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A FLAG FOR SUFFOLK



Back in July, the Society was approached by the Assistant County Flags Officer at the Association of British Counties (ABC), with respect to Suffolk adopting its own County Flag, for subsequent registration with the Flag Institute, the body running the national registry of flags.

The Flag Institute is apparently the world's leading research and documentation centre for flags and flag information. The Institute is also the largest vexillological (The study of flags) membership organisation in the world, and was founded on St. George's Day, 23 April, 1971.

After a quick double-take, I confirmed the legitimacy of the request, which was for Little Waldingfield History Society, as a Suffolk based organisation, to lend its support to the cause. At the time Suffolk was one of just four English counties without a registered county flag, which meant we could not participate in the display of registered County Flags in Parliament Square each July in celebration of 'County Flags Day'.

The Trustees were all in favour, as were our membership, who were keen for this to happen – happily it now has.

As the ABC say on their website: The Flag Institute has today (9th October) added the flag of Suffolk to its registry. A banner of the traditional arms of Saint Edmund, the county's patron saint, the Flag Institute agreed to register the design in September 2017 following its display by Suffolk County Council on the inaugural "Suffolk Day", June 21st 2017 and a subsequent request for its registration by twenty-one county organisations.

As the Flag Institute explains the Suffolk flag features the crown and crossed arrows attributed to St Edmund. St Edmund was a King of East Anglia who was shot with arrows by vikings, thus explaining the elements of the emblem. At the time the East Anglian capital was in Suffolk, and after his death his saintly cult was based in Bury St Edmunds within the county. Over time his emblem has served to become an emblem of the county itself. The registration was requested by a number of county based organisations with the county council happy for this submission to be made, the flag having become popularly used as part of county day celebrations already.

Edmund The Martyr was the last King of East Anglia; he was reportedly killed by the Danes in the year 869 or 870 following a battle at Thetford; his traditional arms reflect his kingship and the manner of his death. The Box River News can be seen in full colour by downloading from the internet.

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BOXFORD ST MARY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

Preparation of Boxford St Mary's for the Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th



Photo's David Lamming

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER



This popular event owes its popularity to the excellent quality of the food served and this year was no exception. The main course was beef cobbler or a veggie alternative followed by apple pie, blackberry & apple pie or fruit crumble washed down with a glass of wine. The quiz had Steve Foster as quizmaster and a heads and tails' competition which was won by Anthea Scriven her prize was a £20 voucher to be spent at Coffee Box.



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FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 3 November 8.00 £15

Dave O'Higgins Quartet

Dave is rightly acknowledged as one of Britain's finest Contemporary jazz musicians. Dave O'Higgins soprano, Rob Barron piano, Geoff Gascoyne bass, Sebastiaan de Krom drums Saxophonist Dave O'Higgins evokes an impassioned sound somewhere between Dexter Gordon and John Coltrane with an excellent sense of pacing and presentation. He feels his main apprenticeships were served with John Dankworth and Cleo Laine, Jim Mullen and Martin Taylor. Dave brings a very classy trio. Rob Barron has a list of credits to die for. Geoff Gascoyne and Sebastiaan de Krom are firm Fleece Jazz favourites.

This quartet plays some of the most swinging music you will hear today - straight-ahead jazz firmly in the harmonic and melodic tradition, played by some of the finest UK-based jazz musicians. – The Observer

Friday 17 November 8.00 £15

Eyal Lovett

Israeli born, Berlin based pianist and composer demonstrates his delicate touch, harmonic prowess and clever arranging Eyal Lovett piano, Eran Har Even guitar, Mathias Jensen bass, Aidan Lowe drums. Pianist-composer Eyal Lovett creates a wide range of music. Although classically trained, he is deeply immersed in the jazz tradition, as well as in the diverse music located in Israel and the Middle East. He studied classical music and Jazz at The New School in Tel Aviv and in New York. His music is influenced by classical music, Israeli tunes and Yiddish folklore. Eran Har Even is an Israeli guitarist, composer and music

teacher currently residing in Amsterdam. He has established himself as a leading figure in the Dutch Jazz scene. Mathias Jensen is a member of the Holon Trio whose achievements include being prize winners at the European Young Artists' Jazz Award Burghausen in 2015. Aidan Lowe trained at the Australian National University in 2011 and was an active member in the Canberra music scene, playing in many different ensembles in a variety of genres. .

Friday 24 November 8.00 £16

Quentin Collins Quartet

Quentin has established himself as one of the UK's top jazz/commercial trumpeters, and brings a lively young band. "It's so damn infectious, it's almost impossible to resist!" - Blues and Soul Magazine. Quentin Collins ~ trumpet, Ashley Henry ~ piano, Daniel Casimir ~ bass, Shane Forbes ~ drums For two decades, Quentin Collins has established himself as one of Europe's top trumpeters, having worked with a wide range of internationally renowned artists across many genres. His quartet highlights his formidable, soulful original compositions alongside his uncanny ability to interpret lesser played classic material from the jazz canon. Ashley Henry plays the piano with a beauty and sensitivity that usually comes from a lifetime immersed in jazz and this has been picked up on by other musicians.

Daniel Casimir is an electric and upright bassist based in London. He won the Young Jazz Musician Award 2016 . Shane Forbes is one of the most in demand drummers in the UK. great names on the British jazz scene.

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THIS MONTH'S LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

Remember, remember...

November certainly is the month for remembering. Not just the gunpowder plot, of course, but also those we will commemorate and honour on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, at services in all our parishes – the fallen of two World Wars – and of all the many and, sadly, continuing conflicts since. Through the articles he has been writing in this magazine, month by month, “The Names on our War Memorials”, my husband Rufus has led us in our hearts and imaginations to the very battlefields, trenches, front lines and war cemeteries of the First World War, and, poignantly, into the personal lives and homes of the families affected in our five villages.



This month, I want to commemorate someone nearer to home, our very own and greatly loved Revd David Abel, retired priest in this benefice, who sadly died, suddenly but peacefully, in his own home on 29th September, as he was preparing to take his dog for a walk.

I have only been privileged to know David for the past seven years - about half his time in the benefice - but many of you will have known him for longer than that, and benefited from his ministry through the funeral and other services he took, and especially through the pastoral care he showed to so many through his home and hospital visits. In particular, David was at the heart of the small group which meets every Wednesday in Mary's House for a service of midweek communion. He was also held in great affection around the whole benefice, as he often attended services at all of the five churches. Many of you, though, will simply know him from the familiar figure he cut out and about in Boxford, faithfully taking his dog for a walk.

From the moment I came to the benefice on the autumn of 2010, David gave me his quiet, but total, unwavering and unstinting support. He always had a kind and encouraging word for me, never failing to send a short uplifting short email message after a meeting or service I had taken which he thought had gone well.

And if things were ever getting me down, he would offer the word of advice which I believe his training incumbent offered to him, saying with that twinkle in his eye, “Remember....don't take yourself too seriously.” One of David's other favourite sayings, which he often quoted, was from Dag Hammarskjöld, the Swedish diplomat, economist, and author who served as the second Secretary-General of the United Nations, from April 1953 until his death in a plane crash in September 1961: “For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.”

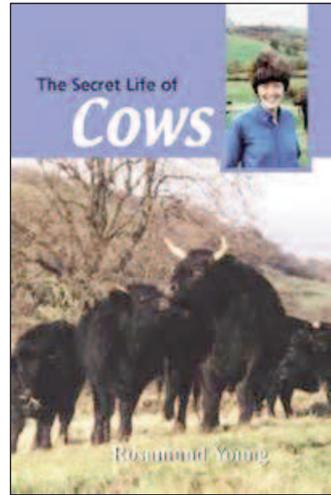
Those words summed up David's philosophy of life, but more importantly than that, they encapsulated the very essence of his unwavering Christian faith. As he looked back on his long life, he was thankful to God for all of it. As he looked forward, even at the age of 86, to all that lay ahead, he was prepared to accept and greet it positively, because he trusted God to be with him and to bring him through.

As we give thanks for David, his life, his ministry, his warmth, kindness, ready sense of humour and infectious laugh, we hold in our hearts Heather, his wife, Helen, Julian and Marianne, his children, and all his family.

For all of us, across the five villages, who have someone special to remember and celebrate - the annual service “Remembering our Loved Ones” will take place at Boxford Church on Sunday 4th November at 4pm. You will be warmly welcomed. Blessings, *Revd Judith*

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, NOVEMBER 2017

The Secret Life of Cows by Rosamund Young



This meditative little book isn't new: it came out first in 2003, when it was published by a small farming press. But then a beady-eyed editor at Faber noticed Alan Bennett had praised it in his diary (“it alters the way one looks at the world”, he wrote in an entry on 24 August 2006), with the result that it has now been republished. Its author, Rosamund Young, who lives and works at Kite's Nest, an organic farm on the edge of the Cotswold escarpment, must be thrilled – or maybe not. Having read her book, which is very sensible but also somewhat dreamy and a bit obsessive, she strikes me as the kind of woman who would rather be standing in a muddy field in her wellies than listening to some eager townie praise her for her wisdom.

Young's parents began farming in 1953, when she was 12 days old and her brother (with whom she and her husband still run Kite's Nest) was nearly three; she continues their tradition of treating animals as individuals with varied personalities, rather than as identical members of herds. *The Secret Life of Cows*, then, is essentially a collection of anecdotes about the many beasts she has hand-reared down the years: bovines, mostly, though there are a few stories about sheep and chickens, too. In a way, it's like a book for children. Every animal has a name – Araminta, Black Hat, Dorothy – not to mention parents, brothers and sisters. Most have adventures, albeit not massively exciting ones; Young refers casually to their “conversations”, as if cows chat just like humans. After a while, though, you get used to all this, and as a consequence the world does indeed tilt. Or bits of it, at least. This book will change forever the way you see a field of ayrshires or friesians.

I said “obsessive”. At one point, Young insists of an “unusually delightful” calf called Amelia that she could write about “for a thousand pages, listing every detail of her life and I still would not have presented an even half-accurate picture of her” – at which point I did panic slightly. Thankfully, though, she limits herself to telling us that Amelia was always able to recognise a red car that belonged to Young's brother, Richard – a detail that speaks to her main point, which is that cows (and sheep and chickens) are far more intelligent than people realise. Though this is relative, of course. As she also notes: “If a cow's intelligence is sufficient to make her a success as a cow, what more could be wished?” However, they have other qualities, too, many of them contradictory. They are loyal, and have a tendency to hold grudges. But they are also apt to forget one another – even their poor, dead calves – within weeks. Some are vain, loving to be groomed and reluctant to go to bed at night with muddy ankles. Others are picky about food, showing a marked preference for, say, mouse-eared chickweed over other grasses.

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Young's style, careful and straightforward, is extremely soothing; her book should be prescribed for anxiety. But it doesn't, it must be said, answer all one's cow questions. Bennett, in his diary, notes that he found himself wondering about their sex lives: are cows flirty? Young doesn't tell us. Nor does she address the issue of their rage, which was, I must admit, the main reason I wanted to read *The Secret Life of Cows*. I am, you see, increasingly scared of strange cows, sometimes insisting to my husband that we detour on walks to avoid them; when they trot en masse towards you, as they seem to do more and more often, it is not un-frightening. I can't help but think about the bit in Posy Simmonds's graphic novel, *Tamara Drewe*, where the novelist Nicholas Hardiman meets his death in a field of cows: Simmonds grew up on a farm, and knows whereof she draws.

Young, some of whose cows are (terrifyingly) able to cross cattle grids and perform all manner of other physical feats, tells us that when an animal shakes its head, it's giving you a warning. The message is: keep away. But she does not expand on this, perhaps because, what with knowing her own beasts so very well, she has never been on the receiving end of cow rage. Apparently, she sometimes carries a large brush with her, the better to calm the curious and the cross with a few soothing strokes across the cliffs of their flanks – not something I'm likely to start doing any time soon. Still, one fact I do know now is that cows strongly object to perfume. This, I will remember. In the future, all walks will be strictly Mitsouko-free.

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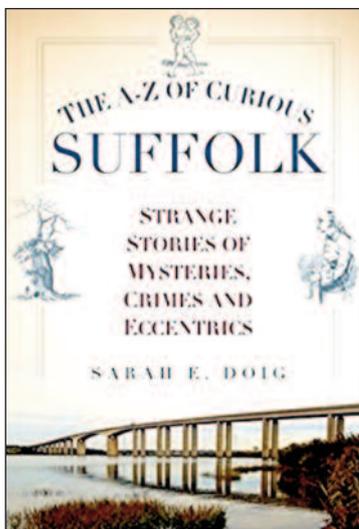


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THE A TO Z OF CURIOUS SUFFOLK A Talk by Sarah Doig

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome back Sarah Doig, professional genealogist and Suffolk based local historian, to tell our thirty plus audience some of the many examples of strange, quirky and mysterious happenings over time in our lovely 'Curious' county. She began by quoting Samuel Johnson, one of the greatest literary figures of the eighteenth century who compiled "A Dictionary of the English Language":

Curiosity is, in great and generous minds, the first passion and the last



This was followed with a reminder of the 'Visit Suffolk' campaign of some years ago entreating people to visit the 'Curious County'. As many remembered, this slogan was dropped soon after some unfortunate and negative comments from one of East Anglia's MPs, with whom Sarah (and I) disagreed. As she put it, "our county is special; there is always something new and interesting, alive and thriving, with a rich legacy for us all to enjoy today".

The A to Z of Curious Suffolk, which she was approached to write by The History Press, took her around our curious county on her researches; as she said, there was a

good mix of people, places and happenings, of which the following were just a small sample for our enjoyment.

B for Bang

Sarah's first example was that of a now extinct Suffolk hard cheese, called Suffolk Thump or Suffolk Bang, the latter perhaps because thumping or banging made little or no impression on it. Daniel Defoe reported in the 1720s that Woodbridge is a "considerable market for butter and corn... they are famous for the best butter and perhaps the worst cheese in England".

The cheese was made from thrice-skimmed milk and supposedly the worst in England. It was said that Hunger will break through stone walls, or anything except Suffolk cheese, that knives wouldn't cut it, fire wouldn't sweat it, and even that dogs couldn't eat it, it was however eminently suitable for making wheels for wheelbarrows. Suffolk Bang was also liked by the Royal Navy, probably because it was cheap and lasted well, though it was eventually replaced by Cheshire and other cheeses, following the many complaints from sailors.

F for Follies



Sarah reported that Suffolk has its fair share of these, primarily for decoration or as a suggestion of something else.

Freston Tower is a six-storey Tudor folly looking out over the River Orwell, possibly built to coincide with Elizabeth I's visit to Ipswich in August 1579 as part of her 'Progress'. A single room on each floor now has a sitting room at

the top to take advantage of the unrivalled views.

Legend has it the tower was built by Lord de Freston in the 15th century, for his daughter Ellen, to study a different subject on a different floor six days of the week. Allegedly the 1st floor was dedicated to reception, the 2nd to tapestry working, the 3rd to music, the 4th to painting, the 5th to literature and the 6th to astronomy,

complete with instruments for taking observations; however, as this was taken from a novel by Reverend Richard Cobbold (Freston Tower), it cannot be taken as fact.



Sarah advised the building is now owned by The Landmark Trust, who believe the most likely builder was a wealthy Ipswich merchant called Thomas Gooding, who bought Freston Manor in 1553. Built both to admire from the outside and to look out from on the inside, there are 26 windows dotted over its six storeys, so it may well have acted as a lookout tower for Gooding's returning ships, or simply as an extravagant folly (if so, one of the earliest in England).



The Tattingsstone Wonder

The Tattingsstone Wonder is at first glance a second church in the village, which is located on the Shotley peninsula; it is some distance to the south, stands in splendid isolation and is actually a folly. Converted from three terraced cottages still used as a dwelling, the 'church tower' was built in 1790 for the local squire, Edward White, to provide a point of interest when viewed from his hall in the valley below. View it from the back and all is revealed, for the tower consists of just three sides; its purpose appears to have been to give the neighbours 'something to wonder at.'

C for Crankle



Or in East Anglia, crinkle crackle, as in a serpentine, ribbon or wavy wall. These economise on bricks, despite their sinuous configuration, because they can and usually are made just one brick thick; unlike normal walls,

which require buttresses to support them against lateral winds, alternate convex and concave curves in the wall provide stability without need for pillars.

Crinkle and crankle are both defined as something to do with bends and turns, but the term is also thought to come from Old English meaning zig-zag. The earliest reference was apparently in 1598, but it was not until the 18th century that the term began to be applied to wavy walls; at that time such garden walls were usually aligned east-west, so one side faced south to catch the warming sun, historically used for growing fruit.

Sarah told us that Suffolk claims at least 50 examples of crinkle crankle walls, twice as many as the rest of the country, which are attributable to the Dutch engineers who drained the fens from the mid 1600s - in Dutch they are called slangenmuu or snake walls. The estate village of Easton has one of the longest, originally stretching 2.5 miles. The listed wall was badly damaged in 2013 by a hit and run driver, leaving a 20 foot gap, which was happily rebuilt in 2014, using some 3,500 hand cleaned original bricks, along with a further 500 old bricks bought to match.

L for Lines

Sarah then told us about Samuel Hart, a mid nineteenth century Kettleburgh shoemaker and also a part time herbalist and poet (clearly a man for all seasons), who advertised himself as follows:

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In the event his 'cures' did not work, which was probably quite likely, he would then write an epitaph for their gravestone. An example of his 'literary genius' lies chiselled in the local gravestones, including the following, for Hannah, wife of William Farthing, who died in 1854:

*Her last words when on her deathbed lie,
She spoke plain and not bewilderin:
She said dear husband I must die;
Pray provide for my poor children.*

D for Diversion

Sarah then told us some of the myths surrounding wartime goings on at Shingle Street, eight miles south-east of Woodbridge, and a desolate spot. Until a series of top secret documents were declassified in 1992, well

before their official 2021 expiry date, many rumours circulated about Shingle Street, most luridly that of 3,000 German soldiers, who were allegedly part of an attempted invasion force killed in a firefight here. Most of this was wartime propaganda; what actually happened during the Second World War was not that remarkable - Shingle Street was forcibly evacuated in 1940, in anticipation of a German invasion, and three years later became a venue for munitions testing. After the war, because of the number of mines that had been laid on its beach it was deemed uninhabitable, and it was not until the late 1940s that these were cleared and people began to drift back.

Conspiracies included rumours of a German landing, a shoreline littered with burning bodies, schemes to protect the coastline with an impenetrable barrage of flames and the testing of experimental chemical bombs. There were experiments done, very quickly, in May and June 1940, using surplus petrol stocks as an offensive weapon. It was thought that as well as pouring this over tanks on land, the sea could be set on fire, and some beach flame-barrages were created on the south coast.

The Directorate of Military Intelligence came up with the idea to say that we could set the sea on fire. In late July 1940 the story that we had terrible destructive power at our disposal was released quietly 'underground', as if it were a big secret, and was picked up by the Nazis as the spooks intended. By the end of August contemporary Government documents 'showing' that Britain could set the sea on fire, and had already defeated a German landing attempt, were in circulation in Europe. The 'Big Lie' was also given to the American media by British intelligence, and given official credence, to convince the US it ought to stand firm with its transatlantic neighbour. The story went that Britain had set fire to the English Channel to defeat a German invasion, and the story became Britain's first significant propaganda victory of the Second World War, helping to convince America that Britain was worth backing.

British newspapers were not allowed to report these (false) stories about blazing seas, washed-up bodies and thwarted invasions, though the rumours had swept much of southern and eastern England during 1940, helping to raise morale. In the whole course of the war, Britain's chief press censor later admitted 'there was no story which gave me so much trouble as that of the attempted German invasion, flaming oil on the water and 30,000 burned Germans'. There were some facts to feed the deception, such as the odd Nazi soldier or two being washed up on southern British beaches, and it's almost certain they weren't part of any planned and/or repelled invasion force; nevertheless, the Shingle Street myths seem set to continue.

T for Traditions

According to Sarah, Suffolk is a county with many traditions, one of the



most bizarre being that of Dwile Flonking. The earliest known game was played at the Beccles Festival of Sport in 1966 - no one can remember the score, though team members did recall feeling pretty fragile the following morning. There is also a reference predating the Beccles Festival,

originating from the fertile imagination of Michael Bentine on his BBC show 'It's a Square World'. An episode, aired sometime between 1960 and 1964, sees explorers stumble across a group of natives playing the sport in the darkest reaches of the English countryside. Brilliant, and now for the rules:

According to The Friends Of The Lewes Arms, rules are impenetrable and the result of a game is always contested, though less alcohol-centric authorities do provide more clarity. A 'dull witted person' is chosen as the referee or 'jobanowl' and the two teams decide who flonks first by tossing a sugar beet. The game begins when the jobanowl shouts "Here y'go t'gether!"

The non-flonking team joins hands and dances in a circle around a member of the flonking team, a practice known as 'girting'. The flonker dips his dwile-tipped 'driveller' (a pole 2-3 ft long and made from hazel or yew) in a bucket of beer, spins around in the opposite direction to the girters and flonks his dwile at them. If the dwile misses it is known as a 'swadger' or a 'swage'. When this happens the flonker must drink the contents of an ale-filled 'gazunder' (a chamber pot which 'goes-under' the bed) before the wet dwile has passed from hand to hand along the line of now non-girting girters chanting the ancient ceremonial mantra of "pot pot pot".

A full game comprises four 'snurds', each snurd being one team taking a turn at girting. The jobanowl adds interest and difficulty to the game by randomly switching the direction of rotation, and will levy drinking penalties on any player found not taking the game seriously enough, whilst points are awarded as follows:

- +3: a 'wanton'- a direct hit on a girter's head
- +2: a 'morthor' or 'marther'- a body hit
- +1: a 'ripple' or 'ripper'- a leg hit
- -1 per sober person at the end of the game

At the end of the game, the team with the most number of points wins, being awarded with a ceremonial pewter gazunder. It is of course best to watch a game in action, ably demonstrated from the link below by Rory McGrath and friend - please click:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0kxQ-osmKQ>

I have not (yet) read Sarah's book, but on the basis of the stories she shared, its going to be a great read, full of interesting snippets and humorous asides. As a final plug, Sarah also gave us some of the other A to Z headings which do look intriguing:



- A for Adultery, and for Ale;
- J for Jubilee;
- M for Monsters;
- O for Ostrich;
- V for Virgins; and
- Z for Zeppelin.

Our next events will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room, Church Road LW on: 18th October: Martin Hedges will tell the tale of '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 a will leading to a 120 year-long family dispute Recreated by Dickens as Jarndyce vs Jarndyce in Bleak House. It should be fascinating.

15th November: Gary Edgerton tells the History of Colchester from the Romans to present Day.

Slides will take us on a walking tour of the Castle, the Dutch Quarter, Jumbo, St John's Abbey and St Botolph's Priory; also with an amusing section on Colchester's houses of ill repute. This presentation is going to be really interesting as well as informative.

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Andy Sheppard

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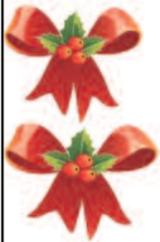
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Your Babergh District Councillor

Firstly to confirm that your local council will be working along with Mid Suffolk from the centre of Ipswich from now on, Although there will be a limited skeleton staff remaining at Corks Lane for a few more weeks all council meetings and what remaining staff we have left will all be functioning from Endeavour House from now on. While this has been a democratic decision to move I feel that if all councillors knew then what we know now the decision would have been delayed or probably never have happened at all. It is without doubt the worst decision ever made by my council and was always opposed by myself and some of my more independent colleagues but to no avail. We signed up to the new localism bill a couple of years ago and then totally ignored it, very sad. We now have to accept it and get on with our tasks in local government with the staff we have left who will I am sure do their best to pick up the pieces and move on. Our biggest problem is that this will have shattered much of the local ties and confidence that is so much a part of local government and will achieve very little in financial benefit in return. On a brighter note my pleas along with others to the Boundary Commission to leave the warding of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton intact has been listened too and the Boxford ward has along with Lindsey and Mildens and the addition of Kersey been recommended by the commission to form the new Boxford Ward in the new Council from 2019. This new recommendation is now out for consultation for another couple of weeks so if you approve of this please write in to the Boundaries Commission in support, otherwise it could be changed again to favour another ward who does not feel so happy with the changes. The administrations favoured proposal was not accepted as it was deemed as not being fit for purpose, at last a victory for common sense over political aspirations. Despite my confidence the junction at Stone St onto the by-pass has still not been trimmed so back to the drawing board on that one. Please if you have strong feelings about the remaining piece of land at Goodlands being included in the Babergh Local plan for development despite all it's traffic implications upon Swan St please write to babergh and state your feelings, I believe every household in the district has had a flyer on this with address enclosed. If there is any other council issue you wish to discuss with me or you need help in any way please get in touch, I am usually easily contactable at bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk Don't forget your tickets to Boxford Fireworks, on sale now. All Best Regards Bryn

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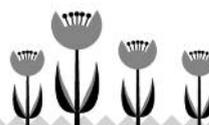
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for September

Our responders covered 453 hrs out of 72hrs. There were 11 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

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 27th November 2017 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.

Boxford WI

At our Afternoon meeting our Speaker was Rebecca Parry who talked to us about conservation at Colchester Zoo. The Zoo first opened in 1963 and is now the largest privately owned Zoo in the UK with over a million visitors a Year. The specialist collections of animals there are kept in enclosures to mimic the natural environment very much how the animals would live in the wild. The conservation work includes breeding and reintroducing the animals into the wild. The Zoo houses 260 species in over 60 acres of land. In 2004 the Zoo created its charity Action for the Wild which is involved in a broad spectrum of conservation projects worldwide. One of its ongoing projects is the setting up of a 6,000 hectare nature reserve in South Africa involving rehabilitating the land and releasing native species back on to the reserve. With our thanks to Rebecca for a fascinating talk.

Boxford WI now has both an afternoon and an evening meeting. We meet at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month and 8pm on the third Thursday of the month. Please do come along to either or both meetings we would love to meet you and can assure you of a very warm welcome.

Future meetings

3rd January 2018

Local Artist Hazel Bradshaw
village hall 2 pm

18th January

to be announced village hall 8 pm

7th February

Gems – Rowley Collier village hall 2 pm

16th February

to be announced village hall 8 pm

7th March

East Anglian Children's Hospice
village hall 2 pm

15th March 2018

to be announced village hall 8 pm

St.Mary's Church Choir:

We are seeking new choir members having recently welcomed two new members, we need more tenors & basses to join too.

There are normally 4 choral services a month plus 2 choir practices on Thursdays.

If you would like to get involved- & I hope you will- please contact me, David Felstead on 01376 339616, or Patrick Friend, or any PCC member or the Revd Judith. Singing is good from a health point of view too & enables us to meet up with new friends.

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. Queen Bee Designs Ltd.

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning and cake stall at Mary's house. We made £305 to pay for the transport of our boxes this year and we had a very enjoyable morning.

For any information about the shoeboxes or if you need anything collected please contact:

Ann Porter 210581. Shirley Watling 210024. Jenny Lindsley 210520

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

If you are over 65 and retired and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more, you may be entitled to the Charity's Christmas Gift'

If you are disabled or have medical requirements we may also be able to help.

Please apply to the Clerk, Sue Mitchell on 247173

by 30th November 2017

St Mary, Boxford

Gift Day 16 September 2017

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Gift Day appeal. It has been a great success and we, the Revd. Judith and all the church council members, cannot express thanks enough.

Altogether, more than 40 individual donations were received, which raised over £2,500. This will greatly ease the burden this year of the Church's ever increasing maintenance costs. In addition to that, thanks to the kind permission of tax payers to reclaim the tax paid on their donations, we hope to be able to push the total over the £3,000 mark.

Events like this, which raise lump sums, are essential to the survival of our church but the smooth running and the PCC's ability to budget and plan ahead is greatly improved by regular, planned contributions. These could be either by setting up a standing order to the PCC's bank account or making use of a set of regular giver envelopes. Our Gift Aid Officer, Michael Gray, would be delighted to talk to you about either of these options and provide you with further information.

Once again, a huge thank you for your generosity and for your continued support and encouragement, all of which is greatly appreciated.

MJG
Oct 2017

LAVENHAM
CHRISTMAS FAIR
2017.

Artwork by David Game

Lavenham will be celebrating Christmas early this year so make a note in your diary now for the Lavenham Christmas Fair:

Friday December 1st 5.30 pm - 8.30 pm
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Sunday December 3rd 11am - 4pm

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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 adventurer & 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.

13th 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

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.

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Boxford slimming world, Boxford village hall

Stone street road, Boxford

Wednesday at 7.30pm

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Hadleigh Choral Society

St. Mary's Church Hadleigh

Saturday November 18 2017, 7.30 p.m.

Rossini : Petite Messe Solennelle

Rossini : O Salutaris Hostia

Albinoni: Adagio in G Minor

Conductor Christopher Phelps

Piano John Cooper

Harmonium David Butcher

Tickets : £14, £12(con), £2 children from The Idler Book Shop

Hadleigh, members of the choir or on the door.

Stowmarket Choral

FORTHCOMING EVENTS as at 7 October 2017

Friday 17 November 2017 Quiz Night at The Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket. 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Teams of 6, £14 per person to include a fish/sausage/veggie and chip supper. Contact tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk to book a place.

Saturday 9 December 2017 Christmas Concert at Stowmarket Parish Church, with children's choir from South Lees School, Bury St Edmunds. 7pm, Contact tickets@stowmarketchorale.org.uk to book your ticket.

Sunday 18 March 2018 We welcome Alexander L'Estrange and his jazz band, together with children from South Lee School, Bury St Edmunds, Rougham Primary School and Great Finborough Primary School, to perform Alexander L'Estrange's Zimbe (Songs of Africa) and John Rutter's Mass of the Children at the Apex, Bury St Edmunds at 4pm. Contact the Apex Box Office for tickets. 01284 75800
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Wot's On

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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

This year it's the classic tale of Cinderella.

With everything you would expect from Cinderella herself, the handsome Prince Charming, Cinderella's father the bumbling Baron Hardup and not forgetting the outrageous ugly sisters, the Fairy Godmother and the long suffering Buttons plus all the usual suspects, but with a local slant!

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

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

Nayland Christmas Fayre

Sunday 2nd December

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

From Bach to Baroque

including Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*

Sudbury Choral Society embarks on concert containing one of Bach's most popular works "Jesu Joy of Man's desiring" along with the ethereal sounds of Charpentier's "Messe de Minuit" and also for them a new style of music; they are giving a concert performance of Purcell's opera "Dido and Aeneas".

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BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENT

Cinderella



29 Nov to 2 Dec

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Wednesday November 29th "Family Night"

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

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Wot's On

"The Old Curiosity Shop".

The Common Ground Theatre Company

The Common Ground Theatre Company has visited Polstead twice before with performances based on classic stories. Both were highly entertaining and extremely enjoyable. The company is returning to Polstead Village Hall on 17th November with their production of Dickens' "The Old Curiosity Shop".

"The Old Curiosity Shop" was incredibly popular when first published. It has been adapted by Pat Whymark and Julian Harries and the company is touring a wide range of towns and villages in Suffolk and Essex throughout November.

It is a great treat to have professional live theatre in a rural village and I very much hope that you will be able to join us on Friday 17* November at 7-30pm.

Tickets for Polstead on 17th November are £10-00, (under 21s £7-00). To book for Polstead Village Hall please ring me on 01787 210029, email: sue.wigglesworth@btinternet.com

Whistlecraft

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society and Nayland and district Horticultural Society

Joint meeting on Monday 13th November: Speaker will be Pip Wright, on 'Whistlecraft: notorious poachers of Rickinghall Suffolk'.

Nayland Village Hall, CO6 4JH. 7.15pm for 7.30 start. All welcome! Free entry.

Nayland Christmas Fayre

Saturday December 2nd 10.30-1pm

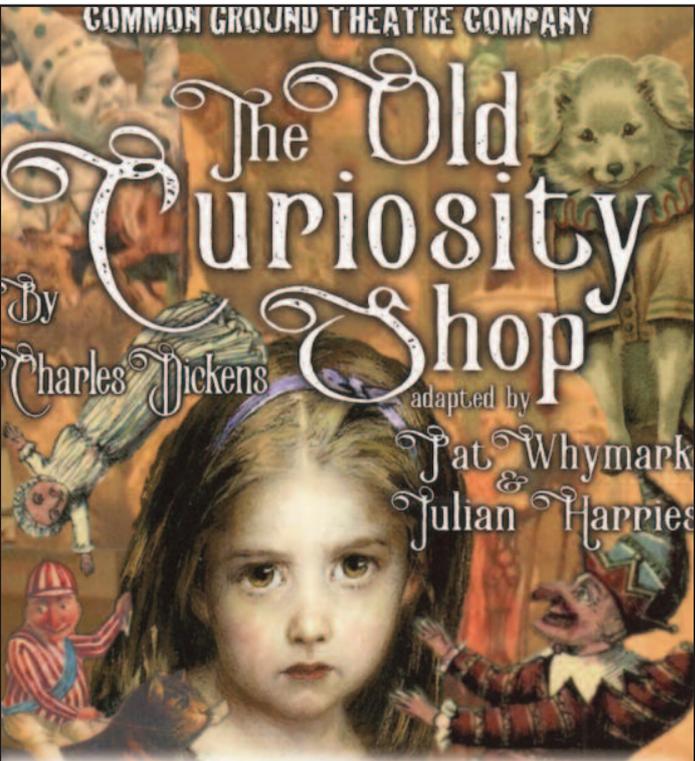
Fun for all the family: Father Christmas, musical entertainment by Nayland Primary School, traditional stalls, festive goodies, mulled wine, fabulous food, raffle, Tombola etc Great atmosphere. Free entry.

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COMMON GROUND THEATRE COMPANY

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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)

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Forthcoming Events Diary

October

28 Boxford Fireworks	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Plating Fields	6.30pm
30 Shoebox Appeal		Mary's House	2.00pm

November

4 Bonfire Night	Newton Village 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 Hall	7.30pm

December

2 Cheese and Wine	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
2 Cake Stall	Easily Learning Orphanage Entebbe	Mary's House, Boxford	9.00 am
8 Christmas Fayer	Boxford Village Hall		5-7pm
8/9/10 Christmas Tree Festival	St Mary's Church		
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
18 Carols around the Tree	Boxford Community Council	White Hart	8.00 pm

January 2018

3 Boxford WI	Hazel Bradshaw, Artist	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
17 Roger Green, If These Walls Could Talk	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

February

7 Boxford WI	Gems – Rowley Collier	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
14 Jenny Antill Between Heaven & Earth	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

March

7 Boxford WI	East Anglian Children's Hospice	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
14 Geoffrey Kay A tonic to the nation	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

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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KNOT: WHAT'S IN A NAME? by Emily Kench



Knot on The Wash, RSPB Snettisham. Photo by Andy Hay

The knot is a medium sized dumpy shorebird. On the face of it, it's nothing special, and its name appears just as plain.

But what's in a name? Well this name is thought to be steeped in history. King Canute, a strapping Viking, ruled the North Sea Empire: Denmark and Norway and eventually England in 1016. During his reign across this widespread kingdom, the successful monarch was worshipped among obsequious courtiers as if he were a God.

To prove a point, as the result of the incessant flattery, King Canute headed to the shores of the North Sea where he set his throne. The incoming tide approached the grandiose royal seat. Used to dishing out the commands, the King ordered the intruding waves to halt but even the King was unable to control the inevitable phenomena of the rise and fall of the waves.

The true motivations behind the actions of King Canute are a mystery. It is unknown whether he believed he had supernatural powers and was humiliated as a consequence, or as 12th-century English historian Henry of Huntingdon suggests, Canute was reprimanding his courtiers for holding him in such high esteem. In Huntingdon's account, as the tide powered on wetting Canute's feet, he spoke of secular power being incomparable to the supreme power of God: his humble protest simply an attempt to prove his earthly state.

So what does the tale of King Canute and the waves have to do with our unassuming knot?

Well, in Scandinavia, the King's name was pronounced 'Knud' or 'Knut', a close variation of 'knot'. These inconspicuous waders are thought to have inherited the name through their own inability to control the tides. Gathered in huge huddles on mudflats on The Wash in west Norfolk, it's easy to see why. Even in their masses they look wholly vulnerable in the face of the rolling tide.

Like Canute, knot 'leap' up on an encroaching tide in an attempt to keep their feet dry, creating spectacular clouds of weaving wings. Alone, the knot looks comical, but flying in the air with its own it oozes audaciousness, blending into a tangle of knot. Finally they relinquish, finding their feet again inland, above the tideline.

However, airborne is not how King Canute deemed them at their best. These stout knot have been termed 'really excellent eating' and many have claimed that they were a particular favourite of King Canute when fattened up and served with bread and milk, meaning they may have inherited their name from the King's fondness of this food. In more recent times they remained a choice among old wildfowlers, given that they could bring down large numbers in a single shot.

Now thankfully, knot are no longer a sought after cuisine. Instead, thousands of us flock to see the knot partake in the wader spectacle at RSPB Snettisham on the west Norfolk coast: a site that is internationally important for knot and another 15 species.

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

DEANERY NEWS

Deanery Synod Sudbury Deanery Synod will be meeting next on **Tuesday 21st November 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm** at St Gregory's Church, Sudbury.

There are still vacancies on the synod for representatives from all five of the Box River parishes. Being a member is not onerous: the synod meets three times a year on a mid-week evening at various locations around the deanery. The dates fixed for 2018 are Tuesday 13th March, Wednesday 13th June, and Thursday 8th November. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested in becoming a member of the synod, please speak to the Revd Judith, or to David Lamming, the lay chairman.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

Diocesan Synod The autumn meeting of the synod is on **Saturday 4th November 2017 at 9.00 am** at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich. Among the items on the agenda will be approval of the diocesan budget for 2018, a presentation by The Children's Society based on their Good Childhood Report 2017, and a motion to adopt Promoting a Safer Church, the Church of England's policy statement for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, which applies to all Church bodies and Church officers. Please ask David Lamming if you would like to know more about the work of the synod.

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.

Church of England's National Christmas Campaign

This year the Church is launching a campaign to engage as many people as possible with the essence of the Christmas Message. This is called #GodWithUs and is accompanied by the logo to the left.

The campaign will include

- Video adverts that tell the story of people's journeys to church at Christmas and what Christmas means to them, which will be released throughout December on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.
- A series of short reflections to be read throughout December and into early January 2018, introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby entitled Your Christmas Journey. The reflections have been written for people who are new to faith and to help us all grow in our love of God. You can receive the messages as texts by texting GodWithUs to 88802, or by emails, and on social media. This set of reflections are also available as a small booklet published by Church House Publishing costing £1.50.

You can find out more by going to this web site <https://churchofengland.org/media-centre/christmas-2017-godwithus.aspx>

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Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.

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It is with very great sadness that we all mourn the loss The Revd David Abel, who died suddenly, but peacefully, at home on Friday September 29th. A true gentleman, a man of great and steady Christian faith, a very dear and beloved colleague, member of our congregation and friend to so many across the benefice. Our hearts and loving thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Heather, children Helen, Julian and Marianne, and all David's family.



Remembrance Sunday Services in the benefice can be found in the **Box River News** and on our **Church Near You Website**

St. Mary's Boxford service is at **10.50 am Sunday 12th November.**

In our churches this month we will remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We will join with people across the nation to pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave service men

and women. We will observe the collective act of two minutes silence as we stand together and reflect on the price of freedom. That price is still being paid with more than 12,000 British servicemen and women who have been killed or injured on active service since 1945.



Our **Cafe Church Service** is on **Sunday 5th November 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.

"Remembering Our Loved Ones" Sunday 5th November at 4.00 pm.

This is a candlelit service of remembrance and thanksgiving in celebration of the lives of those who we have loved and have died.

The Service will consist of prayers and readings and there will be periods of silence for private and personal reflection.

There will also be an opportunity to light a candle as a symbol of our undying love for those dear departed who were special in our hearts.

Please contact Revd. Judith if you would like to talk about any particular matter in your life that this Service may touch upon, or if you simply wish to know more about the Service.

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



Please join us for Advent and Christmas Services
Dates and times to be announced. All Welcome



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.

What is Messy Church about?

- Well it isn't held on a Sunday!
- It is a way of being church for families involving lots of fun.
- It is found across the world.
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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



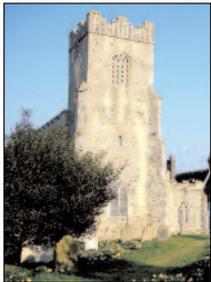
THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

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Rota for November

Sunday 19th at 9:30 am Morning Worship

Sidesman/Coffees	To be confirmed/Maureen Cooling
Flowers	To be confirmed
Cleaning	Emma Driscoll



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

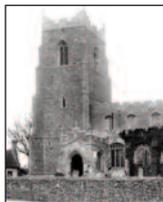
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PCC Meeting

The next meeting of the PCC is on **Thursday 16th November 2017 at 7.00 pm** at Mary's House. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 5th November



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas

	Sidesmen	Flowers
5th November	Mr. Bowden and Mrs. Ridgeon	Mrs. Squirrel
12th November	Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Nicholls	Mrs. Roser
19th November	No service	Mrs. Eddington
26th November	No service	Mrs. Duffy

9th and 10th September Our Flower Festival was a great success and brought us the grand total of £1,855.00. This was a wonderful result, and everyone involved is to be congratulated. We had tremendous support from the village and many friends across the benefice. We thank all those whose expertise made it possible: the flower arrangers, the cake makers, those who manned the stalls, stewarded, sold raffle tickets and served delicious teas. So many gave their time and their gifts so generously. This year we had an arts and crafts exhibition in the Parish Room, a new venture which aroused a lot of interest and was well supported. We look forward to our next festival in 2019.

1st October We held our Harvest Festival at 3pm. Reverend Judith took the service and received gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers, bread and wine at the altar. Afterwards, tea was served with the harvest loaf and homemade cakes.

Coffee Morning

28th October in the Parish Room.

Open Gardens 2018

Advance Notice. Our Open Gardens will be on **17th June 2018**.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

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

24th September Our Annual Harvest Festival was celebrated with lovely sunshine and the sound of bells ringing to welcome us to church. Revd. Judith conducted the service and praised the wonderful display of flowers, fruit, vegetables and the wheat and corn. As members of the congregation took items of produce up to the Altar to be blessed, the service provided us with a moment to reflect on the contrast of our plentiful food and the dreadful plight of so many people in the world without the most basic food. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing our harvest hymns. Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church. Following the service there was a Ploughman's Lunch for villagers to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways to prepare the hall, the food and the raffle and the clearing up which showed a great team spirit. A big thank you to all who bought tickets and attended the lunch and for others who kindly bought tickets but could not partake. Thank you, also, to Revd. Judith for joining us before rushing off to conduct two more services.

26th November at 11:00 am Holy Communion

BENEFICE NEWS

Ministry Team

The next meeting of the ministry team is at **2.30 pm on Monday 6th November 2017** at Margaret Lowe's home - 'Lowes', Church Road, Newton CO10 0QP.

Mary's House



Visitors to Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford (which is owned and managed by Groton PCC) will have noticed that much-needed repairs and redecoration have recently been carried out to the rear of the property. It is planned, too, to renew the carpets in the two ground floor rooms and on the staircase and landing. The PCC are grateful to all those who look after this community asset, including Fran Gregor-Smith from Little Waldingfield who maintains the garden (see photo). We are grateful, too, to all the volunteers who 'man' the house on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, when the house is open in the mornings for people just to 'drop in' for coffee or tea. Please contact Pauline Lamming (Tel. 210360) if you would like to help.

There is now a new **2018 diary** in Mary's House for making bookings. **When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of EVERY booking (including regular church and PCC bookings), as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.**

Please note that the suggested donation is £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings.

For inquiries about new bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 01787 210360. Please contact one of them before making any booking.

November 2017

Church Services in the Box River Benefice

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. *Tuesday* 9.00 Edwardstone, *Wednesday* 9.00 Groton; 17.00 Little Waldingfield; *Thursday* 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford. **** If you don't usually attend please phone to check first as we are sometimes unable to meet****

***** Special Services *****

Cafe Church and Remembering our Loved Ones, 5th, Remembrance Services 11th/ 12th

Wednesday 1st
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith
Thursday 2nd
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Holy Communion* - Newmans Hall Lay Team
(* Reserved Sacrament)

Sunday 5th	All Saints Sunday (4th Sunday before Advent)	(R)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt. Waldingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Cafe Church (<i>Informal worship</i>)	Revd Judith
Boxford	16.00 <i>Remembering our Loved Ones</i>	Revd Judith

Wednesday 8th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Saturday 11th
Edwardstone 10.50 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial Revd Judith

Sunday 12th	Remembrance Sunday (3rd before Advent)	(R)
Boxford	10.50 Remembrance Service	Revd Judith and Christopher Kingsbury
Groton	10.50 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial	David Lamming
Lt Waldingfield	10.45 Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord
Newton	09.30 Remembrance Service with Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew
	11.00 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial	Revd Gerald Drew

Wednesday 15th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 16th
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Compline - Newmans Hall Lay Team

Sunday 19th	2nd Sunday before Advent	(R)
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

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

Sunday 26th	Christ the King (Sunday before Advent)	(W)
Boxford	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 29th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Soap Box

Sometimes I find it difficult to know quite what to write about in these monthly perambulations around a variety of topics. On others the subject matter leaps out and demands to be tackled. I've been known to fire up my computer screen and start writing without a clue as to what might finally emerge. This piece wasn't like that, though. But it was fairly instantaneous, so far as the topic is concerned. It all started with a call from Radio Suffolk.

Thirty years ago to the day – actually the day was 13th October 2017 – a great storm wreaked devastation throughout south east England, with the so-called hurricane exiting mainland England from the Suffolk coast. The picky amongst you might recall that it was actually 16th October 1987 when this cataclysm was visited upon us, but it was a Friday and the consequences were considerable.

For a start, weather man Michael Fish famously proclaimed that these strong winds forecasted had been much exaggerated, giving him a place in meteorological history. More important, the country – at least, that part of it we fondly refer to as the Home Counties – ground to a halt. Electricity was cut off to millions of homes, trains ceased to run, roads were all but impassable, with literally hundreds of vehicles stranded on highways blocked by fallen trees, of which there was a positive magnitude.

For me, I slept through the height of the storm, fortified, no doubt, by a bottle or two of claret. I had stayed with a friend in London the night before in order to attend an early breakfast meeting with some Marks & Spencer executives. Naturally, my friend and I dined out and the first indication I had that anything was amiss was waking up in the dark. There was no electricity in that part of central London that morning, so my alarm had failed to arouse me and I was late.

Rushing out to make my appointment, I was greeted with what appeared to be a war scene. Shop fronts were shattered, broken trees covered the roads, fences were blown over and waste bins – and their contents – littered every street. No buses were running so I set out on a brisk walk to my office, fortunately not too far distant. I needn't have hurried. My M&S invitees had telephoned to say they were more concerned with rescuing dozens of refrigerated lorries than learning more about capital markets.

The storm had a calamitous side effect. The London Stock Exchange failed to open that day as insufficient people made it into work to allow a proper market to operate. I can attest to that. Our dealing floor, with several hundred

desks and a myriad of computer screens, was all but deserted. Our morning meeting, broadcast over the office tannoy, failed to take place, though one wag grabbed the microphone and quoted from the St Crispin's speech in William Shakespeare's Henry V – "We happy few, we band of brothers".

A lost day in London may not have had such a consequence, were it not for the fact that Wall Street had suffered a major fall the previous evening. Far Eastern markets followed the US down in overnight trading, but the UK was unable to react. When the fall continued into Friday on the Street and Asian markets opened on Monday in disarray, the scene was set for a setback of mammoth proportions once London commenced trading.

Monday morning saw me in Little Waldingfield, armed with a chainsaw, trying to clear the considerable debris the storm had created in our garden. I had managed to return home on Friday morning, though not without several complications. For a start, there were no trains running out of Liverpool Street to our neck of the woods and, while I was fortunate in being able to borrow a car from our pool in the office, the journey home involved many diversions as I navigated my way around roads blocked with trees felled by the winds.

The electricity supply to our village was not restored for the best part of a week. Actually, many of us were sad when we finally got it back. The spirit of self help that developed as we coped with our predicament brought us all much closer together. Aside from utilising long since abandoned oil lamps and camping gas stoves – not to mention rejuvenating the candle industry – gathering around Clive and Joan Madgwick's oil fired Aga as we and several other households cooked our evening meals created a sense of camaraderie that we regretted losing.

Why did Radio Suffolk make me think of this? They wanted me to contribute to a programme looking back on how the fierce storm had affected Suffolk residents. My abiding memory was of the extensive co-operation that took place within our village. For us it became a fun time. Indeed, we were all sitting around Clive and Joan's Aga when the lights were eventually restored and a collective groan went up. We were about to lose the special circumstances that had drawn us all together. I hope future generations will act as unselfishly as our fellow villagers did back then.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.



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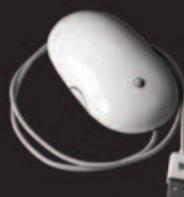
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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER INSPIRED BY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

November is the best month to plant roses, deciduous trees and shrubs. The soil is still dry enough to work on and is still warm enough for the roots to become established before the winter. However they can be planted at any time between leaf fall and bud burst in spring provided the soil is workable and not frost hard. If it is not possible to plant immediately the trees can be stored in a frost free shed after covering the roots with moist sacks to stop them drying out or becoming frozen. If the roots are dry at planting time, soak them for a few hours in a tub of water and cut off any damaged roots with secateurs. Make sure there is some fine soil packed around the roots when planting to encourage the formation of a fibrous root system. The large roots are the anchor roots, it is the fine fibrous roots that the tree depends on to take up food and water. When planting trees that are grafted on to root stocks, make sure you do not plant the point of union with the plant stock below soil level so that the scion makes its own roots to spoil the effect of the root stock. As a general rule all trees should be planted at the same depth as they were in the nursery. Where a tree is a bit lopsided, the best side should be planted towards prevailing wind. This will assist in the formation of a better shaped tree. At the end of the month collect fallen leaves which are laying on plants and lawns. Use them for rotting down into leaf mould or compost, if they are of the tougher kind such as oak or beech they can be used to cover the roots of plants which require protection in severe weather, it may be necessary to place a few sticks over them to prevent them being blown away. Fuchsias in pots outside should be brought under cover without delay. Cut them back to about eight inches and remove all leaves, pack them under the greenhouse staging and if you have no heat, wrap them in plenty of newspaper round them. This should keep them frost free especially if your greenhouse is insulated with bubble wrap polythene.

Lift chrysanthemum stocks and store them in boxes of peat in a cold frame. Give plenty of ventilation except in wet and frosty weather.

For an early crop of Broad Beans in may - June next year make a sowing of Aquaduloe or the dwarf variety 'The Sutton'.

Winter is on its way

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is

worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

Lawns

Rake fallen leaves off lawns before they block out light and moisture from the grass.

Grass will continue to grow in temperatures above 5°C (41°F), so if the weather remains mild it may be necessary to trim the lawn with a mower. Ensure the cut is 3-5mm higher than in summer to prevent turf stress. On average, this means a cutting height of around 4cm (1.5in).

Mowing will help to deal with any annual weeds that have sprung up in new lawns sown earlier in the autumn.

You can still carry out autumn lawn care i.e. scarification, aeration and top dressing as long as the soil isn't waterlogged. This will improve the lawn's performance next year. Don't do this in frosty weather, very wet weather or snow.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4 Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5 Plant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
- 8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- 9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

In the greenhouse

Cyclamen hederifolium Cyclamen can be sown now, with a bottom heat of 12-15°C (54-60°F). They will need about 14 months to produce flowers.

Heat and/or insulation will be needed to keep the greenhouse frost free. A fan or paraffin heater should do the trick in small glasshouses. Maintaining higher temperatures will need more careful planning, and a better greenhouse heating system. Greenhouse insulation can help keep out the frost from the whole, or from a section, of the greenhouse.

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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS -NOVEMBER 2017



The official statistics of the War, formally published in the early 1920's by the War Office as Statistics of the Military Effort of the British Empire during the Great War 1914-1920, shows that over 26,000 officers and men lost their lives on the Western Front in October 1917. The same source tells us that figure

for November was just short of 14,000. Given that three of our villagers died on the Front in October, it would not be unreasonable to expect another one or two casualties to occur in November. Yet, mercifully, this was not the case. Last month we noted Henry Plampin died on the 30th of October, but it was not until January 1918 that a family in Boxford was to receive news of the loss of a son and that the slow, incremental count of wasted lives began ticking again in this corner of Suffolk. Thus, we have no brief biographies of men who died 100 years ago to recount. However, we do need to recall the life of a soldier from Newton who died 102 years ago in 1915, and we will come to his story shortly.

The absence of local casualties does not imply an absence of action in the various theatres of the War. It continued on the Western Front with the Battle of Cambrai, and on the Eastern Front in Russia, Romania and Siberia, as well as in Italy, the Balkans, the Caucasus, Egypt, Palestine, and other Middle Eastern countries then known as Arabia, Mesopotamia and Persia, and in East Africa. World War is no misnomer nor exaggeration.

However, it is the Western Front of France and Flanders that concerns us most, because it was on those battlefields that something approaching 75% of our villagers who died in the War lost their lives. Therefore, the Battle of Cambrai warrants some mention in our journey from 1914 to 1920.

Cambrai was then a medium sized town lying some 10 to 15 miles south-east of Arras and about 5 miles behind the German Lines. It was significant as a junction of several busy railway lines and was also served by a canal which supported considerable traffic. It functioned as a marshalling point for supplies for the Hindenburg Line coming from within Germany to the east and from the industrial centres of occupied France and Belgium to the north. Strategically, its capture would have been a major blow to the Central Powers. It was also in the sector of the Front in which were grouped the Divisions, to which the majority of British tanks were deployed. Even whilst the dreadful events of Passchendaele were playing out near Ypres, the British Generals were developing plans for a new type of attack that it was hoped would prevent further stalemated offensives such as the Somme, Arras and Ypres.

The third Ypres Offensive was formally ended on the 10th of November. But as that Battle was still being fought, and in the days immediately afterwards, around 1000 Howitzers and other heavy artillery were assembled on the Front Line opposite Cambrai, along with over 450 of the newest tanks. That this was achieved without alerting the German forces to the scale of the operation was remarkable. It was partly due to the failure of German intelligence, but also to the clever deployment of aircraft flying up and down the line on apparent reconnaissance missions to mask the noise of the tank engines.

The attack brought together, not just the new weaponry of the tank, but also a new way of using the artillery. Previously the ranging of the guns was achieved by firing single shells and observing the impact and then adjusting the setting of the guns and the shell fuses incrementally until the impacts were observed in the target areas. This process was called registering and it inevitably alerted the opposing armies to the likelihood of an imminent attack. However, much had been learned about the trajectory of shells over the years of the War and it had become possible to use complex algorithms, which took into account such things as the wear of the gun barrels, local meteorological conditions, and the more precise positioning of targets by way of aerial reconnaissance, such as to be able to fire unregistered guns with considerable precision. Couple these two developments to the tactical use of aircraft in offensive bombing and strafing sorties, and the stage was set for an advance that was calculated to be sudden, fast moving and capable of punching through the German defences.

So, before first light on the 20th of November the Battle of Cambrai began with a massive artillery bombardment and the forward movement of tanks in the lee of which followed the infantry. As day broke the aircraft went into action and the first co-ordinated "all arms" battle of the War was well underway. (The "all arms" strategy was to be a key component in the battles that finally broke through the German lines in mid 1918 and ultimately led to the Allied victory). The plan was to breach the lines in two places and allow the cavalry divisions to push rapidly through and encircle the town as the infantry advanced forward. Initially, it was a great success and the tanks sliced through the barbed wire and across trenches with ease. By the 23rd of November the newspapers were bearing headlines that read "Haig through the Hindenburg Line" and church bells were rung. But, in fact, it had begun to go wrong before the first day was out.

The speed of the advance was unparalleled and by the 23rd a bulge, or salient, about five miles deep had been forced into the German lines. But this left the sides of that salient dangerously exposed to counter attack. But even before that, some key positions had not been taken on the first day and although the battle was pushed on, the coordination began to fragment. The delay, or in some cases complete failure, to secure objectives added to the exposure and a stand was reached at the end of the 23rd.

The advance had been least successful to the north around the village of Bourdon and it was here that a further five days were spent capturing Bourdon Wood. The Allied forces now had to regroup and hold the positions ready for the next step to encircle the town. But the delays had allowed the German command to muster a massive force in preparation for a counter attack. That attack came on the 30th of November and it was swift, powerful and effective. Its aim was to advance low down on both sides of the new salient occupied by the Allied Forces and encircle them in a pincer movement. The strongest effort was made to the south and within the first ninety minutes the German forces had penetrated three miles around the rear of the Allies. There then followed the familiar pattern of repulse, attack, repulse and so-on on both sides, until by the 5th of December, a new stasis on the front was reached, with the Allies still holding onto former German defensive positions in the north, but with the German armies now in command of ground that before the 20th of November was in Allied hands. The result was an S shaped front line, with an Allied salient bulging into German occupied territory north west of Cambrai, and a German salient bulging into Allied territory to the south west of the town. This was a dangerous weakness in the Front Line and was to be exploited in the spring of 1918 by the Central Powers to devastating effect, and initially threatened to end the War in France with a German victory. But that is the future and for now we must return to 1915 and the Gallipoli campaign, which I recounted in my article in the June 2016 issue of the Box River News.

We do this so that we can restore to memory the short life of **Gunner Henry John Fuller**, 97957, 58th Brigade (Howitzer), Royal Field Artillery, who left Newton for the War sometime in either late 1914 or early 1915. As I related in my article last month, Henry was one of the names on our War Memorials, who I could not identify and thus he remained just a name. We can now place him with his family and know how he served his country, how he died doing so and where he is buried.

Henry was born in Wickhambrook, a village that lies deep in the Suffolk countryside south west of Bury St Edmunds, not far from where the high boulder clay land begins its gentle dip westward towards Cambridgeshire and the Fens. Henry's parents were John Richardson Fuller and Caroline Fuller, nee Scott. In fact, Henry was one of only three of John and Caroline's eleven children who were not born in Burwell in Cambridgeshire, a village a couple of miles north east of Newmarket on the edge of the Fens. It is that village in which both the Fullers and the Scotts are rooted.

At the time of his marriage to Caroline in 1877, John was a farmer with 18 acres and also ran a business as a carrier. John himself was born into a family farming 15 acres and employing 6 men. Caroline was the daughter of a carpenter. John continued to farm in Burwell, with an address in North Street, until around 1886 when he began farming in Wickhambrook. I do not know where the family lived in Wickhambrook, because by the time of the 1891 Census, which was held on the night of the 5th April, the family were back in Burwell at an address in Fordham Road with the infant Henry just a couple of years old.

By 1897 John had moved his family closer to our own part of Suffolk. The 1901 Census finds him farming Morris Farm, Great Waldingfield located on the minor road leading to Priory Green and which is now occupied in part by Moreves Barn Wedding Venue. With Henry were two of his elder brothers, and one elder and three younger sisters. Finally, in 1911, the family appear in the Census at what is now Rogers Farm, Newton, but was recorded then by John on the Census return simply as The Rogers. However, Henry is not with his family. He is to be found a few miles away working on his elder brother Walter's farm in Lower Layham. This was Valley Farm, which can still be found just past the substantial gravel workings operated by Bretts Aggregates on Rands Road west of the village.

We know Henry enlisted in Bury St Edmunds, and it is likely that this was in the winter of 1914/1915. Whether he made the choice to join the Artillery brigades, or whether it was simply where men were needed is not known, but he would have been experienced in handling the teams of heavy horse, which, until towards the end of the War, were the principal means of transporting the substantial guns. Not long after the completion of training in this country, the 58th Brigade sailed for Gallipoli from Liverpool arriving on the 9th of August 1915. Shortly afterwards they moved to the Sulva Bay area on the north western tip of the peninsula, where they came under the command of the 10th Irish Division. This Division left Gallipoli in late September to fight in Salonika (modern day Greece), but the 58th Brigade stayed on as the conditions on the peninsula worsened through the effects of disease and having to endure a dreadful fly ridden summer that quickly became a bitterly cold winter. As part of the general evacuation of the Gallipoli forces, the Brigade embarked for England on the 18th of December, but Henry was not with his comrades in arms. Sometime in those few short months Henry was seriously wounded and evacuated to Malta, which supported several hospitals taking casualties from the various campaigns in southern Europe, as well as acting as a staging post for the movement of ships, troops and arms in and out of the

Mediterranean. Henry died on the island on the 13th December 1915 and is buried in the Pieta Military Cemetery, which is close to the north east coast. He was 26 years old.

The War Grave Cemeteries on Malta, of which there are four, are very different from those encountered in France and Belgium. The soil on Malta is mostly very thin and sits on top of a hard crystalline limestone. Virtually all graves have to be hewn out of this rock and because of the arduous nature of this work, the majority of graves hold the remains of three individuals. Each is capped with a horizontal flat slab bearing the details of those interred. Henry lies in the company of Trooper Arthur Blain of the Australian Light Horse, and Lance Corporal Thomas Edward Coles of the Gloucestershire Regiment. They died a day or two either side of Henry and like Henry were injured fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula. The reach of this War was truly worldwide.

Although Henry died in December, we have to remember him in our prayers in All Saints Church, Newton at the 11:00 service of Holy communion on November 26th. This is because the only services in the Church in December are the Carol Service and the Crib Service, neither of which offer an appropriate context for such solemn remembrance. At the same service we will also remember Driver William Lingley, whose story we told last month and who should have figured in the service on September 24th, but was unfortunately omitted from the prayers.

Rufus Sweetman
The Rectory

Readers Letters

Sir

Thank you so much all who made cakes and pastries and gave items for sale at Mary's House on Saturday 23rd September. £162 was raised to directly help abandoned children with food and medical help in a small village in western Kenya. God bless you all for your support, generosity and compassion.

Gladys

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Parish Council Matters

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: M Childs (Chair), P Baker, C Britcher, S Flack, P Clarke
In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk), B Hurren (BDC) and 3 members of the public

Apologies for absence were received from S Norman (holiday – approved) and J Finch

Reports: B Hurren (BDC) confirmed that the move to Endeavour House had been postponed to October. The Boundary Review which is under way proposed splitting Boxford from Groton and Edwardstone. Alternative proposals have been put forward to keep them together. The second phase of the Goodlands development in Boxford is still causing controversy because of the inevitable negative impact on Swan Street. The mobile phone mast on the A1071 is now working well. Konings, who have taken over Copella, have a planning application in. There are objections due to the additional traffic movements, but the proposals will provide additional employment.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 17 July 2017 were approved and signed. Councillor vacancy – No applications had been received since the last meeting. The vacancy will continue to be advertised with a notice to be inserted in the BRN, making it clear that this vacancy has been outstanding since 2015.

Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public - Mr and Mrs Milsom of Well House, Round Maple gave a brief presentation on their proposal to build 2 small cottages next to their existing house. Once they have made their planning application, Councillors will consider the filed plans and comment accordingly. Daphne Clark reported that the disabled toilet in the Parish Hall had now been repaired with grant funding from BDC and she thanked B Hurren for his assistance. The Parish Hall has a new treasurer. P Baker referred to the Better Broadland newsletter and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact SCC to ask whether the outlying parts of Edwardstone fall within the 98% of properties to be reached by 2020, or the remaining 2%.

Planning Matters - Planning decisions received – Fletchwood, Sherbourne Street – approved; 1A Mill Green – approved.

Financial Matters

The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments was approved and the cheques were signed. The accounts to date were checked and approved.

Business Savings Account as at 31 August 2017	£2517.76
Business Current Account as at 31 August 2017	£4741.38
Total	£7259.14

The adequacy of the budget for 2017-18 was considered and approved, and the external auditor's report on the Annual Return was approved.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence – Councillors considered the information received from Anglian Water regarding the water main renewal from Mill Green via Round Maple towards Lindsey, due to start at the end of October 2017. This will cause road closures but has to be carried out. Future Agenda items – broadband. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 20 November 2017. A full copy of the Minutes can be found on the Parish Council website edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th November.

Report of the Meeting held Monday 2nd October

Public Forum Blocked drains near 37-39 Swan Street was raised and implications in relation to the Goodlands development and new proposal were discussed. Further objections to the Konings application were heard and a letter from a resident was read. Safety concerns were expressed again in relation to the Stone Street/A1071 junction. Neighbours to the Old School House application were hopeful of their issues being resolved directly with the owner.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend due to ill health.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the move to Ipswich was in progress. He reminded members the Joint Local Plan was out for consultation. Various options were being considered in respect of the Boundary Commission Review. It was hoped that the traditional links be maintained with respect to Boxford. He confirmed the Planning Committee Meeting at Konings went ahead and was well attended and conducted. Brochures from the Quay Theatre were circulated. Cllr Sargeant reminded Cllr Hurren on the concerns about post 16 transport to education and the apparent loss of subsidy. Beeston's were no longer accepting discount cards.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, a £1500 Maintenance Grant was agreed to the Village Hall. The External Audit Report was shared with members and no matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements had not been met. However, they drew attention to the requirement to implement the Internal Audit recommendations. The half year budget review was discussed showing expenditure at 50% of budget at this half year point.

Reports: The Christmas tree for the Churchyard was being ordered. Cllr Balls agreed to make contact with Anglian Water to ascertain the procedure for checking the integrity of drains at Swan Street. Reference will be made to the original Goodlands application details.

Planning: The Parish Council had No Objections to the following applications:-

- 1) For a new dwelling and garage at Old School House, School Hill
- 2) To fell ash tree at Rose Cottage, 42 Swan Street
- 3) Two storey side extension at 32 Swan Street

The Re-consultation of the Konings application at Hill Farm, Brick Kiln Hill, Polstead was considered. Members agreed nothing in this re-consultation changed their views, so they still Object. Further, they reinforced the disruption caused by HGV's attempting to travel to the Konings premises along Stone Street. This causes huge delays and upset to other road users and assistance is needed to help the driver reverse. This is a safety issue for all concerned. Therefore, it was agreed to state that if the Planning Authority is minded to approve this application, it is essential that stipulations are made to prevent these vehicles entering Stone Street in the first place. Further expansion would obviously increase the risks involved.

Members continue to review the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council.



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KONINGS EXPANSION -

DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS EXTENDED

As readers will be aware, a planning application has been submitted to Babergh District Council for a major expansion of the original Copella site by Konings, a Belgian drinks manufacturer. Konings purchased the manufacturing assets from PepsiCo in September 2016 to establish a UK base and agreed a long term deal to continue production of the Copella fruit juice drink from the site. The brand of Copella is still owned by PepsiCo and was not part of the deal.

The site location is wholly within the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which is protected by a range of national and local planning policies intended to conserve and enhance its natural beauty from the negative impact of inappropriate major development.

Copella started as a small family run business from this site but over time a number of incremental planning applications means that it has now grown to become a large industrial operation within the heart of our rural community. Konings now intend to further expand the site to approximately 19 acres which will include a new canning line and associated buildings in place of existing apple orchards. Konings are claiming that the expansion of the site and the introduction of new products, initially cider, are essential for the site to remain profitable.

There is no reason that the expansion required could not be located on a new and more suitable site closer to the main transport links of the A12/A14 trunk roads which would mean that the Copella operation could continue to exist in its current location.

The concentrated cider will be transported in from outside the region, to be diluted and then canned or bottled before being shipped out for distribution to retailers across the country. They intend to produce 203 million cans of cider and 25 million PET bottles a year. This is a major change from the current Copella business where apples are pressed and bottled on site.

The site will operate 24 hours a day, 6 days a week and will generate additional and intrusive light, noise and pollution. As well as causing irreparable damage to the tranquillity of the countryside, this expansion will generate huge traffic volumes on our local roads - in particular the unsuitable B1068 and Stone Street - with an estimated 628 HGV journeys a week as well as an increase in vehicles for any additional employees. It

is important to note that this figure is not capped and could increase further. This is in addition to the traffic which currently services Boxford Fruit Farm and the Stoke-By-Nayland golf club which will only increase if their current planning application for a new golf course is approved.

The HGV numbers are the same as those approved as part of the expansion which PepsiCo proposed in 2007 which was for a smaller expansion of the Copella operation and did not look to introduce any other product types. PepsiCo did not fully implement the approved expansion - which was justified on the grounds of increased employment of an additional 75 staff - and in fact announced 40 redundancies several months after obtaining the planning approval.

The main justification for this expansion is again the claim that it will produce additional jobs, although as the previous application proves, these cannot be guaranteed and are subject to market forces.

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If we do not come together and make our feelings known to those who will be making this decision we risk setting a dangerous precedent for this kind of inappropriate development within our AONB.

A further extension to the consultation period was recently announced so we would urge anyone who feels that they would like to object to this application to make their views known by either:

a) Send an email to planninggreen@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk quoting application reference DC/17/03117

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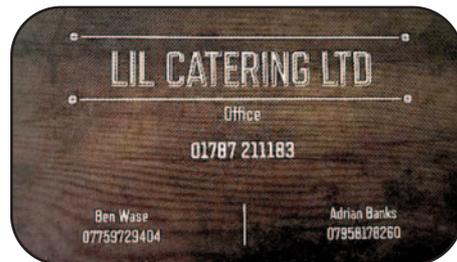
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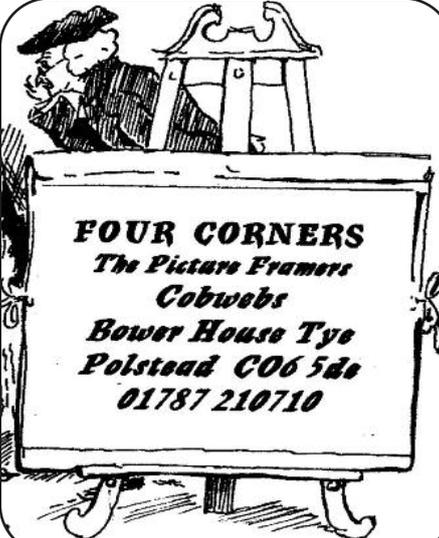
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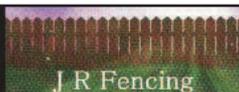
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The outdoor season has now finished.

The Bowls England team finished third in their League. The Federation 'A' Team finished top of their league for the second year running and also won the Durham Trophy for the second year in succession. The team will go through to the Durham Trophy National knockouts next season. The Federation 'B' Team is continuing to improve with new members included in the team.



Above: *Durham Trophy Winners From L -- R Malcolm Jones, Gillian Barnes, Alan Barnes, Steve Marszal, Marion Hibben, Les Clark, Reg Alderton. Lea Blackham, Malcolm Grimwood, Gary Whiteman, George Bullett, Andy Barnes (Captain), David Ingleby, Roy Oatham (County President).*

We have two teams in the Sudbury Mixed Triples League, where a number of newcomers to bowls took part. We also have a team who play Friendlies.

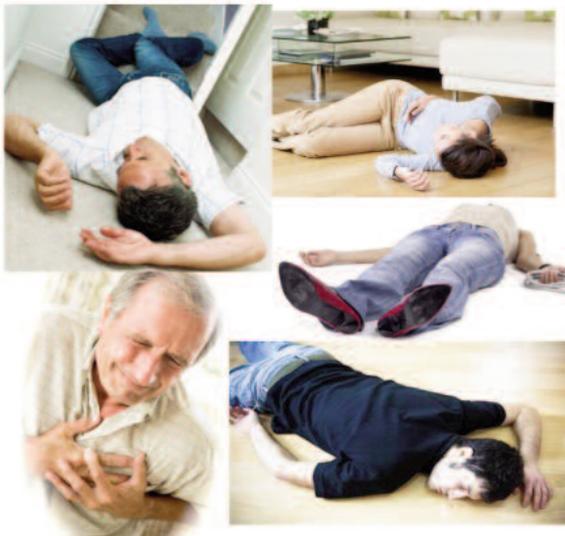
Boxford A team in the SMTL were the losing finalists in the Millennium Cup, which was played at Arclight on 9 September.

The season ended with a BBQ on the Finals and Prizegiving Day which was attended by 60 people.

I have received news that one of our members, our Chairman Lea Blackham, (who plays Indoor for Ipswich Bowls Club) has qualified for the World Indoor Bowls Championships which will be held at Potters in January 2018.

Les Clark, President, Boxford Bowls Club

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Lydia Hall completed a wire to wire victory in the WPGA International Challenge at Stoke by Nayland but there were a few unplanned diversions en route. Not least the sudden-death play-off with France's Ines Escudier following a two shot swing on the par three final hole on the Gainsborough course at the Suffolk resort.



Lydia Hall, winner of the Stoke by Nayland WPGA and LETAS championship

Escudier, who began the day four shots behind Hall, birdied it for a six-under par round of 66 and complete the tournament's 54-holes in nine-under. Hall, by contrast, bogeyed it. Back up the 18th tee the pair went but it was the 29-year-old PGA Assistant from Wales who appeared least fazed by the drama and ended up winning the 5,000 euro first prize.

"The win was down to my putting again," said Hall, who recently spent time in Abu Dhabi concentrating on honing that side of her game and making a couple of changes. "I'm playing a lot better now that I've sorted it out. I must say, though, the tense finish wasn't in my plans. Ines made me work hard for my win – so did the three girls immediately behind us." That trio comprising Scotland's Michele Thomson, Emma Nilsson of Sweden, and Spain's Luna Sobron finished two shots behind Hall and Escudier on seven-under to win €1650 apiece.

As in previous years, a popular Pro Am preceded the 3 day championship and finished with a gala dinner and prize giving. The event this year was won by the celebrity "Media team" with a score of 85. The team included BBC TV Look East presenters, Stewart White and Tom Williams, Tamara Unwin, one of the family owners at Stoke by Nayland, and their professional, Meghan MacLaren who is leading the LETAS rankings and is assured a place in the main tour next season.

Anyone wishing to play in the Pro Am next year may like to put a "save the date" note in their diaries for Wednesday 12th September 2018!



Winning Pro Am Team: 1 to r Stewart White, Tamara Unwin, Meghan MacLaren and Tom Williams.