

# Box River News

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## GROTON SPRING GARDENS OPEN

*Tyndals, with St Bartholomew's Church*



Photo's David Lamming

Despite the terrible weather for the Spring Gardens Open in Groton, the fantastic figure of £492.00 was raised in aid of St Bartholomews Church, twelve Gardens were open together with an artists Studio. Big thanks to all the participants. Jayne



*Groton Place*

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## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE LITTER PICK



On a somewhat damp and dreary Saturday morning, a surprisingly upbeat band of 11 pickers, plus 2 in the village hall preparing refreshments and another driving round delivering and collecting bags, collectively undertook our annual village roadside clean up. Yours truly thought there would be less rubbish than previously, because it did not seem so visible, but sadly this did not prove to be the case, perhaps due to some fairly serious hedge trimming late last year which may have uncovered rubbish from prior years.

More than 20 large bags of rubbish were collected, along with other items unsuitable for bagging, incl. a large commercial fresh water container, a heavy stabilising leg from a workman's barrier and what appeared to be long pieces from someone's replaced secondary double glazing framing unceremoniously dumped - it never ceases to amaze.

Our village is, for now at least, free from this modern day blight, created solely by passing drivers too lazy to take their rubbish home with them. The volume of empty cans and bottles was unbelievable, along with remnants from take away food and drinks containers, along with the ubiquitous crisp and chocolate wrappers etc, which of course can be so harmful to wildlife. Hopefully the tidy aspect will, at least for a while, deter other lazy drivers from chucking stuff out of the windows whilst driving through, though we all know that sadly it will recur once again, until such time that everyone becomes a bit more considerate to others - here's to less rubbish next year and a great big thank you to all of our volunteers.

*Andy Sheppard,*

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Chris Allard ~ guitar, Ross Stanley ~ piano, Oli Hayhurst ~ bass, Nick Smalley ~ drums

Musician magazine says, \*Chris Allard is a regular on TV, radio and the international jazz festival circuit. His original jazz is approachable and witty, especially in the company of his band... Top drawer! \* His CD, \*Invisible Landscape\* features Oli Hayhurst on double bass and Nick Smalley on drums. After laying down the main guitar parts on electric guitar (Gibson 335 ) live with the trio, extra guitar parts were added to a number of the pieces \* extra dimensions and colours of various different guitars; steel-string acoustic, classical guitar, electric guitars with differing textures and effects \* all of which add interest and distinguish the band from other guitar-led jazz groups without losing focus or direction. We have the addition of the great keyboardist, Ross Stanley to the CD's trio format, tonight on piano.

\*Rocking with bluesy angular lines\* somewhere between Scofield and Carlton with a dash of fleet-footing Martino\*he demonstrates gorgeous nylon-string polyphony\*evocative acoustic work\*demonstrates enough compositional and stylistic colour \* to suggest bebop is far from being Allard's only brush\* - Guitarist.

**Friday 11 May 8.00 £18**

**Fishwick Brothers play Cedar Walton and Duke Pearson**

John Law's new project: playing well known tunes from the world of jazz and pop, featuring award winner saxophonist Sam Crockatt

John Law piano/keyboards, Sam Crockatt saxophones, Yuri Goloubev bass, Billy Weir drums/percussion  
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## THIS MONTHS LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

*Dear Friends,*

### “Time to say Goodbye”

Some of you will recognise this title of a song that has become world famous. It is sung in Italian and reaches a pitch of emotion when the only English words are sung – “Time to say goodbye”. Some of you will also have heard, either when I announced it at the Five Villages Service on Palm Sunday, or via the grapevine, that my “time to say goodbye” to you all has come and Rufus and I will be retiring at the end of July this year. I certainly felt emotional as I made the announcement, as I hold so very many of you close to my heart and will be very sad to say goodbye to you, as we move to our new life in Reepham, North Norfolk in August. However, the writer of the Old Testament book Ecclesiastes speaks wisely when he observes that “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”



So, now, after almost eight years ministering in the five parishes, it is the time to step down. During those years, there has been so much to celebrate and be thankful for: The joyful Five Villages Services, the gently chaotic Pet Services, the quiet Remembering our Loved Ones Services, the vibrant Café Church services, The Palm Sunday donkey processions, the supportive Mary’s House communions, the Christingles and Carol Services, Harvest festivals and Harvest Lunches or Suppers, the Boxford School Nativities and Easter Activity Days to name but a few. Then of course there has been the sharing of your happy life events of Christenings and Weddings, and the privilege of walking beside you in the sorrows of your illnesses or bereavements. Most of all, perhaps, I have treasured so much, the ordinary, unplanned, everyday encounters and conversations with you in the shops, around the villages and at village coffee mornings and community events.

But as many of you are aware, behind the scenes, there have also been many struggles and challenges. A large number of Churchwarden and other key church officer posts have been unfilled; small, often mainly elderly, congregations face huge financial challenges and carry a heavy load of responsibility for the maintenance and repair of listed historic buildings. This is not a unique situation, of course, and many rural multi-parish benefices experience similar pressures. I have greatly appreciated the support I have received from so many faithful and hardworking parishioners, and from Lay Minister Christopher Kingsbury, Lay Elder David Lamming, and above all from my amazing husband, but all this does, in the end, take a toll. On top of this, Rufus, who will be 70 at the end of this year, has not been in the best of health recently, and we are looking forward to a rest and to being able to spend more time together. So, for both of us, for many reasons, the right time has come to step away so that someone else can step in – someone - I pray - who will bring with them renewed energy and vision to serve and minister afresh to these five wonderful communities and churches.

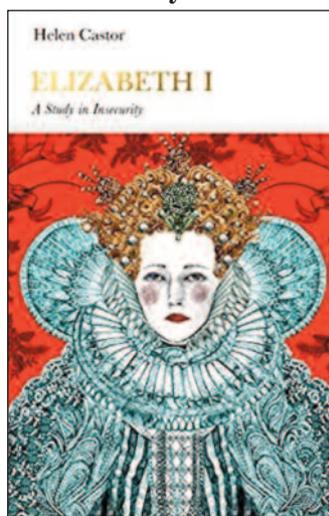
For now, I will just say “Au revoir” rather than “Adieu” or “Goodbye”, since after my retirement, you may well encounter me occasionally as I will be returning to take all the weddings I am committed to during August, September and October. And between now and when we leave, thank you all so much for the continuing friendship, love, support and prayer you extend to us both.

Finally, please do put this date in your diaries now! My last service in the benefice will be a united service at Boxford Church on Sunday 29th July at 3pm, followed by tea and cakes in the village hall. I do hope that – whether you are normally a churchgoer or not – you will come. You will all be extremely welcome.

Blessings,  
Rev. Judith

## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, MAY 2018

### Elizabeth I by Helen Castor review – a study in insecurity



Elizabeth I has bewitched and eluded biographers in equal measure. The daughter of Henry VIII’s second wife, Anne Boleyn, her birth in 1533 is inextricably linked with one of the most momentous constitutional changes England witnessed between the Norman conquest and the Brexit vote. She was, as Helen Castor writes in this crisp contribution to Penguin’s miniature Monarchs series, the “living embodiment” of the religious revolution that brought about the break with Rome and made her father head of the Church of England. Both the young princess and the fitful and idiosyncratic process we call the English Reformation were byproducts of Henry’s sexual whims and desperate desire for a male heir. Elizabeth’s childhood, adolescence and

early adulthood were lived in the shadow of the recrimination and violence these events unleashed.

Taking on Elizabeth is no easy task. This is not merely because she has been the subject of so many books and featured in so many films. Her capacity to be endlessly reinvented is a function of her enigmatic character. Her recorded words and actions are ambiguous. Wisely, Castor does not sidestep this intrinsic difficulty. She acknowledges Elizabeth’s emotional opacity and makes this integral to her analysis. As she remarks, the inscrutability of the queen is compelling evidence itself.

Elizabeth mastered the art of hiding in plain sight and elevated dissimulation and delay into statecraft. Behind “the carapace of a carefully constructed public self” was a psyche that Castor suggests was deeply scarred by the traumatic fact that her mother had been killed on the orders of her own capricious father. This is largely an argument from silence, but one precious and poignant object (reproduced as one of eight coloured plates) gives it weight: an exquisite mother-of-pearl locket ring dating from c1575, which opens to reveal Elizabeth’s own portrait paired with Boleyn’s.

Castor’s subtitle is “A Study in Insecurity”, and central to her account is an emphasis on the profound precariousness of Elizabeth’s experience at both personal and political levels: from the dysfunctional stepfamily in which she spent her early years to the fraught world of domestic conspiracy and international intrigue that formed the backdrop to her 45-year reign. Out of this came a resolve and self-control that disguised her vulnerable humanity. This enabled her to resist the pressure to marry and solve the succession problem, and to sit out crises through a canny strategy of “watchful inaction”.

Elizabeth’s youthful flirtation with Thomas Seymour and her relationship with Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, receive due attention, as does the chess game of court politics she conducted with her privy councillors, repeatedly finding space for her own priorities by refusing to move. The anger and anguish she experienced after being manoeuvred into signing the death warrant of her Catholic cousin Mary Queen of Scots in 1587 is brought out particularly well. Weeping, raging and refusing to eat or sleep, she banished William Cecil, Lord Burghley, from her presence for months in a fit of pique. Other familiar episodes also find a place in this abbreviated account, including Elizabeth’s tribulations in the reign of Mary I and her famous speech at Tilbury camp on the eve of the attempted invasion by the Spanish Armada in 1588. In stressing the “impressive sang-froid” and poise with which she navigated these challenges, Castor is not immune to the overestimation of her subject that is the occupational hazard of biographers. She captures something of the shifting dynamics of the 1590s, a decade marked by the death of the queen’s most trusted advisers and fractious parliaments that left her increasingly isolated. Her frustration is encapsulated in the image of her randomly stabbing tapestries with the sword she kept close to hand. Yet more might have been said about the growing mood of resentment and disillusionment that set in with the rule of a grumpy old woman.

A more significant lacuna in this account relates to Elizabeth’s religious outlook. Castor evades the knotty question of what kind of Protestant she was, and in presenting the ecclesiastical settlement of 1559 as an attempt to pursue a “middle path” she accords an agency to the queen that may overlook the role of the pressure groups by which she was surrounded and on which the reversal of Mary’s Counter-Reformation relied. Castor alludes to Elizabeth’s famous refusal to make windows in the souls of her Catholic subjects by requiring only outward conformity to Protestantism, but her struggles with zealous Protestants determined to purge the English church of the remaining vestiges of popery are almost completely occluded.

Engaging and well-written, this little book is, however, a neat synthesis of scholarship on Elizabeth’s life with an interesting angle. Its chief merit is to approach her unreadability less as an obstacle than as an opportunity.

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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ **Nicola Beach – the new Chief Executive for Suffolk County Council.** Since the departure of Deborah Cadman's move to the West Midlands Combined Authority in September last year, SCC has been searching for her replacement. Since then, Sue Cook has very ably been our Interim Chief Executive. I am pleased to inform you that, following a unanimous recommendation by our Staff Appointments Committee, we have appointed Nicola Beach which was ratified at the Full County Council meeting.

Nicola Beach, who is currently Executive Director of Infrastructure and Environment at Essex County Council, will join us this summer. During her time at Essex County Council, Nicola has led on the establishment of Transport East, a regional transport body of public and private sector partners to secure more investment in transport schemes in our region and worked with Ringway Jacobs – the company that maintains Essex's roads – to improve performance and customer experience. She also successfully delivered large savings programmes.

Nicola was appointed due to the wealth of experience she has in local government, having been Chief Executive at Braintree District Council before joining Essex County Council and various other roles in authorities across the East of England. Nicola might be new to Suffolk County Council, but she's not new to Suffolk – having lived in Ipswich since 2005.

### ➤ **Suffolk Highways Reporting and Responses**

Suffolk Highways is continuing to see a heavy influx of customer reports through the online reporting tool, <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> and telephone contact centre, 0345 606 6171. Thank you to all those who are using it on a regular basis. In January 2018, 6,023 potholes and other defects were reported, which is more than double the amount received in the same period last year. During January 2,278 reactive works were ordered, 612 of which were emergencies requiring a 2-hour response time.

The volume of reports coming into the team remains high with reports during February and March reaching approximately 5,000 per month. The team is continuing to prioritise work and are currently focused only on investigating and assessing pothole reports and emergencies. Response times for all other reports will be impacted and may take several weeks for less urgent reports to be assessed. We are working in different ways to clear the high volume of reports and moving resources to the areas of highest need; this is taking place in conjunction with continued dialogue with the public through the press and social media about how they can get the most out of the reporting mechanisms.

### ➤ **Better Broadband for Suffolk Update**

The Council's aim is still to reach 100% of Suffolk premises with superfast broadband. We have contractual plans in place to increase coverage to 98% of Suffolk premises during 2020. I am now working with officers and partner organisations to find solutions how to close the final 2%. To do this I do need to know those of you who have still not been able to receive an acceptable broadband speed for your needs. Most of these in my division are in the more outlying properties. Please let me and your Parish Clerk know.

The Better Broadband programme continues to increase the number of premises upgraded to superfast broadband in Suffolk. Openreach however have over recent months fallen behind their contractual targets, meaning that some of our communities have been delayed in receiving their upgrades to superfast broadband. Openreach are implementing a remedial plan to catch up on their contractual targets, and SCC will be monitoring this closely to ensure there is an improvement. More than 92% of all Suffolk addresses now have access to superfast broadband – from around 50% when the programme was set up but that still leaves 8% waiting and it is these final premises that we must focus on so they can also receive superfast broadband.

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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Great news that the village has the national lottery back again after a break of three years and congratulations to Kunal and Kumal for their perseverance and hard work to achieve this. Not such good news on the Boxford Tornado which had to be cancelled due to the unsafe conditions of our public highways. While this is blamed on the adverse weather it should be noted that winter often happens between the months of November and April and serious questions now need to be asked about why the highways dept of the County Council are unable to maintain our roads in a safe condition, we were told a couple of months ago that £21 million pounds was to be borrowed for Keir contractors to bring our roads up to a safe condition, this has only seemed to have resulted in the odd lorry with two to four workers manually shovelling tar into an uncleaned hole and sometimes leaving adjoining potholes completely untouched. Where is all this money going to? Maybe this question should be asked at all the village A.G.M.s coming up in May. At Babergh District Council the Mid Suffolk merger idea has been put on the shelf for the time being because I presume the administration now feel they are unable to bully it through their own revolting members, this is another ill-conceived vanity project that will cause more disruption for the majority of our staff with virtually no monetary savings at all. We now have the breaking news that the T.I.C. in Lavenham is threatened with closure and the staff working there have been given notice of redundancy, this seems another decision taken behind closed doors which could have serious consequences for the financial wellbeing of our area especially on the business rates that we collect and it will have a very detrimental effect on new businesses starting up and people visiting our area especially new visitors from overseas, this seems potentially another own goal scored by Babergh Council. Hopefully the vast majority of elected councillors will now get to see the business case for this if there was ever one produced and be able to bring some common sense to this as we have so many times before. Enough ranting for now, Spring seems to have finally arrived. Keep Well. Bryn.

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# A TONIC TO THE NATION - A Talk by Geoffrey Kay



Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Geoffrey back to the Parish Room, this time to tell us all about the 1951 Festival of Britain, which occurred exactly 100 years after the huge success of the 1851 Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace, as he previously told us all about.

Geoffrey began by asking whether anyone had any memories of the festival, to which four guests put their hands up. Their memories of the festival of course differed, but all agreed how dour and grey everyday life was back then - the country was hugely damaged from devastation left by the war, rationing was still in place and everyone was basically just worn out. One remembered climbing up to the elevated railway line to see the new Britannia class steam loco, clearly much more interesting to little boys than the festival itself, but the overriding memory of one little girl was "not being allowed to go on the funfair" - probably due to the extra cost. Adult tickets were five shillings each (25p in decimal, equal to £7.50 in today's money) and programmes cost half a crown (2 shillings six pence or 12.5p), which as she said, was probably five rides missed out on - something clearly and indelibly etched in her memory.

To set the scene, Geoffrey showed us a number of mainly black and white pictures taken during the years after the war, clearly illustrating everything recalled by our guests: people generally looked sad and unhappy, there were bombsites across the countries in cities and towns, whilst clothes were drab and utilitarian - not a happy time. There was a desire to remodel and rebuild, in a new and bold style, though this was much hampered by the sheer lack of raw materials such as steel, concrete and wood - something that seriously affected the building of the festival itself. Geoffrey illustrated the new thinking with before and after pictures of Coventry cathedral, of the first pedestrianised shopping precinct built in the country, also in Coventry. There was of course much necessary house building across the country, many of which were Prefabs, manufactured off site and quickly erected on site. Intended as stop gap homes for 20 or so years, 60 to 70 years on, many still exist because residents loved them. On a more sombre note, Geoffrey then showed pictures of a London smog; a type of air pollution originally named for the combination of smoke and fog, which at the time originated from the large amount of coal burning in the fires of city residents.

In September 1945, just a month after the war, the 'Council of Industrial Design' announced a national exhibition of design in 'all the main range of consumer goods'. Held at the V&A museum, empty at the time as exhibits were evacuated during the war, and undamaged, the 'Britain Can Make It' exhibition ran from September to November. A popular reaction in the press termed it "Britain Can't Have It" because wartime austerity measures were still in force whilst the goods on display were intended for export.

Geoffrey then introduced us to (Sir) Gerald Barry, our hero for the evening. In 1944 he wrote an open letter to Chancellor Sir Stafford Cripps (SSC), calling for 'a great trade and cultural exhibition in the next few years', pointing out the 'significance of 1951 as an anniversary'. He also suggested that there were strong arguments for holding it 'in the Empire's capital'. It seems SSC was a bit sniffy, saying only that "it might be a good idea"; happily he was replaced by Herbert Morrison who was much more enthusiastic and thought it "worth pursuing", additionally suggesting that "everyone needed a tonic".

Prime Minister Attlee then asked Lord Ismay to become Chairman of the Council of the Festival of Britain, which he officially became on 10 March 1948. Ismay helped ensure the festival would be truly national by calling together all the mayors in Britain in June 1949 to discuss the festival, the first such meeting since 1916. Ismay also publicly defended the large cost of the festival, emphasising its historic nature by saying that "we are consciously and deliberately determined to make history". When

approached the King and Queen were enthusiastic and Princess Elizabeth was a real enthusiast - the project had legs at last.

Gerald Barry was given operational charge of the festival; being energetic and optimistic, he had an eye for what would be popular and a knack for how to motivate others. Barry gave preference to young architects and designers who had collaborated on exhibitions for the wartime Ministry of Information, and it clearly worked. There was little money, with many people believing the £11 million (about £360 million today) cost to put on the exhibition wildly frivolous, but with enthusiasm and a 'make do and mend' attitude, they succeeded.

A model of the main exhibition structures was created and work commenced during the awful winter of 1950. It was due to complete in May 1951, which very nearly didn't happen because of the disruptive power of the on site unions; to illustrate this, Geoffrey told of an artist painting a large mural which continually required him to move a ladder and lights to see by as he progressed - something apparently in breach of the Electrician's Union 'work to' rules in force at the time - Geoffrey didn't tell us how this was resolved - most probably by having an electrician on hand simply to move the lights every 15 minutes or so!

The main festival site was constructed on 27 acres of the South Bank, left untouched since bombing during the war. Gerald Barry appointed Hugh Casson, a young architect of just 38, as Director of Architecture by, who then appointed other young architects to design its buildings - it proved to be a perfect time to showcase the principles of urban design that would feature in the massive post-war rebuilding of the country.

The main site featured the largest dome in the world at the time, 93 feet tall, a diameter of 365 feet (said to be easy to remember) and with a dramatic entrance via a long escalator; it was a remarkable technological achievement later tragically demolished by vengeful politicians. An early challenge was to design a structure that kept the total number of parts to a minimum and which could be prefabricated, transported and erected with great ease, speed and efficiency. Architect Ralph Tubbs more than met the challenge by developing an extraordinary system of geometry which determined its form and the design of its structural members. Constructed out of aluminum, a most futuristic material at the time, it was a kind of mathematical poem according to Tubbs. At the centre of the site was a brass pin, from which all dimensions were measured and from where the dome's diameter was fixed. Eccentric smaller circles centred on a similar pin 29 feet away determined the edges of the internal galleries and generated the asymmetrical form of the aluminium apron. The internal galleries later held exhibitions on many of the themes of discovery, including:

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Adjacent to the Dome was the Skylon, a breathtaking, iconic daring and most futuristic-looking monument. It was a vertical cigar shaped post-tensioned cable aluminium clad tower giving an impression of floating above the ground, almost invisibly suspended by just three cables; it had no functional purpose other than an anemometer at the tip of its 300 foot high spire. Once the whole structure was assembled, a system of hydraulic jacks beneath the three smaller pylons were pumped up to raise the pylons, putting tension into all the cables so the whole thing became a stressed structure. This reduced the number of wires needed to anchor Skylon and halved the amount of oscillation in the structure; the apparent lack of support made the structure look tremendously hazardous, and because people then felt there weren't enough supporting wires, it was tremendously exciting to all.

Architect Leslie Martin led the Festival Hall project, a 2,900 seat concert hall which hosted concerts conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent and Sir Adrian Boult. An early sketch was of an egg in a box, which name subsequently stuck. Its strength was its arrangement of interior space; the central staircase has a ceremonial feel, moving elegantly through different levels of light and air, and because public spaces (foyers, bars and restaurants) were built around the auditorium, these also insulated the Hall from the noise of the adjacent railway bridge.

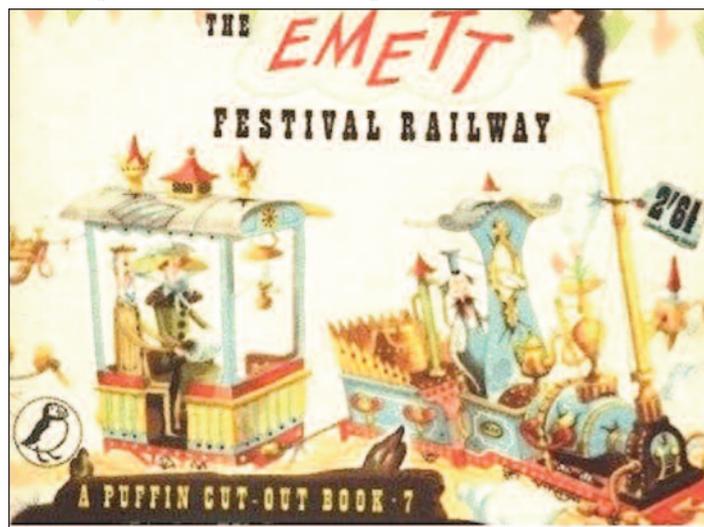
The hall was built with modernism's favourite material, reinforced concrete, alongside more luxurious elements such as beautiful woods and Derbyshire fossilised limestone. The exterior was bright white, intended to contrast with the blackened city surrounding it, whilst large areas of glass on the façade meant light coursed freely throughout the interior; at night the glass let the light from inside flood out over the river, in contrast to the darkness which befell the rest of London after dusk.

The Shot Tower was originally built in 1826 and in operation until 1949, and was the only existing building retained on the Festival site. In 1950, a gallery chamber at the top was removed and a steel-framed superstructure added, to provide a radio beacon for the festival. After the festival, it was demolished to make way for the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Other facilities included a new wing of the Science Museum being built, an exhibition of Live Architecture hosted nearby at Poplar. Pleasure Gardens were created in Battersea Park, to include:

- A pier where boats docked bringing visitors from the South Bank piers;
- The Parade - the shopping area of the Festival Gardens with access to all other spaces and events;
- The Grand Vista - a view of towers and arcades, lakes and fountains, eating and drinking, and the location of the evening fireworks;
- Oyster Creek - the Rowland Emmett designed railway that ran between the festival gardens stations of Oyster Creek and Far Tottering;
- The Fun Fair;
- Lawn and Flower Gardens; and
- Specific areas for children such as the Punch and Judy and Zoo.

The festival was also a nationwide affair, with exhibitions in many towns and cities throughout Britain, including: the Industrial Power (heavy engineering) exhibition in Glasgow, the Farm and Factory (linen technology and science in agriculture) exhibition in Belfast, land travelling exhibitions and the festival ship Campania, which journeyed from town to town around the country. Festival Pleasure Gardens were also set up in Battersea, three miles up river.



The Lion and the Unicorn Pavilion attempted to show and explain the British character, the Lion and the Unicorn apparently symbolising two of the main qualities of the national character - *on the one hand realism and strength, on the other fantasy, independence and imagination*. The main British characteristics showcased in the pavilion were: Language and Literature, Eccentricities and Humour, Skill of Hand and Eye, and the Instinct of Liberty. On entering visitors would see, high on a side wall, very large straw figures of the Lion and Unicorn, set in front of the legend "We are the Lion and the Unicorn, twin symbols of the Briton's character. As a Lion I give him solidarity and strength, and with the Unicorn he lets himself go". It is though this thoroughly confused many visitors, as acknowledged by the guide-book as the closing paragraphs for the pavilion read:

*If, on leaving this Pavilion, the visitor from overseas concludes that he is still not much the wiser about the British national character, it might console him to know that British people are themselves still very much in the dark about it. For them, the British character is as easy to identify, and as difficult to define, as a British nonsense rhyme:*

*The lion and the unicorn,  
We're fighting for the crown,  
The lion beat the unicorn  
All around the town.  
Some gave them white bread,  
And some gave them brown;  
Some gave them plum cake,  
And sent them out of town.*

Always planned as a temporary exhibition, the Festival ran for 5 months before closing in September 1951. It had been a success; it turned over a profit as well as being extremely popular. The month following closure, a new Conservative government came to power, and it is believed that incoming PM Churchill considered the Festival socialist propaganda, a celebration of the achievements of the Labour Party and of their vision for a new Socialist Britain. An order was quickly made to level the South Bank site and remove almost all trace; the only feature to remain was the Royal Festival Hall; now a Grade I listed building and the first post-war building to become so protected, it still successfully hosts concerts today.

Geoffrey then proceeded to delight his audience with many pictures that showed:

- The main site under construction;
- The opening and visitors to the exhibition;
- Many iconic buildings, both under construction and during the exhibition;
- Many of the various posters and programme images;
- Images of 1950s house and interior design;
- Modern white and other goods just available, for the wealthy; and
- Battersea funfair.

To conclude, in his delightfully low key way, Geoffrey gave everyone a really lovely trip down memory lane, including those not old enough to remember the festival itself! His presentation was a masterpiece and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, and we can't wait until we invite him back again.



Our next events will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on:  
18th April:

Linda Sexton will tell us how the Women's Institute helped communities cope in the aftermath of the devastating 1953 East Coast Floods. Looking back, its hard now to understand the scale of the disaster, but with 307 people killed in the counties of Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex, and with more than 2,500 fatalities across Europe (mainly the Netherlands), the scale tragically become clear.

16th May:

Pip Wright will present a picture history of Margaret Catchpole – the story of a Suffolk adventuress & chronicler transported for stealing a horse – using paintings by Rev Cobbold. Margaret is described in the Australian Dictionary of Biography as one of the few convicts with an excellent memory and a gift for recording events, so given Pip's extraordinary story telling ability, this tale should be absolutely fascinating.

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## GOODLANDS 2 PLANNING APPEAL

Landex Ltd have launched an appeal against Babergh DC's refusal of planning permission (by a 7-6 vote at the planning committee last November) for 20 more houses at Goodlands Farm (off Daking Avenue, Boxford)

Landex lodged the appeal on 6 March 2018. It will be some time before it is determined but there is an important deadline coming up.

The appeal will be decided after a public inquiry (time estimate, two days): dates yet to be fixed, but likely to be several months away. [It is essential that the hearing should be heard in the Boxford Village Hall, not at Babergh's 'new' council offices miles away in Ipswich. Bryn Hurren our District Councillor is already 'on the case' over this.]

The main issue at the appeal will be the highways issue, and the effect of traffic from the development on Swan Street.

At the inquiry residents will be able to speak, but written submissions or comments from interested parties must be sent to the Planning Inspectorate by Wednesday 9 May 2018. They can be submitted online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. If anyone doesn't have access to the internet, comments can be sent (3 copies are required) to: The Planning Inspectorate 3M Temple Quay House 2 The Square Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN. All representations must quote the appeal reference: APP/D3505/W/18/3197391. (Photographs of traffic congestion/holdups in Swan Street would be particularly useful: give dates.)

The person co-ordinating the opposition to the appeal on behalf of Boxford Parish Council is Matt Wooderson. People should contact Matt if they have any queries or useful information to assist with the appeal. Matt's phone number is 07920 495111.

## Local charity garden show needs sponsorship

The third bi-annual Marks Hall Garden and Country Show is to be held on 20th to 22nd July 2018 in aid of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, The Marks Hall Estate and the many Charities supported by Colchester Rotary Club



In 2016 over 2000 visitors flocked to the show at the Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum Coggeshall Essex CO6 1TG

The Show will provide a weekend of fun for families with a huge variety of attractions, including, Country Pursuits, Falconry display,

Vintage Classic Cars, Heavy Horses, Local brass bands, plant and gift stalls and much more. The gardens will be fully open for all to enjoy and there will be plenty of refreshments available.

This event is vital to the work these 3 organisations do in the local Community and the last 2 shows have raised £80,000 for the charities.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance has been operating for 20 years and has attended over 21,000 missions. Undertaking an average of 4 missions per day each costing around £2500, you can see how expensive this service is to run. Without access to National Lottery funding and with limited support from Government they continue to rely on local fund raising.

The Colchester Rotary Club provides holidays for injured soldiers and disadvantaged families, zoo and adventure trips for local disadvantaged children, hampers for local families at Xmas. In 2017 the Club was able to spend over £20000 in such support.

The Marks Hall Gardens and Arboretum is a Charitable Trust established in 1971 and receives no external funding. The Estate combines beautiful formal lakeside gardens, a stunning Arboretum with an enviable collection of trees originating in every temperate area of the world and miles of leafy woodland walks.

All of this depends on the generosity and goodwill of local people and businesses.

A spokesman for the Show said 'We have been very grateful for the support shown by our Show Sponsors in previous years but we are now seeking Sponsors to help us continue our work in the Community. We have some excellent Sponsorship packages which ensure your brand is seen on the Showground and in our literature by thousands of people.'

For more information please contact:

Sponsorship : Nigel Dyson – email: [nigel@garden-shows.com](mailto:nigel@garden-shows.com)  
website: [www.markshallgardenshow.co.uk](http://www.markshallgardenshow.co.uk)

## GARDEN BIRDWATCH RESULTS

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch results reveal a golden year for the goldfinch. Favourable conditions lead to a surge in sightings of goldfinch, long-tailed tit and coal tit, along with many other smaller garden birds.

The results revealed a dip in sightings of our more solitary species like blackbird and robin as the mild winter meant they spent more time foraging for food away from our gardens.

Hundreds of thousands of people across the UK, including over 9,600 people in Suffolk, spent an hour watching the birds that visit their garden or outdoor space as a part of the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch.

Over 1 million birds were counted in the East, contributing to an impressive 6.7 million birds counted nationally.

The latest results from the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch have revealed a golden year for the goldfinch along with a number of other small birds after a surge in sightings in gardens across the country.

Now in its 39th year, the Birdwatch is a chance for people of all ages to count the number of birds that visit their garden helping the RSPB build up a picture of how they are doing. This year, over 9,600 people across Suffolk, joined nearly half-a-million people nationally in counting an impressive 6.7 million birds.

The event held over the last weekend in January revealed an increase in sightings of smaller birds, such as goldfinch, long-tailed tit and coal tit that can usually be seen visiting gardens and outside spaces in mixed flocks. In Suffolk, recorded sightings of the brightly coloured, sociable finch rose by 15% on 2017 figures and its bright red face was seen in 39% of the county's gardens. Other small birds that are thought to have benefited from the mild January weather include long-tailed tit (+7%), coal tit (+17%) and blue tit (+9%).

It also proved to be a good year for the greenfinch after a 27% rise in sightings across the county, a welcome sign for a species that has undergone a 60% decline in UK sightings since the first survey in 1979.

The influx of these species to our gardens is thought to be linked to the favourable conditions during their successful breeding season in 2017. This, combined with the kind autumn and winter weather in the run up to the Birdwatch, will have contributed to the rise in sightings.

Daniel Hayhow, RSPB Conservation Scientist, said: "Our garden birds are a part of our everyday life, whether it's the robin perched on the garden fence or the flock of starlings you see on your way to work. To

have hundreds of thousands of people spend an hour watching the wildlife in their garden isn't only great to see, but it also helps us build up a picture of how our garden birds are doing, which is really helpful.

"Last summer was a really good year for many breeding birds with warm weather creating great conditions for many smaller birds to raise their young to adulthood. The rise in sightings of goldfinch, long-tailed tit and coal tit, along with chaffinches and greenfinches, goes to show that in the absence of cold weather they can survive the winter months in good numbers. Looking at the results it is likely that across the UK this is what people are seeing in their garden."

It is likely that the warmer temperatures during the autumn and winter will have made it easier for these birds to find food, like insects, in our gardens, which in previous colder winters would have been harder to come by because of frosts and snow.

The survey also highlighted a county-wide dip in the number of recorded sightings of blackbirds (-17%), robins (-11%) and wren (-17%) on last year's figures. Dr Hayhow explained: "We all will have noticed that the weather earlier in the winter was slightly warmer than we're used to, and our garden birds have felt this too. It's usual for there to be more food available in the wider countryside during a mild winter meaning birds are less reliant on the treats we put out on the garden feeders. However, unlike the finches and tits, robins and wrens did not have a good breeding season in 2017 and data from other surveys indicate that their numbers may be down overall this year."

In Suffolk, the house sparrow took the number one spot in the Big Garden Birdwatch rankings, whilst the blackbird moved down one spot to number two. The blue tit also crept into the top three following its successful breeding season.

Throughout the first half of the spring term the nation's school children took part in the RSPB's Big Schools Birdwatch. The UK-wide survey of birds in school grounds saw over 800 school children in Suffolk spend an hour in nature counting the birds. Despite a drop in Big Garden Birdwatch sightings, the blackbird remained top of the Big Schools Birdwatch rankings with one being spotted in 88% of schools – a 22% increase on 2017.

For a full round up of all the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch results and to see which birds were visiting gardens where you live, visit [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

For further information and to arrange an interview, please contact: Emily Kench, Communications Officer: 01603 697591 / 07730194490 / [emily.kench@rspb.org.uk](mailto:emily.kench@rspb.org.uk)

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HARRY BUCKLEDEE Passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, aged 98 years, at St. Josephs Care Home, Sudbury, where he had thoroughly enjoyed the last year of his life. Devoted husband of the late Linda, beloved father to Janet and Stephen, father-in-law to Philip and Maria, dearest grandad to Harriet and Polly, great-grandad to Imogen, Bridget, Frederick, Annabel and Beatrice.

Angela Boyd wrote of Harry 'A lovely, lovely gentleman, always with a smile, always spoke so lovingly of his wife and family, his passing marks the passing of an era, and he will be much missed. A true gentle man who had experienced the worst of humanity, he spoke often of the peacefulness he wished for us all. RIP Harry, with his lovely wife Linda once again.' I could not have put it better myself.

Harry was our gardening expert from the very beginning of the Box River News and we became great friends. An amazing man who nearly died at the end of the war after a 1000 mile march through one of the harshest winters of the war. To have lived until nearly his hundredth birthday was a measure of his strength and fortitude and his determination to survive.

The funeral service will take place at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, April 30, at All Saints Church, Newton Green. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to, SSAFA Suffolk in memory of Harry, c/o East of England Cooperative Funeral Services, Cornard Road, Sudbury, CO10 2XA.

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## 3PR Stats for March 2018

The groups First Responders covered 228hr and had 1 call out. We would like to thank the Boxford Fleece and Village Hall for their continued support for the Village defibrillator and group training and assessments.

## Boxford Open Gardens 21st Anniversary Year

Sunday 3rd Jun 2018

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## JOB VACANCIES

Groton Parish Council and Edwardstone Parish Council are both seeking a Parish Clerk. Each position is for 16 hours per month at current NJC salary scales dependent on qualifications and experience. The Councils each meet 6 times a year, Groton usually on the first Wednesday evening of the month and Edwardstone on the third Monday. The Clerk would be required to work from home and a laptop will be provided. CiLCA qualification would be an advantage but the Council would be prepared to fund training if required. Applications should be made by sending a CV and covering letter, setting out evidence of relevant skills and experience to the current Clerk, Anita Robinson by email at clerk.groton@btinternet.com or clerkedwardstone@gmail.com (01787 211673). Please contact the Clerk if further information is required.

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

The Parish Room in Church Road LW is a delightful Edwardian Reading Room bequeathed to the village in 1903 and maintained by villagers ever since. It has been extended and now boasts a good sized main hall, a decent and very recently refurbished kitchen with store room off, and with a separate entrance hallway with loos, the room is fully functional for a multitude of purposes. With just a couple of steps and a wheelchair ramp, access for disabled guests is also easy.

Hire rates are cheap by village hall standards, and even cheaper for village residents, so the PR is a popular venue, as evidenced by its 2018 usage:

- LW Parish Council held 14 council and other public meetings;
- The Sudbury Association of Miniaturists held 11 craft activity sessions;
- LW History Society held 10 events;
- The Over 60's club held 6 meetings;
- As did a local exercise class; whilst
- The Parish Room committee held 5 fund raising events.

There were a total of 59 public events in the hall during the year, along with a 10 further private hire events, so PR trustees are kept pretty busy. If you would like to explore further possible uses or to book the hall, or become involved in the running of the room, please contact Sue Sheppard on 01787 247980 or email sheppard.susanm@gmail.com

## Hopkins Homes

Suffolk based Hopkins Homes would like to invite residents to a consultation on proposals for around 45 new homes on land off Sand Hill in Boxford.

The proposed development would include 35% affordable homes and a broad range of open market homes. There will be bungalows and a selection of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes responding to local needs.

New green public open space and footpaths will be incorporated into the development providing routes around the site and views towards the River Box.

The event will take place in Boxford Village Hall on 30th of April between 4pm and 8pm

## Boxford WI Review April 2018

As well as our firmly established and successful afternoon group, we now have an evening group which is proving very popular. We meet on a Thursday at 8.00 pm which for the Spring and Summer months will take place at the Boxford Sports Pavilion. Becky the Co-Ordinator and the Ladies who attend, are planning a number of different Speakers and activities for the months ahead. Here they are enjoying a lesson in Belly dancing. It is wonderful to have the opportunity of attending not one but two meetings a month which gives us twice as much fun and friendship. Our walking group has their first Spring walk soon, always followed by tea and cake! We also have some lovely meals to look forward to with our well attended lunch club as well as some great Speakers for the rest of the Year.



## Future meetings

2nd May	AGM & Resolution meeting	village hall 2pm
9th May	walking group	tba
17th May	tba	Sports pavilion 8pm
6th June	Pretty corsets – Rogel Kennel	village hall 2pm
13th June	walking group	tba
21st June	tba	Sports pavilion 8pm
4th July	A brief history of fans, Joan Smith	village hall 2pm
11th July	walking group	tba
19th July	tba	village hall 2pm

## Boxford's postman

The petition to Royal Mail seeking to keep Kevin Pike as Boxford's postman now has over 433 signatures. I'm aiming for 500 by Tuesday, when I intend to submit it. I'll update you with the figure as at Sunday morning to put in the BRN (unless you are going to press later, in which case, let me know and I'll give you the later figure.) People have signed from every road in the village. About 90% of the names are Boxford residents, with the remaining 10% living in surrounding villages but supportive of Kevin.

## Remember

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# Wot's On

## LANDERMASON Concert,

Little Waldingfield

Friday 13 July 2018 at 7.30pm

We are delighted that LANDERMASON, the very talented folk/jazz duo, will be returning to Little Waldingfield to give us another concert in the Church. Fiona Lander (vocals, piano, whistles, saxophones, clarinet and recorder) and Paul Mason (guitar and vocals) gave us an unforgettable evening, and we very much look forward to their return. They will also be launching their new CD. A concert not to be missed! Reserve the date in your diaries.

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next Quiz night will be on Saturday 12th May. Tickets cost just £10.00 for a two course meal with pre-dinner nibbles. The quiz will comprise 6 rounds of questions, with a break halfway for dinner; there will also be a raffle in support of the Parish Room. Please bring your own alcohol.

To book your tickets, please contact Sue Sheppard on 247980, or email: sheppard.susanm@gmail.com.

## COLLECTORS EXHIBITION

in Bulmer Village Hall on Sunday 20th May 10am -4pm  
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## Mark Mitchel's lecture about Mozart [New Date] Tuesday, May 1st at Groton Village Hall at 2.30pm.

Unfortunately the heavy snow meant that we had to postpone this talk, but we have now re-organised it for May 1st [see above] Just to remind you, Mark is an excellent lecturer, and this should be a very good afternoon especially as he will be giving one of his favourite lectures, which will have slides and musical excerpts; the talk will be followed by Tea, and all for just £6 each, so please get your tickets from Pat [210319] or Jayne [211360] soon

## GROTON PARISH COUNCIL

Groton Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2 May 2018 in Groton Village Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Edwardstone Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 21 May at Edwardstone Parish Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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# Wot's On

## LWHS Programme of Events - 2017 / 2018

**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

## The Suffolk Villages Festival Spring Concerts 2018

**Artistic Director: Peter Holman**

**SMONDAY 28 MAY 2018, 6.00 p.m.**

**St Mary's Church, Hadleigh**

Philippa Hyde, Emma Bishton, Gill Wilson soprano

Helen Charlston mezzo-soprano, Daniel Auchincloss tenor, Benjamin

Bevan baritone members of Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra

directed by Peter Holman harpsichord 'endless pleasure, endless love'

John Eccles: Semele (1707) concert performance of the opera with words by William Congreve

Semele is a lively retelling of the story of Jupiter's pursuit of the Theban princess. Planned for the opening of London's Italian opera house, Semele was never performed at the time, and the libretto is best known today from Handel's later oratorio. Peter Holman

directs his regular team of singers and period instrument players. Box Office: [www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com](http://www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com) 01206 366603, [box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com](mailto:box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com)

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## "UPBEAT" heart support for West Suffolk

A fun Barn dance will be held at The Delphi Centre in Sudbury on

Saturday 23rd June, a live 5 piece band from Stowmarket "Pluck 'N' Squeeze"

will be playing from 7:30 till 11:00. This is a mid-summer event and the centre will be themed to all things country. A ploughman's

supper will be served in one of the intervals with produce from Suffolk.

There will be all the usual barn dance sets with the caller and sections for line dancing included. A DJ will play during the intervals. Licenced bar

at competitive prices with Aspell cider on tap. Tickets only entrance at

£11.50 each. Free parking at this great local facility.



## Stowmarket Chorale

Stowmarket Chorale and Dorian Singers combine for a pair of concerts in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK - Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo (by Michael Flanders and Joseph Horowitz), and Songs of the Fleet (by Charles Villiers Stanford)

Saturday 23rd June - 7.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Hamilton Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7AN. Tickets £12 including refreshments.

Saturday 7th July - 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket, IP14 1AD. Tickets £12 including refreshments.

Sunday 1st July - Stowmarket Chorale take part in the Ipswich Music

Look out for further details of all forthcoming events on our website

[www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk](http://www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk)

The Quay Theatre's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual

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**VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND AND GIVE REPORTS**

Please come along and hear about village projects and organisations  
and take the opportunity to raise matters of interest in the Village.

All are very welcome to attend and contribute.

### Parish Councillors:

Julian Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), Roger Balls, Suzanne Impett,  
Cecil Hughes, Andrew Sargeant, Vince Strafford, David Talbot-Clarke,  
David Waspe and Mathew Wooderson.

**Babergh District Councillor:** Bryn Hurren

**Suffolk County Councillor:** James Finch

Will all be present and Tea & Coffee will be served at 7.30 p.m.

# BOXFEST 2018

**AT**  
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**May Bank Holiday Weekend**  
**Friday 25th, Saturday 26th,**  
**Sunday 27th, Monday 28th**  
**12pm-12am**

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# Wot's On

## NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

### DIARY DATES

### REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Carole on 373548)

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

## KERSEY OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018 11 - 4

Rare chance to see the private gardens of this iconic Suffolk Village. There will be over 15 gardens of all types open. Covering many types of woodland, formal, traditional cottage to modern courtyards. Make it a full day out with events, stalls, village architecture quiz, teas in the village hall, or lunch at The Bell Inn. Tickets are £5 per person, available from all participating gardens (accompanied under 16s free). Parking and transport will be available starting at Kersey Mill.

### Christian Aid

## Boxford Big Breakfast Returns

On Saturday 19th May 2018

From 8.30 until 11 o'clock

At Boxford Village Hall

Everything from Full English with tea or coffee and toast to Beans/Scrambled egg on toast

Suggested donation £5 per person

Please come along and join us

## POLSTEAD WI

If you would like to join us for a taster session during the year please come along to Polstead Village Hall, the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

### 2018 PROGRAMME FOR POLSTEAD WI

May 8th	Annual Meeting
June 12th	Escape the Rat Race
July 10th	Silk Weaving in Sudbury
August	No Meeting
September 11th	The Trinity House Story
October 9th	Town Pastors
November 13th	Hair Care

## Milden Singers Concert

Friday 4th and Saturday 5th May

Enjoy a mix of 60's Pop, some classic tunes plus a selection of songs from High Society and Cabaret. Friday Night is from 7pm for 7.30pm and Saturday from 1.30pm for 2pm. Both performances with buffet or afternoon tea plus licensed bar and charity raffle. Tickets £6 available from Pearl please phone 01449 741876.

Milden Singers are looking for young sopranos to join them, the ability to read music is not essential, they have lots of fun and meet on Monday evenings at Milden Pavilion.

## Mayday at the Market Hill Plant Sale

This is the seventeenth annual plant market organised and run by Quay volunteers on Mayday at the Market Hill in Sudbury beside the lovely St Peters church and Gainsborough's statue. We clear the whole market square of cars and the area is given over to around 20 stalls selling a huge variety of annuals, perennials, bedding plants and masses of vegetable plants and fruit bushes. The stallholders will start trading from about 9.30am and will remain until well after lunchtime, the stall holders will be there to give advice and to answer questions that the customer may have and prices will be very competitive. Hope to see many people there to gather much needed plants to get a good start to a rather late season. Happy Gardening Bryn. 01787 210854.

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
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Gardens Open  
Sunday 3th June 2018 11.00am-4.00pm

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Tickets £6 (children under 16 FREE)  
Main ticket desk at the Church or look out for the 'Garden Open' signs and pay at the first garden you come to

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# Wot's On

## BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM

Please come along to the 2018 AGM of the Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee on Thursday, May 10th at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

We would warmly welcome anyone who wants to come along and find out more about what we do, or even to get involved.

Alternatively, if you have any comments or issues you want to raise about these village facilities, please do not hesitate to contact me before the meeting on d.burden379@btinternet.com

Our Pavilion is for hire for children's parties and club meetings at very reasonable rates (advertised on the Pavilion window) and you can find out about its availability by contacting our booking secretary Richard Gates on 01787 210432.

If you are interested in growing your own, you are welcome to contact Karen Coleman our allotments representative on k.coleman105@btinternet.com to find out if there are any allotment vacancies or join the waiting list.

The tennis courts are open for use by everyone for a small fee. Contact our treasurer Hugh Phillips for more information on hughvphillips@hotmail.com

We hope you can attend our AGM on May 10th and look forward to seeing you there.

David Burden Chairman Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH ROOM

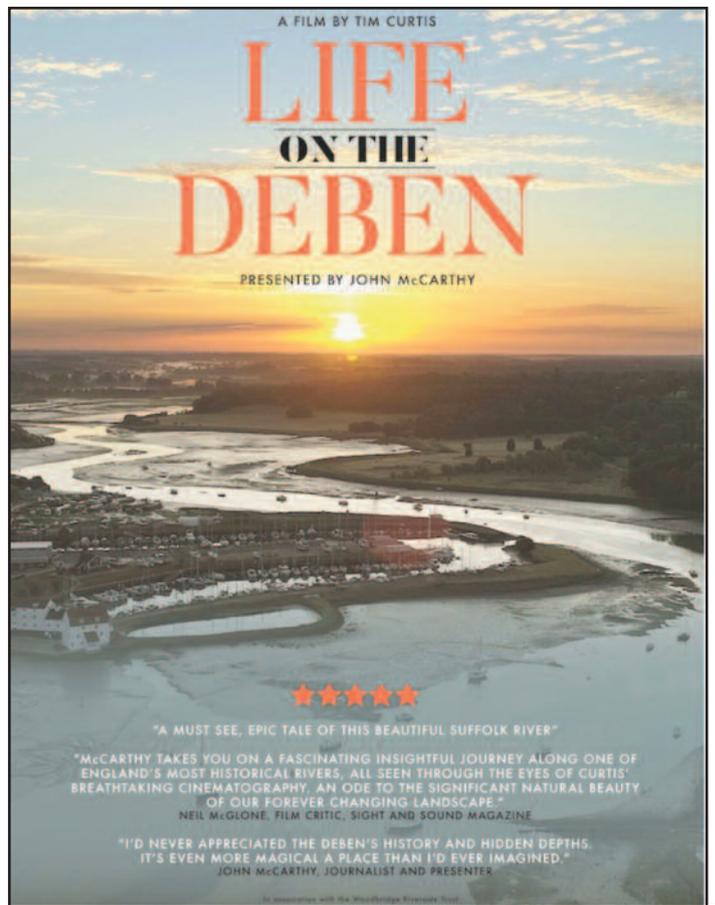
### Village Sale Trail

Saturday September 1st 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sell all your unwanted items without leaving home - alternatively some tables will be available in the Parish Room.

£5 charge for advertising, signs, maps and donation to Parish Room funds.

Further details will be available nearer the time.



**Polstead Digital Cinema Thursday 10th May**

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

## Little Waldingfield Playingfield Charity MidSummer Dance

Saturday 30th June 2018

## The Disraeli Band

8pm till late

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# Wot's On

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents its Annual Day School at Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall Saturday, 21st July 2018 at 10 am  
**'THEATRE ROYAL, BURY ST EDMUNDS'**

**Talk and Tour with Rory O'Brien**

Rory O'Brien is a Heritage Tour Guide and joint front of house manager at the Theatre Royal. Born in Dublin and educated in England, he became an accountant and obtained a Diploma in Drama. He was a headmaster in North West England for 30 years before moving to East Anglia. A freelance writer and proof reader, Rory is also a prison visitor and involved with Special Needs Children.

Join us for what should be a fascinating day.

Total cost is just £15.50 for National Trust members, to include coffee on arrival, morning lecture, buffet lunch, afternoon coach trip to Bury with tip for driver and guided tour of the theatre (please bring NT membership card to ensure a free place on the tour).

Non - National Trust members should bring an additional £7.50 in cash to pay for the guided tour. Tea and biscuits may be purchased at the theatre after the tour for £3.50 (not included in cost).

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The Autumn Term course will start on Thursday 27th September 2018.  
The subject will be 'Aviation's Glory Days' by Ian McLachlan

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## WORMINGFORD ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saint Andrew's Church, Wormingford  
(off B1508 between Colchester and Sudbury)  
Spring Bank Holiday weekend – 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Open from 10.00am – 5.00pm daily. No entry charge.

Our theme for this year:-

**"Up London Town"**

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**On Saturday 19th MAY**

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**10.30 – 12.00**

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Little Waldingfield

## Forthcoming Events Diary

### May

1 Mark Mitchel's lecture about Mozart	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
4/5Milden Singers Spring Concert		The Pavilion	See Ad
6 Sale Trail	FOBS	Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton	12 till 4pm
10 AGM	Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee	The pavilion	7.30pm
12 Quiz	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
16 Pip Wright A Picture History of Margaret Catchpole	Little W Hist Soc	Parish Room	7.30pm
19 Big Breakfast	Boxford St Mary's PCC	Boxford Village Hall	8.30 -11.00am
19 Coffee Morning	Little Waldingfield	Parish Room	10.30 to 12 noon

### June

3 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford St Mary's		
13 The Battle of Waterloo	Little Waldingfield Historical society	Parish Room	7.30pm
17 Little Waldingfield Open Gardens			11am to 5pm

### July

7 Milden Fete		Playing Field	
13 Lander Mason Concert	Little Waldingfield PCC	St Lawrences Church	7.30pm
30 Charity Midsummer Dance	Little Waldingfield PlayingField		

### September

1 Village Sale Trail	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Little Waldingfield	10.00 till 1.00pm
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### October

27 Boxford Fireworks

### November

11 National Beacon Lighting Scheme The Beacon 7.pm

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

**Priest in Charge:** The Revd Judith Sweetman  
The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford CO10 5JT  
Tel: 01787 210091; e-mail: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com  
*The Revd Judith's day off is normally Friday but this may vary according to circumstances*

**Reader:** Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD  
Tel: 211236; Fax: 211238; e-mail: ChrisKingsC@aol.com

**Lay Elder:** David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU  
Tel: 210360; Fax: 329770; 07968 791135; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com

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

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

## Join the global wave of prayer

10 - 20 May 2018

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.

## Diocesan eNews

Don't forget that you can sign up to receive (free) the weekly diocesan eNews, which gives details of forthcoming events in the diocese, as well as other news. Go to [www.cofesuffolk.org/publications/e-news](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/publications/e-news) and click where it says "Click here to sign up."



**Churches Together Prayer Breakfasts Saturdays 8.00 am to 9.30 am**  
CTiS&D prayer breakfasts in May, to which all are welcome, will be held at the following venues:

**5th** TBC  
**12th** All Saints' Church Hall, Church Street, Sudbury  
**19th** All Saints' Church, Acton  
**26th** Cornard Christian Fellowship, 1 Broom Street, Great Cornard CO10 0JT

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events: [www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk](http://www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk).



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwarden:**

*Peter Dilnot*

**Assistant Churchwarden:**

*Michael Gray*

*Mobile: 07931 043926*

*Email: [boxford.warden@btinternet.com](mailto:boxford.warden@btinternet.com)*

**St. Mary's Parish Church** At the Annual Meeting on Sunday April 8th, for the first time, no churchwardens were elected. The viability of a parish or benefice without churchwardens will undoubtedly be called into question. It is also unlikely that a proposed new incumbent would find the situation here at all attractive. There is still time, though, for those who could put themselves forward as wardens, to do so.



**Cafe Church Sunday May 6th at 11.00 am** An informal service with lots of good coffee and pastries. Craft activities for children and adults too! Everyone is welcome.



## Christian Aid Events 2018

The **11.00 am Service on Sunday 13th May** will have a Christian Aid theme.

We are holding a **Big Brekkie** in the Village Hall again this year for Christian Aid on **Saturday 19th May 8.30 am to 10.30 am**  
More details in the main advert in this month's BRN. Do come and enjoy a delicious full English breakfast



A **Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy** for Christian Aid is being held at the home of Jennie and Ian Lindsley, Little Field, Cox Hill, Boxford, on **Saturday 12th May 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**



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

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 12th May**

**Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included**

Thank you. Rev'd Judith. 01787 210091

email address: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com)



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
Vacant

**EDWARDSTONE**

**Rota for May**

**Flowers**  
**Cleaning**

Ineke Morris  
Emma Driscoll

**Sunday May 20th at 9:30 am Morning Worship**  
**Sidesmen/Coffees** Ineke Morris / Marlene Clarke

**19th May 10.00 am to 12.00 noon Coffee Morning and Photographic Exhibition** in the Parish Room. Proceeds to Christian Aid. All are welcome.

**17th June 11.00 am to 5.00 pm Open Gardens**

**13th July Lander Mason**, the folk/jazz group, 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

25th March Palm Sunday Service was also the Five Villages Service held at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Edwardstone where Charlie the donkey led the procession from Temple Bar to and into the church. At the end of the service Revd. Judith announced that she would be retiring at the end of July. Whilst this was already planned, it has been brought forward a little for various reasons including the recent ill health of her husband Rufus. What a loss for all five villages. We wish Judith and Rufus good health and happiness for the future.

1st April Easter Sunday was a Service of Holy Communion celebrated by Revd. Judith

robed in white with gold thread work. The congregation was sparse although we were delighted to have a young boy with his parent and grandparents. It was sad for Revd. Judith to announce the death of Harry Buckledee, a war veteran who was involved in so many things in our village and further afield. We had refreshments and an Easter egg hunt. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and to all who helped to decorate the church, provide Easter eggs and cakes.

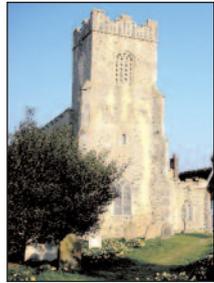
### Notices

**27th May at 11.00 am Holy Communion**

### DEANERY NEWS

**Archdeacon's Visitation 2018** Those elected as churchwardens in the Sudbury deanery will be formally admitted to office by the Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt Revd Mike Harrison, at a service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 2nd May 2018**. The service is open to all: please come to support the churchwardens from our benefice (albeit few in number) at this annual service which acknowledges and affirms their vital rôle in the life of the local church. (Archdeacon David is on sabbatical leave from 1st April to 1st July: hence this year's service is being led by Bishop Mike.)

**Ascension Day Deanery Service** A deanery service to celebrate Ascension Day will be held on **Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.30 pm** at St Mary's Church, Chilton. All are welcome. Do come and join with Christians from across the Sudbury deanery as, on this day, we mark the end of our Lord's earthly ministry and respond to the 'great commission' to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28 vv 19-20). (Chilton church is accessed from Church Field Road and is situated midway between the new health centre and the Royal Mail delivery office.)



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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**Rotas for May**

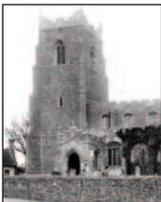
**Sidesmen**  
**Flowers**  
**Cleaning**

David Lamming and John Kent  
Miss G Payne  
Mrs Sheila Gooderham

**From the Registers** On 27th March 2018 a service of thanksgiving for the life of Martin Reginald Baker Wood, attended by nearly 100 people, was held in St Bartholomew's Church. This followed a funeral service for Martin earlier in the day at West Suffolk Crematorium.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018** A report of this year's meeting, held on 17th April 2018, will appear in the June BRN.

**PCC Meeting Monday 14th May 2018, 7.00 pm** at Mary's House. Items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary, David Lamming, by Saturday 5th May. [E mail djlamming@hotmail.com]



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**  
Vacant

**Rotas**

**6th May**  
13th May  
20th May  
27th May

**Sidesmen**  
Chris Bowden  
No service  
No service  
No service

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

On Good Friday we gathered to hear Revd. Judith give a poignant service, bringing home to us the pain, stress and fear suffered by Christ's followers at his cruel death upon the cross.

Afterwards, we repaired to the Parish Room for coffee and hot cross buns. Thanks for Chris and Jacquie Bowden, Fran Gregor-Smith and Vicky Nicholls who organised, prepared and served the refreshments.

On Easter Sunday Revd. Judith told us the story of Christ's resurrection and administered Holy Communion. A larger than usual congregation enjoyed the service, and the flowers were much admired. They made the church look welcoming and beautiful.

Our two medieval chests have been moved away from the damp walls. They are now at the back of the pews on wooden stands. These have been made by Ivan Carter and Ian Bowen at no cost to the church. Ian donated the wood, and he and Ivan gave their labour. We are immensely grateful for their generosity and cannot thank them enough.

### MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

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

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

**MAY 2018**

**Church Services in the Box River Benefice**

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*Special services this month*

**CAFÉ CHURCH 6<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE 13<sup>th</sup>**

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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion (Mary's House) Revd Judith

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Little Waldingfield 15.00 Holy Communion (Reserved Sacrament) Lay Team  
 (Newman's Hall)

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 <i>Cafe Church (Informal worship)</i>	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion (Mary's House) Revd Judith

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> **Ascension Day**  
 St Mary's, Chilton 19.30 Deanery Service of Holy Communion Revd Canon Cheryl Collins

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and Sunday after Ascension Day</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion <i>Christian Aid Service</i>	Revd Judith
Little Waldingfield	15:00 Christening of Fred Clowes	Revd Judith

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion (Mary's House) Revd Judith

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Compline (Newmans Hall) Lay Team

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Whit Sunday (Pentecost)</b>	<b>(R)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	15:00 Christening of Cora Harvey	Revd Judith

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Boxford 13:00 Christening of Dexter Williams Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>(W)</b>
Groton	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

## Soap Box

You take your life in your hands when you drive around the lanes of south Suffolk these days. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say you put the health of your car at risk, though personal injury should not be ruled out. I refer, of course, to the parlous state of our roads. Potholes are to be found everywhere these days and some of them are positively threatening. So common are these hazards that it is hard to carry out a conversation with someone in the local pub without an incident being highlighted.

Just outside our village two potholes have emerged on either side of a road I use frequently. They need to be approached with extreme caution, so deep are they. And if there has been sufficient rain (and, believe me, rain has been in more than adequate supply recently) the potholes are covered and cannot be seen. Hit them at more than a slow walking pace and you could seriously damage your suspension. Cycle through the puddle at speed and you could well end up in hospital.

I accept that this is not just a Suffolk problem. Driving back from Portsmouth recently we crossed five counties before we reached Suffolk and the roads were uniformly bad in all of them. Such is the extent of this problem that it now features regularly on local and national media. BBC Radio Suffolk has devoted whole programmes to this issue. The Times recently ran an article concerning a pothole on the A34 – a busy road in my experience - near Stoke on Trent which had caused considerable damage to a number of cars and had to be cordoned off to prevent further accidents.

The reasons behind this epidemic of potholes, making roads unsuitable for driving, is far from simple. The Times makes reference in its article to a recent report which claimed that roads were suffering from a £9.3 billion backlog of repairs, with more than 24,000 miles of roads needing urgent maintenance in the next year alone. However, the combination of rain, ice and snow in what has been, let's face it, a pretty dreadful winter and early spring has led to a rapid deterioration in roads that were already in need of urgent attention.

It is clear from comments made by the motoring assistance organisations

that this year is likely to see a significant rise in the damage to cars experienced by drivers as they navigate their way around Britain's crumbling roads. Of course, the costs involved in putting things right after an encounter with a particularly vicious pothole could be claimed back from the Highways authority concerned, though I am told this is a far from simple exercise. Photographs need to be taken and evidence gained that the relevant authority was aware of the particular problem and had not acted. You can understand why many do not bother to seek recompense.

The local authorities themselves will point to being starved of cash as central government extends the squeeze it is conducting on our county and district authorities. We all know this is impinging on the level of service we can expect in a number of areas and will doubtless lead to further reorganisations, such as that we are seeing with Babergh and Mid Suffolk pooling its resources and even considering a full blown merger. Our own County Councillor pointed out at a recent parish meeting that Suffolk needed to borrow more than £20 million over the next few years to be able to resurface the county's roads. No wonder council tax is rising.

For what it is worth, so important do I consider the maintenance of a proper, functional road system that I believe there is a case for central government to step in and provide financial assistance to local highway authorities so a decent repair job can be carried out. Apparently Westminster has allocated £200 million to local councils to assist with filling potholes – way short of the amount needed – and we have no idea how much will be winging our way. To complicate things further, road repairs have been contracted out in the county to Kier. Now, I'm not against outsourcing, but they will be in this for a profit. We've all seen, I am sure, potholes that have been filled in, only for the infill to be washed out during the next rain storm, perhaps a sign that shortcuts have been taken. Clearly our less predictable and more extreme weather does not help, but the situation is fast becoming intolerable. I would be interested to learn of any unfortunate experiences suffered by Box River News readers as a consequence of our poorly maintained roads.

Brian Tora

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# GARDENING IN MAY INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Sow dwarf French beans and runner beans outside, by the time they are through the danger of severe frost will be fairly remote. Courgette and ridge cucumber seed can be sown now in three inch pots in a warm greenhouse to be ready for planting out in June.

It is also time to think of next spring in the vegetable garden and make sowings of white and purple sprouting broccoli. Winter hardy cauliflower can also be sown now, choose varieties like Walcheren winter, Markanta and Moystar and these will provide a succession of heads from April through until June. May is also the month to start thinking of a floral display in spring next year. There are several biennials to choose from, some of the most popular are Bellis, the double daisy, with selections of giant blooms, and the dainty pompon forms produce a profusion of double flowers in spring, of varying size according to varieties. The plants are compact and are outstanding for their quantity and quality of blooms.

The cup and saucer varieties of Campanula (Canterbury Bell) can make a stunning display if planted in groups in a border. Sweet Williams provide a good splash of colour particularly the auricula, eyed varieties and are good cut flowers, although they are later flowering and like campanulas are best planted in clumps in a border.

The beautiful, stately plant, Digitalis (foxglove) likes its roots in shade. Ideal for filling a gap between shrubs where its long flower spikes look most effective. Good at seeding itself. An easy to grow and useful plant for spring bedding heights and shades of blue, there are the ball varieties six to eight inches in height and more open varieties about twelve inches. Nothing looks more effective than a border of forget-me-nots interplanted with Darwin Tulips. Do not interplant with early flowering tulips, they will have flowered before the forget-me-nots come into flower.

Be prepared to carry out fortnightly spraying of roses against black spot, mildew and rust. Mulch your rose bed with any compost that is available, feed and water your bushes well, a well fed, well grown plant will stand up to disease attacks better than one that's undernourished. Feeding should apply particularly to plants in pots, tubs, grobags and baskets, the peat based compost we use only contains enough nutrients for about a month and feeding should start before the plants become impoverished.

The final stopping of fuchsias should be done this month otherwise flowering will be delayed too long and it takes six to eight weeks for

singles and ten to twelve weeks for doubles to flower after the last stopping.

Feed regularly with a high potash feed and resist the temptation to over pot at this stage which will tend to delay flowering even further.

Resist the temptation to plant out half-hardy bedding plants until at least the last week in the month. If you must buy them earlier leave them in the trays where they can be protected from frost.

## Summer's on its way

As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on regional weather variations, and you can take softwood cuttings. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month brings,

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
- 2 Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
- 3 Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
- 4 Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible
- 5 Regularly hoe off weeds
- 6 Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
- 7 Mow lawns weekly
- 8 Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
- 9 Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs
- 10 Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

Cut back tender shrubs and sub-shrubs such as Penstemon, Caryopteris and Fuchsia after the danger of frost has passed.

Clip evergreen hedges. If not too woody, shredded clippings can be added to the compost heap, ideally in combination with soft material such as grass clippings.

Prune spring-flowering shrubs such as japonica or Japanese quince (Chaenomeles), Choisya and Ribes after flowering. Remove one stem in three from Kerria and Spiraea 'Arguta', and shorten the other flowered stems to a suitable sideshoot. Evergreens such as Viburnum tinus can also still be trimmed this month.

Young mimosa trees (Acacia dealbata) can also be cut back now. Mature trees respond less well to pruning.

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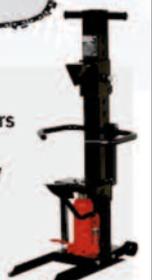
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## THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - MAY 2018



The Names on our War Memorials – May 2018  
This month we have three very different stories to tell, each of which relates to a distinct aspect of the War. So, rather than try and write a narrative of the progress of the War, into which I can weave the personal details of the men who died, it is better to set

out the three short biographies to stand on their own.

Only one of the soldiers actually died in May 1918, but, as before, because of the way services in their home churches fall, we will remember them this month. Firstly, we meet **Lieutenant Colonel Lambert Alfred Graham Hanmer** of the 21st Prince Albert Victor's Own Cavalry (Frontier Force) (Daly's Horse) of Little Waldingfield. Then comes Private Alfred Spooner, 290193, 7th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment of Boxford, who is followed by **Private Walter Partridge**, 23039, 7th Labour Company, Royal Army Service Corps, of Newton.

**Lambert** was born in Plymouth in 1868. He was the son of Rear Admiral John Graham Job Hanmer, who was born at Holbrook Hall, Little Waldingfield in 1836. The Hanmer family appears to have owned Holbrook Hall from at least the mid eighteenth century and John's father and grandfather were both captains in the Royal Navy. John's great grandfather was the second son of the 1st Baronet Hanmer of Flintshire, who was also the Member of Parliament for Sudbury between 1768 and 1774 and again from 1775 to 1780, which may explain why a branch of the family lived in Suffolk. The 1st Baronet's wife was the daughter of a family from the village of Holbrook in Suffolk. Perhaps this explains the name of Holbrook Hall. The Hanmer family name comes from the manor of Hanmer in the parish of St Asaph in Denbighshire.

Lambert's mother was Mary Caroline Aldrich, who was born in Ipswich in 1837. She was the daughter of the Reverend John Aldrich, Incumbent of St Lawrence's Church in Dial Lane in the center of Ipswich. John came from Stowmarket and appears to have served the parish of St Lawrence until his death in 1874.

John Hanmer and Mary married in 1864. Their first two children, including Lambert, were born in the vicinity of naval dockyards on the south coast, which concurs with their father's service in the Royal Navy. But then they appear to choose to live near Mary's parents. In 1871 they are at 149 Norwich Road, Ipswich and in 1881 at 157 Norwich Road. In both these Census records John Hanmer is recorded as on active service in the Royal Navy and there are three daughters and one son living with their parents. I cannot locate the family in the 1891 Census, but by the time of the 1901 Census, they are at 13 Northgate Street in Bury St Edmunds and John is now retired from the Navy. Then in 1911 they have moved to the Rectory at Gedding just to the south of Bury.

Unlike all the other children in the family, Lambert does not appear in any of these Census records, which suggests he was away at a public school. He reappears in the records when he was commissioned into the West Riding Regiment on the 23rd of March 1889 as a Second Lieutenant. He was promoted to Lieutenant in the Cavalry on 20th October 1890 and then joined the Indian Army. He saw service on the North West Frontier in 1897, gaining two campaign medals and was promoted to Captain on the 23rd March 1900.

In 1901 Lambert married Ethel Elizabeth Lovett. Ethel, born 1867, was the daughter of Colonel Thomas Heaton Lovett and Cecil Elizabeth, nee Jones. The Lovetts lived at Belmont Hall, Gobowen, which lies between Oswestry and Chirk and comprised a substantial landed estate with several farms. At the time of her marriage, both of Ethel's parents had died and her elder sister was the head of the household. Belmont Hall is only about 50 miles distant from St Asaph, around which several branches of the Hanmer family still lived, so it seems possible that it was in the social circle of this corner of England and north east Wales that Lambert and Ethel met. Lambert and Ethel had two children, Rosemary born in 1905 and Richard in 1906. It is likely that both children were born in India, although I can only trace a record for Richard being born in Peshawar.

Lambert was awarded the King Edward's Delhi Durbar Medal of 1903. A Durbar was an elaborate Imperial event to mark significant moments in the rule of British India. Only three were held, 1877 when Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India, 1903, to mark the accession of Edward VII, and 1911 for the accession of George V. There would have been one in 1936, but the hiatus in the monarchy caused by Edward VIII's abdication caused it to be cancelled and it was never reinstated. The 1903 event lasted two weeks and was a dazzling display of pomp and power. Organized by Lord Curzon it must have cost an enormous amount of money. The medal was awarded to those officers in attendance in an official capacity, so Lambert must have been well regarded

to be in this position.

Lambert's army career continued with promotion to Major on the 23rd March 1907 and then Lieutenant Colonel on the 23rd March 1915. He was now the commanding officer of the 21st Prince Albert Victor's Own Cavalry (Frontier Force) (Daly's Horse). The War took Lambert to what was then known as Mesopotamia, the fertile country centered on the Rivers Tigris and Euphrates. It now corresponds to Iraq, Kuwait, and parts of Turkey, Syria and Iran. The campaign in Mesopotamia was fought largely over the access to and control of the burgeoning oil industry in the south of the region and control of ports on the Persian Gulf, which were of considerable importance to the Navy's far eastern fleet. In 1914 Mesopotamia was mostly under the jurisdiction of the Ottoman Empire of Turkey, which had entered the War in October 1914 as an ally of Germany and the Central Powers.

The War in the region proved a difficult and intractable affair with shifting alliances with local militias adding to the problems of a coordinated strategy. Coupled to this was a harsh climate and a terrain peppered with hills and low mountains away from the river valleys in which the enemy troops could easily be concealed. In the spring of 1918 an offensive was mounted against Turkish troops embedded in mountainous country to the north east of Baghdad. The action was to prove successful, but Lambert did not live to see that outcome. He died fighting and in command of his regiment on the 29th April 1918 at the age of 49. Four months prior to his death he had been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Lambert is commemorated on the Basra Memorial in Iraq, which lists over 40,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who lost their lives in Mesopotamia and who have no known grave. There is also a memorial to him in the chancel of Little Waldingfield church placed there by his father, who was then living at the Priory in the village.

Ethel would seem to have returned to England with the children around the time the War in Europe began and took up residence at the village of Rhuallt near St. Asaph in Denbighshire. It is very likely that the Denbighshire Hanmers, still headed by the Baronet Hanmer of Flintshire, as it is today, found accommodation for her in one of the properties on their estates. Certainly, it is from this part of England that she is in correspondence with the officers in India appointed to deal with the winding up of Lambert's estate on the sub-continent. In an archive of Indian Army papers there is a detailed inventory of Lambert's belongings, much of which are boxed up, as would be the case for an officer on active service. The contents itemised range from a trumpet and bugle, to polo shirts and a dress uniform, right down to a scribbling pad and a paper clip. Ethel gave instruction for much of it to be sold.

Ethel reappears during the late 1920s and early 1930s in several records of passengers on board ship either arriving at or departing from British ports to places such as Port Said in Egypt and Bombay. She is always accompanied by her daughter Rosemary. My guess is that she was visiting and staying with her son, Richard, who had followed his father into the army eventually achieving the same rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Ethel died in the district of St Asaph, Denbighshire in 1964 aged 97. Richard died in 1986 and Rosemary in 1991, both near Leominster in Herefordshire.

**Alfred Spooner** was born in Boxford in 1873 to Walter and Mary Spooner. He was baptised in St Mary's church on the 30th March that year. His father, also a Boxford man, was born in 1848. His mother's family name was Sowman and she was born and baptised in Assington in 1851. Both were children of farm workers. Walter and Mary married in Assington in 1872.

The 1881 Census shows the family as living at Hagmore Green, Boxford, and they were still there in 1891, with father and son working as farm labourers. By 1901 they had moved to Brick Kiln Hill in Boxford. Two years later Alfred, at the age of 30, married Elizabeth Ellen Mason, a widow aged 32.

Elizabeth was born in Great Bradley, a village about half way between Newmarket and Haverhill, in 1871 to William and Charlotte Freeman. William was a shepherd at the time of Elizabeth's birth, aged 36, and came from Great Bradley, whilst Charlotte was 35 and she had been born in Great Thurlow, a few miles further south. By 1881 William had moved his family to the village of Timworth, north of Bury St Edmunds, and in 1891 Elizabeth is recorded in service as a general servant in the household of a farmer at nearby Ixworth.

In 1892 Elizabeth married Alfred Mason, a farm labourer working at Pakenham, near Ixworth, who was about twelve years her senior. However, less than a year later Alfred Mason died and Elizabeth must have gone back into service, because the 1901 Census finds her working as a cook domestic in the household of a farmer in Acton.

Ten years later Alfred Spooner and Elizabeth have a family of five sons and Alfred is working as a farm labourer at Wattisham, though they had been living in Boxford until the beginning of 1911.

Alfred enlisted in Sudbury probably in 1915. His regiment, the 7th Suffolks, arrived in Boulogne in May 1915 as part of the 12th Eastern Division. This division fought through all the major offensives of 1916 and 1917 and was stationed on the Front Line near Albert in the Somme valley, when the great German offensive of spring 1918 opened in late March.

This sector of the Front was the scene of a very determined and hard hitting attack by the German troops to break through the lines and start the

encirclement of the British and Commonwealth forces. This manoeuvre was part of the strategy to prevent them from coming to the aid of the French forces as the other prong of the German advance moved south towards Paris. The German offensive in Picardy lasted from March 21st through to April 5th and the resistance put up by 12th (Eastern) Division in the vicinity of Albert was in no small measure contributory to General Ludendorff's decision to halt this whole first phase of the Offensive, whilst he attempted to resupply his armies to the south. Despite having to retreat through the ruined town of Albert and constantly at risk of being outflanked to the north, the 7th Suffolks established a defensive line further west and held it in a tenacious manner until the operation was called off. This did not come without cost, and the whole 12th Division was relieved on the 6th of April and deployed well away from the Front to recoup and retrain with new recruits, who were being drafted in to make up the losses suffered in the previous two weeks.

Alfred is recorded as dying from his wounds on the 7th of May aged 47. He is buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension Number 2. In the March article in this series, we learnt that the town of Doullens was the location of several major hospitals and casualty clearing stations serving the Front Line to the east. Since Alfred's regiment had been stood down in early April and was regrouping at the time of his death, it seems likely that Alfred was wounded during the fierce fighting around Albert several weeks earlier.

When the headstones came to be erected in the many cemeteries scattered across France and Flanders, Elizabeth arranged for additional wording to be engraved upon her husband's grave, which reads "With an everlasting love from wife and five boys".

Elizabeth did not remarry and continued to live in the area until she died in 1937. Without much more detailed research I cannot track any of their five sons, James, Willie, Charles, Valentine and Alfred, but perhaps they have descendants who are still living locally.

**Walter Partridge** was born in 1863 at Upper Tye in the parish of Great Cornard, which I believe is what is now known as Cornard Tye. His parents were William and Emma and they had married in 1861. William was born in Newton in 1838 and Emma, born 1839, came from Upper Tye, Great Cornard. Her family name was Ponder and both her father and William's were agricultural labourers as was William himself.

The 1881 Census records Walter working as an agricultural labourer at Valley Farm in Newton, but by 1891 he is lodging with his married younger sister, Matilda, in Chapel Street, Colchester and working as a bricklayer's labourer. Ten years later he is still there and doing the same work, but by 1911 Walter has moved back to Suffolk and is lodging with an elderly couple, both of whom are aged 90, and working as a horseman. Walter's father had died in 1894 and Emma appears to have moved to Newton and then to live with Matilda in Colchester.

Walter remained unmarried, and when the War broke out in 1914, he was 50 years old but this does not seem to have deterred him from enlisting. Government records show him as having joined the forces in London. It is difficult to understand why he was not recruited locally, unless he joined up before the War, but that seems unlikely in that the regular standing army before the War was relatively small and normally had no difficulty recruiting younger men. We also do not know when he enlisted, but my guess is that it would have been in 1917 by which time recruitment was falling off in a worrying way and the Army was more willing to recruit older men into the service battalions.

Initially Walter served as Private number 23039 in the Royal Army Service Corps, but at some point he was transferred to the Labour Corps as Private number 309041. In the absence of any further records it is impossible for me to establish where he saw service. However, when he died on the 4th of June aged 54 (though the Army believed him to be 56) he was stationed in the vicinity of Calais. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records the cause of his death as a haemorrhage, which is most likely to have been a stroke. So, unlike most of the casualties we have encountered in these articles, whilst Walter died on active service he was not killed in action. He is buried at La Baraques Military Cemetery at Sangatte near Calais, a place now all too familiar to us as the site of one of the biggest refugee camps on the French coast.

His headstone bears the poignant inscription "He is gone from our home but not from our hearts. Mother".

Lambert will be remembered at the 09:30 service of Morning Worship in Little Waldingfield on the 6th May. On the same day Alfred will be remembered at the 11:00 Café Church service in Boxford. Walter will be remembered on the 27th of May at the 11:00 service of Holy Communion at Newton.

As a footnote to this month's article it is good to record that I have finally identified the Frederick Grainger, whose name appears on the Edwardstone War Memorial. He is in fact 2nd Lieutenant Frederick Granger MC. (Note that there is no 'i' in the surname). He died on the 30th March 1917, and so we remembered him at the Palm Sunday service on the 25th March in his home church. His story will be published next month in the June edition of this series, in which there will be space, because we have only one other soldier to bring to mind.

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## Groton Parish Council -

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 7 March 2018 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton.**

**Present:** J Osborne (Chair), C Fraulo, N Cox, R Cheeseman, D Wills  
**In attendance:** A Robinson (Clerk), J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BDC)

**Local Affordable Housing** – J Osborne welcomed Isobel Wright, Regional Development Manager of Hastoe Housing Association who was in attendance to provide an update. She advised that the option agreement had been signed off with the landowner, and plans had been drawn up for two one bedroom bungalows and two semi-detached two bedroom houses. She has a pre-application meeting with BDC's planners arranged for the end of March and has booked Groton Village Hall for an open consultation meeting between 4pm and 6.30pm on Wednesday 4 April 2018 to which all are welcome. There will be display boards and interest forms for people to complete. J Osborne confirmed that he would put a note in the Box River News regarding the meeting, and I Wright will let him have flyers to be inserted, and some posters to be displayed. The Clerk will update the website.

**Reports** - SCC - J Osborne welcomed J Finch back. J Finch said he was pleased to be back and had provided a detailed written report covering the increase in Council Tax of 4.99% for SCC, confirming that more than 97% of students received their preferred Secondary School choice, and details of proposals to changes to home to school travel. He confirmed that he had resigned from the Cabinet. The issue of potholes was raised by C Fraulo and R Cheeseman in respect of Howe Road and Heath Road, where once again contractors had marked and/or filled in only a proportion of the many potholes that were present. J Finch said he will take up the issue with his successor. The contractors have authority to phone and ask for permission to fill in potholes not on their list. D Wills said that many local roads were closed at the same time for road repairs, which made diversions difficult, especially where "Road Closed" signs were not promptly removed.

**BDC** - B Hurren confirmed that BDC's share of the Council Tax will increase by 3.25%. The Local Plan received about 13,000 responses which are being considered, and it will be published later this year. It is clear that the land bank is insufficient. Regarding the boundary review, he said that his preferred solution had not been approved although the new proposals do keep Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton together, which is important. Milden remains in the District but instead of Kersey and Lindsey, the proposal is to include Monks Eleigh and Brent Eleigh instead. This should not really affect Groton. The PC resolved that it was happy for Boxford, Groton, Edwardstone and Lindsay to be kept as one entity. B Hurren will support the PC's Local Housing initiative. There is likely to be an application for another phase of development at Sand Hill, Boxford soon. The Goodlands development proposals have not yet gone to appeal, and the Konings proposals will probably not proceed.

**The Minutes** of the meeting of 24 January 2018 were approved and signed.

**Planning Matters** - Applications received – DC/18/00605 Mulberry House, Groton Street CO10 5EE – erection of a cartlodge and extended driveway – the PC had no objections; DC/18/00539 – Smalls Farm, Park Corner CO10 5EG – erection of two storey rear/side extension – the PC had no objections.

**Planning decisions received** – DC/17/05843 – Mannings Farm, Castlings Heath CO10 EU – outline application for erection of detached single-storey dwelling and associated outbuilding including improvements to existing vehicular access - refused

**Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence** – no applications have been received for the Clerk's job and she will continue to advertise in the BRN and on the SALC website. The NALC crime survey was considered but it was resolved that it was not relevant.

**Highway and Footpath matters** - Suffolk Highways Community Self Help survey – it was resolved that this was not relevant to Groton PC.

**Footpath cutting** – J Osborne will liaise with Andy Adams in mid April regarding the timing of the first cut.

**Dog waste bin** – BDC has confirmed that it is happy with the proposed position of the new dog waste bin near the Village Hall, as is the neighbour. The Clerk will order the same style of bin and post as purchased for Groton Street previously. J Osborne and R Cheeseman will arrange to install it.

**Other Highway or Footpath matters** – Many new potholes have opened up after the severe weather. The Clerk will again chase the road/hedge clearance required on Heath Road near its junction with Broad Street.

**Broadband** – C Fraulo reported that despite a lot of pushing from the

group, there was no real progress. She will keep the PC informed.

**General Data Protection Regulations** – Following the latest update on the Data Protection Regulation the PC noted the Toolkit provided by NALC, and in particular the Action Plan, and resolved to continue to work towards compliance with the Regulation, in conjunction with SALC.

**Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** – the PC resolved to adopt the draft Standing Orders and Financial Regulations provided by the Clerk, to include the proposed changes.

**Financial matters** - The Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment were approved. The accounts for the third quarter were checked and approved.

Reserve Account as at	5 February 2018	£3519.11
Current Account as at	5 February 2018	£4888.89
Total		£8408.00

The adequacy of the budget was considered and approved.

The PC considered donations and s 137 payments for 2017-18 and resolved to make the following payments:

East Anglian Air Ambulance	£100
Boxford Playing Fields (includes additional £100 towards the Pavilion costs)	£420
Groton PCC	£330
Sudbury CAB	£150
East Anglia's Children's Hospices	£100
Kernos Centre	£100

The PC resolved to increase the Clerk's salary in accordance with her contract from 1 April 2018 from SCP 19 to SCP 20 (£10,099 per hour).

The Clerk confirmed that she had booked the internal audit with SALC for week commencing 23 April 2018. She had attended SALC's free training session on the new external audit process and confirmed that the PC could now certify itself exempt from an external audit, so no fee should be incurred, although the Annual Governance and Accountability Return would still have to be completed and displayed.

**The Annual Meeting** will take place on 2 May at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

A full copy of the Minutes can be found on the Parish Council's website [Groton.onesuffolk.net/](http://Groton.onesuffolk.net/)

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 19 March 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** M Childs (Chair), S Norman, S Flack, P Clarke, P Baker  
**In attendance:** A Robinson (Clerk), J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BDC), PC R Sippitt

**Reports:** PC Rob Sippitt of Sudbury SNT attended and advised that there were no serious crime issues for Edwardstone in particular, but there had been several outbuilding burglaries in the area. He asked that residents report anything suspicious online, on 101 or if an emergency on 999. Anyone interested in crime trends for the area can look at the Suffolk Constabulary website [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) then put their postcode in "What's happening in your area?". There have been a number of ramraids in the area, particularly targeting Co-op stores. M Childs thanked PC Sippitt for taking the time to attend the meeting. J Finch (SCC) was welcomed back after his illness. He had circulated a report covering the inevitable rise in Council tax, the fact that over 97% of students received their preferred Secondary School and the proposals to change home to school travel. Regarding roads, he advised that this year so far double the usual amount of salt and grit had been spread. Due to budget cuts SCC has to concentrate on priority roads which are inevitably A and B roads rather than rural ones. The plan is to resurface or surface dress a quarter of roads in the county this year. More problems are being reported online which is more efficient. Regarding the circulated Self Help Survey he believes some decisions are better made in the villages although the statutory responsibility would remain with SCC, who would be able to provide insurance cover if the PC wished to arrange a work party to carry out any work themselves. The PC resolved to put the issue on the July agenda for further discussion. J Finch said that he would be prepared to provide Locality money to pay for additional grit bins if the PC felt they were necessary. The PC resolved to consider where these would best be situated and discuss further at the July meeting. B Hurren (BDC) advised that BDC's share of the Council Tax would increase by 3.25%. The Local Plan consultation attracted more than 13,000 responses so an additional 6 months has been allowed for finalisation. BDC does not have a sufficient 5 year land bank to supply enough houses. Regarding the Boundary Review, he said that his preferred solution had not been approved although the new proposals do keep Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton together, which is important. Milden remains in the District but instead of Kersey and Lindsey, the

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proposal is to include Monks Eleigh and Brent Eleigh instead. This should not really affect Edwardstone. The Goodlands development proposals have not yet gone to appeal though they may make a new application. The Planning Application for Wells House is still being considered. He has challenged the savings relating to the move to Endeavour House. They are trying to minimise the time Council houses are empty. He has repaired the PC noticeboard at Mill Green and will let the Clerk have a bill. He confirmed that The Winthrops and other areas have now been swept. He looked at the footpaths with P Baker who confirmed he had advised K Verlander at SCC of a number of issues including footpath signs being down. K Verlander has written to the landowner relating to the tree down at Priory Farm which is blocking the path, asking him to arrange for it to be removed. If this is not done, B Hurren and P Baker will liaise regarding next steps.

**Highway and Footpath Matters** - Spring Clean Suffolk initiative – P Clarke confirmed that the Millennium Green Trust had managed to borrow some litter picking equipment for their litter pick on 14 April (details to appear in the BRN) and any help would be gratefully received. The Clerk will continue to press for repairs to the U8339 from the phone box past the White Horse. S Norman reported that 2 treads had been dug out by rabbits on the steps on the path down towards Boxford which the Clerk will report. The Clerk is to go back to SCC regarding the small bridge behind Borehouse Manor Farm and ask if they will put a handrail in as it is steep and slippery (SCC has previously refused a request to put steps in). The 30mph/National Speed Limit sign on Sherbourne Street north of Dormers has now disappeared and the Clerk will chase again. Broadband coverage – The Clerk will write again to the local MPs regarding broadband coverage.

**General Data Protection Regulation** – Following the latest update on the Data Protection Regulation the PC noted the Toolkit provided by NALC, and in particular the Action Plan, and resolved to continue to work towards compliance with the Regulation, in conjunction with SALC.

**Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** – The PC resolved to adopt the new drafts of each document provided by the Clerk.

**Financial Matters**- The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments was approved as under and the cheques were signed. The accounts to date were checked and approved.

Business Savings Account as at 28 February 2018	£2518.20
Business Current Account as at 28 February 2018	£5541.32
Total	£8059.52

The PC considered donations and s137 payments for 2017-18 and resolved to make the following payments:

Cheque no	Amount £	Payee
100834	300	Edwardstone PCC
100835	375	Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust
100836	350	Edwardstone Parish Hall
100837	150	Boxford Playing Fields
100838	100	East Anglian Air Ambulance

The PC resolved to increase the Clerk's salary in accordance with her contract from 1 April 2018 from SCP 19 to SCP 20 (£10,099 per hour). The Clerk confirmed that R Norman had kindly agreed to carry out the internal audit and she would let him have the papers once ready. She had attended SALC's free training session on the new external audit process and confirmed that the PC could now certify itself exempt from an external audit, so no fee should be incurred, although the Annual Governance and Accountability Return would still have to be completed and displayed.

**Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence** – The Clerk advised that there had been no applications for the Clerk's job vacancy. It is being advertised in the BRN and on SALC's website and has been circulated by SALC. She will continue to advertise.

The Annual Meeting will take place on 21 May at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

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## Readers Letters

*Sir*

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent condolences, cards and good wishes on the death of my husband Martin. Thanks also for your support at the funeral and to Rev. Judith and her team for a beautiful service. I was truly touched by the size of the congregation and I think we gave Martin a good send off.

Jane Wood  
Groton

*Sir*

Greta, Lotte, Amy and the Hutchinson family would like to thank family and friends for all the cards, messages and flowers of sympathy received following the sad loss of John. Also thank you to everyone who came to his lovely funeral service given by the Reverend Judith who has helped us through this most difficult time. We would also like to say thank you for all the generous donations made to the St Elizabeth Hospice.

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## Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held Monday 5th March

**Public Forum** A resident was pleased to see the litter bin had been restored at the bus shelter and advised that litter is still being discarded. He was aware that the Playing Field Management Committee had cleared litter at the Playing Field themselves, however, he suggested it would foster more community spirit and responsibility if the village was involved. Another resident enquired as to why the mechanical road sweeper doesn't sweep along Stone Street Road and in relation to the school traffic, deliveries are now being refused to Stone Street Road residents due to the congestion.

**District Council Report** District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the maintenance at Homefield is to commence soon. The sweep seemed to go well. Maintenance issues had been identified in respect of some Housing Association properties in the Village and were being followed up. Concern was expressed regarding the time taken to turnaround a Council House. Cllr Hurren is monitoring developments. Council tax is increasing this year. On recycling, he reminded that China do take our good quality recycling so blue bin recycling was important to avoid rubbish for incineration. The future use of the Hadleigh Headquarters will be communicated soon and meanwhile it is being used for dog training.

**County Council Report** County Cllr J Finch had provided a report ahead of the meeting covering the increase in Council tax to the County Council, confirmation that 97% of students received their preferred secondary school and changes to home to school travel arrangements. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Finch back following his sickness absence.

**School Traffic** Concern had been expressed by residents of safety of children and their siblings being dropped off and collected from Boxford School. Parking continues to be inconsiderate and when getting out of vehicles small children can be seen in the middle of the road. Residents are reporting the situation to be getting worse. It was agreed to write to the Head teacher passing on concerns and asking what strategies are in place and also to contact Suffolk County Council School Transport expressing concern about the unaided reversing of the school buses.

**Finance** In addition to the usual business new Financial Regulations were agreed for the Parish Council.

**Cemetery** Two memorial applications were considered and approved.

**Village Car Park** Consideration is still being given to the potential to provide a village car park. A meeting had taken place with the owner of land accessed from Stone Street Road near the school site. The landowner was formulating his own plans and was considering allocating an area for Village Car Parking.

**Planning** The Parish Council had No Objections to Listed Building application for roofing and conversion of log store at Chequers, 7 Church Street and the retrospective application to retain modular building at Boxford Primary School for a further year. There was missing information in respect of rear extension application at 34 Daking Avenue. This was being requested. Cllr Wooderson reported on the recent meeting with Hopkins Homes where they showed initial out-lines of around 40 houses for land behind The Causeway, 13 of which would be affordable. There was no intention to build at the top of the hill. There was no design information apart from the intention to build single storey on those properties backing onto The Causeway properties. Therefore the Parish Council were unable to consider the overall impact of the proposal at this stage. However, initial strong concerns were expressed about safe access for pedestrians from the proposed development to the centre of the Village and School and also a recommendation that if the development was approved the Affordable homes should be allocated for Local Needs. Further development would put even more pressure on facilities such as the school provision. District Cllr Hurren was asked whether a Planning Officer could give general advice on planning considerations in respect of such a development. He agreed to follow this up.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

## GROTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPEN MEETING



A well attended Open Meeting to show the current proposals for a small affordable housing development was held in Groton village hall on April 4th.

Hastoe Housing Association presented plans and answered questions from Groton residents and people from Boxford and Edwardstone, and received a number of enquiries from potential tenants.

Anyone interested can contact Hastoe on 01799 532130 or by e-mail to eastdev@hastoe.com.

The Parish Council will be pleased to receive comments which can be sent to clerk.groton@btinternet.com.

There will be further opportunities to discuss and comment on the proposals when final plans are submitted to Babergh District Council for planning approval and at Groton's Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday May 2nd.

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1st Boxford Explorer Scouts	Adrian Gooderham 211805
1st Boxford Guides	Janice MacMillan 210565
1st Boxford Rainbows	Janice MacMillan 210565
1st Boxford Scout Group	Richard Gates 210432
1st Boxford Scouts	Mark Miller 211596
Vulpine Explorer Scout Unit	Denzil Smith 210020
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Bellringers	Richard Gates 210432
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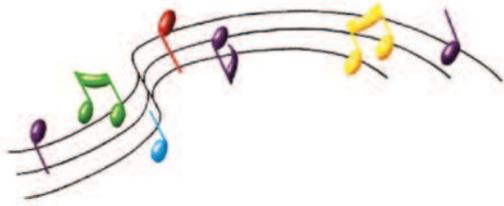
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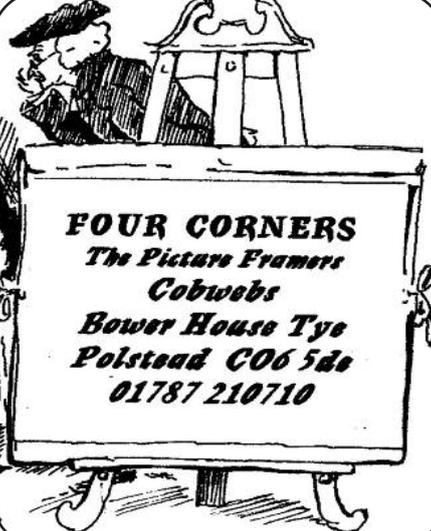
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In previous years Boxford Bike Club has generously donated profits from the Tornado to the Community Council and also purchased a defibrillator with proceeds, for the village.

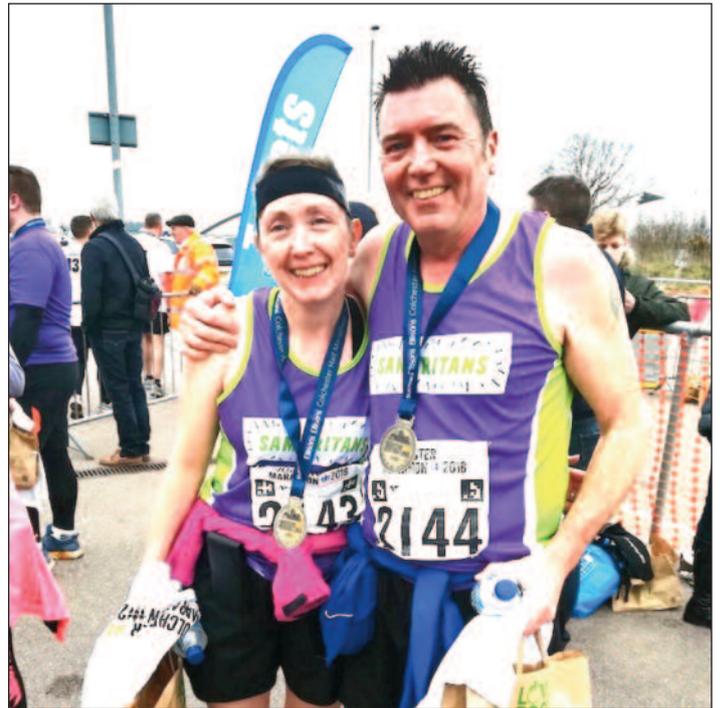
The good news is that the event is now rescheduled for Sunday 1st of July, so the club are hoping for some good weather and for improved road conditions.

As in previous years the event sold out in less than a week. 550 riders will be taking part in this year's event which has now become an important and highly anticipated ride on the local cycling calendar.

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