

# Box River News

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## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S FLOWER FESTIVAL



The theme of 'Count your Blessings' inspired our flower arrangers to new heights of creativity, with interpretations of the Sun and Moon, Fire and Heat, the Earth, Angels of the Lord, Seas and Floods, Lightnings and Clouds, and others from the Benedicite.

We were blessed with a constant stream of appreciative visitors, and were kept very busy serving refreshments. We are very grateful to Fenn Wright estate agents for their generous sponsorship, and for the excellent and untiring support from the village, who turned out in force to help over the weekend and generously donated items for the tombola, raffle and stall, and provided us with delicious home-made cakes. We also received generous private donations. Thanks also to Nancy Roser who entertained us with some beautiful organ music during the Festival. The exhibition of local arts and crafts in the Parish Room also proved popular.

We have a wonderful community spirit here in Little Waldingfield.

For Songs of Praise at the close of our Festival, the hymns and readings were compiled by Tricia Eddington and Nancy Roser.

We hope to have raised a substantial sum of money towards the Church restoration fund.

*Fran Gregor-Smith*



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## NEWTON FUN DAY SUCCESS

A FUN golf day at Newton Green exceeded expectations with a wide display of interest from potential new members.

Ian Woodhead, membership chairman, said double the anticipated number turned up to take part in a wide variety of light-hearted golfing activities, with participants ranging from toddlers upwards.

He commented: "I was amazed when we saw the numbers turning up. Our aim of introducing people of all ages to golf, giving them free lessons and letting them enjoy the facilities we have to offer was fully achieved.

"At various times there were more than 100 enjoying simple tasks like chipping into a paddling pool or through various targets stretching 300 yards down the 10th fairway, and they finished by putting on a proper green at the end.

"The feedback was very positive, with several juniors signing up for coaching sessions, and adults enthusiastic of what we have to offer in the way of membership."



## THE LITTLE EARTH PROJECT



Tell a craft brewer you cannot do something and, invariably, they will come back next week with a flavour-packed beer that proves you can! This is probably the key to understanding the huge increase in the demand for craft beers over the last few years. After years of rather lazy real ale dogma in which the market has been dominated by regulated, box-ticking cask ales, flavour has now become the paramount issue in beer.

The Little Earth Project at Edwardstone has certainly experienced a surge of interest from all over the country in their wild and sour beers. Their early beers were mainly inspired by historical recipes; for instance, an Organic East India Pale Ale (7.2%) was brewed as close as it is possible to the original IPA of 200 years ago. Local malt and English hops were used and it was fermented with a culture of local wild yeasts before being left to mature for four months in oak barrels. It is now available at the Fleece in Boxford (served in third-pint measures!)

An example of the diversity of beers now brewed is Wild Mint Mojito (5%), another beer currently on sale at the Fleece; it is made from organic ingredients, nearly all of which were grown or gathered within a four mile radius of the brewery. Both this and the IPA are live beers served from a keg without the use of any artificial gas.

There are many other really interesting bottled beers available directly from the brewery at Edwardstone, including several 'sour beers' as well as 'farmhouse' and 'wild beers'.

## FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

**Friday 6 October 8.00 £20**

### **Derek Nash: Protect the Beat**

Derek is at the forefront of the British jazz movement, book early for this unmissable gig. Derek Nash saxes, Tim Cansfield guitar, Arden Hart ~ trumpet/keys, Winston Blisset bass, Darby Todd ~ drums. It was 2010 when we last saw this energy funk filled jazz group, and the room still retains the beat. We have five guys on a mission to mix up styles and drive audiences into happy submission. Derek wears many hats, all successfully. He is a Jools Holland saxophonist, runs a recording studio, and leads many bands. He is always engaging as a performer, but in this fiery company he really stretches out.

"Guitar is in the hands of Tim Cansfield. Looks of an actuary, sound of a Larry Carlton holed up in Chicago on a tour with Curtis Mayfield." – Pete Sargeant. Arden has a Milesian tone and is a superb keyboardist and composer. Winston, who tours with Massive Attack, is a powerhouse lownote bandit. He will burst into Chic riffs then stalk Hart's Rhodes like a man on a vengeance mission. And Darby on drums: he uses every part of the kit to drive what is flowing and tumbling around him. The band will throw him into solo's and see what bursts out of him: seven varieties of magic. Definitely NOT dinner jazz

**Friday 13 October 8.00 £18**

### **The Meier/Budjana Group**

This is stop 9 on the band's European tour, the last in England, at Fleece Jazz, after which they go on to Holland, Belgium, Germany & Switzerland. Swiss born, England based, Nicholas Meier has appeared here many times over the last ten years, in groups, solo

and duo format. Jimmy Haslip has been on the modern jazz scene for four decades, and was a founder member of the ground breaking Yellowjackets. Dewa and Jimmy are new to the Fleece, but have both previously recorded with each other, and Nicholas. Twenty years leading Indonesian rock band Gigi has made Dewa Bujanda a guitar legend. However this musician, of Balinese decent, has also had a career as a composer, a solo artist, and appearing with Garry Husband, Jimmy Haslip and other jazz musicians. Mochamad Saat Syah, originally from Borneo, is also big on the Indonesian music scene. This master of the suling (flute), contrasts percussive and legato playing in his jazz improvisation. Asif Sirkis, who has often worked with Jimmy, is already well known and liked by Fleece regulars.

**Friday 20 October 8.00 £18**

### **The Meier/Budjana Group**

Sara Dowling vocals, Tommaso Starace sax, Chris Ingham piano, Arnie Somogyi bass, George Double drums. A salute to the Nancy Wilson/Cannonball Adderley album of 1962 featuring prodigiously gifted vocalist Sara Dowling and effervescent Italian alto saxophonist Tommaso Starace. Sara Dowling graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music as an accomplished cellist and composer, writing for film and TV. She later began singing displaying an impressive range (particularly resonant in the lower register), precise diction and a melodic ringing tone.

**Friday 27 October 8.00 £15**

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## THIS MONTH'S LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

*Dear Friends,*

### Life at the crossroads !

Well, perhaps not quite a crossroads, but certainly a junction, and a very busy one at that, where I spent the whole morning recently, sitting on the pavement opposite the convergence of the three roads at the centre of Boxford Village. It must have looked a bizarre sight, on a distinctly chilly early autumn day, to see the vicar sitting on a summery picnic chair with balloons attached, next to a small table bearing a bright pink bucket. What's more, for some unknown reason, several of the balloons decided to pop of their own accord every now and then, startling unsuspecting passers-by and me with their loud bangs! Certainly there was a lot of craning of necks taking a second, disbelieving look in the numerous cars which passed me during those three hours. The idea of this strange event was for me to act as a kind of visual focus for our latest efforts to raise funds for Boxford Church. To be that focus, I did, of course, as usual, have my dog collar on, but I didn't go quite as far as the vicar did when I was living in Great Maplestead. He was clearly made of sterner stuff, clearly, spending not just a morning but a whole day, sitting outside the church and dressed in his long black cassock!



Why did I choose to sit in the middle of the village and not in, or just outside, the church? Well, partly, of course, because many more people would pass me and hopefully make a donation! But also for a much deeper and more important reason - because that is where the vicar - and the church - actually should be. Our proper place is not always to be in church, but to be out there, in and amongst our communities, ready to come alongside everyone and anyone, whatever their belief or non-belief. We should be there for others, in the busyness, the ordinary or pressing concerns of their lives, hopefully bringing a sense of God's love and care for them, his presence with them.

It was touching and moving too that so many "non-churchgoers" not only generously wanted to support the church (a huge thank you to them and to all who gave), but also took time to stop and chat, or smiled and waved, several kindly offering me a coffee and one even bringing me scarf, gloves and blankets against the cold!

This Gift Day happened to fall in Homelessness Week. And so the other thing I reflected on, as I sat there, with my fingers getting colder and colder, was how on earth homeless people on the streets must feel, and what they must experience. I was in the midst of a community that knew me, that generally showed goodwill towards me; they are in the midst of strangers. I was there for just a short while, once in my year; they are there day after day, for hours on end. I was safe; they are often at personal risk. I would be going home to a warm house and a nice lunch; they would be going back to a shop doorway, an alley, the arch under a railway bridge. My bed would be sprung and comfortable. Theirs would be, if lucky, a piece of cardboard on a hard floor.

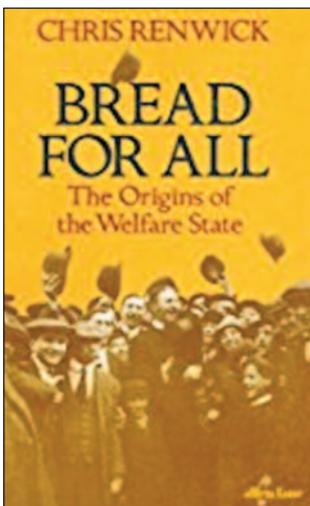


Somehow, people like this, for so many different reasons, have come to a junction in their lives where the only road they can see ahead will take them further and further down. God bless all those who try to help those who have no home, through organisations and charities like Shelter, Emmaus, Crisis and the Church Housing Trust - especially as the cold chill of autumn and the bleak bitterness of winter take hold.

Blessings, *Revd Judith*

## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, OCTOBER 2017

**Bread for All:** by Chris Renwick



### The Origins of the Welfare State the labour before Labour's triumph

Contrary to what some may believe, the welfare state did not come into existence solely as a result of some sort of post-second world war big bang caused by the election of the Attlee government. To be sure it was the Attlee government that supplied the political will, but many of the principles and some of the measures evolved over the preceding half-century. One or two were of even earlier origin.

Chris Renwick, who lectures in modern history at the University of York, has produced an account of the origins of the welfare state, from the Elizabethan poor law to the Beveridge report, which is at once both learned

and highly readable. Until the mid-19th century, most politicians and political philosophers were instinctively against the notion that the welfare of its citizens was any business of the state except maybe in the direst circumstances, and perhaps not even then. The late-18th-century philosopher Malthus argued that the poor law was an interference with the natural checks and balances on a growing population.

There were also arguments that will be familiar today about escalating cost, fecklessness and the undermining of the market, with the result that early social reformers sometimes found it easier to focus, not so much on the moral arguments, but on the suggestion that it was simply not efficient to have perhaps one-third of the population unable to make any meaningful contribution to the wealth of the nation if they were laid low by disease, malnutrition and lack of education.

The first stirrings of ruling-class interest in the welfare of the masses began in the 1830s with the appointment of a royal commission into the workings of the poor law. Remarkably, however, it concluded that the existing patchwork of local provision was too generous and needed to be replaced by a centrally imposed system of workhouses where living conditions were sufficiently unpleasant that no one save the destitute would want to live there.

Gradually, though, the grim realities of working-class life in 19th-century Britain began to impinge on the comfortable world of the Victorian middle classes. A combination of the rise of trade unions, the founding of the Labour party and the extension of the franchise, along with a handful of enlightened employers and social reformers, forced social welfare on to the political agenda. The revelation, during the Boer war, that up to two-thirds of the recruits from industrial cities such as Manchester were physically unfit to fight came as a particular shock to the political classes.

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Only with the election of the 1906 Liberal government did the state start to take a serious interest in the welfare of its people. One of the new government's first measures was to introduce legislation permitting local authorities, should they choose, to introduce free school meals. Predictably, however, many declined to do so with the result that, after five years, only a relative handful of children benefited. The first old age pensions were introduced in 1908 (£13 a year for the over 70s), but once again provision was far from universal. Only those with incomes of less than £31 a year qualified. David Lloyd George's attempt to introduce a national insurance scheme to cover the sick and unemployed, funded by increased taxes, was famously blocked by the Tories in the House of Lords and needed two further general elections to force through.

It took two world wars and the extension of the franchise to women before the welfare state as we know it today, universal and comprehensive, became politically possible. Although the greatest credit lies with the Attlee government, Labour did not pluck ideas and legislation out of thin air. During the first four decades of the 20th century, governments of all persuasions had begun to turn their attention to improving the education, housing and welfare of all citizens. As the author says, "The fact that there were Labour, Tory and Liberal fingerprints on the welfare state was an important reason why it was not instantly dismantled by the Tories when they regained power in 1951."

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## FOLLOW THAT BIN LORRY!



At some time you must have wondered what happens to the stuff that you put in your Blue Bin and whether you are getting it right. Recently 15 of us from the Boxford Society set off to find out. Our Blue Bin lorry goes straight to the Great Blakenham Materials Recycling Facility and, after weighing, tips its mixed load into a large bay along with 30 to 40 other trucks a day from all over Suffolk.

The bay is the size of two houses and the stack of waste is cleared daily. From here it is shovelled onto a series of conveyor belts to begin the separation process. Line pickers have the unenviable job of removing larger unwanted items of non-recyclable waste (such as nappies, whole wheelie bins and dead animals!) by hand from the first conveyor belt. The material then passes through a rotating drum to extract paper and small items under 4cm. It is then further sorted into cans and plastic bottles and picked over to remove unwanted materials like glass. Finally a magnet separates the steel and aluminium cans and an optical separator sorts plastic by type. Each material is then baled into large cubes to fill a specific container truck. These bales are sold all over the UK and Asia where they are recycled into new products. The plastics make a good return cargo for container ships that have brought finished goods from the Far East. New steel cans can even re-appear in our supermarket within a eight weeks.

We were most impressed by the male and female line pickers, nearly all of whom were from Eastern Europe. Some come on 3 month contracts to do this thankless and back breaking job, standing over a noisy, dusty conveyor working at high speed for many hours a day. Others have worked here for 10 years. None of us could even contemplate working in such conditions and are grateful to those who do.

We were all inspired to improve our Blue Bin use and here are some of the many useful tips we got:

- Squash plastic bottles and screw the tops back on – the machines cannot cope with items smaller than 4cm. Make balls of foil etc. larger than this to put in the bin.
- Nappies must go in the Black Bin. They cannot be recycled. 1500 per day are currently removed by hand from the conveyor – ugh!
- Plastic carrier bags and plastic film cannot be recycled here and should not be in the Blue Bin. They have to be taken off by hand or they bung up the conveyor causing it to breakdown - time and money wasted. It was not running for 3 hours the day we were there because of a breakdown.
- Glass bottles/jars with their tops on should go to the Bottle Bank. They are really valuable and the income of about £1000 a year from that in Boxford goes to our Community Council for distribution to local good causes. The sale of all the other recycled materials, goes directly to help keep our Council Tax down.

Close by the Materials Recycling Facility is the two year old Energy from Waste Plant next to the Claydon Roundabout on the A14. We did not visit it, but we learned that all of our Black Bin waste now goes there and is burned to make steam to drive turbines which make electricity. This is put into the National Grid and the output is sufficient for 30,000 households – a town the size of Lowestoft. The emissions are largely steam, as carbon and toxic chemicals are removed in the process and burnt metals are captured for re-cycling, as is the ash.

We were pleased to discover that none of our Black Bin household waste now goes to landfill, which is the worst form of disposal. Everything in the Black Bin goes to be burnt. People still put items in it that should not be there and should go to the Hadleigh Recycling Centre (the “tip” or “dump”) for safe recycling. These include electrical items, hard plastics, plastic bags and film, flat glass and worn out textiles. Studies have shown that it is not economically viable to collect food waste separately in a rural area like Suffolk. Therefore it should go in the compost or the Black Bin.

The Materials Recycling Facility we visited is run by Viridor under contract to Suffolk County Council and the District Councils, and we were fortunate to have three knowledgeable representatives of those Councils to show us around and answer our many questions. Over 50% of Suffolk household waste is now recycled putting us in the first quartile nationally, but there is room for still more. We came away remembering that recycling is not just about saving the planet – though of course it is – but also about saving us money, leaving more of our Council Tax to be spent on other services that really matter. Most of all we need to try to “reduce” our waste, or re-use it directly, where we can, to save even more. This excellent Suffolk website will tell you exactly what to do with almost any item you want to recycle:

<http://www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/a-z-of-recycling/>

*Roger Loose*

## BIRTH OF THE MET'S FIRST BLACK OFFICER



Police officials and villagers attended a “moving” church ceremony to mark 200 years since the birth of the Met’s first black officer – who was born in Suffolk. The remarkable life of Robert Branford, born in Stoke-by-Nayland in 1817, who rose through the ranks to become a superintendent in the force, was celebrated at Little Waldingfield Church. Branford retired to Little Waldingfield in 1866, following his successful career in the Met, but died three years later and is buried in the graveyard of the village church.

Branford’s story was unearthed around a year ago by black-history author Stephen Bourne from London, who says the Metropolitan Police’s Heritage Centre states his service number was 141153 and that he was 5ft 11in – very tall for the period.

The source for this information was former Met chief inspector Timothy Cavanagh, whose memoir *Scotland Yard Past and Present* was published in 1893. Cavanagh’s account of Branford reads: “Not an educated man: but what to my idea was of much greater importance, he possessed a thorough

knowledge of police matters in general. I should say he was about the only (mixed race) superintendent officer the Met ever had.”

The Suffolk-born officer was recruited to the Met’s ranks in September, 1838, promoted to sergeant eight years later and became an inspector in 1851. He made it to superintendent of M-Division Southwark in 1856 before retiring to Suffolk 10 years later with his wife.

There are no records of any children for the couple, Branford died on August 14, 1869 – 148 years ago on Monday - and his death is noted as “disease of the kidneys”. His wife, Sarah, worked as a domestic servant until her death in 1881 and is buried with her husband.

Rev Judith said: “It was absolutely amazing to have the Met officers here. There was such a sense of history and community coming together.

“It was very moving to be honest and we struck up a bond of friendship with the visitors who attended.

“They have offered us a return visit, which we hope to take them up on.”



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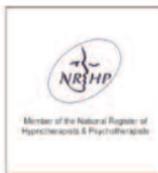
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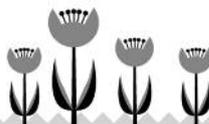
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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### ➤ Suffolk students celebrate as GCSE results continue to rise

Self-reported statistics from Suffolk schools released last week show that more students in Suffolk have achieved expected levels of GCSE attainment in English and Maths this year.

This year, there has been a change to the way that English and Maths GCSEs are graded. Results are now graded from 9 to 1, (previously A to G) with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The expected standard for pupils to achieve is now a grade 4 and above (previously a C grade and above), with grade 5 considered a 'strong pass'. These changes will be phased in to cover all subjects by 2020.

More than 7,000 students in Suffolk were entered for GCSE results. According to provisional results collated from around 80% of schools in Suffolk, 63% of students achieved a grade 4 and above in English and maths this year. The figures suggest more than 2% more students have achieved the expected standard for English and maths, compared with last year.

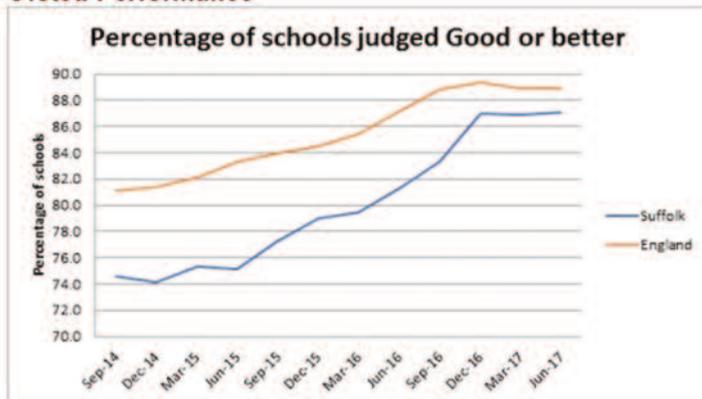
Some schools have made significant gains compared to last year:

- Ormiston Denes Academy: 20% increase to 53% of pupils achieving the threshold for English and maths.
- Holbrook Academy: 15% increase to 88% of pupils achieving the threshold for English and maths.
- Stowmarket High School: 15% increase to 60% of pupils achieving the threshold for English and maths.

The self-reported figures also show a significant increase in the number of disadvantaged pupils achieving the threshold measure in English and maths. Approximately 6% more students in Suffolk achieved this measure this year compared to last year.

The table below shows the improvement in performance of the educational standards in Suffolk overall.

### Ofsted Performance



### ➤ More Students in Suffolk pass A level exams than across the country

Provisional A level figures show that Suffolk pupils have once again performed well with the number of A\*-E grades awarded above the national average.

Almost 3,000 pupils were entered for A Levels in Suffolk. Although yet to be verified, the figures show that 98.2% of A levels taken in the county have been awarded an A\*- E grade, compared with 97.9% nationally. 77% of A level grades achieved were within the A\*- C bracket, in line with national figures and a 1% increase on last year's results. Early indications show that Suffolk's Academic average points per entry has risen to 33.4 this year, compared with 30.4 last year.

Pass rates remain high across the county, with St Benedict's Catholic School and Newmarket Academy both reporting a 100% pass rate (A\*-E grade achieved). Students at Sir John Leman High School made a significant 11% gain in the number of A\*-C grades awarded this year, increasing from 71% to 82%.

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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Good news this week, the mobile phone mast on the by-pass was finally connected up and turned on a couple of week's ago and if you are a subscriber to Vodafone or O2 you are now receiving a really good signal even down in the centre of the village in the dip, I will continue to monitor the reception but it looks good so far and should help the shops and business's in our village centre and also in the surrounding villages.

Good Communication is the key today in delivering services to the public and this has been seriously lacking in my efforts to get the vision at the Stone St junction with the By-pass improved, however after four months campaigning, phoning and e-mailing I am re-assured that the work will be carried out by the end of September and hopefully by the time you read this report. Thank you to the many residents who have also tried to break down the County Highways reporting system and endeavoured to get a message through. Communication and listening to residents seems to be a thing of the past at Babergh as well with the recommendation to the Boundary commission that Boxford should be split from Edwardstone and Groton at the District Council from 2019, myself and other like minded independent Councillors have also put a recommendation to the commission that will keep these three villages together as they always have been. We also have the local plan recommendation that places the remaining piece of land at Goodlands Farm into the local plan for available land for development despite this being the worst spot in Boxford to develop due to the horrendous traffic issues in Swan St. The Parish Council in Boxford along with myself have taken up the cudgel on this matter and I believe will be trying to mobilise some help and support from villagers at the next P.C. meeting. These matters along with the move to Endeavour house for the District Council contradict democracy and localism which is what local government should be about. May I at this point give a plug to our local Post Office Stores which has been turned around from the days just over a year ago when at a crises meeting which I attended its future was in doubt, thankfully a good case was made and the Post office rep was very supportive as was Laurence Motts who now lives in the Post Office residence. It is now possible to do about 90% of banking services for the major banks in our own village and I am sure Richard will be pleased to explain all the new services to anyone wishing to shop and bank locally.

If there is any other council matter that anyone needs help with please give me a call or pop along to your Parish Council who all have a residents spot for local issues. Keep Well Bryn.

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All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

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## BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER :- 304863

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD AT THE HALL ON

**THURSDAY**

**19<sup>TH</sup>. OCTOBER AT 7.30 P.M.**

IT IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING THE COMMUNITY DOES NEED TO SHOW INTEREST IN THE RUNNING OF THE HALL. SO PLEASE MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO ATTEND.



**LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER**

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## 3PR Stats for August

Our responders covered 634 hrs out of 744hrs. There were 14 call outs.

## Boxford Village Hall Needs You

### Can you help, your contribution to your community

The current treasurer is looking to resign and naturally Boxford Village Hall committee is looking for someone to take over.

If you feel that you would be willing to carry out the duties of treasurer but would like to know what that entails, please contact David House (01787 210918 and he will be happy to show you what is involved.

The village hall is the major venue for groups to meet, hold functions and for many forms of social events. It is an important facility for the people of Boxford and the surrounding area.

Please come forward if you can and offer your help

## 3PR

Our local first responders always go to emergency ambulance calls if one of them is on duty but there are times when this cannot be achieved. A 24/7 cover would be the ideal but due to this group being all volunteers giving us their valuable time this is not always possible, anyone who wishes to be trained as a volunteer to do this for the community can phone me my number is 01787210229.

Michael Norman, 3PR Coordinator Boxford

## ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY -

### July Cream Tea at Corner Cottage, Boxford

Barbara and Bernard would like to thank all those who braved the weather to come and enjoy an afternoon in our garden to support this charity. Our gratitude also goes to those who helped with the raffle, manned the gate, sold preserves and donated prizes. A total of £651 was raised, including donations from those who could not attend - fantastic ! The certificate of donation from the AS is in Mary's House.

## Tribute and Thank you's for Izzy Cottrell age 17 years

from Boxford who unfortunately lost her life whilst travelling as a passenger in a car on the A1071 by Coram Streets, on the outskirts of Hadleigh during the evening of Saturday 17th June 2017.

Izzy was a phenomenal, beautiful, strong willed person, who is truly missed by all her family and friends. She was a wonderful typical teenager, who has left a hole in everyone's lives that will never be filled. Since finishing school last year, she was loving life, and was excelling in her brick-laying course with the promise of a bright future ahead of her.

We would like to say thank you to everyone and were completely overwhelmed with the support we received from family, friends and the community in the initial weeks after receiving the devastating news.

We received so many cards and flowers and offers of help it was overwhelming and comforting at the same time. We have pulled together as family in a way we have never had to before as we wanted to do our best for Izzy and really do appreciate all the support we have been given to enable us to do that.

For Izzy's final journey on Friday 14th July 2017 at Seven Hills Crematorium in Ipswich, she travelled in a Baby pink brick effect coffin with "Princess" and "Truly Scrumptious" written on the sides and a Harley Davidson Motorbike hearse. A procession of over 20 cars followed her to the crematorium and we were overwhelmed with the support that she and us received on the day with an excess of over 250 mourners waiting to celebrate her short life, before attending the "Afterbit" with a special celebration in Lindsey.

Izzy's accident has changed our family life forever. We no longer have our youngest Daughter, Sister, Granddaughter, Aunt and Niece with us! It is and will continue to be a very difficult journey for us with many hurdles to still overcome.

Best Wishes and Thank you

*The Cottrell Family.*

## War Book Sale

The War books sale at Mary's House on Saturday 16th September raised Approx £156.00 for 'Help the Heroes'.

## Boxford Women's Institute (WI)

### launching a second, evening meeting.

After a number of women enquired to join the Boxford WI but were unable to attend the daytime meeting due to working or having children at home, a second meeting is being planned. This October, the Boxford WI is excited to be launching an evening meeting to complement the already successful Wednesday afternoon session.

The first evening meeting will be held on Thursday 19th October, from 8pm at Boxford Village Hall. During the evening, activities for future meetings will be planned; some initial ideas include belly dancing and wine tasting, however we welcome suggestions from anyone joining.

The WI is a great way to meet new people and learn new things – it offers something for everyone no matter what age. If you would like more information or wish to join either the evening or afternoon meetings, please contact Annie Phillips, Boxford WI Secretary on 211729 or Becky Strafford, Evening Coordinator, on beckystrafford@gmail.com.

## Boxford Charity Christmas Cards

Over the past 20 years we have printed Boxford Christmas cards with the profit going to various good causes within the village.

As we have built up a stock of the previous years cards we have decided to offer them again for this years Boxford card

There are three designs and a pack of 10 cards + envelopes will be £4 with the profit going to the original organisation, Boxford over 60's Club, The Boxford Playing Field and 1st Boxford Guides. They are on sale in the Post Office now.

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# Wot's On

## LWHS Programme of Events - 2017 / 2018

**18th October Martin Hedges The Miser and the Murderess**

A motiveless poisoning by a 17 year-old Acton servant girl just 3 weeks married to her childhood sweetheart. A missing signature on his will then lead to a 120 year-long family dispute Dickens recreated in Bleak House as Jarndyce vs Jarndyce.

**15th November Gary Edgerton The History of Colchester from the Romans to present Day**

Slides take us on a walking tour: The Castle, Dutch Quarter, Jumbo, St John's Abbey and St Botolph's Priory; with an amusing section on Colchester's houses of ill repute

**13th December Ian McLachlan Zeppelin**

Stories from the Zeppelin raids on East Anglia 100 years ago; the first casualties in Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn and how the sky monsters were defeated.

**17th January Roger Green If These Walls Could Talk  
MEMBER ONLY EVENT**

A short talk followed by wine and nibbles.

**14th February Jenny Antill Between Heaven & Earth,**  
reflections on the Russian Soul over 1000 years of history.

A study of the social and cultural influence of the Russian orthodox church, the importance of the icon, impact of C19th Slavic Revival on art / architecture and the influence of religious images and ideas on soviet authorities in the 20th Century.

**14th March Geoffrey Kay A tonic to the nation**

The 1951 Festival of Britain

**18th April Linda Sexton Sisters in adversity**

The Women's Institutes and the devastating 1953 East Coast Floods

**16th May Pip Wright A Picture History of Margaret Catchpole**

The story of a Suffolk adventuress & chronicler transported for stealing a horse, using paintings by Rev Cobbold. Described in the Australian Dictionary of Biography as one of the few convicts with an excellent memory and a gift for recording events.

**12th June Allan Manning The battle of Waterloo**

This finally broke the dominance of Emperor Napoleon over Europe and was truly the end of an epoch. Allan has created a very large and detailed map of the battlefield and will take us through the incredible events of that fateful day on 18th June 1815.

All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp.

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

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage 01787 248298

Tickets Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

## Shoe Box Appeal

Just a reminder of our afternoons at Mary's house on Monday 16th and Monday 30th October at 2.00pm for wrapping and filling the boxes. Any contributions of toys, pens, pencils etc can be left at Mary's house.

Unfortunately the administrative costs of getting the boxes to the children goes up each year but we still hope to raise sufficient funds to cover the boxes from Boxford and the surrounding villages from the proceeds of our cake stall and coffee morning. This will be on Saturday 7th October at Mary's house from 9am.

For any further information or if you need us to collect any knitting etc. please contact Ann Porter on 210581 Shirley Watling on 210024 Jennie Lindsley on 210520

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next event in the Parish Room will be a 1970s Evening, on Saturday 9th December, with a themed 3 course meal and table quiz.

Tickets cost £10.00 each and are available from Sue Sheppard, School House, Church Road (247980 or email sheppard.susanm@gmail.com). Please bring your own alcohol.

## BOXFORD SLIMMING WORLD

Why not join our fun and friendly group at:  
Boxford slimming world, Boxford village hall

Stone street road, Boxford

Wednesday at 7.30pm

call Vicky for a chat on:

mob: 07931587504

home:01787376059

## BOXFORD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017

### CAKE STALL

at

Mary's House

on

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 9 a.m.

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BOXFORD  
GARDENING SOCIETY

STEVE HICKMAN

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Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30pm  
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In association with  
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presents

# **BOXFORD FIREWORKS**

## **Sat 28th**

## **October**

**LANTERN  
PARADE**

**6.30 from the village**

**Fireworks 7.45 on  
The Playing Fields**

**Tickets**

**Adults £5.00**

**Children £3.00**

**in advance**

**Adults £6.00**

**Children £4.00**

**on the gate**

**3yrs & under**

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COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL**



# Wot's On

## Crime Fiction and East Anglia by Kate Jewell

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents a series of 10 Lectures starting on Thursday 28th September 2017 in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The evocative East Anglian landscape has long been an inspiration to tellers of stories of murder and mysterious death. This course begins with an exploration of the rise of crime as the source of entertainment for the masses. Then, using three novels by some of the greatest crime writers of the twentieth century, this course examines the genre of crime fiction in detail, particularly its use of East Anglia.

Kate Jewell is an experienced tutor who has taught across East Anglia. Awarded a PhD in Medieval East Anglian Festive Culture in 2014, Kate now teaches courses ranging from Reading Old Handwriting to Drama Before Shakespeare. A life-long lover of Crime Fiction, Kate has become fascinated by its history as a gruesome populist entertainment as well as the sophisticated use of East Anglia as a setting by the great crime novelists of recent years

Fees: Adult £54 (payable after the first session). Try the first session (free).

For further information please contact Sue Whiteley.

Phone: 01787 210945 or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

## THE BOXFORD PANTOMIME

Wednesday 29th November (Family Night - Curtain up at 7pm, no supper) Adults £8.00 Children £4.00

Thursday 30th till Saturday 2nd December (Curtain up at 7.30pm, 2 course Christmas Supper served in the interval) All tickets £15.00

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Written by Joe Barrett, music from Ward Baker and Gareth Price and directed by David Phillips, Boxford Drama Group hope you will be ready to get into the Christmas spirit and come along and buy your tickets at Boxford Village Hall on Saturday morning October 28th between 9am till 10am. (Limit 8 tickets per person).

Later that morning any unsold tickets will go to Boxford Post Office.

## Lavenham Christmas Fair

Friday December 1. 5.30-8.30pm, Saturday December 2, 11am -- 5pm, Sunday December 3, 11am -- 4pm.

Fifty stalls under cover in Market Place and Guildhall for Christmas shopping and festive fun. Non-stop entertainment, children's fairground, rides and and Big Wheel, Father Christmas in his Grotto, bar, hog roast and other hot food on the go, ukelele band, jazz band, singers and groups, local choir, morris dancers, owls and birds of prey. Guided twilight tour of our lovely medieval village. Late night shopping on Friday. Organised parking. Free event.

More information: [www.discoverlavenham.co.uk](http://www.discoverlavenham.co.uk)

## Christmas Fayre

Boxford Village Hall  
8th December 5 till 7

If you would like to book a table please call

Veronica 01787211529 or email [veronica.hobbs1964@outlook.com](mailto:veronica.hobbs1964@outlook.com)

## Nayland Autumn Talk Tuesday 17th October

Our Autumn speaker, on 17th October, will be Mark Lane, Gardens Manager for London Royal Gardens who will be taking us for 'a Ramble Around the Royal Gardens' for a snapshot of the workings of the gardens of Buckingham Palace and Clarence House. 7.40 for 8pm at the Church Hall, Nayland. All welcome! Joint Talk with Nayland Conservation Society

## Monday 13th November

The speaker will be Pip Wright, on 'Whistlecraft: notorious poachers of Rickinghall Suffolk'. Nayland Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30 pm. Free. All welcome!

## Nayland Christmas Fayre

Sunday 2nd December

A note for your diary! There will be plenty of stalls, a raffle, cake and coffee etc.

# SHOPPING DAY IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH UK

Monday 2 October 2017

10am - 2PM

The Village Hall, Church Street,  
Lavenham, Suffolk, CO10 9QT

Lots of lovely things for ladies of all ages – Everyone Welcome! Please join us in Lavenham to support Cancer Research UK

Hotfooted ladies shoes and boots (a whole hall full!), collections of ladies clothes, jewellery, fashion accessories, gifts, plants and more....

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# 29 Nov to 2 Dec

Tickets will be on sale Saturday 28th October  
in Boxford Village Hall 9am to 10am  
Then in Boxford Post Office

Wednesday November 29th "Family Night"

Tickets £8 adults £4 children - 7.00pm (No supper)

Thursday 30th to Saturday 2nd Tickets £15 - 7.30pm.

2 course Christmas supper served during the interval

Licensed bar and raffle all evenings.

# Shelley Christmas Fair

All Saints Church, Shelley,  
Saturday 28th October  
10.00 am Until 1.00pm  
Free entry./ Stalls, Vintage,  
Christmas gifts, Produce,  
Jams and Chutneys,  
Wood gifts, Metal art,  
Greeting cards, Raffle.  
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[Debbie.miller@talktalk.net](mailto:Debbie.miller@talktalk.net)

# Wot's On

## Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person  
Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets  
Arrive 7.00pm starts 7.30pm

## GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

**Saturday, October 14th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall**

Groton's annual fund-raiser, the Harvest Supper will soon be upon us yet again; as usual you will be served a delicious hot meal and there will be a 'Pat-and-Gerald' Bar and all the other usual items, entertainment, raffle etc. The tickets will be out soon at £12.50 each, so put the date in your diary and get your tickets from Pat [210319] or Jayne [211360] This is always an excellent evening, and not to be missed. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church.

## MILDEN SINGERS MUSICAL MIX CONCERT

The Mildens Singers are back with a mix of Classical, Pop and Rock'n'Roll songs in their Concerts on Friday 17th at 7pm and Saturday 18th November at 1.30pm. Always an entertaining and enjoyable evening, Tickets are £6 available from Pearl on 01449 741876 with refreshments, licensed bar and charity raffle. At and in aid of Mildens Pavilion.

## NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

### DIARY DATES

#### OCTOBER 2017

Tuesday 10 th 2.00pm Fireside Club – armchair exercises  
Wednesday 11th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting  
Saturday 14th 7.00 pm Joint Quiz with PCC  
Saturday 21st 10.00 am Village Hall coffee morning and gift day  
Tuesday 24th 12.30 for 1.00 pm Fireside Club – Fish and Chips  
Friday 27th 10.00 am Fireside Club – outing to Marks Hall

#### NOVEMBER 2017

Saturday 4th 6.30 pm Bonfire Night  
Tuesday 7th 2.00 pm Fireside Club – Beetle Drive  
Wednesday 8th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting  
Saturday 18th 10.00am St Nicholas Hospice coffee morning  
Tuesday 21st 2.00 pm Fireside Club – photo of relative in uniform

#### DECEMBER 2017

Tuesday 5th 12.00 for 12.30 pm Fireside Club –Xmas lunch at Saracen's  
Wednesday 6th 7.30 pm Village Hall committee meeting  
Saturday 9th 10.00 am Church Xmas coffee morning  
Wednesday 13th 7.30 pm Parish Council meeting  
Tuesday 19th 2.00 pm Fireside Club – Xmas Trees and mince pies  
Thursday 21st 11.00 am Wendy's Walk – Xmas party

#### JANUARY 2018

Saturday 6th 10.00 am Newton Green Trust coffee morning  
Wednesday 10th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 16th 2.00 pm Fireside Club - tba  
Tuesday 30th 2.00 pm Fireside Club - tba

#### REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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## Forthcoming Events Diary

### September

30 Little Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz	Parish Room	7.30pm
30 McMillan Coffee morning	Newton Village Hall	10.00am

### October

3 Agapanthas and Nerines	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
7 Shoebox Appeal cake stall		Mary;s House	In the morning
14 Grotons Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
16 Shoebox Appeal		Mary's House	2.00pm
18 Martin Hedges The Miser and the Murderess	LittleW Hist Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
19 Boxford Village Hall AGM		BVH	7.30pm
21 to 26 Lantern Making	The Boxford Spinney		
28 Boxford Fireworks	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Plating Fields	6.30pm
30 Shoebox Appeal		Mary's House	2.00pm

### November

4 Bonfire Night	NewtonVillage Hall	Playing Fields	6.30pm
15 The History of Colchester	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
17/18 Mildens Singers Musical Mix Concert		Mildens Pavilion	See Wot's on for times
29 to 2nd Dec 'Cinderella'	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hll	7.30pm

### December

8 Christmas Fayer	Boxford Village Hall		5-7pm
9 Meal and Quiz	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
9 Christmas Coffee Morning	Newton Village Hall		10.00am
13 Ian McLachlin 'Zeplin'	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

### January 2018

Roger Green, If These Walls Could Talk	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
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### April

8 Spring Open Gardens	Groton PCC	Groton Street	
First and Third Monday each month	Boxford Parish Council Meetings in	Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm



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

**Benefice house:** Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.  
For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

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### New Hymn Books

On Sunday 13th of August during the service of Holy Communion, a set of new hymn books was blessed and dedicated.

The books have been bought for St. Mary's through the generosity of the family of Anne Kingsbury and with a donation from the Boxford Community Council. It was very pleasing that members of Anne's family and Ward Baker, representing the Community Council, were able to attend.

**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.

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

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Thank you. Rev'd Judith. 01787 210091

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Our **Cafe Church Service** is on **Sunday 1st October 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.

**An Autumn Concert at St. Mary's Boxford with organist David Felstead Sunday 8th October at 3.00 pm.** Entry £10.00.

David has written these notes about the Concert and the following piece about the Church Organs in the Benefice

*The concert is in aid of the restoration of the church organ at St. Mary's which is in need of some TLC. The concert programme will include a wide variety of styles of music, from those familiar in church, to operatic items, together with organ transcriptions of pieces well known in their orchestral form. The St. Mary's church choir together with guest soloists will give us items from musicals of the past 30 years, not only from this country but also Italy. The organ music will be familiar but will not include major works by Bach and his contemporaries. We hope some will surprise you!*

*The churches of the benefice contain valuable instruments of historic worth and importance. Edwardstone has a former organ from the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford. Groton has a historic Father Willis organ and Boxford has an original William Hill instrument. Little Waldingfield's came from another church. The organ at St. Mary's Boxford is in need of restoration and it is in absolutely original condition. So many church organs were sadly "tonally improved" during the 50's & 60's when there was a craze to get them to sound more like organs found in Holland and Germany. But these were quite unsuitable for music from the Romantic Period and English Style church services. We hope that our concert will start us on our way towards raising sufficient funds to restore our important church organ for the future.*

### An "East Anglian Miscellany"

Poems about the people, places and nature of East Anglia, written and read by Mervyn Linford, with original songs and music by The Limericks - piano, guitar, concertina and vocals. Cheese, wine and nibbles. Entry at the door £10.00. St. Mary's Church Boxford, **Sunday October 29th at 7.00 pm** All proceeds to church funds

**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](mailto:ChrisKingsC@aol.com) or on a memory stick by mid-September. All proceeds to St. Mary's Parish Church

We are very much hoping to be able to start a *Messy Church* at Boxford in the autumn. We do of course need lots of help. If you feel able please do speak to Revd Judith to find out more.

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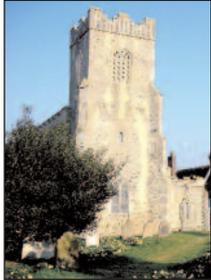


## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
Vacant

### Rota for October

**Sunday 15th at 9:30 am** Holy Communion  
Sidesman/Coffees David Saddleton/Sheila Saddleton  
Flowers Frances East  
Cleaning Sally Hoskins



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

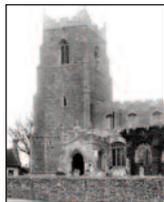
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### Assistant Churchwarden

At the PCC meeting on 18th July 2017, members warmly accepted Diana McCorkell's offer to serve as assistant churchwarden.

Our **Harvest Supper** is at the Village Hall on **Saturday 14th October at 7:30 pm**. As usual, you will be served a delicious hot meal and there will be a 'Pat-and-Gerald' Bar and all the other familiar items, entertainment, raffle, etc. Tickets are £12.50 each, so put the date in your diary and get your tickets from Pat, 01787 210319, or Jayne, 01787 211360. This is always an excellent evening, and not to be missed. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church.



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**  
Vacant

### Rotas

	Sidesmen	Flowers
<b>1st October</b>	Mrs. Gardiner and Mr. Powell	All – Harvest Festival
<b>8th October</b>	No service	
<b>15th October</b>	No service	
<b>22nd October</b>	No service	
<b>29th October</b>	No service	Mrs. Gregor-Smith

The PCC would like to thank all those who gave their time and expertise to make our Flower Festival such a success. For two days our church has been full of good company, pleasure and laughter.

Our **Harvest Festival Service** is on **1st October at 3:00 pm**. Everyone will be warmly welcomed. Refreshments will be served after the service in the Church.

**Coffee Morning 28th October** in the Parish Room.



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

26th August The wedding of Daisy McCarthy and Craig Lewis took place.

Thank you to all who helped in so many ways in the preparation and during the service.

27th August The Service of Holy Communion was conducted by Revd. Judith.

We were delighted to welcome members from the other churches in the Benefice and during refreshments there was much interesting conversation.

Thank you to Revd. Judith for operating the mobile music and it was good to hear strong male voices. Thank you to everyone who helped in the service.

6th September The funeral of Ron Fletcher took place.

9th September The Annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride took place. (See Benefice News for our thank you for the support).

**22nd October at 11:00** Holy Communion

## BENEFICE NEWS

A very big thank you to all those in all of our parishes who supported the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride day on Saturday 9th September including the organisers, the many people who manned the churches to sign the participants in and, of course, those who walked or cycled and raised money through their sponsors.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS



### Farewell to Dean Frances Ward

The Very Revd Dr Frances Ward, Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, is moving on. This month she will be taking up a research post at Durham University, researching for a second PhD on the 18th century Irish statesman and philosopher, Edmund Burke. ("The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing")

Dean Frances, 57, is married to retired consultant paediatrician Peter Powell, who is going to Mirfield College in West Yorkshire to train for the priesthood. She says: "This is an enormous step for us both in our lives, and has led us to re-evaluate our future ministry together. We have long felt a call to return to the north of England. For me, this is the opportunity to pursue my calling to study and write as a theologian. I will leave St Edmundsbury Cathedral after seven years in beautiful Suffolk, having built close relationships across the county, diocese and within the congregation. I move on to a new stage in my ministry with tremendous gratitude for the privilege of working with so many wonderful people, and also real sadness leaving Suffolk after so many years. I know I leave the Cathedral in good heart, ready for its onward pilgrimage, growing in God as it serves the diocese and county as a beacon of faith, hope and love in Suffolk." Dean Frances's last service is Evensong at the cathedral at **5.30 pm on Sunday 15th October**. All are welcome.

Bishop Martin has appointed the Rt Revd Graeme Knowles, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese and chairman of the DAC, to serve as Acting Dean until a permanent successor is appointed next year.

## Diocesan E-News

The diocese produces a regular round-up of news, information and forthcoming events, sent directly to your inbox. Subscribers will also receive e-mails from Bishop Martin. To subscribe, just send an e-mail to [communications@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:communications@cofesuffolk.org).

### 'CHURCHES TOGETHER' PRAYER BREAKFASTS

**Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.**

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

<b>7th</b>	Lavenham Parish Church
<b>14th</b>	Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury
<b>21st</b>	Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard
<b>28th</b>	All Saints' Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury

### AGM AND OPEN FORUM

**Wednesday 27th September 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm** at All Saints' Church, Sudbury.

This meeting provides an opportunity to meet with members of other local churches and to learn about the activities of Churches Together in Sudbury and District, and the many associated groups, during the past year. The meeting is open to all.

### UNITED SERVICE

**Sunday 15th October 6.30 pm** at St Gregory's Church, Sudbury – led by Eden's.

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website:  
[www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk)

**OCTOBER 2017**

**Church Services in the Box River Benefice**

**\*\* Please note: no village prayers weeks beginning 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October \*\***

**Village Daily Prayers** Each week, in the five churches: informal, friendly service, 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us! Please let Revd Judith know of any people or situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com). *Tuesday* 9.00 Edwardstone, *Wednesday* 9.00 Groton; 16.00 Little Waldingfield (NB Winter month's changed time); *Thursday* 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

**\*\* Special Services - Harvest Festival at Little Waldingfield - 1<sup>st</sup> October \*\***

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Cafe Church ( <i>Informal worship</i> )	Revd Judith
<b>Lt. Waldingfield</b>	<b>15.00 Harvest Festival</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House	Revd Judith
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
Lt Waldingfield	16.00 Holy Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved sacrament)	Lay Team

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	David Lamming
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	The Revd Gerald Drew

<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion- Mary's House	The Revd David Abel

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	The Revd Canon Philip Banks
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	The Revd Canon Philip Banks

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House	The Revd David Abel

<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
Lt Waldingfield	16.00 Compline - Newmans Hall	Lay Team

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	tbc

<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		
Boxford	13.30 Wedding of Matthew Smith and Amie Lumley	Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Groton	10.00 Five Villages Service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith

## Soap Box

I don't know about you, but the world is feeling an increasingly dangerous place so far as I am concerned. What with North Korea, Islamic State and the increasing threat of cyber crime – not to mention Brexit, the continuing civil war in Syria and an unpredictable resident in the White House – it strikes me that the world and his wife might reasonably be heading for the hills. Perhaps it's just that I'm feeling my age, but has life ever felt so threatening before in my lifetime.

Yet on the outside all is calm and even financial markets, often the first to enter into panic mode when uncertainty rules, seem content to shrug their shoulders and adopt a sanguine approach to whatever problems might be lurking just over the horizon. Our current fragile world (in my opinion) was put into some sort of context when I was telephoned by a journalist researching an article for the Financial Times. It wasn't that my views were sought as a guru, able to explain current financial dilemmas. Rather, she recalled my articles in a national daily newspaper many years ago and realised I must have lived through the financial collapse of 1973/74. She wanted to draw comparisons with then and now.

When markets in this country started their tailspin that ended up as the worst bear market since the Second World War, I had already clocked up ten years experience in the Square Mile. Nothing I had experienced during these formative years could have prepared me for the perfect storm that engulfed our stock market and the wider financial scene. Even the banking collapses that started just ten years ago pale into insignificance when compared with ravages that threatened to disrupt society just forty three years back.

It all started with an unsuccessful attempt by the Arab states that surrounded Israel to reverse the losses they had suffered in the Six Day War just five years previously. The Yom Kippur War, as it became known, saw a coalition of Arab nations, led by Egypt and Syria, endeavour to take back the land they had lost in the earlier conflict, with the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula invaded. The attempt failed, but it led to a quadrupling in the price of oil, with all the consequences that had for consuming countries.

Here in Britain we had yet to develop our offshore oil resources properly, though ironically dearer oil made the costs of extracting black gold from under the North Sea less of a deterrent. Oil shortages were a real issue

and rationing coupons were issued for petrol, though in the end they did not have to be used. We did, though, have the three day week ushered in, a consequence of the miners' strike, with electricity rationed and massive damage done to our economy.

This led Prime Minister Edward Heath to go to the country with a "Who rules Britain" campaign slogan. His misjudgement was even more serious than that of Theresa May earlier this year. The Labour party, supported by the Liberals, formed a government and called a second election later in 1974 at which they secured a slim majority.

Meanwhile, a financial crisis was developing which saw a number of secondary banks go to the wall. As Christmas 1974 approached, rumours abounded that even some of our high street banks might be in trouble. Shares plunged and by the end of the year the UK market had lost some 70% of its value. Armageddon seemed just around the corner, but we survived. Indeed, the stock market more than doubled in value during the first three months of 1975.

Are there parallels to be drawn with the situation today? I'm doubtful that there is too much to learn from our experiences then, though the journalist did have an interesting take on why we should not forget the events of 1974. With Mrs May, like Heath before her, having lost a gamble at the ballot box, the scene could be set for a Corbyn government if, as is possible, the Conservatives lose a crucial Commons vote. The Wilson/Callahan administration of the mid 1970s saw catastrophic inflation and the economy brought to its knees, requiring a bail out from the International Monetary Fund.

Perish the thought that history repeats itself. For the time being I've quite enough to worry about with my earlier voiced concerns. Back in 1974 terrorism in this country was largely confined to actions by the IRA, though that was sufficiently serious at the time. We had only been in Europe for a year, North Korea did not have the H-bomb and we had two US Presidents – Richard Nixon, who resigned, and Gerald Ford. The stock market is clearly not expecting the worst. I sincerely hope it's got it right.

*Brian Tora* is a local writer and broadcaster.

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## DIABETES CARE IN SUFFOLK:

### Do you know your foot health risk?

Healthwatch Suffolk is putting feet in focus with the launch of its latest research report. It has worked closely with a leading clinician to explore the views of local patients about their experiences of accessing diabetic foot care in the county. Figures from Diabetes UK indicate that over 100 diabetes-related foot amputations occur every week in England. Patients with diabetes should receive an annual foot examination to determine whether their foot sensation is intact and their blood supply to the feet is good but this does not always happen.

### Key findings:

- 32% of the respondents stated that they were not told about their risk of developing a diabetic foot problem in the future during their last appointment.
- 43% of respondents were not told what they should do if a new foot problem had developed.
- 28% of respondents said they were not given advice about how to look after their feet.

### Three things that people said could be improved about their care:

1. Ensuring people are informed about the importance of maintaining foot health and their risk of developing complications.
2. Improving the availability of information regarding foot health.
3. Offer more regular foot health checks.

An early outcome from the project will see patients across the East of England receiving a new information card following their annual health check. The passport, which will be roughly the size of a bank card, will be carried by patients at all times and include information about what to look for in terms of their foot health and who they should contact if they have concerns. Andy Yacoub (Chief Executive of Healthwatch Suffolk) said:

"It is clear that people are receiving good care in the county but there is room to improve, particularly with regard to keeping people involved in their care and informed of their foot health risk. It is also important to help people to understand how they can best manage and look after their health as early intervention is linked to the best possible outcomes.

"It is our hope that the findings will be used to improve services in Suffolk and to build on continued developments within local services. Our report includes a number of recommendations and we will ask health leaders to respond formally in due course."

For more information about this work please visit [www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk), call 01449 703949 or email [info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk).



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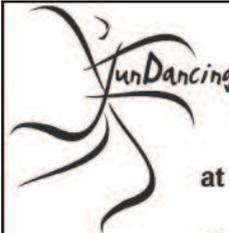
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# GARDENING IN OCTOBER INSPIRED BY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Lift and store gladioli corms to protect them from frost. If left in the ground too long they may be damaged by slugs and other pests. Clean off excess soil and place the corms in a cool airy place to dry, then dust with sulphur powder.

Tuberous begonias which have been used for bedding should also be lifted and have their stems cut back to about four or five inches then laid on the greenhouse bench. Those in pots should be laid on their side to rest. Do not give any water and the stems will drop off after a few weeks, then clean the soil from the tubers and dust with sulphur. Store in dry sand or peat in a cool dry frost free place for the winter.

Clear beds of summer bedding plants where you intend to plant wallflowers, for-get-me-nots, etc. for a spring display. Plant now while the soil is still warm and they can become well rooted before the hard weather sets in. If planted too late they will almost certainly suffer from long periods of severe frost or cold east winds, because they have not made sufficient roots to enable them to take up enough moisture to withstand these conditions. Do not manure beds for spring flowering plants, it will only encourage soft growth and make them more susceptible to frost damage.

Remove fallen leaves and weeds from rock plants. If weeds are allowed to lie thickly over these small plants, they can cause rot and kill them. A net placed over the plants and emptied every two days is one way of keeping them clear. The same applies to a pool, a net will stop leaves falling into the water and causing poisonous gasses to form as they rot. Lift and pot up pelargoniums and bring them indoors. They need a dry atmosphere to survive the winter, a spare room in the house is ideal. Dampness is the main enemy of pelargoniums, the sort of conditions you get in a cold or partially heated green house during the months of November, December, and January.

If the weather is mild and sunny, watch out for greenfly on about the middle of the month sweet peas can be sown in pots planting outside in March. Sow up to ten seeds to a five inch pot filled with John Innes seed compost or ordinary garden soil with no added fertiliser. Water moderately after sowing and from then on only water when absolutely necessary. Give plenty of ventilation on warm days and protect from slugs and mice.

Spread a net over your garden pool to catch fallen leaves and lift it off

every week. If leaves fall into a pond and rot they will produce poisonous gasses which may be harmful to fish.

Cut down the dead foliage of asparagus to ground level and clear away any weeds. Tidy the bed and cover with two inch layer of well rotted compost.

Plants which have been standing out for some time should be turned out of their pots and any worms that have got into the compost should be removed to prevent root disturbance. Late in the month we can expect the first frost. Listen to the weather forecasts early evening and be prepared to protect any tender plants that are outside.

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing roses
- 8 Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- 10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

## Ponds

Continue to place nets over small ponds to prevent autumn leaves falling in.

Rescue tender water plants and remove any dying foliage. Place the plants in trays of deep mud or damp sand, or even in a bucket of water, keeping them in a frost-free place such as a conservatory or greenhouse, until the risk of frost has passed.

If you did not tidy up the pond last month, then clear out any debris, weeds and excess oxygenating plants now. Leaving plants on the side of the pond for 38 hours before composting them, so that any wildlife has time to escape back to the pond. Remove pumps or fountains and removable lighting systems, clean them, and store over winter in a safe place. If there is any risk of frost or ice in your area, then do prepare yourself by preventing ponds from freezing over. Continue to lookout for waterlilies affected by fungal problems.

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### Edwardstone CC- Record breaking end to the season –Sam Chapman scores 210

Edwardstone CC have just finished the 2017 season in record breaking form. The club was promoted to Division 2 of the Hunts County league and had hopes of remaining in the league and gaining a solid mid table position.

The season went much better than this and following our last match of the season v Cavendish the team were in second place in the league. As always with a mix of youth and experience the side managed to beat every team in the league at least once and team members produced match winning performances on a regular basis.

The last match of the season saw Sam Chapman record the first double century by an Edwardstone player with great back up from club skipper Jack Clark who scored 63 in what was a club record batting partnership. Tom and Sam Whymark then bowled beautifully to put the opposition under pressure and end the season in match winning form. Sam Whymark recorded his second hat trick of the season which is a great achievement.

We would like to thank all those who have supported the club during the season. As always a special mention goes to Ray Gibbons for producing one of the best wickets in the league and to the team of coaches, Tim Beven, Adrian Gooderham, Barry Dakers who run our juniors training sessions. 4 more players from this group of players made their senior debuts this year. Club Chairman Charlie Patridge should also be thanked for guiding the club with all his years experience of cricket in Suffolk.

Lastly thanks to the group of players who have enabled us to achieve this great result in the league. Over 30 players were used in games this year all making great contributions to our village club.

We look forward to doing it all again in 2018.

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## THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS -OCTOBER 2017



Last month we met two of the four sons of our villages, who were lost to the constituent battles of the Ypres Offensive of 1917 and now we will complete the tally as we encounter the short lives of Private David John Evans, 34235, 8th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, from Boxford and Lance

Corporal Henry Charles Plampin, 26633, 4th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment, from Newton.

The two defining battles of the Offensive are those fought to reach and secure the village of Passchendaele, a name that has become synonymous, like the Somme, with the enormous loss and destruction for very little gain that characterised the War on the Western Front. It is estimated that the Allied forces fired over 4 million shells onto the area around Passchendaele between 11th October and the 10th of November. Ultimately, the village and its strategic high ground were wrung from the control of the German forces, but as the photographs published in my July article showed, there was nothing left of the village itself. David and Henry stand as representatives of the human cost of those battles, David being mortally wounded on the opening day of the first battle, October 12th, and Henry being killed on the first day of the second, the 30th October and as such they number among the 28,628 officers and men who lost their lives on the Western Front in October 1917. So, here are their stories.

**David Evans** was born in Brynmawr, Breconshire, South Wales in 1884. The puzzle is how he came to be remembered on the War Memorial in St Mary's Church, Boxford, a long way from his native South Wales.

His father, also David, was born in 1854 and his mother, Elizabeth, was born in 1860. I have not been able to trace Elizabeth's family, but both David senior and Elizabeth were born in Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire west of the South Wales coal mining valleys. Brynmawr lies on the other side of the valleys not far from Abergavenny. In 1891 the Census shows David John living with his father in his grandfather's house in Llangattock near Crickhowell, a few miles north of Brynmawr. Both his father and grandfather were bakers. By 1901, the family is back in Brynmawr and David John is assisting his father in the family's grocery business, and this is still the case at the time of the 1911 Census.

There then follows one of those gaps in knowledge which I have found impossible to fill. On the 4th of March 1915, David John marries one Mary Elizabeth Gant in the Register Office in Thetford. Their marriage certificate shows David to be a grocery manager living at 4 Magdalen Street, which is very close to the town market place, and his father is recorded as a master grocer. What caused David to uproot from South Wales and settle in Thetford somewhere between 1911 and 1915?

Mary Gant has her own story. She was born Mary Elizabeth Taylor to Walter and Mary Ann in 1882 in the village of Croxton, just a few miles north of Thetford. Her father was a wheelwright and blacksmith who, by 1891, had settled his family at Rushford a little to the east of Thetford. Mary Elizabeth married a Walter Gant in 1900 and in 1901 they were living in Painter Street, Thetford, and Walter was employed on the Great Eastern railway as an Engine Fitter's Labourer. In this he followed his father, George, who was a platelayer on the railway.

By the time of her second marriage to our David Evans, Mary is a widow, as is recorded on the marriage certificate, but I have been unable to find out what became of her first husband, Walter. There is no civil record of the death of a Walter Gant of the right age between 1901 and 1915, nor does the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record a Walter Gant dying during the first part of the War. So, this remains another puzzle.

We know that David John Evans enlisted in Bury St Edmunds sometime in 1915, which has a reasonable connection to Thetford, but where is the link to Boxford? A tantalising snippet of information is contained in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's (CWGC) records for David, in that, as well as stating his birth place and the names of his parents, it records him as the wife a Mary E Evans of Victoria Cottage, Boxford. So here is the last puzzle; how did Mary come to be living in Boxford in the early 1920s, which is when the CWGC were in the process of erecting all the headstones and building the memorials to those who died in the War. Mary appears in these records because she paid for an additional inscription to be placed on David's headstone, which read 'Peace, perfect Peace'. Did David and Mary move from Thetford between the time of their marriage and his departure to France as a soldier? Or did she move to Boxford after his death? Since David's name does not appear on the war memorials in Thetford or Brynmawr the inference is that he did live in Boxford at some point between his marriage to Mary and his death in Flanders. Beyond this I lose track of Mary and do not what became of her as a widow, or whether she remarried.

All the uncertainties of David's life are replaced by the certainty of his death and the circumstances surrounding his loss. His regiment formed part of the 18th (Eastern) Division. This division arrived in France in June 1915, and by the end of July 1915 were engaged on the Western Front in Flanders and there they remained for the rest of the War. 1916 saw the Division fighting right through the entire period of the Somme Offensive, and then, after little time to recoup, the brigades were moved to take part in the Arras Offensive through the spring and early summer of 1917. By July 1917, with the opening of the new offensive based around Ypres, the men must have been battle hardened and weary.

The Division was a significant component of the forces that took part in three of the major battles of the Ypres Offensive during July and August. All these early battles were inconclusive and little ground was gained. The summer was wet and the battle fields were just acres of shell holes filled with a sticky glutinous mud. The movement of troops and artillery was slowed by the conditions, so any organised advances across no-man's land incurred serious loss of life. However, a further major battle was planned for October, by which time the battle field conditions had worsened. This opened on 12th October and is known as the First Battle of Passchendaele. It lacked accurate artillery support because of the difficulty in positioning the guns on the soft ground and, again, the progress of the infantry was pitifully slow through the mud. The advance towards the German lines was quickly halted by the extensive and accurate machine gun fire from the German strongholds and the troops were forced to retreat into flooded shell holes. The mud fouled rifles and increased the weight of uniforms; mortar batteries and Lewis gun crews supporting the troops had to cease firing because the mechanisms jammed frequently. Amidst this chaos David was seriously injured and died of his wounds shortly afterwards on 14th October. He was 33 years old and is buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery near West-Vlaanderen. This was one of three cemeteries opened adjacent to the casualty clearing stations set up in readiness for the Ypres Offensive in 1917. The names were given by the troops and reflect the grim humour of life on the Western Front; the other two cemeteries are called Mendinghem and Bandaghem.

**Henry Plampin** was the third child and only son of Charles and Harriet Plampin. He was born in Sudbury Road, Newton in 1891 and was baptised in All Saints' Church in the village on 24th May of that year. His father was an agricultural labourer, who was born in the village in 1864 to Henry and Mary Ann Plampin, and his mother was the daughter of Robert and Eliza Osborn (sometimes spelt Osborne) and born in Thorpe Morieux in 1854. Charles married Harriet in All Saints' Church on 5th February 1887. At the time Harriet was working as a domestic servant in Newton, which is presumably how she came to meet Charles. On the marriage certificate, it would appear she is being rather coy about her age, which is shown as 29, giving a birth year of 1858, but there is little doubt from the baptism records that she was, in fact, 32 at the time of her marriage.

Henry grew up with three sisters and in 1911 is recorded as a farm labourer, like his father. He enlisted in Sudbury in 1915 into the 4th Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment. This battalion was a training unit and at the outbreak of the War it moved to Harwich for defensive duty with the Harwich Garrison. Its proximity to Suffolk is why it was recruiting in this region. At the end of 1915, the process of converting it to war service had begun and in July 1916 it arrived at Le Havre and Henry would have disembarked to start his journey to the Western Front.

Once in France, the regiment came under the orders of the 190th Brigade of the 63rd (Royal Navy) Division. This Division had started life as three brigades formed out of the twenty to thirty thousand Naval Reserves, for whom there were no places aboard any ships of the line. They were trained for operations on land and the Brigades saw service in Belgium and then Gallipoli. On their return, there were very few left with any naval experience and so they were transferred from the Admiralty to the War Office in May 1916 and it was at this point that the 4th Bedfordshires were designated to join them to bring the Division up to full complement in readiness for action on the Front.

With his regiment Henry would have seen action in the closing battle of the Somme Offensive in November 1916 and then found himself engaged in the preparatory operations of the Arras Offensive in the winter of 1917. During April of that year the Division fought through two of the major battles of the Offensive and then were relieved until being recalled to take part in the Second Battle of Passchendaele.

Apart from being a key strategic position on the ridges and high ground to the east of Ypres, Passchendaele was also on much drier ground and that had enormous significance in this very wet year that had turned the battlefields into seas of deep tenacious mud. All of this high ground was drained by a series of streams and brooks, Beek in Flemish, that flowed north westwards, diagonally across the slopes leading to the ridges, ultimately to join the many dykes and cuts in the level land north of Ypres. The months of shelling up and down the length of the front line had left these watercourses at best blocked, though in many places they had simply disappeared. Thus, all of the advances towards and up the slopes had to negotiate the mires that the streams had become. Many of the forward attacks were made through thigh deep mud, and the creeping artillery barrages that were used to protect the advancing troops had to be carefully matched to the perilously slow progress of the men towards the German lines. This, of course, presented the German gun emplacements with, at times, more or less stationary targets. Equally, any retreat that had to be made was impeded by the dreadful ground conditions.

The Battle was planned in three stages, the last of which was to secure what was left of the village of Passchendaele. The first stage began on the 26th October and it succeeded in securing most of its targets. A period of consolidation then lasted until the second stage which was to prepare the way for the final assault on Passchendaele scheduled for November 6th. This second stage was begun from the positions held after the 26th October and opened on the 30th October. The assault was led by Canadian Troops, who had recently relieved the exhausted ANZAC brigades. Their north flank was supported and protected by the 63rd Division. At the end of the day, enough ground had been secured to consider the action successful and a halt was called to once again consolidate and patrol to prevent counterattacks. However, the 63rd Division had been caught by heavy artillery fire right at the beginning of the day and had struggled to gain any ground through deep mud in the teeth of determined and persistent German machine gun fire. It failed to make its objective and tried to regroup. Before that was achieved, Henry had vanished in the mire along with several hundred of his companions. No trace of him has ever been found and he is commemorated on the walls of the Tyne Cot Memorial along with 35,000 other allied soldiers.

Harriet collected the pay due to her only son in January 1918 and the War Gratuity the day before the first anniversary of the Armistice in 1919. She died in 1923 but Henry's father, Charles, lived on until the spring of 1940 having witnessed the Country enter another war, the seeds of which were sown at the end of the conflict that took his son's life.

David will be remembered at the 11:00 service at Boxford church on the 15th October and Henry will be remembered at the 11:00 service at Newton church on the 30th October.

Before we finish this month, readers of my early articles in 2016 will recall that I had been unable to identify ten of the names on the village war memorials. One, Mac Gardiner, was restored to our memory with the help of a relative still living in our communities, but no progress was made on the remaining nine. Later on, in June, I had to add another name, Ernest Everitt of Edwardstone, for whom the original identification had proved incorrect. Thus, the list has stood since then as follows:

<b>Boxford</b>	<b>Edwardstone</b>	<b>Newton</b>
Harold Brett	Ernest Everitt	Henry Fuller
Charles L Munson	Frederick Grainger	George E Peggs
Charles Smith	Leslie Williams	Alfred Willis
Lionel H Smith		

At the time, I had limited resources to hand to help give identities to the names, but in the intervening months I have acquired many new sources of information, and I have also become much more experienced in using them. As a consequence I now know that Harold Brett is Private Harold James Brett, M2/222321, Royal Army Service Corps; Charles L Munson is Charles Leonard Munson, who served as Private Leonard Munson, 202250, 1st (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers), London Regiment; Ernest Everitt is Ernest Archie Everitt, who served as Private Archie Everitt, M/28639, 8th Auxiliary Steam Company, Royal Army Service Corps; Leslie Williams is Private Walter Leslie Williams, 59497, 6th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment; Henry J Fuller is Gunner Henry John Fuller, 97957, 58th Brigade (Howitzer), Royal Field Artillery; George E Peggs is Private George Edward Peggs, 1917, 1st South African Infantry, and Alfred Willis is Private Alfred Ashley Willis, 8547, 2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment. In addition, I am confident I know the families of Charles Smith and Lionel H Smith, in fact Lionel Harwood Smith, but I cannot identify them in any of the records that would enable me to know how they served their country in the War.

I will introduce these men as we reach the anniversaries of the dates of their deaths, though some of them will have died more than one hundred years ago. However, I am left with only Frederick Grainger as still unknown. I can find no trace of any Graingers or Grangers living in Edwardstone before the war in the Census records or baptism records. I have also trawled the CWGC data and the lists in Soldiers or Officers who Died in the Great War for all men with either Grainger or Granger as surname and Fredrick as a first or middle name, as well as all those simply listed with an initial F, and all of them can be linked to families or places not connected with our part of Suffolk. As before, if there are people reading this who think they might be able to throw some light on our last enigmatic villager, please do get in touch.

*Rufus Sweetman* The Rectory

## **WILLS - ITS YOUR HOME!**

Two problems have been worrying a number of our clients, typically early middle aged parents with the house in joint names, a mortgage on course for repayment, children setting up their own families and grandchildren starting to arrive.

Some of the clients said 'how do we save our home from being taken away from our family to pay for care costs'. The question from the others was 'we have previous marriages but want to protect the interests of the children from our first marriages'.

These are classic situations which stem from worries about paying for care and from families becoming more diverse, with children from an earlier marriage needing to be recognised in their parents' wills.

There is a similar solution to both problems which involves the use of simple trusts to achieve the objectives. Before we discuss this, two examples illustrate the problems and pitfalls in more detail.

Clients say that they would like their house to be put in their childrens' names. We refuse to do that, pointing out that if the son or daughter or their partner pledged the house and then got into financial trouble, that could mean the loss of the parents' family home.

A similar problem is where older clients want to put the house in their childrens' names just before one of the parents has to be means tested for care home provision. This is dangerous territory, because if the care authority can show that the transfer was a deliberate deprivation of assets it can treat the person as if they still owned the asset. The solution? Deal with the matter long before care home time arrives.

I will give a brief outline of how we approach these problems, but each one is different and requires its own detailed solution. Our scheme is straightforward, and since it is becoming so popular with our clients I thought more people might like to know about it.

We start by making an online enquiry to the Land Registry to find out the type of the clients' ownership – whether this is 'joint' or 'in common' and then deal with the paperwork to ensure that it is confirmed by the Land Registry as 'in common'.

Many wills disregard this process, and where wills by joint tenants leave everything to each other a bequest of the family home (whoever might be named as the beneficiary) is irrelevant because the property passes directly to the other joint tenant, whatever the will might say.

Once we have taken action to ensure that ownership is in common (a simple process with nominal cost) the co-owners will then have their own stake in the property, typically 50 : 50 although this may vary if there has been an unequal contribution to the cost of the property.

Next, the wills are prepared, under which each spouse or partner typically leaves their (let's say) 50% stake to a trust for their children or grandchildren or divided between them. Importantly, the will maker also gives the surviving partner the right to continue living for the rest of their life in the family home under what is known as a life tenancy.

The life tenant will commit to paying outgoings, insuring the property and keeping it in repair. The arrangement can include downsizing, and an agreement about the manner in which any cash difference on downsizing is to be divided between the life tenant and the will maker's other beneficiaries.

This scheme provides two huge advantages. First, 'severing' the joint tenancy (as it is called) into 'in common' ownership means that the interests of the children of a first marriage can be protected, despite any efforts by the husband's (or wife's) next choice of partner to upset those arrangements.

Secondly, willing your share of the property eliminates it in practice from the care home means test provided this is done long enough before there is any chance of it being caught by the deprivation of assets legislation.

The law dealing with care provision is 'work in progress'. People are living longer than ever, the cost of care is escalating and the big question is 'how this cost be funded?'. The government's current plan (which cannot be relied on) is for the second stage of the Care funding plans to be brought in by 2020. Meanwhile, people can tread carefully by taking the steps mentioned above to allay the two major concerns which I have highlighted.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Meeting of the Little Waldingfield Parish Council Wednesday 8th August 2017

**Present:** Councillors Andy Sheppard (Chairman), Stewart Braybrook, Barbara Campbell, Matt Foster, Allan Wells and Chris White.

**Attending:** Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 2 residents.

The Chairman welcomed Allan Wells to his first meeting as a councillor.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Tim Sheppard (work) sent his apologies.

**Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation:** Cllr Foster declared a non-pecuniary interest in both applications as he is a neighbour of both properties. Cllr Braybrook declared a pecuniary interest as he is a tenant of space within the property and left the meeting while this item was discussed. No requests for dispensation had been received.

**Minutes of Meeting held on 17th July 2017:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Public Forum:** Questions were raised by residents on the permitted rights which allow conversion of redundant farm buildings to dwellings and the condition of any permission to restrict the conversion with an agricultural tie.

### Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application DC/17/03214 Priory Farm, Church Road - Conversion and alteration of cartlodge to form 1 No self-contained residential dwelling and resolved to support the application.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application DC/17/03691 The Stables, Church Road - Erection of new stable block adjacent to existing stable block and resolved to support the application.

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

**Questions to the Chair:** No questions were raised.

**Next Meeting:** The date of the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday 5th September 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

## MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 7th August 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), D Talbot-Clarke, V Strafford, M Wooderson, R Balls, D Waspe, A Sargeant and D Hattrell (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** were received from S Impett, B Hurren and J Finch - J Finch confirms he is doing everything he can to arrange the Highways Meeting on Goodlands Phase 2. They are looking at week commencing 21st August. I explained planning committee may be August now, so stressed the urgency.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS:** None declared

**MINUTES OF 24th JULY 2017:** Accepted as correct.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** There were no members of Public at the Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

## Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd October.

### Report of the Meeting held Monday 4th September

**Public Forum:** Some residents expressed concern about the decision made by Boxford Parish Council to issue No Objections to the Konings application. They felt the Parish Council was not fulfilling their statutory duty under the National Planning Policy framework. The location in the AONB was stressed. This was already on the Agenda to discuss as the Planning Officer was giving further time for consideration to be made.

**County Council Report:** County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend, however, his written report covered improvements to GCSE results of Suffolk students with A-level results also above the National Average. Road closures were planned to ensure the safety of riders and spectators of the Tour of Britain Cycling Race.

**District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the move to Ipswich had been put back a couple of weeks. The Joint Local Plan was out for Consultation. Cllr Hurren had organised for the Head of Planning Policy to meet representatives of the Parish Council.

**Correspondence:** Support was to be given to the organisers of the Community Car Sharing Scheme.

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, the Internal Audit Report was shared with members. Some recommendations had been made and an action plan would be drawn up for implementation. Among the payments, the fireworks had been paid for together with the Parish Council Insurance.

**Cemetery:** A memorial request was duly approved and on-going maintenance of hedges and trees were discussed. Church permission was required for some pruning in the Churchyard which was being chased.

**Reports:** A flyer had prompted photos from residents showing the congestion on Swan Street and towards the school. These were to be collated ahead of a highways meeting. The Parish Council had worked hard to secure this meeting and wanted to ensure the full picture was understood by the County Council Representatives and Planning Officer. Cllrs Strafford and Sargeant are to look again at the Bus Shelter to consider what further work is needed to make the bird spikes effective.

**Planning:** Permission had been granted for an extension and canopy at 5 Hadleigh Road and the pollarding of a willow at 26-30 Stone Street. The

Parish Council had No Objections to the application to re-render 5 Church Street and to provide a new access at Cox Farm. It was agreed to review the Konings plans again on 18th September. Members were starting to examine the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation. *Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council*

## UNIVERSAL CREDIT:

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# Parish Council Matters

## Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 6 September 2017 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

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

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

The Minutes of the meeting of 5 July 2017 were approved and signed.

**Reports:** B Hurren (BDC) advised that the move to Endeavour House has been delayed to the first week in October. The boundary review proposals have been controversial as some take no account of interaction between villages, including the separation of Groton and Edwardstone from Boxford, though there are alternatives which aim to keep them together. J Osborne has sent a note to the Boundary Commission with his views on this. B Hurren said there will be a further opportunity to comment once the Boundary Commission has made its recommendations in November. There is nothing in the draft Joint Local Plan that affects Groton directly. The phone mast on the A1071 has now been turned on and signals in Boxford and around are much improved. The proposals for Groton Manor were approved at the planning meeting. Boxford PC is still hoping to take proposals for a Neighbourhood Plan forward and he will ensure that Groton is invited to any meetings on this. The Konings application for Boxford Farm (Copella) is proving controversial due to potential additional heavy vehicle movements.

**Reports and questions from Councillors:** J Osborne advised that Martin Wood had let the Clerk have an old Parish Council folder of Minutes which has been helpful in finally establishing the position regarding the Parish Fields. J Osborne has compared the Minutes of Groton PC and Groton United Charities and it is clear that the Parish fields were vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands in 1913, as recently confirmed by the Charity Commission. This land is sometimes described as Powers Land. There is therefore no doubt that responsibility is firmly with Groton United Charities and the Fields can be removed from the Parish Council Asset Register.

**Planning Matters:** Applications received – none. Planning decisions received – Groton Manor – approved; Oakwood Lodge, Daisy Green – approved; The Old Rectory Cottage, Groton Street – approved. Local housing update – J Osborne reported that he had chased Hastoe Housing Association and they assured him they are still committed to the project. They will revert once documentation is in order. Community Emergency Plan - The Clerk has updated the draft and it was approved. D Wills will discuss with the Village Hall Committee at the next meeting.

**Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence:** The Clerk reported that she had a hard copy of the Joint Local Plan which can be borrowed. She will order a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day.

**Highway and Footpath matters:** Footpath cutting – J Osborne reported that he and C Fraulo had liaised and approached 3 people for quotes. One has been received so far. The Clerk is to advise SCC that Groton PC wishes to take over the budget from April 2018.

**Park Corner:** the Clerk will chase the outstanding drainage work in a few months.

**Other Highway or Footpath matters:** The Clerk will again report the appalling state of Howe Road, particularly from The Spong to Castlings Heath. There are many yellow markings but no sign of any work taking place.

**Financial matters:** The Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment were approved, proposed by P Roberts and seconded by R Cheeseman.

Reserve account as at 4 August 2017 £3518.60

Current account as at 4 August 2017 £4092.13

Total £7610.73

The adequacy of the budget, insurance quote and external auditor's report were considered and approved. Future agenda items were agreed as footpath cutting, local housing update, proposed dog waste bin for near the Village Hall. The next meeting will be on 1 November 2017 at 7pm.

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Sir

Thank you. A big thank you to all the ladies who made cakes for the cake stall I held at the playing field. (PF50) 29th July. I raised £242.35p for (EACH) East Anglian Children's Hospice.

Jane Martin.

Boxford

Sir

### Little Waldingfield Sale Trail

Many thanks to all those, both buyers and sellers, who participated in the recent village Sale Trail, which raised £160 for Parish Room funds. The event was so popular with those who attended that we have decided to hold another Sale Trail next year, on Saturday September 1st 2018.

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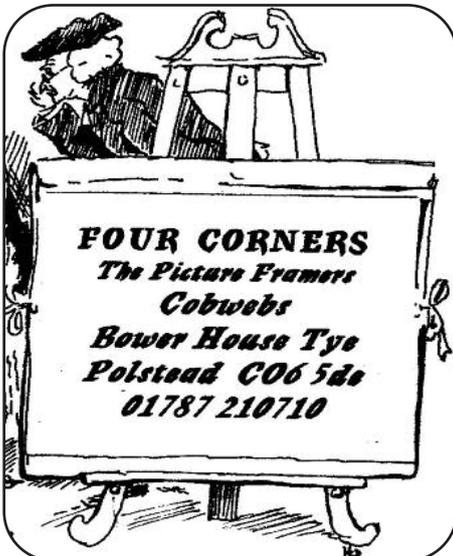
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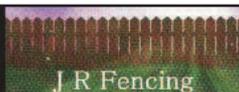
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## HARVEY WATTS TRIUMPHS

HARVEY WATTS TRIUMPHS AGAIN IN SUFFOLK JUNIOR EVENT



*Colin Firmin with Harvey Watts*

Harvey Watts, who plays off two, has continued his purple patch by retaining the Suffolk Junior Matchplay title at Bury St Edmunds.

The Newton Green 17-year-old beat Bungay and Waveney Valley's Conal Downing as his opponent finally crumbled on the last hole of a closely fought encounter.

The pair were level going up the last hole, but Downing's wayward tee shot meant he could not recover to snatch the title from Watts, having to concede the hole.

Earlier in the day, by a similar margin, Watts had had beaten Alfie Halil of Flempton in the semi-finals, and the previous day in the first round put out James Iron of Haverhill 8 & 6, before getting through the quarter finals with an extra hole, play-off win against Max Adams, of Bury St Edmunds.

Watts, who became joint course record holder at his home club a few weeks ago, was in the Newton team which finished sixth out of 30 teams in the recent England junior team championships at Woodhall Spa, and will be young enough to try and win the county title for a third time next year.

He received the trophy from Suffolk county president Colin Firmin.

## TIBBY SEES NEWTON THROUGH

Tibby Mimpriss held her nerve to record a nail-biting singles win fightback and see Newton Green women into the final of the Suffolk Cranworth Trophy.

The 26-handicapper, playing her first season in the competition, stormed back in her last few holes after being three down mid-way through the last match on the course in the semi-final against Gorleston at Fynn Valley.

It had looked curtains for Newton, with matches level at four each, and Gorleston's Rosemary Woodhouse leading Mimpriss at the half-way stage of their match.

However, the Newton player fought back strongly and, with three holes left, she was on terms, and then won the 16th and 17th to give her a 2 and 1 victory.

In the morning foursomes, Newton led 2 – 1, but Gorleston opened the afternoon singles with a win. Victories for Sue Cooper and Sue Thurgate put Newton ahead 4 – 2, but reversals in the next two matches left Mimpriss to deliver the knock-out blow.

Newton now seek to win the trophy for the third time in a decade, the previous two final successes being against Woodbridge, who are again encountered in this year's final at Diss on September 28.

Foursomes: Janet Sparks and Vivien Lister beat Jack Walsh and Sue Smith 4 & 3. Sue Cooper and Adrienne Hughes lost to Rosemary Woodhouse and Linda Jones one down. Rosie Jackson and Sarah Williams beat Maureen Dark and Jayne Standen 3 & 2.

Singles: Sparks lost to Walsh 2 & 1, Jackson lost to Jones 3 & 2, Cooper beat Dark 3 & 2, Sue Thurgate beat Victoria Watson 6 & 5, Mimpriss beat Woodhouse 2 & 1, Hughes lost to Vera Woolnough 6 & 5.