alongside her sharing so many memorable moments we will treasure.

In this time there have been many girls who have benefited from her care, understanding and great sense of joy, so on the 10th July from 5 o'clock we would like to invite any current and past rainbows, accompanied by an adult, to join us at our tea party to say Goodbye. It would greatly help with arrangements if you could inform us if you would like to join us.

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Thursday	6th	11am – 5 pm	Upbeat – Strawberry Tea
Wednesday	12th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
Tuesday	18th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Assington for tea
Friday	28th	10.00 am	Fireside Club Outing– Dedham and Munnings

AUGUST 2017

Tuesday	1st	12.00	Fireside Club –Buffet lunch with Lawshall
Tuesday	15th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Games afternoon
Friday	25th	10.00 am	Fireside Club Outing – Bawdsey

and Woodbridge

Tuesday	29th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – tray quiz
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SEPTEMBER 2017

Wednesday	6th	7.30 pm	Village Hall committee
Tuesday	12th	2.30 pm	Fireside Club –Corncraft for tea
Wednesday	13th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	26th	2.00 am	Fireside Club – what are you reading
Friday	29th	10.00 am	Fireside Club outing – Fullers Mill gardens
Saturday	30th	10.00 am	McMillan coffee morning

REGULAR EVENTS

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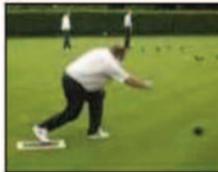
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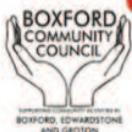
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Wot's On

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY - a note for your diaries

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Chicago Bridge is played in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and assistance is available if required.

For those completely new to Bridge, a simple introduction to the game can be arranged with the organiser, David Tolhurst (See Below).

For any further information, please contact David Tolhurst at: 01787 210 328 or detolhurst@gmail.com

Polstead Art Group 2017 Exhibition

Our Annual Exhibition of paintings will be held in POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY 29th July from 10am-5pm and SUNDAY 30th July from 11am -4pm

Admission is Free. Homemade refreshments

Pictures are on view and for sale

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next Quiz Night will be on Saturday 30th September. Tickets are £10 each, to include a 2 course meal and pre dinner nibbles and there will also be a licensed bar and raffle. If you would like to join us and support the Parish Room please contact Sue Sheppard on 247980 (or email: sheppard.susanm@gmail.com) to book your tickets - please advise any dietary requirements when booking .

THE SOMME, PASSCHENDAELE, DUNKIRK, D.DAY??

If you are interested in any of the above, then please come along to Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford, on Saturday September 16th from 10.00am where there will be a sale of second-hand books about all aspects of both World Wars; the books will be available for a small donation, probably about 50 pence each, and all money raised will go to 'Help for Heroes'. Any enquiries to Pat Kennedy Scott, 210319.

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Thursday 7th September, 2017

at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford at 4.30pm

to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commisioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5ER
Tel:- 01787 210263

Applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

We hope that newcomers to the area will be made aware of this charity by long time residents of Groton and Boxford who have themselves benefited from grants in previous years.

Polstead Digital Cinema

Friday 14th July

Will show "Moonlight" on Friday 14 July but no film in August.

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Wot's On

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'DEFENDING THE HARBOUR' –

Landguard Fort, Felixstowe by Dave Wood.

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It has a long rich history, but its major triumph is the preventing of the last full scale invasion of England by the Dutch on 2nd July 1667 - exactly 350 years ago this summer! By 1900 the Fort was obsolete, until the problem of reliability of large bore breech loading artillery was resolved.

The Fort was manned throughout both World Wars, but by the 1950s the rocket age had arrived and in 1956 Coastal Artillery was finally closed down

Dave Wood has been involved with Landguard Fort since the 1980s and was present when the first guided tours were carried out..

Total cost is just £19 including coffee on arrival and the talk by Dave Wood in the morning - followed by a buffet lunch.

In the afternoon a coach will take us to the Landguard Fort for a visit. We will have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the Fort. The coach fare, entry to the Fort and the guided tour are included in the cost. Tea and snacks are available in the Fort or in a nearby beach cafe (cost not included).

Suitable footwear should be worn. Early booking is recommended.

To book please contact Sue Whiteley - 01787 210945 or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

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Stowmarket Chorale

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Stowmarket Chorale has enriched the community life of Stowmarket and surrounding towns and villages for over 100 years. With about 50 members it attracts singers from a wide area of mid Suffolk. The Chorale has performed in a wide variety of venues including The John Peel Centre, Stowmarket, the United Reformed Church and Parish Church in Stowmarket and the Apex in Bury St Edmunds. Further afield, the Chorale has performed at Snape Maltings, Ely and Rochester Cathedrals. In recent years our concerts have included: Mozart – Coronation Mass, Vespers, John Rutter – Requiem, Elgar – Sea Pictures, Alexander L'Estrange – Ahoy!

Details of Scheme

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Forthcoming Events Diary

July

4 Boxford Gardening Society	Beneath the surface of a wild life pond	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
5 Boxford WI	Being a Town Guided	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
9 Little Waldingfield Village Fete		Playing Field	11-3.00pm
12 Boxford WI	Walk		tba
15 Summer Concert	Newton Church	All Saints Church Newton	6.00pm
27 Boxford WI	Lunch Club	Henny Swan	
29 PF50 - 50th Anniversary of the Playing Fields and Boxford Community		Playingfields	7.30pm

August

2 Boxford WI	Outing to Daws Hall	Lamarsh
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September

9/10 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival		St Lawrence Church
16 Book Sale	Groton PCC	Mary's House
30 Little Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz		Parish Room

April 2018

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

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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.

General Church News

General Synod The Synod meets in York over 4 days from Friday 7th July to Monday 10th July. This is a residential meeting, with members accommodated in the University. The timetable for the synod has been published with the full agenda to follow. A number of motions from diocesan synods are on the agenda, including one from our diocese about food wastage. This is currently listed as contingent business, but it will be taken if a gap opens up in the agenda due to other business not taking as long as scheduled. On the Saturday morning, there is to be a presentation from the House of Bishops on "the Proposals for the Pastoral Advisory Group on Human Sexuality and the development of the Teaching Document." This is by way of follow-up to the controversial House of Bishops report in February that the Synod voted not to 'take note' of. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation, but no formal debate on this occasion. (This is in addition to the usual Questions session on Friday evening - somewhat similar to "PMQs" - when synod members can ask questions on a whole range of issues.) In the afternoon synod members will meet in workshops on "Forms of National Support for Local Churches." No details are available at present, but it will be interesting what this means by way of support for multi-parish rural benefices, such as ours in Box River. As usual at York on the Sunday morning, synod members will join the congregation for a service of Holy Communion in the Minster. Please speak to David Lamming, one of our diocesan members of the General Synod, if you would like further information.



Churches Together Prayer Breakfasts Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.

CTiS&D prayer breakfasts in July, to which all are welcome, will be held at the following venues:

- 1st** Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford
- 8th** St Gregory's Church, Sudbury
- 15th** All Saints' Church, Acton
- 22nd** Lavenham Parish Church
- 29th** Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of every booking (including church and PCC bookings), as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.

Please note that the suggested donation is £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about new bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 01787 210360.

THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Peter Dilnot

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Michael Gray

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The next **Cafe Church Service** is on **Sunday 2nd July at 11.00 am** in St. Mary's Church Boxford. All are most welcome to this informal service, with good coffee, pastries and children's craft activities.



Boxford Calendar 2018 We are hoping to produce a calendar for 2018. We need lots of photos of Boxford and surroundings. Please do send to ChrisKingsC@aol.com or on a memory stick by mid-September. All proceeds to St. Mary's Parish Church

Out of the mouths...!!) THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Richard was excited about the task but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Richard was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."



The Bible Study Group meets at Russets, 47 Swan Street on 2nd and 4th Mondays each month by kind permission of Margaret and Peter Holden. We are presently exploring Marks Gospel. All are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

Paying our way at St. Mary's Parish Church At the Annual Meeting on April 2nd it was made clear by the PCC treasurer that additional funds are needed, perhaps by way of gift aid or through holding fundraising events. It is now vital that much more help with organising fundraising events is needed over the next year to support the church.

If you can help in any way please do let the Revd Judith know or any PCC member.

Copy Date for Church News in the August Box River News:

Please, NO LATER THAN 12th July 2017

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Thank you. Rev'd Judith. 01787 210091

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Rota for July

Sunday 16th July at 9:30 am Morning Worship
Sidesman/Coffees Ineke Morris/Marlene Clarke

Sunday 30th July at 10:00 am Five Villages Service
with Holy Communion

Sidesman Maureen Cooling and David Saddleton
Coffees, etc. Sally Hoskyns, Ineke Morris, Jan Paul
Flowers Frances East
Cleaning To be confirmed



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

6th May Our Annual Church Gift Coffee Morning took place in the Village Hall. There was a very friendly atmosphere as people bought items at the stalls for Books, Bring & Buy and Cakes and also the Raffle. It was great to see people who have recently moved into the village and for older friends, who had made the effort to attend despite illness, to hand in the yellow envelopes with their generous donation for our lovely church. Any donation is really welcome in helping to keep our village church open, not only for services, but for a quiet place for anyone to go to at any time. Thank you to all who helped prepare the hall, run the stalls and supply refreshments. A special Thank You to each one who gave their donation in the yellow envelopes, or in person, which was much appreciated.

8th May The Benefice Ministry Team Meeting was held at a new venue for the first time in the afternoon rather than the evening. Revd. Judith was encouraged by the number in attendance at 'Loves', Church Road, Newton. The intention is to hold the next meeting in another village and this will be advertised.

28th May The service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Revd. Judith, who had made the effort of attending despite a very painful shoulder and the unwelcome after effects of pain killers. The Banns of Marriage were read for the first time of asking for a young couple; the husband-to-be having come straight from night shift work to attend. Thank you to all who helped in any way to welcome a good number of people for a lovely service.

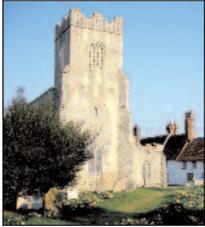
Summer Concert Saturday 15th July 6.00 pm at All Saints' Church, Newton. A concert featuring the Keld Ensemble and the Millwheel Singers with an eclectic mix of music including Bach, Cole Porter and John Rutter. Refreshments available. Tickets £10 Jonathan Acton. 01787 372670

BENEFICE NEWS

Ministry Team Subject to confirmation, the next meeting of the ministry team is on Friday 21st July at 2.30 pm (venue to be notified.)

DEANERY NEWS

Deanery Synod The summer meeting of the deanery synod is on Wednesday 12th July at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Boxford. This being the first meeting of the new 2017-2020 triennium, it will start with a celebration of Holy Communion. The business will include the election of synod officers and the standing committee, as well as reports from the Diocesan Synod meeting held on 10th June, and (hot off the press) from the General Synod meeting at York the previous weekend (see below).

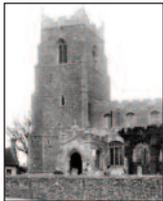


THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:
Vacant

PCC Meeting Tuesday 18th July at 7.00 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail djlamm@hotmai.com) by 9th July.

Early notice of **Spring Open Gardens** in Groton Street, Groton on **Sunday April 8th 2018**



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas

Sidesmen
2nd July Mrs. Eddington and Mrs. Martin
9th July No service
16th July No service
23rd July No service
30th July No service

Flowers
Mrs. Roser
Mrs. Eddington
Mrs. Duffy
Mrs. Gregor-Smith
Mrs. Squirrel

4th June Pentecost. Reverend Judith celebrated Holy Communion. A number of the Wade family joined us for the service. The family once lived at Park Farm. One of their number, Stanley Leech Wade, fell in World War One. A stained-glass window in the Lady Chapel is dedicated to his memory. A brass plaque also records the installation of electric light by Ellen Selina Wade in memory of her husband, George Wade, who was Churchwarden here for 40 years. A sum of money was invested by Henry Roe Wade in memory of George Wade for the upkeep of the churchyard.

8th June Our Jazz/Folk concert given by Lander Mason (Fiona Lander and Paul Mason), was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience, not just from our village but from the benefice and further afield. We are so grateful to all who supported us and raised over £1,000, £617 of which will go to church funds. We are indebted to Nancy Roser who arranged the event, and we thank all her helpers who sold tickets, ran the raffle and manned the bar.

Please note we have had to **cancel** our Village Yard Sale on **15th July**.

Our next fund-raiser will be our **Flower Festival** on **9th** and **10th September**.



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Sunday 2nd	Third Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt. Waldingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Cafe Church <i>Informal worship, all ages welcome</i>	Revd Judith
Boxford	15.00 Christening of Imogen Alston, Joshua and Finley Banks	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 5 th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 6 th		
Lt Waldingfield	16.00 Holy Communion by Extension-Newman's Hall	Lay Team
Saturday 8 th		
Edwardstone	13.30 Wedding of William Raymond and Chantal Weeks	Revd Judith

Sunday 9th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sea Sunday	(G)
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 12 th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd Judith
Saturday 15 th		
Boxford	11.00 Christening of Charlie and Orla Finch	Revd Judith

Sunday 16th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 19 th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 20 th		
Lt Waldingfield	16.00 Compline-Newmans Hall	Lay Team

Sunday 23rd	Sixth Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Groton	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 26 th		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 27 th		
Boxford	14.00 Wedding of Kieran Lawler and Natasha Scales	Revd Judith
Saturday 29 th		
Edwardstone	14.00 Wedding of Colin Humphreys and Hannah Partington	Revd Judith

Sunday 30th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	10.00 Five Villages Service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith
<i>A joyful, family-friendly and upbeat service, with an African flavour in music and worship, as we celebrate our Diocesan friendship and links with Kagera Diocese, in Tanzania</i>		
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Soap Box

I will not be sorry to see the back of June. Aside from a near catastrophic General Election, my car was written off in an accident that took place while I was 70 miles away. The only good part was that there were witnesses who left details of what happened on my windscreen, so the driver of the car that hit mine will be picking up the tab. But it took a couple of weeks to sort out and, of course, I had to go through the rigmarole of finding a replacement vehicle at, for me at any rate, an inconvenient time.

Returning to the car park at Sudbury railway station one afternoon, it came as something of a shock to find the front of my car stoved in, the bumper hanging off and the number plate (only recently replaced) shattered. While the car was driveable, it was clear that then cost of putting it right would not be inconsiderable. Given that it was eleven years old and a Mercedes, the likelihood was always that the cost of repair would exceed its value, so I telephoned my insurance broker with a degree of trepidation.

This is where the fun started. Have you noticed how long it can take to get through to a real person these days? In some cases it can prove downright impossible. As it happened, I did succeed in talking to several helpful people, which is not to say it was altogether straightforward. You know the sort of experience you have speaking to large corporations. "Please choose from the following options. Press one for..." "Your call is important to us" and so on.

Having provided details of the accident and damage in full to three separate people (the broker, their claims management team, which was a different company, and the insurer), my call was then transferred, first to a car repairer, who told me they couldn't pick it up for at least a week, and then to a car hire firm, who said they were unable to provide a courtesy car unless mine was collected for repair within 48 hours. Frustrating, or what?

It got worse. Calling the insurer, they then found an alternative repairer able to collect sooner. Not much sooner, though, prompting a further call to the insurer who eventually arranged a pick up the following day, with the result the car hire firm felt able to deliver a car that afternoon. However, these calls took place over a couple of days, so it was day three after the accident that I eventually took delivery of a replacement car. Meanwhile, I had made contact with the person who had left the note on my windscreen, whose car had also been damaged and was likely to be written off.

The driver of the car created all this turmoil called, not to apologise, but to ask if we could come to a private arrangement, without involving the insurance company. As it turned out, this idea of his was stillborn, but it did involve further calls to the insurer. So far so good, you might think, except during some of these calls I suddenly discovered I was dealing with a different part of the

firm that insured my vehicle and had to go through all the details of the accident again. It turned out that the car that hit mine was insured through the same company and that, because responsibility for the accident had now been established as the driver of this car, my claim had been transferred to the team dealing with him. Guess what – I had to go through all the details yet again. Eventually, nine days after the accident and many man hours of telephone calls later, I was called to be told that repairs were considered not to be economically viable and to be offered compensation equivalent to the market value of the car, less an adjustment for other damage to the vehicle, not incurred at the time of the accident. Well, reversing into my driveway can be a tricky manoeuvre, as scrapes to the gate post and my rear bumper bear witness. So in the end I took the money and hoped a suitable car would turn up soon.

To be honest I've not had to make too many claims on my insurance in the past so cannot really recall whether this was a typical experience or not. By and large the people I dealt with were friendly and helpful, but it did seem to take so much time. I would have thought that, in this electronic age, details of an accident could be shared easily, but perhaps they felt they needed it all from the horse's mouth, so to speak. Still, I hope I don't have to go through anything like this again for some considerable time.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.

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GARDENING IN JULY INSPIRED BY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Summer pruning of roses consists of the removal of dead blooms and cutting of blooms for home decoration. Both these procedures encourage new, young strong shoots required to assist in the new crop of blooms to develop quickly. Leaves are required to build up the plant, so when cutting blooms for the home do not cut stems longer than is necessary, removing only one third of the flowering stem produced this season, when removing faded blooms cut off no more than two of the lower leaves. Delay in removing dead blooms will delay the second crop of blooms. As soon as the first flush of blooms is over, feed with a good proprietary rose fertilizer, scatter a good handful around each bush and hoe into the surface soil. Keep up the fortnightly spraying against greenfly, mildew, rust and black spot.

Continue dead heading early flowering herbaceous kinds, they will flower longer if blooms are removed as soon as they fade. Many, such as lupins, delphiniums and salvia superba, will flower a second time if cut down to ground level immediately after flowering.

Feed dahlias every 14 days with a liquid fertilizer. Always apply fertilizer when the soil is damp, in dry weather water first. To grow long stems for flower arranging, a certain amount of disbudding is needed otherwise the flower stem will be too short for arranging in a vase. There will be a flower bud at the top of each main stem with two smaller buds below. All you need do is remove these. P July is one of the best months for a display of lilies and as with every thing else it is essential to remove dead flowers immediately. Lilies are susceptible to botrytis disease which has a weakening effect decreasing their resistance to other pests and diseases. Damp, muggy weather encourages the spread of the disease. Spray with a good fungicide and an insecticide against aphids which spread virus diseases.

Prorogate hydrangeas by inserting cuttings individually in 3 inch pots, choosing well ripened non-flowering shoots of medium thickness, 3 inches long.

Fuchsias in large pots or tubs will need feeding twice a week with a liquid fertilizer that is high in potash, such as tomorite or phostrogen. Make sure the compost in the tubs is moist when you feed to avoid the fertilizer burning the plants roots.

Tomatoes should be producing ripe fruit and will need side shoots removed regularly and twice a week feed of tomorite. Plant out winter

cabbage and savoys, sprouting broccoli and spring cauliflower.

Early in the month shallots will be ready for lifting, once the tops flatten out there is no point in leaving them in the ground any longer. Get the ground cleared and make way for a sowing of spinach beet to supply pickings for winter and spring.

Cut out branches of plums that are attacked by silver leaf disease and paint the cut surfaces. If any pruning of good wood is needed, this is the time to do it to avoid spreading the above disease.

Summer is progressing. This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- 2 Care for houseplant while on holiday
- 3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- 4 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
- 5 Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- 6 Treat apple scab
- 7 Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
- 8 Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- 9 Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
- 10 Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

Lawns

Keep mowing regularly, except during drought. In hot weather, set the mower at a slightly higher level than normal for early summer. This can prevent the lawn drying in hot weather.

Last time to apply a liquid summer lawn fertiliser, especially if a spring feed was not given. A soluble feed and weed product may be useful if there are weeds present in the lawn.

Don't worry unduly about brown patches on the lawn - they will recover quickly when the autumn rains arrive.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

As of last week Babergh has moved to a cabinet system of governance, up until two years ago there had been no overall political control at the district council but now that one political party has a majority of elected councillors they are entitled to form a cabinet from their members and make decisions without reference to those of us of a different political persuasion, I personally have never seen why politics should get in the way of the best decision that can be reached by all members working together. Other members are entitled to go to watch and ask questions and I will probably do that when I can. One of the political decisions that has been made is that our two rural councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk will jointly move HQ to Endeavour House which is in the centre of Ipswich and this is now likely to happen during September and the current offices at Needham and Hadleigh will be closed and put up for sale or developed, there will be I understand an outpost at the town council offices in Sudbury for those residents who need to contact the council or do not have a computer to do so. Another decision that has now been confirmed is that planning consultations will now be charged for at a rate which can be obtained from our website or by calling the planning office, this is a general move by all councils to keep costs down and raise income and will be put in place from early July. Nearer to home myself and Boxford P.C. are still trying to get to grips with the latest application for 25 houses at Goodlands Farm and we now have another one on our doorstep at Hill Farm which is the old Coppella / Pepsi site. This site has been bought by Konings who are an European drinks manufacturer. The application is quite large but will bring extra employment to our region, the drawbacks could be increased extra traffic and noise so please everyone if you have a view or think you will be affected please get involved. I have asked the applicant to do a public consultation with all plans on show and if they refuse Boxford P.C. will probably do their own which will be advertised to the public. As most of you will have seen the work on the Gaol House has been completed and it just remains for some clean up work and re-painting to be done, there is also a suggestion to fit new benches for people to sit on while waiting for the bus or just resting while out walking, most of this work will be done by volunteers so please be patient as it does tend to be the same volunteers spreading themselves very thinly. I hope by the time you read this the grass and footpath cutting at Stationfield will be ongoing or completed, I am sure someone will let me know. Enjoy the rest of summer. All Best Bryn. If you need me call 01787 210854.

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Readers Letters

Sir

Please reduce your speed in and around the Village of Boxford to a maximum of 15 to 20 miles per hour

I like many residents have been concerned at the speed of vehicles passing through the Village which will include many residents. My great concern is at school times as many pupils, due to the additional two years added to the Boxford School, now walk to school unsupervised and it us as motorists who have the responsibility to be mindful of how we drive. Also consideration should be given to the elderly as they will need more time when looking to cross the road

If all the residents drove at my recommended speeds then in carrying out that discipline it would help to reduce the speed of those commercial vehicles and vehicles just passing through Boxford.

It is a proven fact that you will cause less traumatic injuries when driving at a lesser speed, if you were to have an accident.

Lenny Southgate and I were standing at the bottom of The Croft today (17th May at about midday) when a lady driving a saloon car came through from the centre of the Village at what can only be described as an irresponsible speed and how she did not hit the oncoming car from the opposite direction was a miracle .

So I appeal to all resident vehicle owners to make a concerted effort to persuade the vehicle driving public to be more responsible in Boxford and for that matter wherever they drive.

Yours

David House, Boxford

Sir,



Please would you allow me through your columns to thank the residents of Marsh Road who have done such a good job this year in protecting the bee orchids on their open space. The orchids have been spectacular with over 150 flowers if you include those few in adjacent garden lawns. This is a beautiful and protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act and we are so lucky to still have this relic of past times in our village.

Many residents have told me they have enjoyed them this year too. We are particularly grateful to the children of Marsh Road who have temporarily found their play space more restricted, but we know that they have appreciated the flowers too. Our thanks to Bryn Hurren and the Parish Council for encouraging Babergh to delay the cutting of the area so that they could flower and survive another year.

Tina Loose

The Boxford Society

Sir

We would like to thank the family, friends and neighbours of Joan Segger for their cards, flowers and kind words after her passing.

She will be greatly missed and was a wonderful wife, mother, nan and great nan.

Your kindness has been a great comfort at this sad time.

Bill, Neil, Gwenda and families

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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - JULY 2017



In previous articles the War on the Western Front had been followed through to the end of the Arras Offensive and the associated separate battles, which took the story up to the end of May 1917. As we saw, there had been no decisive break out by the Allied Forces and the push eastward into the German occupied French territory had been limited and contained at great loss of life on both sides.

Although the Arras Offensive ended in stalemate, it formed part of a broader strategy by the Allies, the purpose of which was to try and form a pincer movement around the concentration of German forces in western Belgium. The next phase of this was to be another offensive centred on the Belgian city of Ypres, which lies about forty miles north of Arras. This was to be known as the Flanders Offensive. It began on 7th June and ended 10th November.

Ypres is situated on level ground just west of a semi-circle of low hills, which were occupied by the German army and which gave them the tactical advantage of being able to observe any military movements down on the plain around Ypres. There had been two previous significant engagements based on Ypres, which became known as the First and Second Battles of Ypres. So, this next stage was to be the Third Battle of Ypres and it was the all-encompassing name used to describe a series of major battles including that of Oppy Wood, Hill 70, Menin Road ridge, Polygon Wood and, of course, Passchendaele.

Nowadays, if you ask many people for the names of places associated with the War on the Western Front, Ypres, the Somme and Passchendaele are most likely to figure in their answers. Such was the ferocity of the fighting that took place around Passchendaele that it became synonymous for the whole series of battles that began at the end of July 1917 and ended with the final capture of the village in the first week of November. But what was there to capture after months of attritional warfare had been waged in the vicinity of the village?

The two aerial photographs appearing at the head of this article answer that question. The first, at the top, was taken in 1916 as part of the reconnaissance work carried out by the Royal Flying Corps in preparation for the planned offensives of 1917. In it you can see a typical lowland Belgian village centred on its church, which stands in an arc of roads not unlike the way St Mary's Church in Boxford stands within the curve of Broad Street, Church Street and Stone Street Road. Out of the village radiate the roads with their houses and gardens and the fields beyond. In the lower picture you can make out the shell of the church and the lines of the roads compacted by centuries of use by foot and cart wheel. All else is gone, obliterated by hundreds upon thousands of rounds of shellfire. If ever two images speak of the destruction wrought by this War on the towns, villages, and fields of France and Flanders, and, of course, the people who lived and worked in them, these must be they.

The first objective of the Flanders Offensive was to be the taking of the Messines Ridge, the southernmost rumple of land in the semi-circle of high ground east of Ypres. The strategic importance of this was twofold; it provided excellent flanking sight of any attempt to advance upon the high ground due east of Ypres and it protected an important railway junction and marshalling point for the supply lines supporting the German forces overlooking Ypres.

In 1916 the British army had begun the laying of a total of twenty-one massive mines under the German trenches on the ridge. Thousands of yards of tunnels were excavated and a total of about six-hundred tons of high explosive were packed into the mine cavities. The German forces knew this was going on, but they underestimated the number and potency of the mines. The opening of the battle for the ridge was to be on 7th June, oddly enough, the precise day on which I am writing these words. For two weeks before this date, the ridge had been subjected to intense shelling so there was no doubt in the minds of the German commanders that an attack was imminent. To counter this, the troops defending the ridge were significantly reinforced in numbers and armaments. The British commanders set 03:10 in the morning as zero hour for the detonation of the mines, and one commented in his diary "...we may not change history but we will change the landscape...". At 02:50 the shelling ceased, and in that eerie silence of twenty minutes the German forces took up their forward positions knowing an attack was about to start. At the appointed time the mines were detonated, two of which failed to fire. The resulting explosion is thought to be the loudest manmade noise known up to that point in the world. It was heard as far away as Dublin, across large parts of south-eastern England, and by Lloyd George in Downing Street. Witnesses described a curtain of fire along the ridge and in that hellish destruction it is estimated that between 6,000 and 10,000 German troops lost their lives in a matter of seconds.

The mines were followed by the infantry advance just behind a creeping barrage accompanied by tanks and a further barrage of gas canisters, which were being fired over the heads of the advancing troops directly into what was left of the German

trenches. By 06:00 all the initial objectives were taken and by the end of the day the final objectives were reached. The German forces had been routed and withdrew. Though they counterattacked on the next day, this was a failure and cost them more ground. Further attempts at retaking the ridge were made, but each was successfully repulsed. By the 14th June the battle was over and the village of Messines was in Allied hands. Allied commanders had 'allowed' for a fifty percent casualty rate, but the actual figure was much less. Even so, this still represented 17,000 Allied troops killed or wounded, which shows just how inured to heavy loss of life the military had become. To those 17,000 the German forces suffered 24,000 casualties.

(As an aside, the two mines which did not fire became lost in the ensuing battles that were fought back and forth across this area until 1918. One exploded in 1957 during a thunderstorm, fortunately with no loss of life, but the other remains unaccounted for and the high explosive used in its making could still be in good condition. As for those that did explode, many of the craters are to this day visible even from satellite images of the ground).

This success at Messines emboldened the British Generals and strengthened their hand with the politicians in Westminster, who had become increasingly resistant to escalating the War. As a result, preparations were now made for a full scale assault east of Ypres and this task occupied the last weeks of June and most of July. The Third Battle of Ypres was scheduled to begin on 31st July, which brings us to the day Rifleman Ernest King of Boxford, 50244, 5th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool) Regiment, died.

Ernest is something of an enigma for two reasons. After the end of the War the War Office began compiling a list of the soldiers who died during the conflict. A list of more than 41,000 officers was published in 1919 as a single volume and this was followed in 1921 by a further list filling eighty volumes of 'other ranks', who also perished, numbering in excess of 660,000 men. In many cases this is the only record available for specific individuals, since a considerable quantity of other records pertaining to the War was destroyed by bombing during the 1939-1945 war. These volumes were published under the title of Soldiers who died in the Great War. Ernest's record provides the information I have given in the previous paragraph. It also tells us that he was born and lived in Boxford, and he enlisted in Bury St. Edmunds. In addition, in the Supplementary Notes section of his record it states that he previously served in the Suffolk Regiment with the service number 34959. However, The Commonwealth War Graves Commission data lists Ernest with the service number 235100. The two records are undoubtedly referring to the same Ernest King, because the regiment at the time of death is the same, as is the date of death itself. Despite further enquires, I have so far been unable to find out why and when Ernest transferred from the Suffolks to the King's (Liverpool), nor have I been able to find out why he is listed under two different service numbers at the time of his death.

The second uncertainty surrounding Ernest is exactly who he was. In last month's article, I wrote as follows in the hope that someone reading the article might be able to help identify him positively:

The census records for Boxford for 1901 list three Ernest Kings, all of whom could be our soldier. The first, born in 1894, is the son of Annie King, a widow aged about twenty-nine, who was a tailoress living in Stone Street; the second, born in 1896, is the son of Rose King, also a widow, aged about 40, and also, curiously, a tailoress living in Stone Street, and the third, born in 1897, is the son of James and Sarah King, James being a blacksmith and living in Brick Kiln Hill. I think the latter is the least likely, because by 1911 this family had moved to Sudbury.

At the time of writing I have had no response, however I have definitely ruled out the last named Ernest, having found him still living in Sudbury, with his, by then, widowed mother in the 1939 Register, which was a hastily conducted 'census' of England carried out on the 29th September that year. But this still leaves two possible young Boxford men who could be the Ernest who lost his life in 1917.

I do also now know that Rose King was formerly Rose Hill and she married a William King, who was an agricultural labourer, in 1884. William died sometime between 1891 and 1895, but I can find no record of a marriage for Annie King nor when she was widowed. Whatever the case, both the possible Ernests were agricultural labourers and all of the other people associated with both these families were born in Boxford. Beyond that I cannot be certain and have to leave the matter for the time being unsatisfactorily inconclusive.

Equally unsatisfactory is that I can provide no detail of Ernest's war before his death. His regiment at the time, 5th Battalion (more formerly 1st/5th), King's (Liverpool) arrived in France at the end of 1915 and fought through 1916 on the Western Front, including in several of the major engagements of the Somme offensive, and then were transferred to the area around Ypres in early 1917. However, since we do not when Ernest joined the regiment we cannot say what his experience of the war was. I have researched the two Divisions to which Ernest's battalion was attached, the 2nd and the 55th (West Lancashire), but at no time were any of the Suffolk battalions attached to either of those Divisions, so there is no hint at all of anything prior to July 1917.

The opening engagement of the offensive known as the Third Battle of Ypres was the Battle of Pilkem Ridge, taking its name from a village due north of Ypres. This battle lasted for three days and succeeded in many of its objectives, pushing the front line eastward by about a mile. But it was during this battle that the factor which came to characterise the whole offensive began to play a part, and this was the weather. On the afternoon of the 31st July it began to rain and there followed three days of almost

continuous rainfall. The rain was heavy enough for the leading edge of the assault, moving under the cover of a creeping barrage, to disappear from the sight of the rear organisation. But worse than this was that the advance was now being made across ground churned up by shellfire. These craters quickly filled with water and within hours parts of the area were impassable because of the mud. One British commander noted in his dispatches to the War Office "The ground is churned up to a depth of ten feet and is the consistency of porridge". In this horror, many men simply drowned. In 1918 Siegfried Sassoon, wrote the following lines

Squire nagged and bullied till I went to fight
(Under Lord Derby's scheme), I died in hell
(They called it Passchendaele.) My wound was slight,
And I was hobbling back; and then a shell
Burst slick upon the duckboards: so I fell
Into the bottomless mud, and lost the light.

At sermon-time, while the Squire is in his pew,
He gives my gilded name a thoughtful stare;
for, though low down on the list, I'm there;
'In proud and glorious memory' ... that's my due.
Two bleeding years I fought in France, for Squire:
I suffered anguish that he's never guessed.
Once I came home on leave: and then went west ...
What greater glory could a man desire?

We do not know how Ernest died, or when, on that fateful day. Perhaps he did not live long enough in the battle to witness the horror that began to overtake it as evening fell and perhaps that would be a small mercy for his widowed mother and his siblings, if they ever knew. But for all that we do not know about Ernest, the one definite defining fact of his short life is that he has no known grave and so let Sassoon's words be his epitaph.

Ernest will be remembered at the 11:00 service at Boxford church on the 23rd July.
Rufus Sweetman The Rectory

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Parish Council Matters

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7pm.

Present: M Childs (Chair), S Norman, C Britcher, P Baker; In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk)

Election of Chairman of the Council – M Childs was elected Chair and P Baker was elected Vice Chair. Apologies for absence were received from P Clarke and S Flack.

Councillor vacancy – No applications had been received since the last meeting. The vacancy will continue to be advertised.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 20 March 2017 were approved and signed.

Planning Matters - Planning applications received – none. Planning decisions received B/17/00519 – Priory Green Cottage CO10 5PN – erection of single storey glazed link extension - approved.

Financial Matters - The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments was approved as under and the cheques were signed:

Business Premium Account as at 31 March 2017	£2517.76
Business Current Account as at 30 April 2017	£5828.46
Total	£8346.22

The end of year accounts, internal audit report, Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounting Statements were considered and approved and signed where required.

The insurance quotation was considered and approved. It was agreed that as the PC is now at the end of its long term agreement quotes would be obtained for a new agreement next year.

The Council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence for 2017-18 as it complied with the necessary criteria.

Highway and Footpath Matters- P Baker advised that the path from the top end of the field north of the church towards Tinywent is impassable again. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the landowner and ask him to cut it. It was noted that there are horses in the field again. Last year there were problems but none have been reported so far. It required the PC will contact SCC Rights of Way. P Baker will check whether or not the stiles have been cleared of wires to allow access for dogs.

The Clerk will check whether the large pothole at School Corner, which does have yellow markings round it, is on the current schedule for fixing. Sherbourne Street potholes have now been fixed.

There were no issues arising from the correspondence. The Clerk asked to attend a network and training event at SALC on 13 June at a cost of £16 plus VAT and this was approved. The issue of speeding traffic was raised and this is to be added to the next agenda. The Quiet Lanes proposals are not going ahead. Items for the next Agenda - Speeding traffic, footpaths. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 17 July 2017. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25 pm.

A full copy of the Minutes and accompanying documents can be found on the PC's website edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 6.30 pm Wednesday 3 May 2017 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: J Osborne, C Fraulo, D Wills, P Roberts, A Dixon-Smith, N Cox

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk)

Election of Chairman – J Osborne was elected Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Election of Vice Chairman – C Fraulo was elected Vice Chairman.

Apologies for absence – received from R Cheeseman, approved.

Councillors' declarations of interest – D Wills expressed an interest in Planning Application B/17/01032.

Appointment of representatives - Babergh Area Committee of SALC – C Fraulo; Boxford Community Council – J Osborne; Groton Village Hall – D Wills; Babergh Alliance of Parish & Town Councils – it was agreed that the PC would express an interest in joining this and C Fraulo agreed to attend a meeting as an observer before the PC considered joining.

The Minutes of the meeting of 1 March 2017 were approved and signed.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence - Councillors agreed that they would prefer the Clerk to continue to send individual documents to them prior to each meeting, rather than leaving them to view them on the website (Groton.onesuffolk.net/). The Clerk advised that at the recent training session she had attended, Clerks had been asked to remind Councillors that if they had 2 months or more arrears of Council Tax they could not vote on the precept, with potentially a large fine. J Osborne said that he and the Clerk would visit Boxstore to view past minutes to find out more about the Parish Fields.

Planning Matters - Applications received – B/17/01032 Goslings Green House CO10 5EX – erection of first floor rear extension including lean to roof, and erection of single storey side extension – The Council was in full support of this application (D Wills did not take part in the decision). B/17/00916 – Bye-ways, Groton Street CO10 5EE – the Council was in full support of this application.

Planning decisions received – B/16/01678 Castlings Hall – listed building consent has been granted.

Local housing update – J Osborne would be updating the Annual Parish Meeting later this evening but confirmed that Hastoe Housing Association are currently finalising an agreement with a landowner. Once this is signed Hastoe will arrange for plans to be presented as part of a public consultation in the village before they submit a planning application.

Neighbourhood Plan – the PC does not intend to put together a plan on its own but will monitor the situation with Boxford.

Community Emergency Plan - The Clerk will advise once this has been fully updated.

Highway and Footpath matters - Park Corner – the top dressing has been done but SCC

are unable to provide a date when the drainage work will be done. The PC will continue to chase. Other highway and footpath matters – the first cut has been carried out by SCC contractors and the PC will continue to monitor the situation.

Financial matters - The Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment were approved.

The Clerk reported that the first half of the precept had since been received (£2074.50).

The end of year accounts and internal audit report were approved. It was agreed to include monthly budget monitoring on the agenda. The Annual Governance Statement (s1 of the Annual Return) and the Annual Accounting Statements (s 2 of the Annual Return) were approved and signed.

A full copy of the Minutes and supporting documents can be found on the Parish Council's website Groton.onesuffolk.net/

Anita Robinson, Clerk to Groton Parish Council

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held Tuesday 2nd May

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th June.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

All Parish Councillors were present at this Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (this is separate from the Annual Parish Meeting which was scheduled for 9th May). We are pleased to report that Julian Fincham-Jacques will continue as Chairman for a further year and that he will be joined by David Talbot Clarke, as Vice Chairman. Representation on the various village organisations was agreed.

Correspondence Members continue to be vigilant in respect of developments at Goodlands and were in close liaison with the various authorities. It was agreed to order a Parish Profile report for a fee of £50. This pulls together comprehensive data at a Parish level on Housing, Transport, Services, Social and Economic themes in the Parish.

Finance In addition to the usual business, the End of Year Accounts and Audit submission were approved. The Clerk was preparing a report for the Annual Parish Meeting explaining the various Income and Expenditure.

Cemetery Two memorial applications were duly approved. Some ivy clearance at the Churchyard had been delayed due to nesting birds.

Reports from Members Various matters were raised and are being followed up. These include the absence of giveway notice on the access to Goodlands, the need to clean the bridge railings, the uncut Sand Hill recreational grass, the finishing touches to the bus shelter including bird spikes, inconsiderate parking at school pick up times, excessive river reed growth and pot holes in Stone Street Road.

Planning The Planning Authority had confirmed permission had been granted for the following: -

- 1) An opening from bedroom to bathroom at Greenbank, Ellis Street
- 2) Internal alterations and removal of out building at 24 Ellis Street
- 3) Extension to Chimneys, Hadleigh Road
- 4) Reduction of walnut at Goodlands Farm Cottage, 55 Swan Street

There were No Objections from the Parish Council to the following new applications: -

- a) holly and hazel reduction at 9 Broad Street
- b) various tree work at 3 The Causeway
- c) reduction of poplar at Causeway Ho, The Causeway
- d) extensions to 15 Swan Street, Sparrows - Cox Hill and 41 Daking Avenue
- e) refurbishment and extension at the Sports Pavilion on the Playing Field at Homefield.

The Parish Council was in favour of this application, however, recommended further consideration to parking provision to match the extra anticipated usage

Further enquires were to be made in respect of the applications to cut back trees near the telecommunications mast on the A1071 and also the request for evidence of continuous use of the annex at Richmond Lodge, Calais Street.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

EDWARDSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 15 May 2017 at Edwardstone Parish Hall

In the Chair: M Childs

Present: S Norman, C Britcher, P Baker, J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BDC), A Robinson (Clerk), W Paddon (Edwardstone Parish Hall); S Bourne (Suffolk Constabulary)

M Childs welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Minutes of the meeting of 16 May 2016 were approved and signed.

Report from Suffolk County Council – J Finch gave his report*. In addition he said that he was pushing for additional broadband rollout, and aiming to support rural businesses.

Report from Babergh District Council – B Hurren thanked the Parish Council for inviting him to his 18th Annual Parish Meeting. He reported that he was very disappointed at the decision to move BDC and MSDC out of District to Endeavour House in Ipswich, particularly as there will be no hub in Hadleigh. Devolution is no longer on the agenda. The size of the District Councils will be reduced in 2 years. Housing is the largest part of his workload, but it is difficult to link social and private housing. He is proud of the installation of solar panels on council housing, which is proving profitable for BDC and the householders alike. Grants have been given to local communities but have been reduced this year. Local planning issues have been fairly low key. The phone mast on the A1071 has been installed and he will be chasing to have it switched on as soon as possible. He remains on the Joint Scrutiny Committee for both Councils and is the BDC representative on Ipswich CAB. He remains as chair of Pin Mill Bay Management Community Interest Company but has stood down after 10 years as chair of the Quay Theatre, although he is still a volunteer. He has been liaising with Edwardstone Parish Hall Management Committee regarding funding for the repairs needed to the disabled toilet. S Norman asked why textiles were no longer being collected with the recycling and B Hurren advised that he would find out and let her know.

Report from Suffolk Constabulary – S Bourne provided an update on current policing in the area. There are no beat officers and at present he is the only officer on duty after 6pm. He advised that if the Parish Council had any issues such as speeding vehicles it should email SNT and it will be passed on to speed enforcement.

Parish Council Matters

Reports on Edwardstone Organisations -Edwardstone Parish Hall Management Committee

W Paddon reported that following the offer of assistance from BDC they had been waiting to hear from their insurers whether they could go ahead with the work. The insurers had advised that they could do so and D Clark is completing the application forms. It is proving difficult to fund the hall from hire charges and the Committee is grateful for the grant from the Parish Council. This and fundraising from events such as the quiz night and D Clark's plant sales keeps the hall going. He provided a financial report*.

Financial Report – The Clerk provided a financial report covering the Parish Council's financial position*.

M Childs thanked everyone for coming. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42 pm.

*A full copy of the Minutes and attachments can be found on the Parish Council's website Edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques, A Sargeant, C Hughes, R Balls, S Impett, D Talbot Clarke, D Waspe, M Wooderson, V Trafford, and D Hattrell (Clerk).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: J Fincham-Jacques confirmed his willingness to continue as Chairman. The resolution for J Fincham-Jacques to continue as Chairman was carried.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: J Fincham-Jacques duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

APOLOGIES: were received from B Hurren and J Finch.

PUBLIC FORUM: No items were raised as there were no members of the public present.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: Not applicable.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: D Talbot Clarke was nominated and he confirmed his willingness to take on the role. The resolution was duly carried.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The Cemetery Sub Committee was agreed as A Sargeant and V Trafford, R Balls will take over as Village Hall Representative, D Talbot Clarke will be the SALC representation. D Waspe to continue as Boxford Society representative. D Talbot-Clarke will continue on the Community Council. V Trafford will represent the Parish Council at the Playing Fields. A New Planning working group led by M Wooderson was established to review and investigate planning between meetings. All decisions will continue to be made by full Council.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 3rd APRIL 2017: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: M Wooderson reminded about the excellent response to the Goodlands Planning from Suffolk Preservation Society. However, Landex have now commissioned their own Heritage Report.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend and no report was provided.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was unable to attend and no report was provided.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report was issued to members ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The circulation envelope was started.

PARISH PROFILE: It was agreed to pay the £50 fee to obtain a report pulling together comprehensive data at a Parish Level on Housing, Transport, Services, Social and Economic themes in the Parish - Action Clerk to organise payment for next full meeting.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 2nd May were £29278.25 in the Community Account, £13335.08 in the Deposit Account and £42616.24 in the Reserve Account making a total of £85229.57.

CEMETERY: The Memorial Applications in the names of Tricker and Kingsbury were duly approved - Action Clerk to respond. It was noted the careful clearance of some ivy from large graves in the Churchyard needed to be delayed due to nesting birds - Action Clerk to advise the Church Wardens.

CALL FOR SITES: Further pressure from developers was anticipated. Boxford is a desirable village with facilities and an attractive place to build within. Accepting this, members were considering ideas of having more involvement and control over potential development.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: The absence of a give way notice at the access to Goodlands was reported - Action Clerk. A request was made to ask our litter contractors to clean the bridge at their usual rates - Action Clerk. The Sand Hill recreational grass area has not been cut - R Balls agreed to chase. V Trafford ordered some bird spikes to help with the finishing touches in the Bus Shelter. Once fully resolved, cleaning and staining was to be organised. V Trafford spoke about incidents where inconsiderate parking had occurred at school pick up times. It was agreed to report excessive reed growth between the Wash and the centre of the Village - Action Clerk. S Impett confirmed there are 3 large pot holes in Stone Street Road near the cottages - Action Clerk to report.

The meeting closed at 10.08 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Tuesday 2nd May 2017

The following decisions were advised from the Planning Authority: -

- Listed Building consent had been granted to create opening from bedroom to existing bathroom to provide en-suite shower room at Greenbank, Ellis Street, Boxford.
- Listed Building consent had been granted for internal alterations to ground and first floor layouts, window and removal of outbuilding/greenhouse at 24 Ellis Street.
- Permission had been granted for a two storey side/front gable extension and single storey detached two bay cartlodge at Chimneys, Hadleigh Road, Boxford.

d) Approval had been granted to reduce protected walnut at Goodlands Farm Cottage, 55 Swan Street, Boxford.

The following applications were discussed: -

- Reduce holly and hazel at 9 Broad Street. No Objections.
- Fell cypress and reduce poplar and alder at 3 The Causeway. No Objections.
- Reduce poplar at Causeway House, The Causeway. No Objections.
- Single storey rear extension at 15 Swan Street including Listed Building application. No Objections.
- Single storey rear extension at Sparrows, Cox Hill. No Objections.
- Single storey rear extension at 41 Daking Avenue. No Objections.
- Extension and refurbishment of sports pavilion. The Parish Council is in favour of this proposal and recommend approval, however, further consideration should be given to improve parking facilities in line with the extra anticipated usage due to the increase in size.
- Clearance of some trees affecting the new mobile telecommunications pole on A1071 layby. The plans were not clear on the work required. It was agreed for M Wooderson to make some enquiries with the Babergh Tree Officer - Action M Wooderson.
- Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an existing use - use of annex building as self contained residential unit at Richmond Lodge, Calais Street. Although members had some knowledge of the use over at least 4 years, S Impett was to make enquiries as to whether local knowledge existed for the period of at least 10 years (the criteria for this application).

Minutes of Newton Green Parish Council Annual Meeting 10th May 2017

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Russell Bower, Sue Crawte, Lee Parker, Colin Poole, Rita Schwenk and Philip Taylor.

Attending: Lee Parker (Babergh District Council), D Crimmin (Clerk), Jane Hatton and 5 members of public.

The Chairman welcomed Jane Hatton to the meeting who will be replacing Dave Crimmin as Clerk when he leaves on the 30th June 2017.

Election of Chairman: Cllr Presland was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

Apologies for Absence: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) sent his apologies.

Election of Vice Chairman: It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Crawte be elected the Vice Chairman of NPC.

Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation: Cllr Poole declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17/086 as his authority uses Heelis & Lodge as its Internal Auditor and did not take part in the vote. Cllr Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17/098 as Jane Hatton's husband is a partner in his business. No request for Minutes of meeting held on the 12th April 2017

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

HR and Standards Committees: Cllrs Bower, Crawte and Taylor were appointed to the HR Committee. Cllrs Parker, Poole and Schwenk were appointed to the Standards Committee.

Representatives to Outside Bodies:

It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

- Newton Green Trust (NGT) Cllrs Taylor and Poole
- Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Schwenk
- Alston & Plampin Charity Mr A. Vince, Mrs M Williams and Mr J. Taylor
- Cllr Presland was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local

Internal Auditor: It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2017 / 2018 and the Clerk to send the letter of engagement.

Annual Subscriptions: It was resolved to renew the annual membership to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Community Action Suffolk and The Society for Local Council Clerks for 2017 / 2018.

Public Forum: Lee Parker reported that they had been no significant activity at Babergh since his last report in April. In answer to a resident's question on the issue of sleepers being placed on The Green, the meeting was informed that the NGT would be discussing the matter at its meeting later this month.

Correspondence (Appendix A): Following a review of the Correspondence and the emails circulated since the last meeting the Clerk was asked to respond to the resident letter given to Cllr Crawte on the issue of car usage in Joe's Road.

Clerks Report (Appendix B): Following a review of the Clerk's Report the Clerk was asked to update James Finch with telephone numbers of resident's still experiencing issues with Broadband service (16/090). Cllr Taylor will be reviewing the removal of the concrete trip hazard at the entrance to the playing field from the Village Hall car park in the coming week (17/046). The councillors are concerned at the lack of support by residents for the Speed Watch scheme in the village and in addition to trying to raise awareness with residents, they will also support the volunteers when surveys are undertaken.

Finance

a. The councillors reviewed and resolved to accept the internal audit report from Heelis & Lodge for 2016 / 2017 which did not have any recommendations.

b. The councillors resolved to approve Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017 and the Chairman signed the section accordingly.

c. The councillors resolved to accept the revised Statement of Accounts as at 31st March 2017 (Appendix C). The revision relates to the Clerk's mileage costs of £18.45 being moved from Admin to Clerk Salary in accordance to The Practitioners' Guide dated March 2017 section 2.15 - Line 4: Staff Costs.

d. The councillors resolved to approve Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2017 and the Chairman signed the section accordingly.

e. The councillors resolved to approve the explanation of quantified significant variances within Section 2 of the Annual Return.

f. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix D), were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting, agreed the Reconciliation of Accounts against the Bank Statements and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget.

g. The councillors noted the increase of 1% to the Clerk's hourly rate from 1st April 2017.

Planning

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/17/00157 Valley Farm, Valley Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Timber frame repairs, replacement insulation and re-rendering and resolved to support the application.

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

c. The status of previous applications and appeals were reviewed:

Pensions Regulator: The councillors noted that NPC has a staging date of the 1st May 2017 as far automatic enrolment for workplace pensions. Under the regulations, due to the Dave Crimmin's circumstances, NPC does not have to provide a workplace pension and the councillors resolved that the Chairman writes to the Clerk accordingly, in line with the recommended practice. The review of Jane Hatton's employment criteria will be completed ahead of the June meeting and the necessary action will be taken with regard to a workplace pension.

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

The councillors reviewed the current projects:

- Cllr Taylor has engaged Advantage Environmental to quote for the repairs to the playground fencing and gates
- Cllr Schwenk is liaising with 2 play equipment suppliers to review the existing provisions and to offer suggestions of enhancements
- Cllr Parker updated councillors that he has arranged for John Whyman to attend the June meeting to present the template that Hintlesham has developed in providing a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for its residents and the Clerk was asked to add this to the agenda.
- Cllr Poole updated councillors that the NGT has agreed to the provision of an electrical supply being run across Trust land and the provision of a permanent manhole cover where the Christmas tree is to be located.

Village Hall and Trust representatives reports: The NGT are currently finalising the easements for residents adjoining The Green and the new agreement with the Golf Club. The Village Hall held its AGM in April and found that its standing orders and finance policy were satisfactory for its needs. Bookings are good and cover the costs of expenses. The side door is now to be replaced, a pile of road pilings will be spread over the car park and the electrical system has been completely overhauled. The recent quiz night has raised £212 and another is planned for the Autumn. A new sign for the hall has been installed at a cost of £600.

BDC Meeting: Cllrs Taylor and Crawte will represent NPC at the BDC meeting on the 29th June at Stoke by Nayland starting at 6.30pm

Questions to the Chair: No issues were raised.

In accordance to NPC's Standing Order 3d the councillors resolved to exclude the public and press from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the appointment of a new Clerk and the Contract of Employment terms and conditions.

Clerk's Contract of Employment: The councillors reviewed the Contract of Employment

agreed by Cllr Presland and Jane Hatton and resolved that the following needed to be specified in the CoE:

- the salary payment frequency (Section 9.4)
- the terms of the Nest pension being provided by NPC (Section 20.1).

The councillors would also like the notice period (Section 21.2) to allow for the recruitment and a smooth handover to a new Clerk.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting is on 14th June 2017 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm

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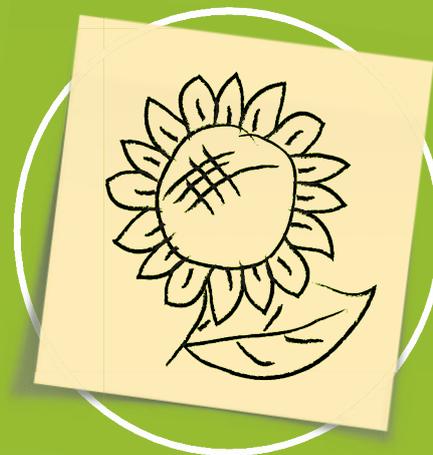
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Parochial Church Council (Secretary)
Poppy Appeal
Primrose Wood
SESAW
Sponsored cycle ride
Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund

Diana Taylor 210239
Moira Grant 211513
Neil Barkham 211916
Adrian Gooderham 211805
Eloise Britcher 828710
Janice MacMillan 210565
Richard Gates 210432
Mark Miller 211596
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Michael Norman
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Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman
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Parochial Church Council (Secretary)
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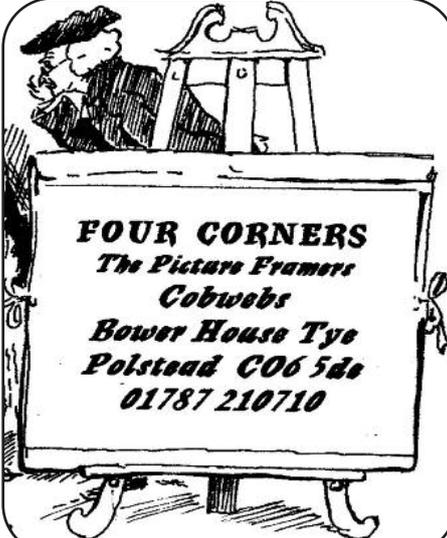
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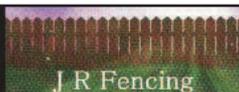
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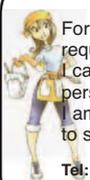
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The Newton Green golfer, who is also on the Suffolk women's golf committee, has twice run the London Marathon, and her buggy was draped with running shoes and other sporting apparel.

Rebecca marshalled the course in the buggy as members played a Delaney scramble, with the following results: 1 Sarah Woodhead, Laura Lowe and Pat Hawkins 73.1, Auriol Round Turner-Turner, Andrea Thompson and Tibby Mimpriss 73.6, Julie Boast, Jan Doe and Mary Jenkins 74.4.

BOXFORD ROVERS UNDER 12'S



Another action shot of our Champions

NEWTON GREEN SENIORS NARROW DEFEAT

Newton Green seniors suffered a narrow three-hole home defeat to Bury St Edmunds in the second round of the Suffolk Beaumont Trophy.

It was the second year the teams had faced each other in the contest, in which Bury went on to lose in the semi-finalists last year. On that occasion in the early round they beat Newton by six holes.

This year, in terms of matches it was 2 -2, but a seven-hole win in the third game helped edge the visitors home.

Scores. Newton names first: Andrew Johnson and Ted Clarkson beat Barry Storey and Colin Gray two up, Mike Hawkins and Nick Smith lost three down to Alex Clarke and Steve Flint, Steve Street and Harry Wordley lost seven down to Steve Beaman and Graham Smith, Ian Duncan and Brian Joy won five up to John Cauldwell and Steve MacClellan



31st ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL
Stoke by Nayland Village Hall
10am, Saturday, 15th July 2017

'DEFENDING THE HARBOUR'

Landguard Fort, Felixstowe.
By Dave Wood.



Landguard Fort is situated on a peninsular, opposite Harwich and where the Rivers Stour and Orwell join to flow into the North Sea. It has a long rich history, but its major triumph is the preventing of the last full scale invasion of England by the Dutch on 2nd July 1667 - exactly 350 years ago this summer! By 1900 the Fort was obsolete, until the problem of reliability of large bore breech loading artillery was resolved. The Fort was manned throughout both World Wars, but by the 1950s the rocket age had arrived and in 1956 Coastal Artillery was finally closed down.

Dave Wood has been involved with Landguard Fort since the 1980s and was present when the first guided tours were carried out.

Total cost is just £19 including coffee on arrival and the talk by Dave Wood in the morning - followed by a buffet lunch.

In the afternoon a coach will take us to the Landguard Fort for a visit. We will have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the Fort.

The coach fare, entry to the Fort and the guided tour are included in the cost. Tea and snacks are available in the Fort or in a nearby beach cafe (cost not included).

Suitable footwear should be worn.
Early booking is recommended.

To book please contact Sue Whiteley - 01787 210945
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The planned Autumn Term course is to be 'Crime Fiction and East Anglia' with Kate Jewel, starting on Thursday 28th September at 7.30 pm for ten weeks.

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