

Box River News

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A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all



This tree at the Boxford St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival was designed by Jackie Illiffe and dedicated to the memory of Anne Holdgate who tragically and prematurely died in 2017. Anne had spent much of her life working for others in the village.

3PR AWARDS 2017



Photo David Lamming

Above: Trudi Wild receives her award for serving 1240 hours on duty for the Three Parishes response team

Others who also receive awards were:

Vince Stafford for 3,255 hours on duty

Jasmine Lait for 1005 hours on duty

and Elaine Carpenter for 510 hours on duty

Other members of the team also contributed long hours providing essential coverage for the three villages. In one month alone in the summer they attended over 30 call outs,

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February Issue is:

January 15th at noon

OVER £600 RAISED AT WHITE HORSE EVENT



The Pumpkin Competition and Firework display at the Edwardstone White Horse raised over £600 for the St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich in memory of Richard Morris. Thanks to Mick the landlord



Friday 19 January 8.00 £16

Georgina Jackson

Beautiful tone and phrasing, very special, the real thing - Seal
Georgina Jackson vocals/trumpet, with Robin Aspland piano, Paul Morgan bass and Ed Richardson drums
Georgina Jackson began her musical career working as a professional trumpet player almost everywhere up, down, left and right of the country. She has worked with many famous faces, such as Frank Sinatra Junior, Nancy Sinatra and Seal, and eventually as resident singer with the Ronnie Scotts Jazz Orchestra.
"The multi-talented Jackson has a vocal presence that is satin, tonally splendid and finger beckoningly seductive....she instinctively demos how to rhythmically milk the best and most meaningful out of both lyric and melody" Jazz Times

Friday 26 January 8.00 £16

Bryan Corbett

Bryan is not only a great performer of the jazz standards repertoire but an artist who pushes the boundaries writing and performing.
Bryan Corbett trumpet/flugel, Al Gurr keys, Ben Markland bass, Neil Bullock drums.

Friday 2 February 8.00 £18

Charlie Wood Band

"*the growl and moan of Eric Burdon, the otherworldly lilt of Donald Fagen, and the scorched majesty of Kurt Elling." - Jazz Times
Charlie Wood piano/vocals, Chris Allard guitar, Dudley Phillips bass, Nic France drums

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

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 5 January 8.00 £20

Derek Nash/Rod Pooley Drawtones

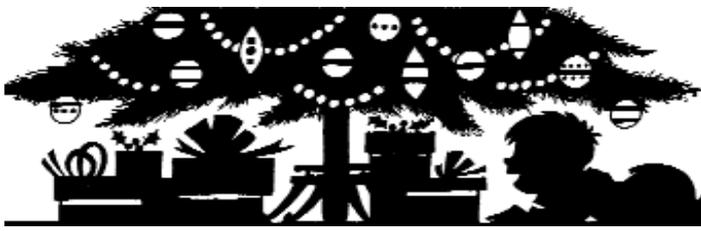
This Jazz/Funk/Soul organ band with the stunning Derek Nash will be a cracker. Derek Nash saxes, Rod Pooley organ, Jessica Dann drums, Andy Williams guitar, Simon Brewin bass

Derek Nash is a leading UK saxophonist, leader of the award-winning Sax Appeal, co-leader of funk/groove band Protect the Beat, featured member of the Jools Holland Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, producer and engineer at Clowns Pocket Recording Studio. His frequent appearances at the club are loved by our audiences. With over 4 decades of professional performing experience Rod Pooley has become one of the UK's top organists. He has been a demonstrator for many leading keyboard manufacturers including Hammond, Roland, Korg and currently demonstrates and writes software for Yamaha. The Drawtones is one of his most satisfying projects to date.

Friday 12 January 8.00 £15

Michael Spearman Trio

Michael has received commissions from Arts Council England and the Britten Sinfonia to write and perform new jazz and classical chamber music. Michael Spearman guitar, Rob Palmer electric/acoustic bass, Tom Jiggins drums/percussion
Michael Spearman has been a professional musician for most of his life, playing as a freelance guitarist, and working in all sorts of bands and groups. He holds the post of 'Associate Artist at Colchester Arts Centre', sponsored by the Arts Council East, Colchester Borough Council, and Signals Media Arts. He is a jazz tutor at Colchester institute.



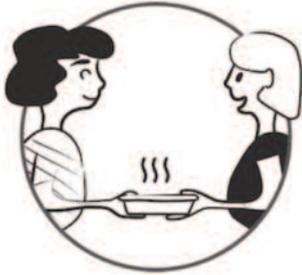
THIS MONTHS LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

Humbled by a hospital stay!

My usual visits to hospitals in the area – whether Ipswich, West Suffolk or Colchester - are to visit parishioners from the five villages who happen to have the misfortune of needing treatment there. I say misfortune, but of course for some, the hospital treatment has been long awaited and desired, and will make life hugely better for the recipient. I am thinking especially of hip operations, but of course there are so many other procedures too. Then there are the happy hospital occasions, like the safe arrival of a new-born.

It was strange, therefore, recently, to find myself visiting, not a patient, but my own husband, unexpectedly admitted to Ipswich Hospital. Severe dehydration after an appalling bout of flu, resulting in dangerously low sodium levels, ended with a midnight call from an on-call doctor. He phoned to tell us that Rufus's afternoon's blood tests (heartfelt thanks to Dr Cope) meant that he must be taken to A&E straight away. At 3am, two wonderful paramedics, Rosie and Paul, nearing the end of their night shift, arrived all the way from



Thetford and patiently ran a series of tests before taking him in by ambulance. (Blessed too be the very good friend – she knows who she is – who came with me - roused from deep sleep - so that I didn't have to travel through Ipswich alone in the early hours.) A scary episode indeed, but gladly now over and Rufus safely home after a weekend in Ipswich Hospital and recovering well.

The whole experience was an eye opener, seeing things this time rather more from the inside world of the hospital, rather than the outside, as I tend to on my short pastoral visits. What struck me most, as well as the sheer skill and hard work of the doctors, nurses and consultants and other medical staff, was the common thread of kindness, care and consideration which characterised every encounter we had. It didn't matter whether it was the hospital porter, the man quietly cleaning the floors (negotiating without complaint beds, trolleys and visitors), the catering staff or the nurses on duty – all had time, or rather made time, to listen to our needs and concerns, answer our questions or point us in the right direction. We were never made to feel a nuisance, never made to feel foolish by not knowing something. Everyone seemed to be working to the same end, to put the patient and their relatives at ease as much as possible in whatever their particular circumstances

Yes, of course, we sometimes had to wait for long periods, but that is no surprise, given the vast scale of the hospital and the demands placed upon it. But it was humbling to be treated by staff across the board in this way. So what do I carry away from this episode? I suppose the aim and hope that, in my own ministry, and in the life of the five churches of the benefice, people coming into contact with us will experience the same level of care and encounter the same sense of respect - regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, ability or disability. That we will always make time for people, always be considerate of their individual needs; that we will never make them feel foolish if they come to a service and don't know what to expect or to do; that, inspired by our faith, we will always be ready and happy to try to help them find the right direction in their decisions and their lives.

After all, the person at the heart of that faith, has set us the example - Jesus, the one who humbled himself, taking up the towel and washing his disciple's hot, dirty feet; the one who said that he had come into this world, not to be served, but to serve.

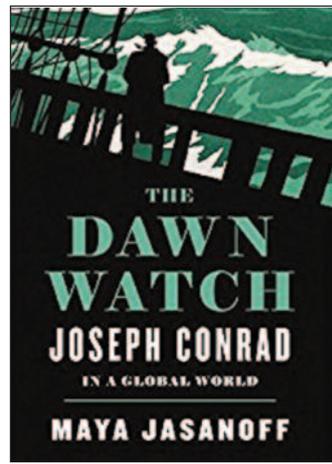
May I wish you, on behalf of all the five church communities, and from myself, a very happy - and especially a very healthy - New Year.

Blessings, *Revd Judith*



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, JANUARY 2018

The Dawn Watch by Maya Jasanoff



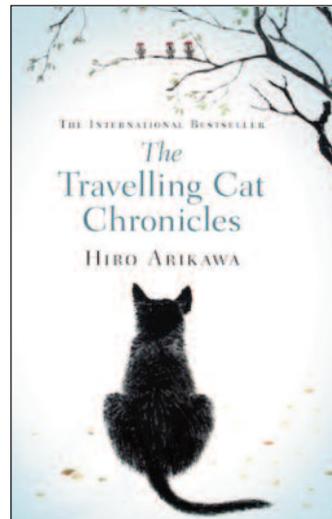
A visionary exploration of the life and times of Joseph Conrad, his turbulent age of globalization and our own, from one of the most exciting young historians writing today. 'Enlightening, compassionate, superb' John le Carré

Migration, terrorism, the tensions between global capitalism and nationalism, the promise and peril of a technological and communications revolution: these forces shaped the life and work of Joseph Conrad at the dawn of the twentieth century. In this brilliant new interpretation of one of the great voices in modern literature, Maya Jasanoff reveals Conrad as a prophet of globalization as we recognize it today. As an immigrant from Poland to England, and in travels from Malaysia to the Congo to the Caribbean, Conrad navigated an interconnected world, and captured it in a literary oeuvre of extraordinary depth. His life story delivers a history of globalization from the inside out, and reflects powerfully on the aspirations and challenges of the modern world.

Joseph Conrad was born Jozef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski in 1857, to Polish parents in the Russian Empire. At sixteen he left the landlocked heart of Europe to become a sailor, and for the next twenty years travelled the world's oceans before settling permanently in London as an author. He saw the surging, competitive 'new imperialism' that planted a flag in almost every populated part of the globe. He got a close look, too, at the places 'beyond the end of telegraph cables and mail-boat lines,' and the hypocrisy of the west's most cherished ideals.

In a compelling blend of history, biography and travelogue, Maya Jasanoff follows Conrad's routes and the stories of his four greatest works: *The Secret Agent*, *Lord Jim*, *Heart of Darkness*, and *Nostromo*. Genre-bending, intellectually thrilling and deeply humane, *The Dawn Watch* embarks on a spellbinding expedition into the dark heart of Conrad's world – and through it to our own

The Travelling Cat by Hiro Arikawa



Recommended by thousands of International readers - the tender feelgood story of a man's journey around Japan with a streetcat. Translated by Philip Gabriel, a translator of Murakami. Includes specially commissioned line drawings 'Anyone who has ever unashamedly loved an animal will read this book with gratitude, for its understanding of an emotion that ennobles us as human beings, whether we value it or not' Lynne Truss, *Guardian* 'The uniqueness of this book is its subtle yet persistent charm that insinuates itself into your heart long after the encounter has ended' Fiona Melrose, author of *Midwinter*. It's not the journey that counts, but who's at your side. Nana

is on a road trip, but he is not sure where he is going. All that matters is that he can sit beside his beloved owner Satoru in the front seat of his silver van. Satoru is keen to visit three old friends from his youth, though Nana doesn't know why and Satoru won't say. Set against the backdrop of Japan's changing seasons and narrated with a rare gentleness and humour, Nana's story explores the wonder and thrill of life's unexpected detours. It is about the value of friendship and solitude, and knowing when to give and when to take. *Travelling Cat* has already demonstrated its power to move thousands of readers with a message of kindness and truth. It shows, above all, how acts of love, both great and small, can transform our lives.

New Year, New Youthful Glow...

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A HISTORY OF COLCHESTER FROM THE ROMANS A Talk by Gary Egerton

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome local guide Gary to take us on a walking guide through Colchester, the oldest recorded town in Britain; the 30 plus audience was engrossed with his account of its history, which began with a summary timeline of major Colchester events.

43 AD

The Romans invade Britain, with Emperor Claudius leading the capture of Camulodunum, their first target, taking the submission of 11 British Kings at Gosbecks, south west of the present town centre. The town became Britain's first city, as London at the time was much more of a village; it didn't replace Colchester as the capital until mid second century AD.

54 AD

Construction of the Temple of Claudius begins, on the site where the Castle now stands.

60 AD

A revolt by Boudica destroys the Temple and colonia (a Roman settlement in conquered territory).

65 - 80 AD

Town walls are built which incorporate Britain's largest Roman gateway - the Balkerne gate - a magnificent triumphal arch; approx. two thirds of this wall still stands, and is a testament to Roman construction methods.

450 AD

A collapse of Roman administration in the province happened between 409 and 411, though activity in Colchester continued at a much-reduced level during the 5th century before the Romans finally left.

1076

Following the 1066 invasion of Britain, the Normans commence construction of Colchester Castle in this year, built over the remains of the Roman Temple of Claudius.

1565

Flemish refugees fleeing religious persecution are welcomed to Colchester; new prosperity is brought to the town from their weaving industry, and the area where they lived becomes known as the Dutch Quarter.

1648

The Parliamentarian army besieged Colchester for 11 weeks during the Civil War, during which time the townspeople suffered dreadfully and the fine Roman walls were breached.

Napoleonic Wars (1792-1815)

Colchester Garrison played an eminent role during the Napoleonic Wars, with troops originally billeted in local inns and houses. After petitioning from the borough council, new infantry barracks were built in 1794, and by 1800 additional infantry, artillery, and cavalry barracks had been built; by 1805 the barracks were home to 7,000 officers and men, making Colchester a significant garrison town.

1883

The 134ft high water tower dominating Colchester's skyline was completed after a 20-month project. 1.2 million bricks and 819 tons of stone and cement were used to build the tower, with the tank above constructed of bolted cast-iron panels. It held 37,800 cubic ft. (1,069 cubic m) of water, claiming to be the second largest water tower in England at the time. In 1882 the Reverend John Irvine coined the nickname Jumbo, after a London Zoo elephant sold amid national protests to showman and circus proprietor PT Barnum. This was meant to be a term of derision, as he was annoyed the tower dwarfed his nearby rectory at St. Mary-at-the-Walls, though today's Colcestrians love the nickname.

Gary then began his historical tour in earnest, with much more detail about selected topics.

The Balkerne Gate

We were told the gate, built circa AD 70-96, is the best-preserved Roman gateway in the country, even though the gatehouse, originally with two main arched passageways and separate arched footways on both sides, has largely disappeared. The gateway seen today is the south-side arched footway, where the remains of a guard tower are also visible.

It seems Roman town gates were usually limited to one or two, but sometimes had as many as three entrances; however, Colchester's Balkerne Gate had four gates with unusually wide carriageways, again emphasizing the importance of Camulodunum at the time. There are no other quadruple gates in Britain though a few exist elsewhere in Europe: the Porte d'Auguste at Nîmes, the Porte Ste. André and the Port d'Arroux, both at Autun, and the Palatine Towers at Turin.

St John's Abbey

Gary said this was Benedictine monastic institution founded in Colchester in 1095 and dissolved in 1539. It suffered a disaster in its early years when a large fire in 1133, which also burned much of Colchester, severely affected the monastery. Major reconstruction ensued, involving landscaping much of the area around the Abbey, moving the officine (offices) and habitula (monks quarters) from the north to the south side, and rebuilding the Abbey in a cruciform layout. Because the Abbey itself was forbidden to lay worshippers St Giles's Parish Church was built to

serve them, between 1133 and 1171. This replaced St John's Church as the parish church, which was demolished down to its foundations and covered by spoil from the landscaping. The Church of St Giles was built to the north of the Abbey on the early lay burial ground, which included many graves lined with Roman rubble.

We were told that around 1170 the monastery received a vial, allegedly of St Thomas Becket's blood, from a monk called Ralph; he had once stayed at the Abbey during Becket's exile and been present at his murder in Canterbury. Supposedly Ralph caught just a few drops of Becket's blood in the vial, but when he sent it to Colchester, it was miraculously overflowing and became the Abbey's most treasured relic; supernatural healing powers were attributed to it. Sadly the abbey suffered attacks from rebels during the peasants revolt (see later).

Following dissolution, the Abbey was leased by the crown to Sir Thomas Darcy, before eventually being bought by the Lucas Family in 1548. The Abbey church was slowly demolished during the late 16th century and early 17th century, and the Lucas family built a large manor house in its grounds, retaining the precinct wall with its large Abbey Gate around the old grounds. St Giles's Church was retained as a parish church, housing the tombs of the Lucas family.

During the Civil War, Sir Charles Lucas, one of the Royalist commanders, was a native of the Lucas manor in the Abbey grounds. As part of the siege of the town in 1648, the Parliamentarians ejected Royalist troops from the Abbey grounds after a long fight, destroying the Lucas mansion, St Giles's Church, parts of the old Abbey precinct walls and parts of the Abbey Gate in the process. The War Office bought the Abbey grounds from the Baring family in 1860 to become part of the Garrison.

In 2010 during excavations by Colchester Archaeological Trust, the Abbey church building was rediscovered and the church was found to have been much larger than expected, at 90m long, longer than the nearby St. Botolph's Priory.

The Castle

Gary told us it was the first of the great 'keeps' and the largest ever built by the Normans in Europe, built upon the foundations of the Temple of Claudius. Construction began in 1076, not that long after the Norman invasion of the country, and probably under the supervision of Gundulph, Bishop of Rochester. Gundulph also built the White Tower in London, though at 152 x 112 feet, Colchester's keep is one and a half times its size. As there was no local stone readily available, Norman builders plundered Roman Colchester, which is believed was completed in 1100, taking longer than expected as work ceased in 1080 due to the threat of a Viking invasion. The castle's walls are up to 12 feet thick; so thick they defeated numerous attempts of John Wheeley, a local ironmonger given a licence to pull it down in 1683 to sell building materials, once he had removed the thinner upper walls.

The highest, though not the tallest tree in beautiful castle park, is to be found way above the castle entrance - the famous Sycamore allegedly planted by the gaoler's daughter in 1815 to commemorate victory over Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo.

Late Medieval

Despite destruction caused by the Black Death, Colchester entered a period of growth spurred by the cloth trade from the mid 14th century onwards, with 22 people admitted to the ranks of the burgesses every year in the 1350s. By 1377 the town's population reached 7,000, placing it Eighth in rank of English provincial towns, increasing to its medieval maximum of 9,000 by the early 15th century.

Gary then told us that Colchester was one of the centres of the Peasants Revolt in 1381. John Ball of St Albans, one of the leaders of the Rebels, had been a priest in Colchester for a long period during the 1350s. On 13 June a large group of peasants from the surrounding Essex countryside gathered in the town before marching to Stepney in South Essex. Those staying behind attacked Moot Hall and St John's Abbey, on 15 and 16 June, forcing the law courts to shut for five weeks and carrying off the court rolls of the Abbey. On 17 June a group of Stanway men carried off the court rolls of St Crosses hospital on Crouch Street. Following the defeat of the Rebels at Billericay by King Richard, survivors flooded into the town, taking their anger out on Colchester's sizeable Flemish population. Following the attack by the disgruntled peasants on the Abbey, its walls and gatehouse were strengthened.

The siege of Colchester

In 1648, we were told Colchester was thrown into the thick of the Second English Civil War when a large Royalist army, led by Sir Charles Lucas and Sir George Lisle, entered the largely Parliamentarian (Roundhead) town. They were hotly pursued by a detachment of Cromwell's New Model Army led by Sir Thomas Fairfax, Henry Ireton and Thomas Rainsborough. Roundheads besieged the town for 76 days, by which time many of the most ancient monuments, like St. Mary's Church and the Gate of St. John's Abbey, were partially destroyed. By August, provisions in the town had all

but run out; cats, dogs and horses became the staple food, and towards the end, inhabitants were reduced to eating candles and boots. When the Royalists surrendered in the late summer, Lucas and Lisle were shot in the grounds of Colchester Castle, the spot being marked by an obelisk; there was a myth that no grass would grow in this area, which has since been covered with tarmac (to make sure?).

The Dutch Quarter

Between 1550 and 1600, Gary said that large numbers of Protestant weavers and cloth makers fleeing persecution emigrated to Colchester from Flanders. They were famed for the production of Bays and Says cloth (lightweight and heavier weight woollen cloth respectively, both hand woven from hand spun yarns) and were affectionately referred to as the 'Dutch'. Today an area in/near the town centre is still known as the Dutch Quarter, with many buildings there dating from the Tudor period - at this time, Colchester was one of the most prosperous wool towns in England.

Between 1796 and 1810 Jane Taylor, poet and novelist, lived in West Stockwell Street in the Dutch Quarter, now most famous for writing the poem Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Legend also has it that the nursery rhymes 'Old King Cole' and 'Humpty Dumpty' both originated from Colchester, but this is almost certainly not the case.

Town Hall

The site has been the focus of civic duties for more than 800 years; the first town hall, the Moot Hall, was built in 1160, and a second was built in 1844 - a three storey structure with a stone faced front.

John Belcher designed the present Town Hall following an 1897 competition. Construction began in 1898 and the building of Baroque design was opened by the Earl of Rosebery in May 1902. The 162ft Victorian tower was presented by industrialist James Paxman, complete with a statue at the top of St Helena, Colchester's patron saint, holding the true cross. The Moot Hall function room houses a custom built organ by Norman and Beard and the Old Library function room, originally Colchester's first town centre public library, was designed by Brightwen Binyon of Ipswich in 1894. We were told the Council Chamber has a glorious painted ceiling showing a classical description of the twelve months of the year, whilst the two stained glass windows depict the Roman history of the Borough.

Just below St Helena are four bronze ravens by Francis Carruthers Gould, representing the portreeve (port warden) who ran Colchester's medieval port. The tower also contains a chiming clock with five bells, plus another 15th century bell thought to have hung in the original moot hall. The main facade features six life-sized statues depicting famous people connected with Colchester. On the south elevation, Eudo Dapifer (a Norman aristocrat), Thomas Lord Audley (1st Baron Audley and Lord Chancellor of England 1533 to 1544), William Gilbert (English physician, physicist and natural philosopher) and Samuel Harsnett (an English writer and Archbishop of York from 1629); on the east, Edward the Elder (King of the Anglo-Saxons from 899) and Boudica. The interior features a marble staircase with a statue of Queen Victoria and a monument to the Colchester (English Protestant) Martyrs executed in Colchester for heresy.

Everyone had a great time and we look forward to our next events, which will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on the following dates:

13th December

Ian McLachlan (of 'Overpaid, Over Sexed and Over Here' fame) will tell us stories from the Zeppelin raids on East Anglia 100 years ago, of the first casualties in Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn, and of how the sky monsters were defeated.

17th January Members Only

If these walls could talk by Roger Green. A short talk following the fortunes of one house in Friars St Sudbury over the course of many owners, after which some wine and nibbles.

Both are going to be great.

Andy Sheppard Little Waldingfield History Society



The Balkern Gate



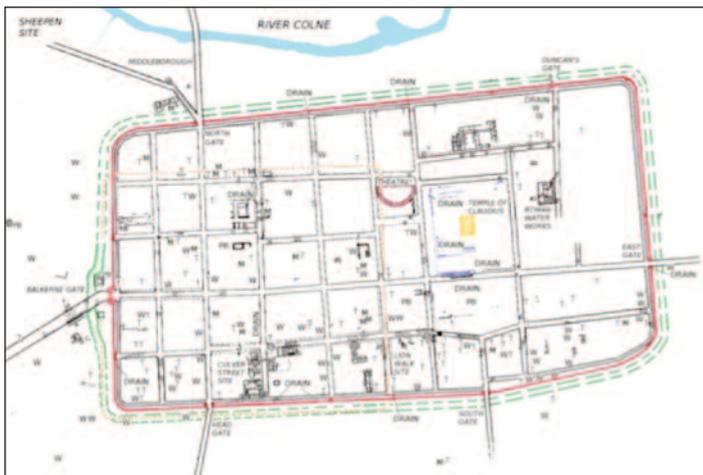
Colchester Castle



Ruined Nave of St Botolph's Priory Church



Dutch Quarter Houses



FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

• Suffolk launches new social prescribing pilot scheme to connect rural communities

Local people celebrate the official launch of the Community Connector pilot scheme at Shotley Village Hall. The pilot is part of Suffolk County Council's work to join professionals working in health and social care with voluntary groups that provide direct support to promote social prescribing.

Social prescribing supports individuals to find non-clinical ways to improve their physical and emotional wellbeing by providing early support and dedicated time with a trained Community Connector to identify tailored solutions. This often involves accessing opportunities provided by local groups, clubs and activities in their local community.

Suffolk Family Carers are working in partnership to deliver this service. Hayley Hancock, Head of Adult Services at Suffolk Family Carers said: "We are delighted to be able to support people to connect better within their communities. This will benefit individuals by reducing the effects of social isolation. Our Community Connector Adviser will work from the bus with individuals to help them reach their goals."

Whilst social prescribing is not new to Suffolk, the Community Connector scheme is a fresh approach to bringing this way of working to rural and often isolated parts of Suffolk. The pilot will utilise the Suffolk Family Carers Bus twice a week to visit Shotley, Holbrook, Stutton and Chelmondiston.

The scheme accepts referrals from professionals, family members, friends, or neighbours. Self-referrals can also be made. Home visits are also an option. The Community Connector will spend time with individuals to help identify goals and ways of achieving them.

There will also be opportunities to meet with other people working within their communities, either offering advice, ideas, or new activities. For more information, visit: www.suffolkfamilycarers.org/communityconnector.

• Suffolk County Council's Children's Services continue to improve following Ofsted pilot inspection

Inspectors were positive about every part of Children's Services, the quality of work with children, and the passion and commitment of everyone they met. Their report highlights that: "The local authority's commitment to children and families is clear and unambiguous... Staff know children well and are passionate about changing their lives."

Key points made by Ofsted in the report recognise the work of the authority in the following areas:

- Early Help: Early help is making a positive difference to the lives of children and families.

- Social Care & Safeguarding: The children and adult Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is well established. It is appropriately resourced and well managed. Thresholds are applied consistently. Information is shared appropriately. Decision-making is timely. The way in which the local authority has rolled out its preferred social work model across all children and young people's services is extremely impressive..

- Children in Care: The local authority makes good use of its legal powers and acts decisively to protect children who are unable to continue to live at home safely. Social workers clearly understand the importance of achieving permanence for children in care. The emphasis is always on finding the right long-term solution for each child.

- Strong Leadership: Senior managers lead by example. They want the best for children, young people and families. They set and expect high standards of themselves and others. They understand the importance of getting the basics right but are not afraid to innovate.

- Partnership working: Partnership working, particularly with the police and with health services, is strong. This is evident in the way in which the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) has developed. It is also apparent in the role played by health partners in early help. Working closely with other agencies, the local authority has strengthened its response to missing children and child sexual exploitation.

- Suffolk County Council's Children's Services is now in the top 25% of all Local Authorities in the country.

- Suffolk home to school transport consultation is now open – Please give us your views.

Suffolk County Council are consulting Suffolk residents on changing the way home to school and post-16 travel is provided. Over the last two years, Suffolk County Council has managed to save £2.6 million from its school and post-16 travel service budget, making it more efficient. Despite this, the budget is still £3 million overspent. Changes to the school and post-16 travel policies now need to be considered so the service is affordable and capable of meeting growing demand in the future.

Suffolk County Council's current school and post-16 travel policies go above legal requirements, with around 2400 children and young people receiving free/subsidised school or post-16 travel that we are not legally required to provide, and around 2400 children receiving free travel to schools further away than legally required. The proposed consultation seeks views on options on how to change these policies. All those who enjoy this service are asked to give their views by logging onto the SCC website. There will also be local meetings in the area during January which will be listed on the website. The consultation is open until 12th February.

My Priorities

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley -

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Firstly I hope that everyone in the District has a great holiday and a good break from work, although I find Christmas has lost much of its charm due to its commercialism it is still a great time for families to get together and to enjoy each others company and the company of others. Have a great time.

With regard to Babergh Council this has been the most difficult of the nineteen years that I have been your councillor with the administration hell bent on doing things to us instead of for us and along with others I have found myself sidelined from what is going on, there is really a good case for not introducing national politics into local government and we have seen the havoc that it has caused. Firstly the disastrous move to Endeavour House in the centre of Ipswich and now the forcing of Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils into one sovereign authority on the back of a telephone poll of two thousand people who when they are called will have very little idea of what it is even about. While I recognise that local government needs to be reorganised in the future this move is both untimely and unwise coming so soon on top of the mayhem that has already been caused. There has been some success locally with the installation of the new mobile mast and our success in getting some better decisions with planning applications, it was also great to see our lovely village school running so well last week when I visited and was shown around, also I am hopeful of success with the Boundary Commission in keeping the Boxford ward together in one piece. Having said that we will have many challenges ahead with it seeming to be open season for planning applications in not always sensible places. I am sure that I will have many challenges in the new year but will be up for them and will remain strong both in support of good ideas and condemnation of bad ones. It should always be people before politics and our environment issues should always be at the forefront as without a healthy and safe world there will be nothing left to govern. A couple of days off over the holiday and then back to the coalface for me. Have a great holiday and new year.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for November

Our responders covered 386 hrs . There were 6 call outs.

Boxford Over 60's Club Wound Up

After starting more than 55 years ago, the Boxford Over Sixties Club has had its final meeting in the Village Hall. With 4 members being over 90 and most of the rest over 80 (including myself), the club has no-one to carry on running it. Having been Secretary and Treasurer for 12 years, with nobody coming forward to take over these roles, I must sadly announce that the club is to close. Our final get together will be at The Brewers Arms for our Christmas lunch in December.
Shirley Watling.

CYCLISTS PLEASE NOTE

Edwardstone Parish Council has received reports of cyclists using public footpaths recently. Cyclists are reminded that public footpaths are not to be used for this purpose. Could parents please ensure that their children are aware of this.

Everyone is asked to ensure that litter, particularly plastic bottles, is taken home or put in a suitable bin rather than being thrown on the roadside.



Chris Southgate meets Kevin Beattie of Ipswich Town

One of the most time consuming tasks before the start of any football season is marking and painting the pitch , this can take upto four hours with measuring , pegging and painting . Boxford chairman Melvyn Eke was starting this task in August when Chris Southgate came over in his wheelchair and offers to help , he used his wheelchair wheels to hold down the tape measure and counted out the measurements . during the next few hours Chris explained how much he liked football and had not been to watch Ipswich play for a very long time in fact since his cycle accident that left him disabled . With his in mind Melvyn contacted Ipswich Town who have a designated wheelchair area near the players tunnel and with the help of his football mate Dave Lawrence who provided the converted car transport treated Chris to the home game in November against Preston which Ipswich won 3-0 . Before the game Chris chatted to his Ipswich idol Kevin “ The Beat “ Beattie , photo attached . I great day was had by all with a promise of another match when Ipswich reach the play offs .

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this year's appeal - to all who wrapped and filled the boxes at Mary's house and to those who gave their own boxes. We were able to send 137 boxes from Boxford and the surrounding villages.

A big thank you also to all those who provided fillers for the boxes and of course to our band of knitters who always supply us with hats mittens scarves and hand puppets. We couldn't do it each year without you.

For any information about the appeal or if you would like our knitting patterns for next year please contact:

Ann Porter 210581. Shirley Watling 210024. Jennie Lindsley 210520

New sponsors for Boxford Rovers Under 11 Team



KMA Forklifts of Ipswich have sponsored the Boxford Rovers Under 11 Blues team with new shirts carrying the sponsor logos , they play in the Suffolk Saturday youth league .

Every team now has sponsored shirts with other sponsors planned for later in the season and next season . We have Deacons Builder of Lavenham, Citizen Safe, Recom Surfacing, Asteral, Brewers Arms Polstead and G.A.Griggs Electric



Above: Former Boxford Rovers Youth player Alex Smith presents Kevin “ The Beat “ Beattie with the Boxford rovers team coach jacket in recognition of his last few years work at the annual Boxford Rovers awards day

Well Done to The Mildens Singers!

The Mildens Singers November concerts were well supported and enjoyable as ever, thank you especially to Megan who sang Somewhere over the Rainbow so beautifully. The shows raised over £600 for Milden Pavilion and the raffle raised £313 for the charity ‘Over The Rainbow’ which helps sick and disabled children.

The Mildens Singers are looking for more sopranos to join them, they have lots of fun and sing great music, the ability to read music is not required just a love of singing. They meet Mondays at Milden Pavilion for more details contact Pearl 01449 741876.

The Milden Ball

This popular event was held at the splendid Milden Hall and was a sell out. As ever it was a great evening and many thanks to Serena who stepped in to provide the music for the evening at such short notice! The evening raised £2300 with a donation towards The Fabric Fund of St Peters Church Milden. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening ensuring it was such a success.

Milden Pavilion and Playing Field is available for Hire from £5 per hour, please contact Justine589@btinternet.com or Pearl on 01449 741876.

2017 K&S CUP WINNER



The 2017 Winner of the K&S Cup is Esther Gray. The cup is awarded to recognise the fantastic contribution Esther has made to the Boxford community. She is always keen to help out at the village events. She assists the Community Council, helps with the Scouts and she does an amazing amount for the church. Her positivity and refreshing attitude mean that we are all indebted to her for the help she has given and continues to give.

Do you know of an inspirational young person?

To celebrate Boxford's brilliant youngsters, The K&S Cup is given annually to a young person in the village that has made a positive difference to the Boxford community over the last 12 months.

The winner receives £50 in cash and is awarded the cup with their name engraved on it.

Do you know of anyone aged 19 or under that you feel would be an ideal winner next year? If so, let us know by nominating online at <http://www.boxfordsuffolk.com/KandSCup.cfm>



Milden Cricket Club

Joe Smith (left) receives the Cup for 'Player of the Year' and also the trophy for leading wicket taker.

Other awards went to Pat Humphries as the leading batsmen. Alan Every walked away with Fielder of the year, together with the Clubman trophy for his outstanding support and work up the ground. Matt Archer was awarded the most improved player, and the duck prize went to Will Ward.

If you would like to get involved on a playing level, new members are very much encouraged, especially younger people, we still aim to set up a friendly XI to give more cricket to the community, but we need you the community to get involved.

RETIREMENTS AT GROTON CHEESE AND WINE



Photo David Lamming

Above: Pat Kennedy Scott has been the chairman of the Groton PCC Fund Raising committee since 1994. Since then, for the past 23 years Pat has worked tirelessly with her team raising many thousands of pounds for Groton St Bartholomew's Church. Pat chose this year's Cheese and wine party to announce her retirement.

Below: Pat and Gerald Smith have just relinquished running the bar for events at Groton Village Hall after 25 years.



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Photo taken at the Boxford School reception class Christmas play by David Lamming.

Boxford Sunday 10th December



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Wot's On

FUN & GAMES NIGHT BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

We will once again be holding our Annual Fun & Games Night in Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 27 January 2018. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various indoor games and quizzes to claim the prestigious title. A fun night is promised for all with a licensed bar, raffle and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30 with registration and the first round of games at 7.50 promptly. Ticket prices are £60 per team. We have a limit on the number of teams so if you don't want to be disappointed please contact Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Mark Miller on 01787 211596, or alternatively e-mail Mark on Mark.Miller@talktalk.net We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas and, if you are not in a team but would like to help, please also let us know. It is never too early to book your place, so book it now!

LWHS Programme of Events - 2017 / 2018

13th December Ian McLachlan Zeppelin

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

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

A short talk followed by wine and nibbles.

14th February Jenny Antill Between Heaven & Earth,

reflections on the Russian Soul over 1000 years of history. A study of the social and cultural influence of the Russian orthodox church, the importance of the icon, impact of C19th Slavic Revival on art / architecture and the influence of religious images and ideas on soviet authorities in the 20th Century.

14th March Geoffrey Kay A tonic to the nation

The 1951 Festival of Britain

18th April Linda Sexton Sisters in adversity

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

16th May Pip Wright A Picture History of Margaret Catchpole

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

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

Stowmarket Choral

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 www.theapex.co.uk

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

DIARY DATES

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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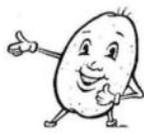
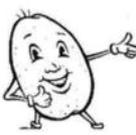
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Wot's On

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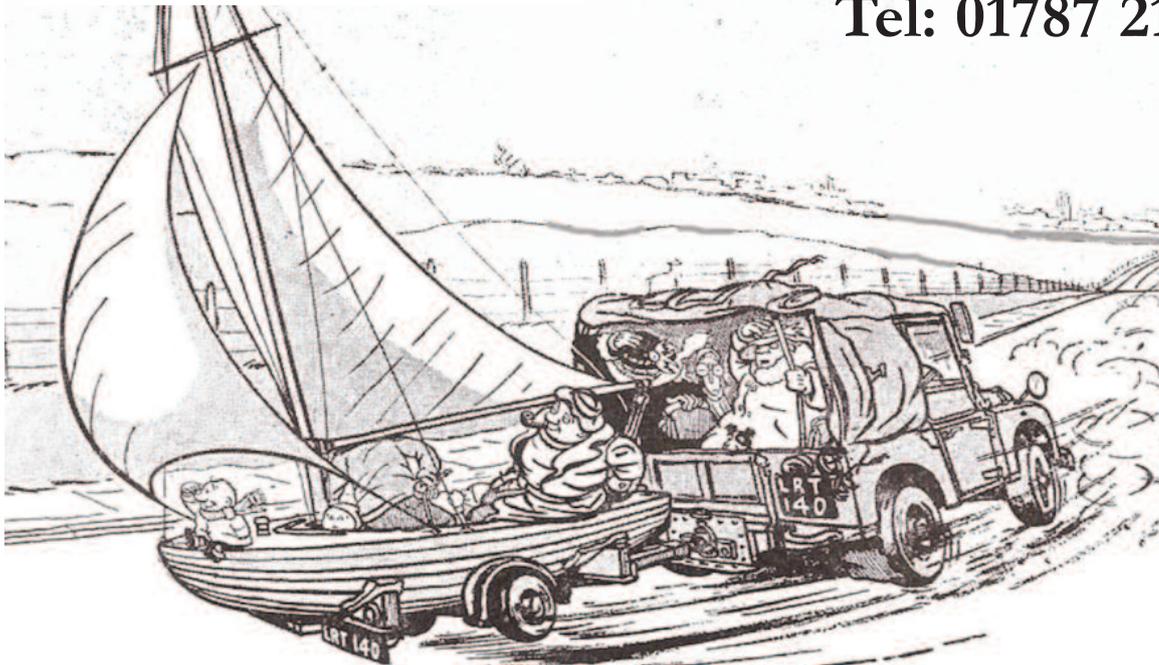
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Wot's On

NStoke-by-Nayland WEA

'Makers of Modern Thought' by David Sharp

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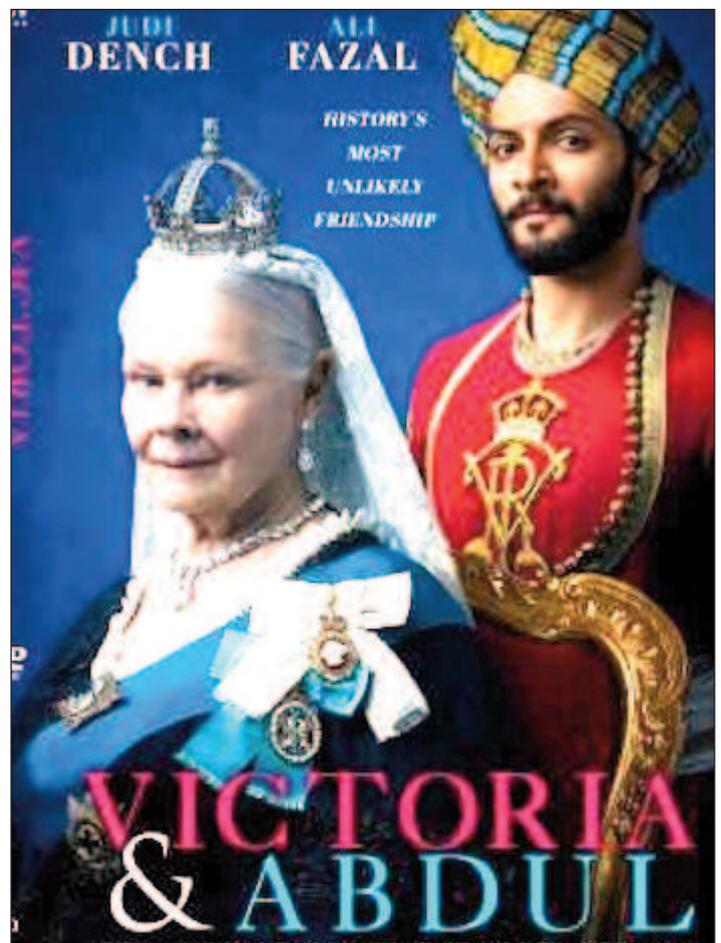
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QUIZ AND SPUDS

Saturday, January 20th at 7.30pm at Groton Village Hall

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December

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
20 Quiz and Spud evening	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30
27 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

February

3 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
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

2 Mark Mitchels, Mozart lectures	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	TBA
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	
18 Linda Sexton Sisters in adversity	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

May

16 Pip Wright A Picture History of Margaret Catchpole	Little W Hist Soc	Parish Room	7.30pm
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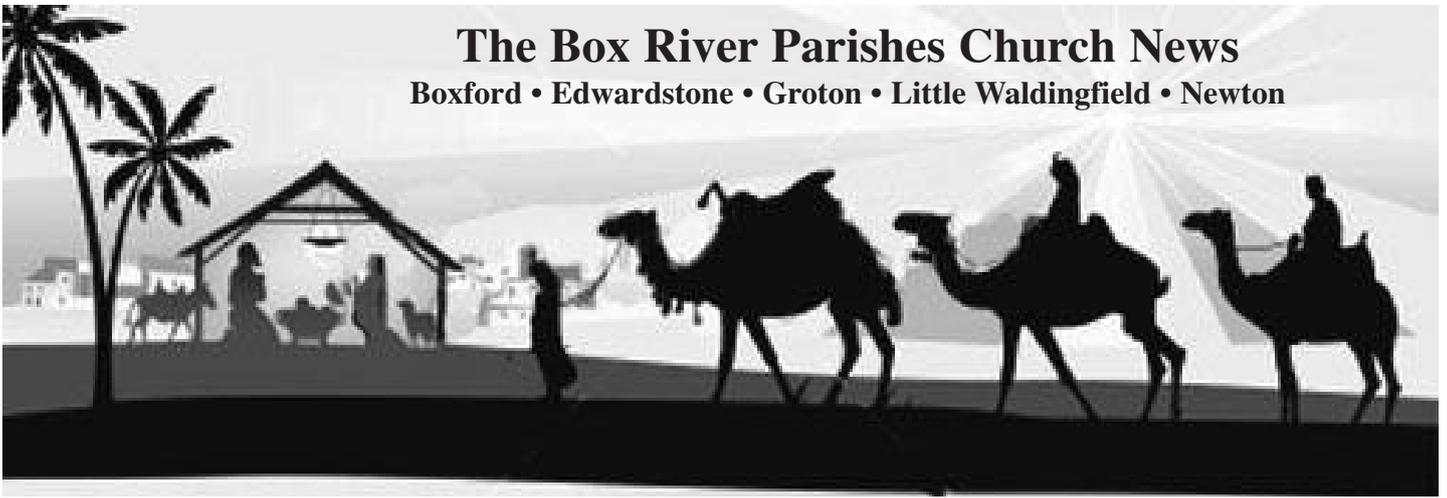
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Week of prayer for Christian Unity: 21 – 28 January 2018 “THAT ALL MAY BE FREE”

The Week of Prayer offers local opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations. The theme this year is “That all may be free.”

Sunday 21st January, 6:30 pm at St Gregory’s Church, Sudbury. The speaker at this service is to be the Revd David Cornick, General Secretary of Churches Together in England

Monday 22nd January, 12:30 pm — All Saints’ Church, Sudbury

Tuesday 23rd January, 12:30 pm — St John’s Methodist Church, Sudbury

Wednesday 24th January, 12:30 pm — St Catherine’s Church, Long Melford

Thursday 25th January, 12:30 pm — Salvation Army, Station Road, Sudbury

Friday 26th January, 12:30 pm — Bures Baptist Church

Saturday 27th January, 8 am to 9.30 am — Prayer Breakfast at Sudbury Baptist Church.

Refreshments will be provided after most services

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

THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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There has been, & still is much in the news of the plight of refugees escaping from the horrors of war. A similarly unpromising set of circumstances surrounded another young family in Bethlehem two millennia ago. A young girl had given birth to a baby, far from her home and her family, in an outhouse, shared with animals. She had become pregnant outside marriage, and was only rescued from shame and rejection by her fiancé taking on

a baby that wasn't his. Ahead lay real danger, as the ruler of the area would soon order his soldiers to slaughter all the baby boys. A dirty, shameful, dangerous situation. An unpromising set of circumstances. And yet. This is exactly the place the Messiah, the son of God, was born into. But should we really be surprised? This is a God who said that the kingdom of heaven belonged, not to the rich or powerful or religious, but to little children.

We are living in times which might be described as unpromising, or even "interesting" according to the old Chinese proverb. We face great uncertainty in our politics, our economics, our relationships with one another. Around the planet there is apparently relentless violence, and the poorest, as ever, bear the consequences of our inability to restrain our use of resources. In the unpromising situations in our world, where is God inviting us to join in? Where is God asking us to see the treasure that is hidden within the clay jars? Where is God asking us, not to be optimistic, but rather to be hopeful? Every blessing in Christ Christopher Kingsbury

Helen Heath and a team of helpers will lead this **Christian after-school club** from, 3.15-4.15 at Boxford School, with parents/grandparents invited to join in for the last 15 minutes. The current plan is to meet once a month. Please pray for Helen and the team this coming year.

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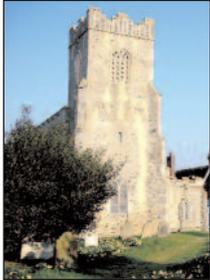


THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

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Vacant

Rota for January 2018
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Coffee,
Flowers,
Cleaning,

David Saddleton;
Sheila Saddleton;
Ineke Morris;
Emma Driscoll.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS, MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

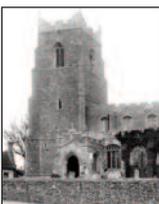
Groton's Carol Service this year, to be followed by mulled wines and mince pies, is on **Wednesday 20th December 2017, 7.00 pm** in Groton Church. Do join us!

PCC MEETING: The PCC will meet at Mary's House at **7.00 pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018**. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e-mail: djlammings@hotmail.com) by Sunday 31st December 2017.

GOOD NEWS – 1 Work to replace the lead stolen from the church roof in October 2015 is scheduled to begin on 3rd April, with scaffolding going up the week before. (BUT: the lead thieves are back in Suffolk: see the note below.)

GOOD NEWS – 2 At long last the petition for a faculty to authorise the planned toilet building in the churchyard and the kitchen/servery facilities under the tower (and two new noticeboards) has been submitted. The public notices have been displayed and hopefully, therefore (assuming no objections), we should have permission to proceed by the end of January. If anyone wishes to see the drawings, David Lamming has a full set of the submitted papers: tel. 01787 210360.

LOGS FOR SALE Following the recent pollarding of three lime trees in the churchyard, there is a quantity of timber for sale. Please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360 (e-mail djlammings@hotmail.com) if you are interested. (It will need to be cut/split into log sizes.)



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas

7th January
14th January
21st January
28th January

Sidesmen

Mrs. Gardiner & Mr. Powell

Flowers

Mrs. Gregor-Smith
Mrs. Squirrell
Mrs. Roser
Mrs. Eddington

On 3rd December our Communion Service had to be cancelled owing to the sudden illness of Rufus Sweetman and Rev. Judith having to be with him in hospital. He is recovering and we all wish him better health in the New Year. We held Morning Worship ourselves thanks to Judith managing to advise us, send readings and choose hymns. Our thanks to Felicity Gardiner, Victoria Nicholls, Brian Tora, Chris Bowden, Greta Martin and Tricia Eddington – between us all we managed a creditable service.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends from other churches in the Benefice who, during the past year, have regularly joined us at Little Waldingfield. May we all have a Happy New Year.

Advance dates for 2018

23rd February A 'light-hearted' Bridge Drive to be held in the Parish Room 2- 5.30pm. Tickets £10 per person to include refreshments. Please telephone Nancy Roser 01787 882897 to book your place.

17th June Open Gardens

13th July LANDERSMASON, the folk/jazz duo will be returning to give us a concert and to launch their new CD.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

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

12th November : Our Service of Remembrance was conducted by Revd. Gerald Drew. We were delighted to welcome him back and his wife Jane. The presentation of the Wreath and reading of the names of the men from Newton who died in the wars was carried out by Paul Presland in the absence of Harry Buckledee, a War Veteran. After many years of carrying out this duty he is now unable to be present as he has left the village. Revd. Drew played a tape of The Last Post which was very moving. It was a moment for reflection on the large number of young men who died from Newton, then a small village and which left a sad void.

Nancy Roser our organist had to leave before the end of the service to play at another church so Jane Drew led us in the Nation Anthem.

A special thank you to Mrs. Sharkey who gave our church a gift of a lovely wreath in memory of her husband.

After the church service we were joined by a good number of villagers at the War Memorial in the Green in sunshine but buffeted by a strong, cold wind. Revd. Drew conducted a moving service of Remembrance. After the two minutes silence, Russell Bower said the words of the Kohima Declaration

"When you go home, tell them of us and say

"For your tomorrow we gave our today".

Revd. Drew conducted the Service of Remembrance ending with prayers and finished with the parting farewell 'shalom' to which we responded.

26 November : This year's last Service of Holy Communion was led by Revd. Judith who wore white vestments as the church celebrated the Sunday of Christ The King. With the beautiful vase of poppies near the Altar giving us a reminder of the past, Revd. Judith read the history of two young men who lost their lives in the First World War.

Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and especially to Jean Adams who assisted in the Communion Service. Thank you to all who help with refreshments and in any other way.

We offer a warm welcome to anyone to join us for our services in 2018.

General Church News

LEAD THEFT – A PLEA FOR VIGILANCE

Sadly, the lead thieves are back in Suffolk and recently stole lead from the roof of Elmswell church, despite it being alarmed. Also, the following week would-be thieves were scared away from Monks Eleigh and Woolpit churches when they set off the alarms.

The diocese has issued the following statement and advice:

"Please be aware that thieves are still targeting Suffolk Churches. We are still working with all the agencies from police, insurance companies to alarm companies to reduce our risk.

We are becoming aware that the thieves will visit churches, find a sensor or possibly disarm alarms and then return later to complete the theft. For this reason, we advise that you do respond to each alarm call out. This could be at any time of day or night.

- If your alarm is sounding ring 999 and say that Inspector Nick Stonehouse of the Rural Crime Unit has advised you to ring because your roof alarm has been triggered and there may well be someone on the roof.

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- If you see suspicious activity, do take vehicle registration numbers and contact the Police on 101."



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY AND DISTRICT

'Churches together' prayer breakfasts: **Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am.**

CTiS&D prayer breakfasts in January 2018, to which all are welcome, will be held at the following venues:

6th Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury.
13th Wells Hall Old School, Great Cornard.
20th Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury.
27th Sudbury Baptist Church (see below).

Village Prayers

Each week, mainly held 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. 01787 210091 or emailed to: rvjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. The winter months' rota (October –March): **Tuesday** 9.00 Edwardstone; **Wednesday** 9.00 Groton, 16:00 Little Waldingfield (* at Newman's Hall); **Thursday** 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford (* at Mary's House). *If you do not usually attend, please phone Revd Judith first, as occasionally these have to be cancelled due her day off changing, or other commitments.*

Wednesday 3rd

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 4th

Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Holy Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament) Lay Team

Sunday 7th

Epiphany

(W)

Boxford	08.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	09.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Café Church	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 10th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 14th

Second Sunday of Epiphany

(W)

Groton	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 17th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 18th

Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Compline - Newmans Hall Lay Team

Sunday 21st

Third Sunday of Epiphany

(W)

Edwardstone	09.30	Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 24th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 28th

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

(W)

Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 31st

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith



I'm not one for making New Year resolutions. Being realistic, I know I'd never keep them up for more than a few days. Anyway, the resolutions appropriate for me are those that many of us feel obliged to make – lose weight, drink less, take more exercise – you know the kind of thing. There is one resolution that I have made, though, which I am doing my best to stick with, not that I made it as the bells rang in a New Year.

Back in the mid 1960s a group of us who worked in the City of London established a dining club. Pretentiously named the City & Professional Gentlemen's Wine & Dine Society, we met for dinner every other month, with each of us choosing a venue in turn. Although originally six in number,

we soon reduced to five as one of our number emigrated to Canada, though this provided the opportunity to arrange the sixth meal of the year as one to include our girlfriends or wives.

Over time new members joined, but the original five remained the core until, in the space of just a year or two, three also travelled abroad – to Australia, South Africa and Kenya. And so the club quietly died and, though four of the five remained in contact – mainly through Christmas cards it has to be said, any thought of resuscitating the club seemed impractical. Until, of course, two of the wanderers returned to these shores.

We reconvened for the first time for dinner around seven years ago, with four of the original six, plus two more recent joiners. One of our number – the accountant who went to Australia – had never resurfaced or shown up on any web search, though the original member who had travelled to Canada, where he became a theatre director in a town on Hudson's Bay just outside the Arctic Circle, did manage to join us for a lunch. Pensioners all, we found lunch in central London a more agreeable prospect than dinner, particularly as we were fairly widely spread out, admittedly within the Home Counties.

During the time since we got back together, the wife of one of our members has died and one of the original four that kept in contact has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Of the two later joiners, one has moved to deepest Norfolk and is largely out of the equation, while the other, a fellow Suffolk resident, is in the process of moving to New Zealand from where attendance at future gatherings will be impossible.

So the resolution I made was to try harder to keep in touch with friends – and family, for that matter, though in some cases such contact can be less pleasurable than meeting old friends. We are none of us getting any younger and growing infirmity could well limit our ability to socialise at some stage in the future. In other words, keep meeting up while you can or risk finding that the opportunity to do so has passed by.

One of our number (a very close friend in my early twenties – he was an usher at my first wedding and I was his best man a year later) travels with his partner from the Isle of Wight for the day to attend our now twice yearly lunches. His was the wife who died around four years ago from a brain tumour. I am so glad we re-established contact on his return from South Africa.

At the beginning of December, Elizabeth and I travelled to South Wales to meet up with a neighbour of hers from when she was a teenager. It happened I had a speaking engagement a few miles from where she lived, but instead of just whizzing there on the train and returning immediately afterwards, we travelled together and were able to spend a relaxed evening catching up and reminiscing (so far as the two girls were concerned, that is) over times long past. And it had been more than twenty years since the two of them had last met.

Life is finite and putting off until tomorrow what you might have done today can mean a reunion or get together simply doesn't happen. Earlier this year I attended a 60 years on reunion at my old school, across the border in Essex. To attend I had to fly back from Portugal just for the event. It would have been so easy to make excuses not to be there, but I'm glad I made the effort. Plenty of old class mates came from even further afield, including one from Vancouver. It was fun. This is one resolution I intend to keep.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.

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GARDENING IN JANUARY INSPIRED BY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

One of the worst pests of plants such as Fuchsias, Cyclamen, Primulas etc., which are overwintering in the greenhouse are the grubs of the vine weevil. If you have plants which show signs of flagging and can be pulled easily from the pots with no signs of roots then you can be fairly sure the trouble is vine weevil. Scratch around in the compost and you will find little white grubs curled in the shape of a C, with brown heads. They are not always confined to greenhouses but it is here that they are most noticeable. They are quite hardy and survive most winters outside. Attacks out of doors are most noticeable on plants grown in containers. The adults are black wingless beetles and although they cannot fly they can travel quite fast and over a fair distance. The beetles lay eggs in July around the base of plants and when they hatch the grubs feed on the roots of plants for several months before pupating. The adult weevils come out at night and feed on the leaves of plants. The usual signs of damage are irregular shaped notches around the edge of leaves.

Beetles need somewhere to hide during the day and this can be provided by laying rolls of paper which can be shaken out on to a sheet of white paper and any beetles shaken out can be destroyed. Outdoor conifers can provide excellent hiding places during day time and they can come out at night and attack more succulent plants. A grease band around the legs of greenhouse staging and around tubs will prevent weevils from climbing. Drenching pots and containers with an insecticide at the dilution recommended for spraying is a fairly effective way of killing off the grubs. Never use old, once used, compost for potting as this may contain eggs or grubs. Dusting leaves with Derris or Pyrethrum will help control adults.

Leaves of peas and Broad Beans usually get attacked in the same way with notches around the edge. This is caused by the Pea and Bean Weevil and should not be confused with Vine Weevil.

In the green house, examine rooted cuttings of geraniums. Remove any leaves which show signs of botrytis and discard any plants that have diseased stems. Do not water until the plants show signs of drying out. If you have a propagator and can maintain a temperature of 60°F, sowing of begonias, can be made at the end of the month, If not sowing, sowing should be delayed for another month.

Newly arrived bare root roses and fruit trees can be "heeled in" by covering the roots in compost in a container in a cool, frost-free place

until the ground defrosts.

It is fine to prune fruit trees in frosty weather. If it's when you have most time, prune hardy foliage plants now, too.

Remove any snow-damaged branches from shrubs and small trees, cutting cleanly back to a healthy branch or the trunk. Partly broken branches you can try to wrap or bolt together, but they are highly unlikely to rejoin and may attract fungal problems. Wound paints are not recommended.

There's no need to clear ice from ponds. Oxygen will still be available for wildlife and plants. Fish may benefit from extra oxygen, so keep the pump running to prevent freezing.

Control small flies (fungus gnats) in houseplant compost by applying Westland Plant Rescue Bug Killer Ornamental Plants as a compost drench.

Using rock salt to keep paths free of ice can scorch leaves and roots of plants, so apply with care and keep to a minimum.

Bulbs such as tulips that you haven't got around to putting in the garden, can still be planted as long as they are firm and mould-free.

Cut away the leaves of Helleborus orientalis to show off the flowers.

Once plants in containers have frozen, it's too late to bubble-wrap them. Move them to a sheltered spot near the house or into a light shed or garage.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
- 2 Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring
- 3 Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already
- 4 Disperse worm casts in lawns
- 5 Inspect stored tubers of Dahlia, Begonia and Canna for rots or drying out
- 6 Prune apple and pear trees
- 7 Start forcing rhubarb
- 8 Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season
- 9 Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds
- 10 Make a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect against peach leaf curl.

And remember, relax over Christmas and the New Year your garden will still be there after the holidays.

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DID GAINSBOROUGH PAINT BOXFORD ST MARY'S by *Nicholas Bristow*

Since 2014, when I first saw it in a gallery in The Tate Britain London, I have believed that Thomas Gainsborough's 1747 painting "Woodland Setting With Peasants Resting" has, in its background, a view of Boxford Church which, looking at the orientation of the tower and the Nave, Gainsborough views from the South West. I recognised it instantly because, for the preceding five years, I had travelled regularly back along the B1071 to Boxford, often on the top deck of the 91 bus, and admired the fine view of St Mary's Church nestling in the valley.

From the B1071, close to the site of what was once the old Tudor Manor house of Coddenham Hall, which is to the South West of Boxford, there is a clear view of St Mary's and it is little changed since Gainsborough's day some 270 years ago. Only the growth of two large poplar trees partially obscure the view from one standpoint.

The church itself is clearly represented in the background of the painting with its distinctive spire, four pinnacles- one at each corner of the tower- and a cluster of dwellings and larger buildings to its left. Above and behind the church and buildings is the level line formed by the land and vegetation on the far side of the valley. The foreground in the painting itself is very different with its depiction of a wooded area, some rough ground and three figures, one seated, one walking with a dog and one riding down into the valley. The middle ground too, with its view of hedge rows and path- or waterways is clearly, but understandably, different.

Today the pinnacles have gone, there are more trees to the right of the church and more buildings and development can be seen behind St Mary's.

It was only this year that I decided to take a different journey: I decided to try and find information in local Public Record Offices, Museums and search engines that would support my belief that Gainsborough painted Boxford Church.

Gainsborough clearly knew the road that we now know as the B1071. After returning to Sudbury from London where he had studied art and engraving around 1745 he eventually moved to Ipswich in 1752 to practise his profession there in Foundation Street and live with Margaret whom he had married in 1746. During those few years from 1747-48 until the 1750's he painted Hadleigh Church (1748-50), Elmsett Church (1750-55), Heanage Loyd and his sister of Hintlesham as well as Lady Loyd and her Son as early as 1745-4. During the seven years at Foundation Street he painted many more portraits, landscapes and buildings of Suffolk and it's residents.

He surely travelled the Ipswich Sudbury road for work or leisure during that time and would have passed through Boxford. Did he stay long enough to paint what he saw and even paint someone that he knew that lived there?

If so, did the distinctive features, the spire and the pinnacles, of Boxford Church to be seen in early Twentieth Century photographs and in "Woodland setting..." exist in 1747 for Gainsborough to paint?

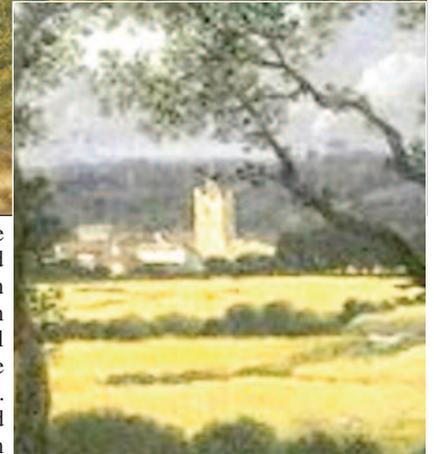
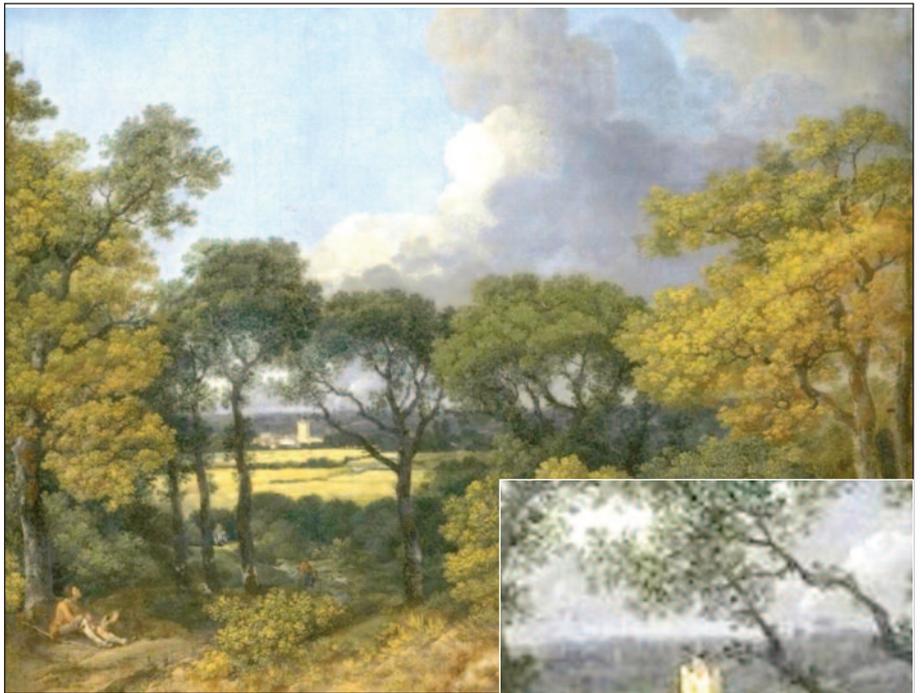
The first mention of Boxford spire was in 1465 when John Cowper left £10 in his will for a lantern on Boxford tower to house a clock bell. Later, in 1535 churchwardens noted a bequest of £2 towards the repair of the lantern on the steeple. There is also pictorial evidence of the spires existence in the early part of the Nineteenth Century. So, tantalisingly, there is evidence for a spire long before Gainsborough may have seen it, and evidence for a spire relatively soon after he may have painted it.

Did Gainsborough paint anyone who lived in Boxford?

Despite expressing a preference for landscape painting, Gainsborough understood that a living was to be made from painting portraits.

Portraiture was a talent that Gainsborough had displayed early as a boy and it became the bedrock of his success and fame across fifty years of painting. Seventeenth Century Suffolk, established landed gentry. Many of these not only wished to be recorded for posterity but were able to pay well for the record. Gainsborough, with his acknowledged accuracy, both with landscape and with portraiture, prospered.

One Boxford resident, at least, had his portrait painted and this has been attributed to Thomas Gainsborough. George Dashwood of Peyton Hall and Woodhall Sudbury. Whether this portrait belonging to Ipswich and Colchester Museum Service is really by Gainsborough is less important than the fact that it confirms the link between Sudbury and Boxford in a man who must, at the very least, have been known to Gainsborough.



Lt Colonel George Dashwood of Woodhall and his wife Algerina Peyton daughter of Sir Algernon Peyton of Peyton Hall Boxford both died before Gainsborough was born. However, Algerina inherited Woodhall and their son George Dashwood, married his cousin Margaret sometime around 1726, a daughter of his uncle Sir Sewster Peyton. Their son, Henry Dashwood eventually came to inherit the property of Sir Thomas Peyton, his surname and arms. George Dashwood and his wife Allegrina were born in 1669 and he died in 1706 thus the Portrait of George Dashwood of Peyton Hall(if authentic) I believe to be Allegrina Peyton' son who must have been in his 40's when the portrait was painted. Both Gainsborough and George Dashwood would have been advantaged if Gainsborough had painted Dashwood's portrait Gainsborough.

So, we have landscape confirmed to be by Gainsborough but of a view unknown and a portrait of a gentleman of great status and wealth whose painter is unconfirmed. Both subjects, I believe, known to Gainsborough and both genres central to Gainsborough's successful career.

The portrait issue may be more difficult to resolve but you do have the opportunity to make your own mind up about the landscape. Take the 91 bus out of Sudbury and as you approach Boxford you will see what Gainsborough saw, not exactly, but fleetingly yet perhaps sufficiently to make a judgement.



George Dashwood

Readers Letters

Sir

I would like to wish all my family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I will not be sending cards this year but instead will be making a donation to the Three Parished Response Team

All the very best
Von Wymark

Boxford Community Council

The Editor wishes to thank all those members of the Boxford Community Council who put so much work into the BRN Social evening on Tuesday 5th December. Their efforts have been rewarded by the many emails and phone calls I have received from our guests telling me what a great evening it was.

Thank You
Eddie

Sir

A very big thank you for all the messages of concern and offers of help from across the villages on the occasion of Rufus's recent illness. Special thanks to Ruth Kingsbury for providing a very welcome and delicious hot vegan meal, when cooking felt a bit beyond us. I now know what it is like to be on the "other end" of care-giving in the benefice and it is greatly appreciated.

Revd Judith

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Nov - Dec 2017

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BoxRiver Club Bowls Club Boxford Playingfields

Boxford Village Hall Floor Boxford Rovers
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Parish Council Matters

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), C Hughes, R Balls, A Sargeant, S Impett, D Waspe, M Wooderson, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr) and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES: D Talbot Clarke, V Strafford and J Finch.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: D Waspe declared an interest in the Planning Application at 24 Stone Street as a neighbour.

MINUTES OF 2ND OCTOBER 2017: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: A resident was concerned about the Planning Committee Site Meeting at Goodlands. He felt the applicants were given a greater opportunity to put their views across. M Wooderson reported on the meeting and confirmed he felt he had equal opportunity to speak. He then out-lined the arrangements for the Planning Committee Meeting in Endeavour House where the application was to be decided. He felt the report from the Planning Officer gave a good balanced approach with scope for the Committee to decide either way. He was optimistic about what could potentially be achieved with the support of the village although appreciated the extent of the challenge. The members of the Planning Authority Committee have been sent relevant evidence to support the case against the application.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: All areas raised were under consideration.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend for health reasons and no report was provided. Concern was expressed that there should be appropriate cover to support Cllr Finch in his period of absence.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the move to Endeavour House had taken place. The Joint Local plan was still in Consultation. With regard to the Boundary Review, he urged everyone to give feedback to the Consultation supporting the recommendations. The recent proposals to merge Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils will now go before full Council as there were concerns that such an important development, which is against the original Referendum result, should be fully considered. He referred to the Planning Committee Meeting which was taking place within a couple of days. He supported the account given by M Wooderson of the site meeting. He was concerned about an increase of incidents of vandalism at the Playingfield. He was investigating with Beestons the situation in relation to discounted post 16 travel to education.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members had noted the on-going progress of each item. Members were supportive of the idea of extending the speed limit in Stone Street and would do everything they could to encourage traffic calming in the vicinity of Stone Street and Brick Kiln Hill.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 6th November 2017 were £31008.69 in the Community Account, £13335.08 in the Deposit Account and £44434.24 in the Reserve Account making a total of £88778.01. The Annual Risk Assessment Policy was examined and approved.

CEMETERY: The Risk Assessment in the Churchyard and Cemetery had been carried out in accordance with our Policy and no issues were found. An additional inscription request was duly approved together with a memorial request to install a cross in accordance the size listed in our Regulations - Action Clerk to respond to the applicants.

VILLAGE CAR PARK: It was agreed for M Wooderson to carry out a land registry check on relevant land for a potential car park - Action M Wooderson.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: It was agreed to chase work to the condition of the road on The Causeway between numbers 3 and 7 - Action Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 6th November 2017

The following decisions were recorded from the Planning Authority:-

- 1) Application for a new dwelling and detached garage at Old School House, School Hill - Permission had been granted.
- 2) Listed Building Application to re-render front and carry out window repairs at 5 Church Street - Listed Building Consent had been granted
- 3) Listed Building Application for internal alterations at Peyton House, Butchers Lane - Listed Building Consent had been granted
- 4) Application including Listed Building to demolish a section of boundary wall and create a new vehicular access at Cox Farm, Cox Hill. Permission had been refused due to the loss of historic fabric in its setting.
- 5) Notification of proposal to fell ash tree in Conservation Area at Rose Cottage, 42 Swan Street. The Planning Authority did not wish to raise any Objections, so work could proceed.
- 6) A discharge of conditions at Pro Tem, Calais Street notice was shared with the meeting.

The following applications were discussed: -

- A) Conservation Area application to reduce beech hedge and norway maple to previous points at Twelve, 12 The Causeway - No Objections.

B) Proposed Canopy to front of Primary School - Boxford. Objections in relation to the appearance of the canopy on the front of the school. It would be unsightly in a Conservation Area and have an adverse effect on the character of the school building. Members were also doubtful that the canopy would achieve its objective of providing a healthy play resource in view of the limited size of the proposal.

C) Conservation Area application to fell three douglas firs and beech sapling. The established beech is to be retained at 24 Stone Street - No Objections.

D) Application for first floor extension, conversion of garage to office and store and alterations to fenestration and internal layout at Boxbank, Rules Yard - No Objections.

E) Listed Building Application for removal of internal wall and single storey rear extension at 22 Swan Street - As the documents on the Planning website wouldn't open, it was agreed for members to review between meetings and confirm views to the Clerk by Wednesday 15th November - Action All.

F) Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation - Members agreed to take up the offer made by D Talbot Clarke to respond to the Consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed for M Wooderson to contact D Talbot Clarke with feedback from the Parish Council. Specifically sustainable small developments would be supported on suitable sites once identified. M Wooderson will also respond directly to the suggestion of further development of the Goodlands site, as this Council and residents have already made clear their views on the unsuitability of a phase 2 at Goodlands.

Groton Parish Council

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

Present: J Osborne (Chair), C Fraulo, P Roberts, N Cox, R Cheeseman

In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk)

Apologies for absence -

D Wills, A Dixon-Smith (approved); B Hurren, J Finch

Reports - B Hurren (BDC) had sent a report confirming that the move to Endeavour House had now gone ahead. There is a proposal to combine BDC and MSDC. The new Boundary Commission recommendations are out for consultation, having taken on board previous criticisms. The proposal is to combine Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Kersey, Lindsey and Mildens into one ward, and the Parish Council resolved that the Clerk would write to the Boundary Commission supporting this. B Hurren had also advised that the Goodlands application will be heard on 8 November.

The Minutes of the meeting of 6 September were approved and signed.

Reports and questions from Councillors - J Osborne and C Fraulo confirmed that they would attend the BDC Town and Parish Liaison Meeting on 7 November at 6.30pm and the Clerk will book their places.

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 20 November 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: M Childs (Chair), S Norman, P Baker, C Britcher, S Flack, P Clarke, D Williams

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

Reports: B Hurren (BDC) confirmed that the move to Endeavour House had completed and the offices in Corks Lane were now closed. BDC and MSDC cabinets have voted to consider a merger once again. The consultation period for the Joint Local Plan has now ended. The proposals for new housing do not affect Edwardstone. The new Boundary Commission recommendations are out for consultation, having taken on board previous criticism. The proposal is to combine Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Kersey, Lindsey and Mildens into one ward. B Hurren asked the PC to consider supporting this proposal as it keeps the right group of villages together. He attended the Scrutiny Committee meeting today where the issue of rising homelessness was discussed. The Goodlands second phase went to the planning committee last week and was turned down, although the developers will probably appeal. M Childs asked if there was further news on the Copella site. B Hurren said that it was still ongoing and was proving controversial, though if approved it would bring more jobs to the area. The Clerk said that the noticeboard at Mill Green was unstable and B Hurren agreed to have a look at it to see what can be done.

Councillor vacancy - David Williams had put his name forward to be considered for co-option. The PC resolved unanimously to co-opt him, he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed on to the PC.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 18 September 2017 were approved and signed.

Highway and Footpath Matters - C Britcher asked when the U8330 from the phone box past the White Horse was going to be resurfaced after the current works. The Clerk will enquire of SCC. S Norman reported the street name sign for The Winthrops had fallen over. The Clerk will report it to BDC and B Hurren will also report it. S Norman advised that the pavement on both sides of The Winthrops were covered with moss and were slippery. M Childs said that she would deal with the path alongside her boundary and the Clerk will ask SCC to deal with the other. S Norman reported that the National Speed Limit sign north of her property on Sherbourne Street is on the ground. The Clerk will report it. She also said that the footpath sign next to the kissing gate at the entrance to the field near the church is loose and leaning against a tree. The Clerk will report this to SCC. She also said that the short run of footpath from the plank bridge to the farm track at the rear of Borehouse Manor Farm is overgrown and very narrow. The Clerk will ask the farm manager to arrange for it to be cleared. C Britcher reported seeing several cyclists on footpaths recently.

S Norman said that also there are a lot of plastic bottles being dropped in ditches, possibly by cyclists. The Clerk will put a note in the BRN. It is not members of Boxford Bike Club who are causing these problems, but the Clerk will contact them in case they can assist with spreading the word about keeping off the footpaths. C Britcher reported that there is a lot of dog mess on the Millennium Green. P Clarke will refer this to the MG Trust.

Boundary review - the PC resolved to support the proposals referred to by B Hurren above and the Clerk will deal with this.

Broadband coverage – the PC was pleased to note that a detailed response has been received from Suffolk Better Broadband to its query regarding outlying areas of the village. The Clerk is to respond and ask them what alternative solutions are proposed for those properties that might be connected to a live cabinet but cannot yet access fibre broadband. (A copy of the email is on the PC website.)

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 October 2017	£2517.76
Business Current Account as at 31 October 2017	£7007.20
Total	£9524.96

Donations for 2017-18 were considered. The PC resolved to make payments of £300 to Edwardstone PCC, £375 to Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust, £350 to Edwardstone Parish Hall and £100 to Sudbury CAB. D Williams suggested a donation to Boxford School, which will be considered in March. The Clerk will also obtain a list of local charities for consideration at the same time and D Williams said he would be able to assist with this. The adequacy of the budget for 2017-18 was considered and approved. The PC considered the draft budget for 2018-19. The tax base information had been received from BDC and in view of the likely increased expenditure on compliance with the Data Protection Bill, the PC agreed in principle to increase the precept from £5625 to £5710. This is the first increase since 2014 and is an additional £0.52 per year on a Band D property. The PC will reconsider the issue at the January meeting when further information on potential costs of Data Protection compliance may be available. The draft budget was also approved in principle. Internal financial controls were reviewed and approved. The Asset Register was reviewed and approved.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence – The Clerk advised that she could make an application to the Transparency Fund for £50 to cover the cost of the website for the year and the PC approved this. She explained the potential impact of the Data Protection Bill and SALC's proposals to date to deal with the duty to be imposed on PCs to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Currently the suggestion is that PCs could use a company to provide the service, accessing it in small groups rather than individually in order to keep costs down. It is likely that this will still be expensive and there will be additional work for

the Clerk. The PC resolved to consider the matter further at the next meeting when further information may be available. The Clerk advised that SALC were currently advertising for the posts of Chief Executive and Finance Officer.

Meeting dates for 2018 were proposed as 15 January, 19 March, 21 May, 16 July, 17 September and 19 November. The Clerk will check with the Parish Hall Committee and confirm.

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

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Box River Benefice, Directory of Clubs & Organisations

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1st Boxford Explorer Scouts	Adrian Gooderham 211805
1st Boxford Guides	Eloise Britcher 828710
1st Boxford Rainbows	Janice MacMillan 210565
1st Boxford Scout Group	Richard Gates 210432
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Boxford Bounty	Mark Miller 211596
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Boxford Community Council	Ward Baker 210129
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Boxford Gardens Open	Sara Mattocks 07484 759292
Boxford Gardening Society	Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Boxford Over 60s Club	Shirley Watling 210024
Boxford Playing Fields	David Burden 211926
Boxford Rovers Football Club	Melvyn Eke 01473 602846
Boxford School	Justine Davies 210332
Boxford Society	Tina Loose 210538
Boxford Spinney	Gordon Edgar 378983
Sunflower Child Care	Moira Grant 211513
Box River Lectures	Simon & Jo Marchant 210149
Boxford Tennis Club	Yvonne Woodfield 210151
Boxford United Charities	Guy Godfray (Clerk) 211378
Boxford Village Hall Bookings	Veronica Hobbs 211529
Boxford WI	Annie Phillips 211729
Boxford Youth Club	Pauls Hoare 211033
Box River News	Eddie Kench 211507
Community Police Officer	Babergh West 01473 613500
County Councillor	James Finch 01206 263649
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren 01787 210854
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Iain Young (01787 210048
Fleece Jazz Club	David Gasson 210796
Friends of Boxford School	Talktojobs@gmail.com
Local History Recorder	Trudy Wild 210946
Mill Surgery	210558
Babies and Toddlers Group	Caroline Williams 210836 or Nicola Coote 371788
Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Ref to Rev Judith 210091
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Sponsored cycle ride	Ruth Kingsbury 211236
Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund	Ben Woodfield 211922

Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club	Anne Gardner 312346
Line Dancing	Jean Tomkins 377343
Local History Recorder	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Fireside Club	Wendy Turner 372677
Newton Golf Club	377217
Newton Green Trust	Lee Parker 376073
Newton Keep Fit Club	
Newton News Views & Coffee	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Village Hall	Alan Vince 373963
PCC	Christine Cornell 370331
Police Liason Officer	
Sponsored cycle ride	Chris Cornell 370331
Surgeries	Boxford Mill 210558
	Meadow Lane 310000
	Hardwicke House 370011
	Siam 370444
War Games Club	Brian Lawson 312160

Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Claire Mortime 210051
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary	Fiona Raymond 210461
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman	Daphne Clark 210698
Edwardstone United Charities	Les Clark (Clerk) 210698
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Tom Whymark 211375
Local History Recorder	Daphne Clark 210698
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Ineke Morris 210761
Sponsored cycle ride	Mrs A Tribe 211526
Edwardstone Parish Council	Anita Robinson 211673

Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation	Anthea Scriven 01787 210263
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Groton Parish Council	Anita Robinson 211673
Groton United Charities	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Groton Village Hall Bookings	Joanna Roberts 210619
Local History Recorder	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Sponsored cycle ride	Colin Blackmore 211134
Groton Parochial Church Council (secretary)	David Lamming 210360
Groton Winthrop Mulberry trust	R Bowdidge 01787-211553

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Gt Waldingfield WI	Linda Lutz 378888
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Local History Recorder	Sue Sheppard 247980

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Boxford Bike Club:	boxfordbikeclub.co.uk
Boxford Community Council:	boxford.me.uk
Boxford Drama Group:	boxforddramagroup.com
Boxford Gardening Society:	boxfordgardeningociety.one.suffolk.net
Boxford School:	boxford.suffolk.dbprimary.com/
Boxford Spinney(Scouts):	boxfordspinney.freeserve.co.uk/
Boxford Sunflower:	boxfordsunflower.co.uk
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Boxford Rovers Youth:	boxfordrovers.intheteam.com
Boxford Rovers FC (Men's teams)	www.boxfordrovers.co.uk
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Tornado Smith:	thewallofdeath.co.uk/Tornado.htm
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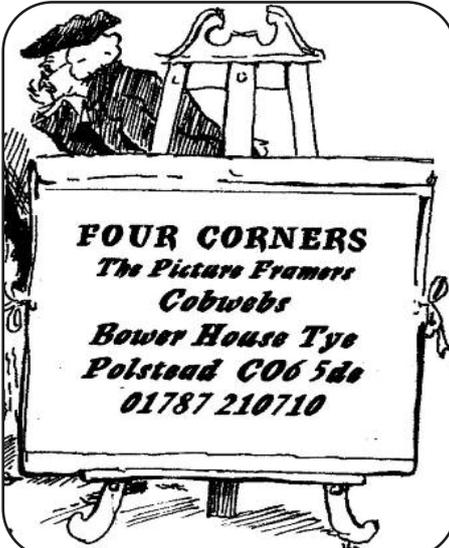
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CINDERELLA BOXFORD 2017



The Cast

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Christmas is nearly here and there's no better way to start December than with a trip to the pantomime. This year's production at the Boxford Village Hall took the classic story of Cinderella with all our favorite characters and added lots of modern songs and chart hits.

We experienced the magical age old fairy tale and watched while Cinderella overcame her not so wicked stepmother and stepsisters and go on to win the heart of the handsome Prince Charming with lots of fun and laughter along the way.

Written by Joe Barrett who also played Fallopia Hardup one of the ugly sisters, and directed by David Phillips, this years production included many new faces and a somewhat younger cast than previously. A big welcome to the Tolputts with James playing Baron Hardup and Angela his not so wicked wife Hilda and son Sam putting in a strong performance as Zip, the side kick of Buttons played by Josef Thompson who had some of the best one liners in the panto.

Great performances by all including the superb meal dished up by Dawn Mace and her many helpers. Can't wait until April for the next BDG production.



LioR Zips (Sam Tolputt) Cinders (Beth Molloy) and Buttons (Josef Thompson)



Botoxia Hardup (Nick Elliott) and Fallopia (Joe Barrett)



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