

# Box River News

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## BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN



Crown House

The village celebrated the 21st Anniversary of Boxford Gardens Open on Sunday 3rd June with 27 gardens open in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. With the help of gardens, stalls catering and sponsorship from local businesses we raised a magnificent £3900 for St Marys Church Boxford.

Special thanks go to the Gardeners who all worked so hard weeding and mowing in the weeks leading up to the event. We have an amazing variety of gardens to show – from allotments to formal box and yew planting, wildlife ponds and flower meadow through to perfect courtyard gardens, fairy doors in trees, a robin on a fork and a herd of ornamental sheep. Impossible to pick any favourite from the gardens as each had its own style but they were all beautifully presented on the day – smelling incredible too with all the roses and honeysuckle, Mock Orange and Jasmine.

There were 5 new gardens this year, a perfect courtyard Garden decked out in bunting in Church Street, two art studios open, one in Homefields and the other on the Goodlands estate, the beautiful grounds of Coddenham Hall and a perfect cottage garden in Edwardstone. Thank you to these brave souls who opened for the first time – its daunting but hopefully very rewarding.

We had just under 300 visitors on a hot and humid day in the village with a free shuttle bus running to outlying gardens. Colleen Faiers served Ploughman's lunches from 12 in the Village Hall assisted by Joan Smith and Frances Munroe who went on to serve cream teas. The scones baked by Jackie House and cakes baked by Frances and Barbara Goulding were sold out not surprisingly! The Village Hall looked beautiful with jam jars of wild flowers on each table and happy folk enjoying their food. The Cake stall manned by Audrey did especially well this year with so many donations from the village, scones, cakes, biscuits and brownies. The generosity of peoples time and care to the presentation of the cakes and lunches by everyone involved was truly heart-warming – all made by the

village and for the village. The Church Tower was open again this year by Richard Gates and we had a variety of stalls in the school carpark selling ice-creams, strawberries and asparagus, collectables and plants. A newly formed Choir called Madrigalia sang from a garden in Brook Hall Road and raised a great sum of money with a busking bucket – we look forward to booking them again next year to do a slot in the Church. We have a great diversity of talent in the village and would like to showcase more studios open for art and craft and business running from their homes and workshops next year.

Thank you to all our sponsors. Copella was our main sponsor who also supplied fruit juice to sell in the village hall and in the gardens. Boxford Suffolk Farms Ltd, Suffolk Medical Clinic, the Coffee Box, Stoke by Nayland Hotel, A & T Ventures, Alan Leeder and Zinnia Garden Design. Thanks also go to John Kirby for giving up time to do the publicity and to Ian Holdgate for helping out so much and for distributing flyers everywhere in a 10 mile radius. All in all visitor numbers were down but spirits were high and we raised a significant sum for St Marys Church. Money aside there was a lot of fun and laughter and people pulling together as a team – it was a delight to be involved - a huge thank you to everyone who took part.

*Sarah @ Chequers*

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' MYSTERY OUTING

Once again the Senior Citizens' Mystery Outing was a huge success. Valiant drivers followed a convoluted route through Wissington, Wormingford and Fordham to end up at The Cricketers at Fordham Heath. After a hearty meal, a rousing sing-song led by Gareth Price epitomised what a good time everyone had. Our thanks to all the volunteer drivers and Stephanie Atkins for organising them. See you all again next year.

*Ward Baker*



Photo's Alan Leeder

# FleeceJazz

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## Friday 13 July £18 Chris Inghams Dudley Moore Show

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Chris Ingham ~ Piano, Paul Higgs ~ Trumpet, Geoff Gascoyne ~ Bass, George Double ~ Drums

Paul Higgs is one of the UK's leading trumpet players and composers, blending the traditions of classical and Jazz. He has played with such luminaries as Sir Peter Maxwell Davis, Johnny Dankworth and John Williams and many others.

Geoff Gascoyne played piano from the age of 6. He later played bass in punk bands. Since moving on to Jazz, he has played alongside many of the UK's best musicians, touring with Jamie Cullum and even appearing in 'The Talented Mister Ripley' with Guy Barker's band.

George Double's playing and recording credits include Dame Shirley Bassey, Jack Jones, Marc Almond, Ruthie Henshall and Kym Mazelle. He is active on the British jazz scene and appears regularly at Ronnie Scott's club and with musicians like John Etheridge, Digby Fairweather, Ray Gelato and Derek Nash. He is also curator of Hadleigh and Southwold Jazz Clubs.

"Unfailingly tuneful and spiced with gentle harmonic guile... Dudley would have been delighted." - Observer

## Friday 27 July 8.00 £16 Rob Barron Quartet

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Nat Steele is a jazz vibraphone player and drummer, who has been described by Clark Tracey as "one of the best vibes players this country has ever produced." Self-taught, and following in the style of Milt Jackson and Cal Tjader, Nat takes a two mallet approach to improvisation, focusing on melodic interpretation and a great swing feel.

Jeremy Brown has work in Peter King's quartet and pianist Julian Joseph's trio. He is much in demand in the UK and Europe backing performers and working as the regular member of many groups including Stacey Kent, the BBC Big Band and the Anita Wardell quartet.

Josh Morrison is a London based drummer who has worked with several bands, particularly pianist Gabriel Latchin, Steve Fishwick and has recorded and toured with Stacey Kent.

"Pianist Rob Barron was particularly impressive, his spidery, Horace Silver-like runs carving out their own space.

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## THIS MONTHS LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

*Dear Friends,*

### Lost for words...!

Not like me, I know, but as I sit in front of my computer to write what will be my last letter to you all, I find that, for a moment, I really am lost for words! There are so many things I would like to say and so many people I would like to thank, that it is very hard to know where to start. I think the person who perhaps should take up most of this column, not that he would wish it, is Rufus, my husband. He is the reason that I have been able to minister to you, because, behind the scenes, he has been carrying the can for so many years. And when I say carrying the can, I mean carrying out the work of at least two people.



It started as long ago as 2005, when I stopped working for Essex County Council and began studying for the ministry at Westcott House theological college full-time for two years. This meant getting up at about 5am every weekday and not getting back until about 7pm every evening. Rufus, although still battling with the depression that had resulted in his early retirement, was fully behind this change of life for us both, even though, increasingly, the household chores fell upon him. After ordination in 2007, I began three years curacy in Coggeshall, again leaving him coping with long days at home and being little help to him in keeping the household going.

Then September 2010 saw our move to the rectory in Boxford to take up my post in the benefice, once more with his total encouragement and commitment. This came at considerable personal cost to him, having to leave behind a village and community he loved and in which he had put down deep roots, having bought his first house and lived in Great Maplestead from 1978.

In the last almost eight years, Rufus's support and sheer hard work have never flagged, in spite of his own struggles, for much of that time, with less than good health. Never wishing to take the limelight, he has not only continued to carry the whole running of our household, but has also quietly and efficiently managed our finances, kept our cars on the road, as well as taming, maintaining and improving a huge garden and roadside verge. But all this too is only half the story.

When I was considering taking up the post, I just couldn't see how I could manage the administration of five parishes single handedly, I'll help you, Rufus said without any hesitation. And so he has. I would need another whole page to list all the regular tasks he undertakes, but one of his most visible, yet paradoxically overlooked, achievements is the benefice website, which can be accessed by Googling "Church Near You" and then choosing any one of the five parishes. His professionalism has ensured that this site has been kept fully up to date every week, with new events added and changes to services rotas noted. Much more than that, he has written, in his own words, appealing introductions and explanations for special services and festival seasons in the church year and found attractive images to enhance his entries. I do hope that, when we leave, someone gifted in website management and design, will offer to take on the volunteer role of editing the website, so that Rufus's sterling work can be built on for the future, as more and more people will undoubtedly find out about the benefice in this way.

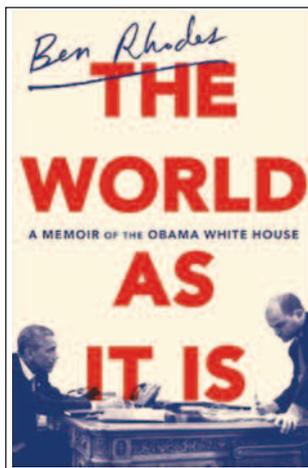
Yes, when it comes to thanking the many, many other people that I need to, I will now have to save that for my final service on 29th July (please do come !), because I have run out of space here. But even though I have taken a whole letter to try to share with you something of Rufus's amazing contribution to the life of this benefice - when it comes to his constant love, care and support of me, often in challenging times - when I think of all that he has done and all that he has sacrificed for me - but also, through me, for all of you - I really am lost for words.

Thank you Rufus.

Blessings, *Revd Judith*

## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, JUNE 2018

The World as It Is review: Ben Rhodes' Obama legacy defence has weak spots



Ben Rhodes is the Barack Obama speechwriter and national security staffer who helped drive the Iran deal and negotiated the thaw between the US and Cuba. Over time, he earned his fair share of enemies. Indeed, he has the tire marks on his back to prove it.

Last month, days before Donald Trump's decision to junk the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the Observer and Ronan Farrow reported on the efforts of Black Cube, an Israeli intelligence-gathering firm, to discredit Rhodes and other Obama administration officials – just as Black Cube abetted Harvey Weinstein in his attempt to silence his victims. Five years ago, voices from the Pentagon derided Rhodes and others as

jihadis in the White House after they opposed continued aid to Egypt in the aftermath of the military takeover.

In *The World As It Is*, Rhodes tells his side of the story. As to be expected, he gives a full-throated defense of the JCPOA and seeks to extricate himself from the Benghazi debacle. What makes the book truly illuminating, however, are its quotes, barbs and reflexive disdain for flyover country.

Right off the bat, Rhodes homes in on the Clintons' mistaken belief that the 2008 Democratic nomination was theirs as a matter of right. He writes of how the late Richard Holbrooke, a former United Nations ambassador and Clinton confidant, reportedly kept "a list of everyone" who went to work for Obama, in the mistaken belief Hillary Clinton would have the opportunity to settle scores and Holbrooke would be named secretary of state.

As for former vice-president Joe Biden, the one Democrat who could have defeated Trump, Rhodes tags him as an "unguided missile", prone to press the flesh of those he met while walking the West Wing's hallways. Imagine, someone who is human. And likable.

Oppositional foreign leaders likewise get zinged. Boris Johnson caught Rhodes' wrath after hypothesizing that Obama swapped out an Oval Office bust of Winston Churchill for Martin Luther King on account of the "part-Kenyan president's ancestral dislike of the British Empire – of which Churchill had been such a fervent defender". Obama labels the foreign secretary as Britain's Trump. "With better hair," Rhodes adds.

Rhodes quotes Obama complaining that negotiating with Benjamin Netanyahu was like dealing with the Republicans. Rhodes tweaks Nicolas Sarkozy, France's former president, as "spotlight loving" for initiating discussions of a no-fly zone in Libya.

The book also takes a swing at Vladimir Putin, and the affinity in some conservative circles for the Russian strongman. Think Alabama's Roy Moore, California's Dana Rohrabacher and Nixon speechwriter Pat Buchanan. Obama rightly opines that "some of these folks ... have more in common with Putin than with me". Rhodes labels Mitch McConnell, the Senate majority leader, "unpatriotic" for refusing to unequivocally condemn Russian electoral interference in 2016.

Rhodes does his best to sell the Iran deal while hoping to give the administration cover. To blunt criticisms that the JCPOA represented a sudden policy reversal, he offers a chronology of sorts.

He recounts how even during Obama's battle for the Democratic nomination, the then senator expressed a willingness to meet with Iran and Cuba, without preconditions. Rhodes then ascribes the June 2013 election of Hassan Rouhani as Iran's president as a catalyst for negotiations later that year in Oman. In Rhodes' telling, the Iran deal is an organic culmination of Obama's promises. Rhodes does his best to sell the Iran deal while hoping to give the administration cover. To blunt criticisms that the JCPOA represented a sudden policy reversal, he offers a chronology of sorts.

In describing the Republicans' 2010 takeover of the House, Rhodes expresses his surprise at the magnitude of the loss, adding: "Our people stayed home, and [Sarah] Palin's had turned out." He lacks a serious discussion of the nexus between Obamacare and the Democrats' rout.

Rhodes stands on firmer ground when he examines the contradictions within American foreign policy, or, as he puts it, how "reality contributes to occasional schizophrenia". As one example, Rhodes observes how the anti-communist Afghan freedom fighters of the 1980s morphed into 21st-century jihadists.

Obama may have won a Nobel peace prize for simply succeeding George W Bush, but he left his infamous "red line" promise in Syria in tatters and the once vaunted Arab spring as a bloody memory. Trump believes he too is entitled to a prize for merely marketing as a success his summit with North Korea while doing his best to undo Obama's legacy. Meanwhile, American influence continues to erode.



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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### ➤ Suffolk County Council Annual General Meeting – 24th May

At this meeting Councillor Michael Ladd was elected as Chairman of the council. I was honoured to have been elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the year May 2018 – May 2019.

Councillor Mathew Hicks was elected as the new leader of Suffolk County Council. He has promised a new era of working in partnership and listening. In a speech following his election, he pledged to work with district and borough councils, other public partners, businesses and residents to find the best ways of delivering services to the people that need them most.

He also announced his new Cabinet. <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/the-council-and-its-committees/cabinet/#tab2>

He also confirmed Suffolk County Council's focus on major infrastructure including the Ipswich Northern Relief Road, A12 four village bypass (SEGWAY), Sudbury Relief Road, Beccles Relief Road, A1307, the A140 and A47 schemes and of course the Lowestoft Third Crossing and the Upper Orwell Crossings. It was good to see that Sudbury is now close to the top of the list.

### ➤ Suffolk Waste Partnership trial litter campaign starts

On 30 May it was announced that 15 smart litter bins are about to be installed in trial locations across Suffolk in an effort to reduce littering on the county's trunk roads.

The customised bins are designed for roadside use with a lit sign saying 'Litter', a wider than usual aperture to make disposal of rubbish easier, bright orange bodies, reflective white signage and the clear message 'Keep Suffolk Beautiful'.

The Suffolk Waste Partnership's project is also asking local businesses to support 'Keep Suffolk Beautiful' by displaying banners and signs on fuel forecourts across the county. More standard bins are also being installed as part of the campaign at other trial layby locations along the A11, A12 and A14 in Suffolk, to see if the increase in number and the type of litter bin provided results in less litter. New remote monitoring technology will also be installed in these litter bins.

➤ **Council to deliver 51 new affordable homes for low income families in rural community** On 22 May, it was announced that Suffolk County Council is looking to develop a 4.5 acre site which is owned as part of its County Farms estate in Cockfield village near Lavenham. The plan is for 51 affordable homes to be built to offer local people on low incomes the opportunity to get on the housing ladder. This follows a decision on 21 March at Babergh District Council Development Control Committee which approved a planning application for such a development.

To do this the county council is planning to work closely with design and property partners to achieve a good financial return and delivery of homes for a range of people, with a particular focus on local needs. The development is expected to take around two years to complete.

This is a "model" that I hope can be repeated across the county to help accelerate home ownership for local people on lower incomes in the rural areas with closer liaison between the County, District and Parish Councils and Housing Associations.

### ➤ More children get the free school meals they are entitled to

On 16 May, it was reported that four Suffolk councils have worked together to try to ensure more children get the free school meals they are entitled to. Changes to the benefit system in the wake of the introduction of Universal Credit mean that some families are missing out.

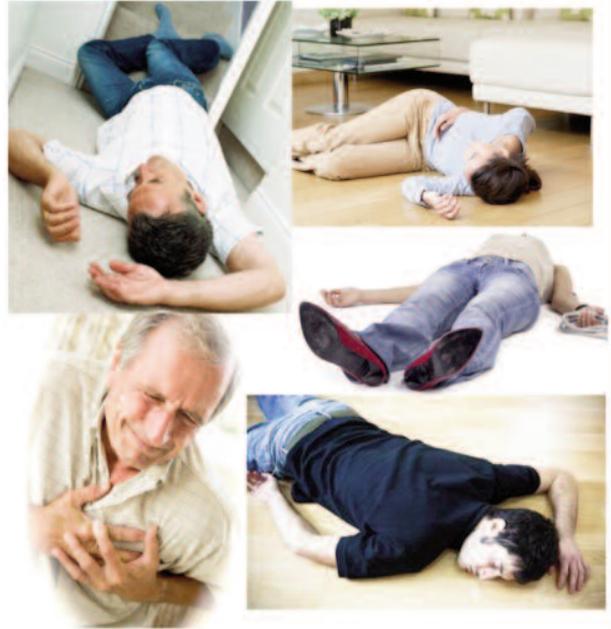
The free school meals team at Suffolk County Council is urging parents and carers to apply for the meals – which could save a family more than



*Cllr Ladd and Cllr Finch*

*James "investiture" as Vice Chairman at the AGM at the end of May by Cllr Ladd the Chairman for May 2018-19 being overseen by Her Majesty and Prince Philip in the Council Chamber !!*

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£400 a year. In addition, each application could bring what is called Pupil Premium Funding to the respective school. The school can decide how to spend this windfall – as much as £1,300 a year over six years for each extra child applying - and could use it to pay for more books, cut the price of school trips and uniforms or bring in more teaching aids.

The County Council has worked with Babergh and Mid Suffolk district councils and Ipswich Borough Council to identify the scale of the shortfall and to urge people to apply for what they are entitled to. The Councils believe they have already encouraged 800 families to make new applications but want to reach out to even more.

The message is clear: your child could be entitled to free school meals from now until the end of the phase of education they are in at March 2022 if you receive certain benefits, regardless of any change of circumstances. Find out more at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### ➤ Suffolk residents urged to sign up as Dementia Friends

OneLife Suffolk is asking local people to consider how they can support people with dementia by becoming a Dementia Friend. The campaign launch coincided with the National Dementia Action Week (15-21 May). OneLife Suffolk is the free healthy lifestyle service commissioned by Suffolk County Council. Dementia Friends is an Alzheimer's Society Initiative which aims to give people a better understanding of what it means to live with dementia, through a short online training course.

There are an estimated 850,000 people currently living with dementia in the UK, which costs the NHS around £26 billion each year. The training offers advice and guidance about how simple lifestyle changes can reduce the risks of dementia, as well as inviting people to consider how they can support and improve the lives of those living with dementia.

OneLife Suffolk are working with GP practices, pharmacies and other local organisations across the county to spread the word and encourage people to sign up. The Dementia Friend training takes no more than 20 minutes to complete. For more information and to sign up as a Dementia Friend, visit <http://onelifesuffolk.co.uk/dementia2018/>

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## OUTING TO BULMER BRICKWORKS, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

For our first outing of the year we visited a local hidden gem we had been pondering for some time, though because we thought it might not interest the ladies as much as the men, it had been placed on the back burner. Happily, following discussions with members it became clear there was a demand, and what an experience it was, stepping back in time to another very different but very satisfying world. As Peter says in his excellent book (The Brickmaker's Tale):

The brickyard and its surroundings have long provided a magic for those who live and work here but it can equally create its spell for the casual visitor ..... to visit the brickyard is like going back in time, yet much has changed over the short span of my life. The men I was brought up with would find it hard to recognise much of what is here today, yet people who know the place comment on its timelessness. On arrival, one is struck by the quality of the light and, even in these times, the tranquillity, yet the yard is a hive of activity and noise. Cars, vans and lorries are parked where, not long ago, not even a bicycle would have been found.

Bulmer brickyard sits in its own small valley mid-way between Sudbury and Hedingham, and I can certainly attest to the quality of light referred to by Peter. As well as its clay, it has a good supply of water and good moulding sand. The only way in/out is by road, which in times past would have been a limiting factor, requiring movement of goods by horse and cart to either the river Stour at Sudbury or the then new rail connection at Sudbury and Hedingham; the effort and cost of this would have made it hard to stay competitive, but they found a way.

A hand flint axe provides the earliest evidence of man on the site, and the structures of the brickyard are built on what was the clay bottom - as clay was extracted, new buildings could be erected on the cleared earth, and as the pit face moved back, the making area moved with it. Bronze age burial urns some 3,000 years old signify direct involvement in the use of clay on site, along with later sherds of Roman pots, roof tiles and bricks - the site being quite close to that of the Roman Villa at Guestingthorpe. Saxons followed and in the 1960's, when reclaiming another part of the site, Peter discovered what are some of the earliest bricks in the country, dating from the mid fourteenth century. Deep ploughing close by brought up quantities of burnt sand, which later investigation showed was the site of an early tile kiln, and carbon dating techniques gave a date of 1450. A discovery of bricks from the foundations of Peter's own house, on site, date from the early 15th century, so the brickyard's roots certainly go deep.

The brickworks is the cumulative creation of just three families, the Hurrells, who can be traced on site as far back as 1596, the English family who are recorded as owners in 1795, and of course the Minters - Peter's father having bought it in 1936 from builders following completion of their developments around Shenfield and Mountnessing. As noted in his excellent book:

Much of my present knowledge comes from observing the old craftsmen, talking to them, playing around them as a child (he was just three when the family moved in) and later asking questions, but unfortunately I can still only claim a fraction of their skills. I have reinvented much, but the knowledge is tainted with modern ideas and techniques, and I suspect that there are numbers of tricks we have lost for ever.

I for one believe that Peter's modesty vastly understates his own skills & knowledge, which were evidenced in his encyclopedic knowledge of every facet of brickmaking, from digging the clay through mould making to mixing the clay, then firing and onto hand finishing an already hand made product for specialist uses, it really was an incredible tour de force.

The tour began where we had naturally congregated - the carpenters shop where new brick moulds are made. Incredibly we were advised the company now has some 7 to 8 thousand different moulds, some of which may only have been used to make a very small number of bricks, but which nevertheless are sensibly retained for future cataloguing and preservation. He then explained some of the finer features - multiple section moulds and those with removable parts to permit more complicated shapes - along with the timbers used, which includes modelling board when faces or shapes are to be incorporated into terracotta. Lastly, he reminded us that allowance always had to be made for a 12% shrinkage of the clay, which had to be taken into account before the moulds were made.

We then went through the clay washing area, where impurities are removed in order to produce the purest clay for the finest bricks for their most important building renovation projects such as Hampton Court Palace, St Pancras Station and Layer Marney Towers in Essex. As with just about all machinery on-site, the large impressive filter press was obtained second hand and just about fits into its shed - see pic. Clay is first thoroughly mixed, then washed twice in a large 'blunger' - a tank in which clay and water is mixed - before being pumped as a slurry into the press; it is then squeezed very slowly, 60 to 90 minutes. This releases some of the water without putting too much pressure on the clay, which otherwise would result in inferior bricks. A hi tech process is then used to ensure that

the clay is 'just right', before individual 'leaves' from the press are removed and the washed / partly dried clay extracted; this comprises a jug and beaker, to measure separation of the clay components and to undertake a slump test!

On leaving this washing shed, we passed the working area, which every day prepares clay for the brickmakers. A years worth of clay is dug over winter and placed in a very large pile, from which digger shovelfuls are carefully removed. Clay naturally differs throughout the on site seam and it is important to pick the right clay for each job: the right colour and the right texture. The requisite amount is then placed in a large circle in the working area with its 'pug' bed, a preparation of wet roughly mixed clay for brickmaking. The skilled craftsman doing this - the temperer - aims to ensure the moisture and mix is constant, to facilitate production and helping to control shrinkage. Material is then either taken to the washing area, for making rubbers, or placed into a 'pug mill' for 'extruding' through to the men making more typical bricks. This item was originally a Berry brick making machine which Peter adapted; it is loaded with clay at the rear and then slowly mixed and moved down the barrel by a series of large blades, from where it is drawn down by each maker as required. It seems the resulting pug - a preparation of wet mixed clay for brickmaking - is a huge improvement on the old process, speeding up the making and enhancing brick quality. Then we were on our way to view the clay seam, now a bit of a walk away, reflecting just how much clay has been dug out over the centuries.

At a guess the working face of the seam ranges between 15 and 20 feet, though Peter did advise they have now 'gone through' the thickest part as they are getting to the edge of the clay. There is topsoil to be removed before reaching the clay proper, which is dug out vertically from the top down and moved to the edge of the working area once a year, about 1,000 tons! The process is now largely done by machine, but we were regaled by stories from times past when this was entirely manual. Being done over winter, the wheelbarrows with their iron wheels would often get stuck in the clay, so required two men - one to push as normal and one to pull from the front with a rope - sheer backbreaking work. Of course this was the easy bit when they were working at ground level - all other work involved barrowing loads of extremely heavy clay along thick but narrow planks, just 11 inches wide, many feet in the air, with 'passing places' to permit two or more barrows to work continuously. It sounded dangerous, and Peter admitted that kids often played on the planks, trying to make each other fall off, but it seems the soft squelchy clay always ensured there were no injuries.

Our route back to the main site took us to the finishing area, where bricks of the finest quality, called rubbers (\*), are cut into many shapes and, if necessary, glued together to form more complex patterns. The reason for this skillful, labour intensive and therefore expensive process, is to ensure absolute consistency of brick size, something otherwise impossible because of the vagaries of shrinkage - refer earlier - in order to facilitate minute and consistent mortar joints and shapes that just cannot be moulded. Bulmer also create brick arches bonded on top of metal formers which can then be inserted as one piece into the finished product - see pic. Interestingly, bricks may be cut quite easily by a simple bow saw using ordinary garden wire twisted round and round and then stretched a little, it looks like it has saw teeth but doesn't. Being an ex physicist I just had to feel the saw 'blade', which of course was not at all sharp and in fact felt quite soft to the touch, so how does it work? Peter spilled the beans, telling us that it was the sand particles within the brick that actually did the cutting, they were picked up by the wire, held within the twists and then simply cut through the softer clay, even after bricks had been fired. Incredibly intricate shapes can be obtained, and were for St Pancras station, see pic; consistency of angles when many bricks are involved is ensured by first creating individual angled former templates in order to make accurately 'gauged' brickwork - see pic. It was all amazing stuff, apparently very basic but incredibly skillful, and we left much impressed by just what it is possible to achieve through the oft taken for granted humble clay brick.

(\* Rubber: A brick that can be cut and rubbed. The best quality rubbers should be fully washed to remove all extraneous matter, to provide a 'clean' or smooth brick, which can be cut or carved. The finest rubbers come from the London and Reading bed clays.

On our way to the main brickmaking area we passed the 'Backs', where fresh bricks are dried before being fired. These comprise a series of long, low and narrow open sided sheds with just a roof above, where the bricks are very carefully placed in rows two wide and perhaps six or seven high, depending on how wet they still are. Fresh bricks are taken from the making area on special 'off-bearing' barrows, 30 at a time, being handled between two pieces of 'pitching board', to prevent finger marks and other damage - they are incredibly fragile at this time. The bricks are then turned

over time, a bit like champagne bottles, to ensure even drying; they are also often 'skinned', when they are set at an angle to each other - see pic.

From the back end of the extruding machine, which is in a separate back-to-back lean to shed, a lovely pile of wet clay forms a mound from which each brickmaker takes handfuls for throwing into an open mould on the working surface, previously prepared with just the right amount of sand. On the wall behind the makers sit two dozen different moulds which create different sized and thickness bricks. Excess clay is removed and bricks carefully removed from the mould and placed onto the hand crafted off-bearing barrows for removal to the 'backs' drying area - very skillful work all round - apparently its critical to get into the proper brick makers rhythm. At this point Peter told us the tale of Long Tom, a brickmaker who for years outperformed all other brickmakers - making bricks is piecework after all - and no one could work out why. Years later during a refurb, it was discovered that his barrow was longer and could hold 32 bricks, so every trip he made to the backs contained an additional two bricks, which over the course of a shift added up. Peter's grandson, also interested in the business, was so impressed, he made his own barrow to Long Tom's specification.

We were now off to the kilns - the focus of every brickyard as Peter says - but first had to pass through a special insulated drying shed where the drying process can be better controlled - no heat is used, apart from that generated by the continuously operating dehumidifiers - and a wonderful place to stop on a cold day. Bulmer has two 'down draught kilns, where heat is drawn into the top of the chamber and sucked down through the bricks stacked within, named Frank (rebuilt in 2008) and Tom (built new around the same time), in honour of two previous burners (the men responsible for firing the kiln over 50 years). To untrained eyes, Frank particularly looked ramshackle and a bit broken down, but wouldn't you be if you were taken up to 1100/1200 degrees C every 3 or 4 weeks, but casual looks belie the sheer strength of these marvellous creations, which each contained around 40,000 bricks - they are massively thick and strong.

Kilns are loaded / unloaded in special kiln barrows that carry approx. 60 bricks and distribute their weight over the wheel, see pic, and when full, the kiln entrance is bricked up, leaving just two small holes through which the colour temperature of the kiln can be judged, see pic. Peter told us it takes 4.5 tons of Scottish coal to fire each kiln, with their 12,000 bricks inside. The whole process takes about 2 weeks, 2 to 3 days to load, 4 to 5 days to fire, 2 to 3 days to cool down and another 2 to 3 days to unload, and during firing, they are manned constantly by 'burners', who are the men responsible for the firing. Besides adding more coal as necessary, the men gauge the internal temperature through the spy holes; this needs to be as consistent as possible from top to bottom and throughout the process, and various fire dampers require adjustment to modify the separate airflows to top and bottom to achieve this - another very skillful job.

We were then shown a series of open fronted sheds containing many samples and examples of their endeavours, including some amazing terracotta plaques, before moving into the last shed where more special shapes can be made for clients. Bulmer bricks now go to an extensive variety of properties, ranging from small cottages to large houses and halls, castles, churches, cathedrals, palaces, stations, aerodromes (e.g. Mildenhall, Stradishall and Duxford), and even bridges and canals. Some of their most prestigious clients include Hampton Court Palace, Layer Marney Tower, St Pancras Station, Oxboburgh Hall, The Royal Courts of Justice, Norwich Cathedral, Holkham Hall and Framlingham Church, among many others.

Their single largest project was to supply all of the red rubbers (refer definition above) for the restoration of the station, which was to become the new Eurostar terminus. Despite being grade I listed, it had been agreed that the west side could be taken down and rebuilt larger, to accommodate the new service; of course, this had to be built in exactly the same style and form as the original. Research showed the original bricks came from R A Allen of Ballingdon, not very far away, and Bulmer already had in place a system to produce fine quality rubbers and the corresponding cutting and rubbing service necessary to supply pieces for building into the work. Their biggest problem however was convincing the contractors they had sufficient capacity to carry out the work, but throughout the project they remained ahead of schedule, and this with just two makers and two craftsmen cutting! The workmanship involved was simply incredible, as the following photos clearly illustrate:

It was a truly incredible experience which everybody enjoyed tremendously, constantly asking questions as we manoeuvred round the site; happily Peter was most generous with his time, which perhaps explains the 2.5 hour tour time, somewhat above my 90 minute estimate, but absolutely fantastic.

Our next events will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on:  
13th June: The Battle of Waterloo

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## BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS

The Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee has been active in recent months and felt that it would be useful to update readers of the Box River News. Newcomers to the village may not know that visionary predecessors in 1967 formed the Boxford Community Council with the specific remit to acquire the Playing Fields, over half of which they purchased by raising funds at that time, the remaining portion at the eastern end being leased from Boxford United Charities. Since then the playing area including the cricket pitch, football pitches, tennis courts, and allotments, children's playground (also built and equipped by voluntary effort ten years ago) has been sustained and run by volunteers. It is not publicly owned, the trustees run it for the people of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone to enjoy. The current management committee follows a long line of those who have cared for these wonderful facilities. There are many ways in which all can help:

- **Enjoyment.** The expanse of green grass belongs to us all and it is important that we all enjoy it, those who play organised team sports and those who enjoy impromptu ball games, walking, picnicking, and tending allotments, old and young alike. Do rent the pavilion; pay your tennis dues, all income helps.

- **Care and Cleanliness.** The committee regularly "litter pick" and empty the playground bins and occasionally repair after acts of vandalism. Please pick up any litter and keep the area clean

- **Dogs.** This subject is rarely far off our agenda. The vast majority of responsible dog owners who walk their dogs are let down by the irresponsible minority. The law requires dog walkers to pick up the dog poo. Failure to do so endangers health, ruins the enjoyment for others and causes us regularly to consider banning dogs from the grounds. That is not my preference but we will consider reporting offenders with the aim of prosecution and we will keep this matter under review. Bag and pick up immediately, keep the dogs under close control, use a torch at night, report offenders and generally help our dogs to preserve their use of the area. Banning them is no idle threat!

- **Information.** Please keep us informed. If you know of those who commit vandalism, let us know. We will take action. In the last year there has been wilful damage to allotment sheds and theft, the snapping of playground fences, the insertion of small pieces of glass into the children's climbing wall in the playground and tipping of fast food packaging into the car park, within yards of a bin! All this in addition to those who let their dogs out of their cars and take no further interest in the dog's activity until calling them back and departing. These people are unwelcome, ruin the facility for others and we will take action if we have names.

- **Participation.** We are planning to do quite a lot of self-help to refurbish the Pavilion. If you can offer practical skills to help us please join in. You will be very welcome. Also do consider offering yourself as a committee member. We are blessed with an excellent committee but we can always do with a new member or two, particularly from those who enjoy playing sport and feel they can contribute to care of the facilities they enjoy.

### The Future

The Committee are indebted to Paul Kirkham, local architect, for his work in producing architectural drawings which could lead to the pavilion being extended and improved. Principally his plan would improve the layout of the changing rooms and associated showers and lavatories to provide dedicated facilities for officials on match days and greater opportunity for ladies football. This plan lies on the table but we concluded that it required a major fundraising effort beyond our capabilities for the moment.

We have had a full survey of the building completed and happily there are no major structural problems. However we do see it as a real and achievable priority to refurbish the windows, doors and frames and carry out other essential maintenance and a refurbishment sub-committee is already working to this end. I reiterate that we would welcome help from those who are handy with a paint brush or could offer other practical assistance.

### Thank you

I take the opportunity to thank the support we receive from the Parish Council and our parent Community Council. Our District Councillor Bryn Hurren has helped us often in recent years and attends our meetings when he can. I also want to mention each of the committee members and thank them.: Anne Wise, an efficient and hardworking secretary; Hugh Phillips, treasurer who, in addition to managing our accounts, has worked tirelessly on matters of governance and our policies and achieved much already with more to come; Yvonne Woodfield, long standing member of the committee in more than one position and a tower of strength to all of us and me in particular; Ray Gibbons, whose work for the cricket club benefits us all with his care of the square and produces a beautiful green sward at this time of the year, Paul Abbott, who saved us

a lot of money by his personal efforts to repair an underground water leak and to reinstate the full operation of the floodlights who efficiently organises and manages the bar at the Fireworks and John Weiland who has single-handedly repaired the playground fencing and some of the apparatus and brought the grass back to a good standard. The allotments are managed by Karen Coleman who has done splendid work in updating the plot allocation, map and waiting list. I must finally mention Ward Baker, chairman of the Community Council, invariably in attendance at our meetings and a constant source of help and advice. His personal contribution to the Fireworks event, indeed all Community Council activities, cannot be overstated.

I offer a personal thank you to all of you and on behalf of all who enjoy the facilities that you keep for all to enjoy.

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



## Boxford Study Centre donates £1500 to Boxford School

The Boxford Study Centre, History Group, has been providing regular history lectures to the local community for many years. Due to its recent closure, the outgoing committee has decided to donate the surplus funds to Boxford Primary School for the express purpose of developing their own Forest School. Using a wooded area within the school grounds, the Forest School will allow children the time and space to develop skills, interests and knowledge of the natural environment through hands on experiences.

The committee thinks that this is an appropriate contribution from one generation to another, aimed at broadening the general education of the young by exposure to an aspect that former generations have taken for granted.

The photo above shows Jo and Simon Marchant, on behalf of the Boxford Study Centre, presenting the cheque to Headteacher Mrs Justine Davies.

## 3PR Stats for April 2018

The groups First Responders covered 216hrs and had 6 call outs.

## Edwardstone White Horse

We have a new manager and at the White Horse called Michele Francis who will be working in partnership with the on-site 'Little Earth Project' brewery.

The pub is a traditional English pub and would historically have sourced nearly all of its drink and food from ingredients grown the surrounding countryside, the pub will be endeavouring to do the same.

I think the White Horse will be a unique and interesting experience for all.  
*John Norton*

## Hadleigh & Boxford Patient Participation Group Medication - Only Order What You Need

Did you know? Even if you never open them, once you leave a pharmacy your medicines cannot be recycled or used by anyone else. This means that any you return are destroyed. Before heading to the pharmacy, take a look in your medicine cabinet to see what you actually need. You may have ordered extra on a repeat prescription last time you went and forgot. If your GP prescribes medication for you, make sure you are taking it correctly. Unused or misused medications such as antibiotics can lead to worsening health conditions and more treatments. By doing your part and only ordering what you need you are helping to reduce the cost of wasted medicines, which means these savings could be put towards other health services.

Only order the medicines that you need

- Please let your GP know if you've stopped taking any of your medicines
- Check what medicines you still have at home before re-ordering

- Discuss your medication with your GP or Pharmacist on a regular basis
  - Think carefully before ticking all the boxes on your repeat prescription forms and only tick those that you really need
  - If you don't need the medicine, please don't order it.
  - If you need to go into hospital, please remember to take all your medicines with you in a clearly marked bag
  - Please also remember that your medicines are prescribed only for you. It's not safe to share them with anyone else
- Remember that unused medicines cannot be recycled
- Even if you never open them, once medicines have left the Pharmacy, they cannot be recycled or used by anyone else
  - Please take your unused medicines to the Pharmacy for safe disposal
  - NEVER dispose of your unused or unwanted medicines down the toilet
- Unused medicines are a safety risk
- Return out of date medicines to your Pharmacy or Dispensary for safe disposal
  - If your medicines change – return your old medicines to the Pharmacy to avoid mixing them up with your new medicines
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## Report from Boxford WI

Boxford WI has been enjoying some varied activities recently! You may have seen the Evening Group learning how to belly dance a few months ago, and as I write, the afternoon group are looking forward to learning all about Corsets in June!

At our May evening meeting (the first held at our summer venue, the Boxford Sports Pavilion) we had a wonderful session led by a local artist, Liz De Alwis. She introduced us to different ways we could use pencil and ink to create different effects on the page, and we all tried our hand at a still life drawing. It was also fascinating to hear of her experiences around the world.

We have a full and varied programme coming up over the months ahead, and we always love to welcome new members. Our afternoon meetings take place on the First Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm at Boxford Village Hall, and the evening meetings take place on the Third Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm at Boxford Sports Pavilion (April – September).

## SESAW Open Day

Just a few lines to let you know the annual SESAW Open Day will be held on Sunday 29th July at the Sanctuary. There will be lots to see, do and eat during the afternoon for you and your family. Stalls, games, a raffle, wildlife corner, spinning demonstration and entertainment from the Hadleigh Ukulele Group. Snacks, BBQ, lots of homemade cakes and an ice cream van for the humans and a Fun Dog Show and Scurry for all their pooches. Gate opens at midday, don't to meet the animals awaiting new homes and the residents including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua. Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, : 01787 210888 sesaw – Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare

## Boxford School Summer Fete

The date is Saturday 30th June – 12 to 4pm.

And we are also open to any potential stall holders who may wish to sell things on the day for a cost of £15 per table.

## Remember

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### **Burgers**

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Suffolk ham, tomato and Colman's English mustard £8.50

Cod finger with lemon mayonnaise, celery and chive £6.00

### **Sides/Extras**

Buttered new potatoes

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Posh cheesy chips (Parmesan)

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# Wot's On

## LANDERMASON Concert,

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### JULY 2018

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Thursday	5th	11am – 5 pm	Upbeat – Strawberry Tea
Wednesday	11th	7.30 pm	Parish Council
Tuesday	17th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Baby photos and Quiz
Thursday	26th	9.30 am	Fireside Club Outing– Bawdsey Radar centre
Tuesday	31st	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – bring your own crafts

Friday	3rd	1.15 pm	Fireside Club – outing to Braintree silk museum
Tuesday	14th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Tea at NGGC
Tuesday	28th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – beetle drive

### SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	2nd	10.00 am	Dog Show and stalls for charity
Wednesday	5th	7.30 pm	Village Hall committee
Tuesday	11th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – 60th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday	12th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	25th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – indoor games
Friday	28th	9.30 am	Fireside Club outing – outing to Felixstowe
Saturday	29th	10.00 am	McMillan coffee morning

### REGULAR EVENTS

Monday mornings (term time only): Yoga class (Sophia on 313662)  
 Monday and Thursday evenings: Western Partner Dance Club (call Chris 371006)  
 Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Anne on 312346)  
 Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club (call 312160)

## Stowmarket Choral

Stowmarket Choral and The 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)

B - 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 Choral take part in the Ipswich Music Day. We will be singing from 3.20pm to 3.50pm in the Wolsey Gallery, Christchurch Mansion.

**Saturday 18th August** - Come, meet and sing with our new Music Director (Designate) - Tom Appleton. A day combining singing, socialising and having fun!

**Saturday 3rd November** - Messiah (G F Handel) performed at St Peter and St Mary Church, Stowmarket, IP14 1ES. We would welcome guest singers to join us for the Autumn Term at our weekly rehearsals to sing this marvellous work. Further details available soon.

Look out for further details of all forthcoming events

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### ADVANCE NOTICE -

## BOXFORD FUN DOG SHOW

23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

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# Wot's On

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Our next Quiz night will be on Saturday 22nd September. 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 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.

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD SALE TRAIL

After the outstanding success of last year's event, there will be a sale trail around the village on Saturday 1st September, between 10 am and 1 pm; all are invited to come along and hunt out those bargains. Maps, refreshments, tombola and further stalls will be available in the Parish Room in Church Road.

If you wish to sell, either from your home or from the hall, please contact Sue Sheppard on 247980, at the School House or email sheppard.susanm@gmail.com. There is a £5.00 charge to cover advertising, signs, maps and a donation to Parish Room funds. Donations to the tombola will also be gratefully received.

## POLSTEAD WI

### 2018 PROGRAMME FOR POLSTEAD WI

July 10th	Silk Weaving in Sudbury
August	No Meeting
September 11th	The Trinity House Story
October 9th	Town Pastors
November 13th	Hair Care

## Nayland Horticultural Society

Our Annual Flower Show is on Saturday 4th August 2-5pm. Schedules and entry forms from Margaret or Trevor Smy, telephone 01206 262022 or e-mail trevor.smy24@gmail.com or visit the website, www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

Nayland Horticultural Society - **date for your diary.** Visit to RHS Hyde Hall on Sunday 6th September, leaving Nayland at 9am. Visit the website for details. www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

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before moving to East Anglia. A freelance writer and proof reader, Rory is also 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).

Places on the coach are limited so early booking is recommended.

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

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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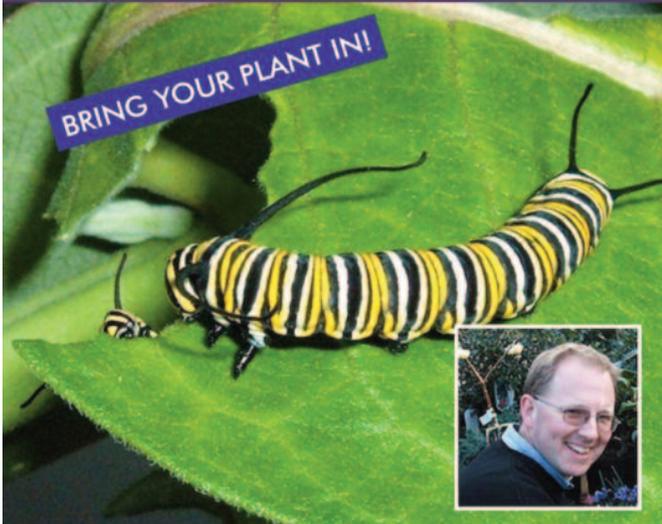
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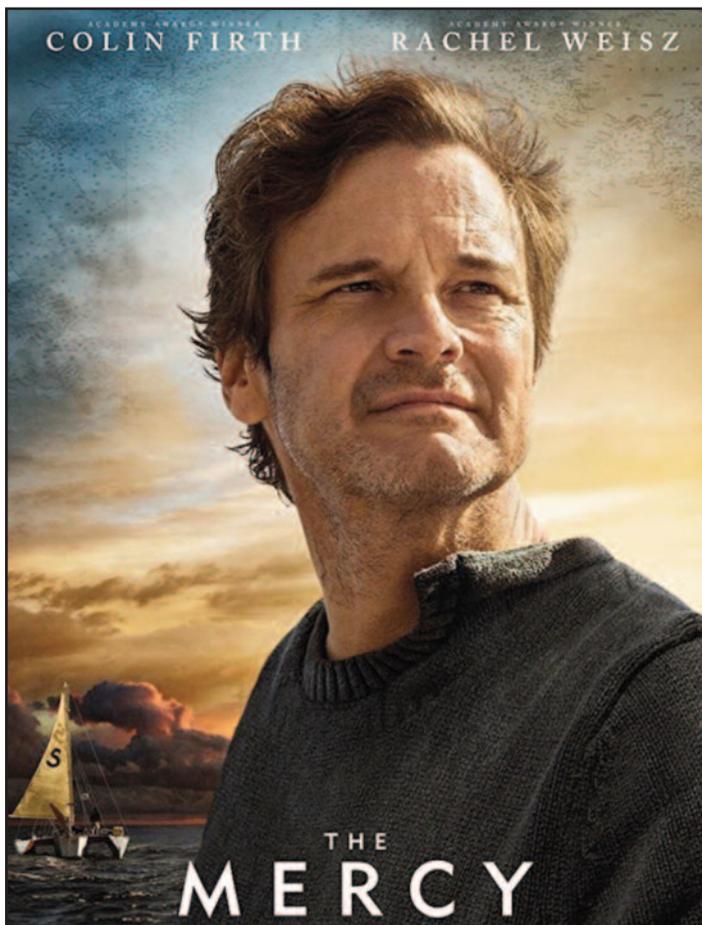
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Saturday 30th June 2018

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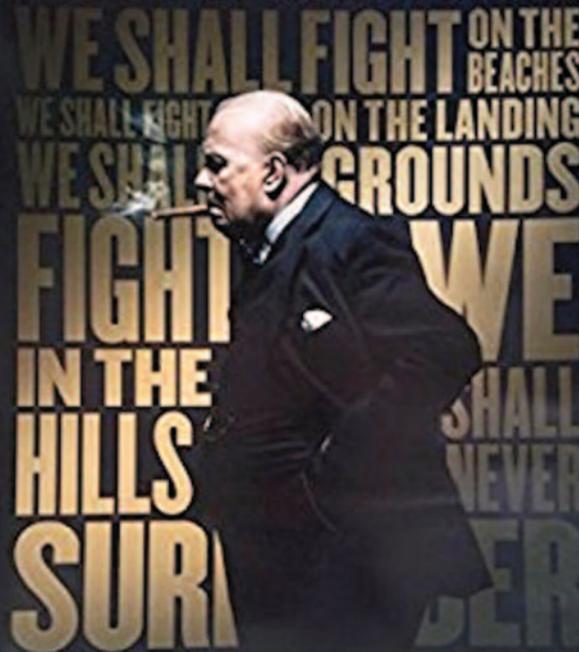
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## Forthcoming Events Diary

### July

30 June Fobs Sausage Sizzle	FOBS	Boxford School	12-4pm
3 Boxford Gardening society	Pests and Diseases	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
4 A brief history of fans, Joan Smith	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2pm
7 Milden Fete		Playing Field	
13 Landerason Concert	Little Waldingfield PCC	St Lawrences Church	7.30pm
19 Sunset Tai Chi	Boxford WI	Sports Pavilion	8pm
29 The Revd Judith's final service at Boxford Church, followed by tea in the village hall			3.00 pm
30 Charity Midsummer Dance	Little Waldingfield PlayingField		

### September

1 Village Sale Trail	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Little Waldingfield	10.00 till 1.00pm
5 Bee Keeping	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2pm
22 Quiz Night	Parish Rooms Little Waldingfield		7.30pm
23 Boxford Fun Dog Show	Boxford Playing Fields		TBA

### October

27 Boxford Fireworks

### November

11 National Beacon Lighting Scheme The Beacon 7.pm

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

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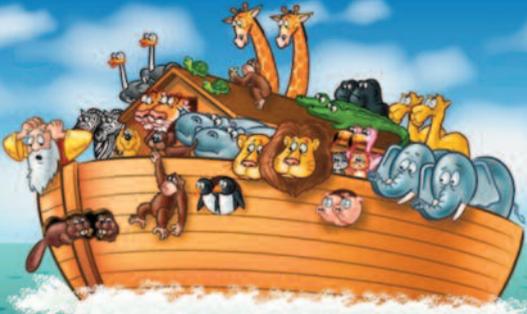
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Trinity Methodist Church, Hamilton Road, Felixstowe IP11 7AN

Saturday 7 July 2018 at 7.30pm

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## NATURE WOW! Emily Kench

### RSPB in the East Our work

You might be surprised to read that our work is far broader than nature reserves and Big Garden Birdwatch. Read more about what else we do.

You will find out about all the exciting stuff going on with the RSPB in the east of the UK. We cover our sites in the following counties: Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, and some of our great Lincolnshire ones. So if you are if you have never heard of the Strumpshaws and Snettishams or Stour Estuary or Sutton Fens here is your chance.

All nature has a 'wow factor'. Everything from the emergence of dragonflies from deep within the darkest pond water, to the swifts that eat and sleep in the air, to the intricate underground labyrinths of rabbits, constructed for their huge families – every obscurity and complexity amazes. However, it takes a certain something to drop your jaw, leave you with a near speechless 'O' and place two magic 'W's at each end.

The sight of 100000 starlings working together like Olympic gymnasts is likely to leave you breathless. Two ruthless stags battling over a harem of dainty does is jaw-clenchingly good. Flurries of pipistrelle bats emerging from forbidden lofts will cause eye-darting.

The word 'wow' is derived from this movement of the eye: it describes the way the pupil moves when a person sees something of extreme interest or surprise. Though I like to think that wow really means 'Wildlife of Wonder.'

Wonderment is rare in day-to-day life. My day normally consists of honey flakes, emails, sandwiches, post-slump meetings, jacket potatoes and trash TV. In amongst the mundane, my biggest 'wonder' is what filling to put in my jacket.

Throughout childhood, it felt like everything was a wonder. Now, I realise that I have to make time to see wildlife of wonder... to see a wow. Summer is the perfect time to experience a 'Nature Wow'. Summer holidays, warm nights, and longer days mean that we can all make time to get outside, even at the beginning or end of a working day. All you need is a little planning and a dash of patience, and you'll be on your way.

### Local wows:

#### Dragons of the realm

You don't have to go far to see a colourful array of dragons take to the skies, however these dragons don't breath fire. The noise and sight of a

dragonfly is seriously special; hovering like pre-historic helicopters, they control each of their four wings independently flying backwards, forwards, stopping, hovering, cruising up and down before targeting prey and tearing it apart with serrated teeth.

*Where to see:* You might see dragonflies scoping out ponds in your garden or local park, but if you want to see plenty in all their glory, visit RSPB Strumpshaw Fen (Norfolk), RSPB Minsmere (Suffolk), RSPB Lakenheath Fen (Suffolk), or The Lodge (Bedfordshire).

#### Superb skies

We are blessed with huge skies in the east. A landscape photography rule-of-thumb is to fill the photo with 70% sky, but here the sky does all the thinking for you. After a long day, get outside, sit somewhere that makes you feel Zen and watch the sun set. Make sure it's a clear sky for the best effects.

*Where to see:* You can do this outside near your house, or see a spectacular sunset at your local RSPB reserve.

#### Soulful seals

There's something particularly special about sea mammals. Whales are majestic, dolphins graceful, and whilst on land they may look like over-fed sausage dogs, seals definitely take the place of the most soulful sea creature. Whether you see one or two bobbing along the waves, take a boat out, or witness grey seals pupping come winter, you can't help but feel a sense of awe, and maybe even an aww.

*Where to see:* You may see one or two swimming off the beach at RSPB Titchwell Marsh (Norfolk) or across the estuary at RSPB Wallasea Island (Essex), however, to see lots of seals take a boat out to see the seals at Wallasea or at Blakeney Point (Norfolk), or to see the seals at Scroby Sands, take a boat from Great Yarmouth. Alternatively visit Horsey beach (Norfolk) in winter to view seals responsibly from the dunes.

#### Flittermice

Bats: the world's only true flying mammal. These nocturnal oddities are secretive and it is easy to forget that we share homes, offices and outhouses with them.

*Where to see:* Found in countryside, towns and cities across the UK, you can usually see them in your garden at sunset or sunrise in warm dry weather. they can also be seen at Strumpshaw Fen and at The Lodge 'Nature Wow' is an RSPB Wild Challenge activity, to find out more visit [rspb.org.uk/wildchallenge](http://rspb.org.uk/wildchallenge)

Emily Kench.

This piece originally appeared in the Eastern Daily Press



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**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:**

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**Lay Elder:**

David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU  
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*Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.*

**Benefice house:**

Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.

For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

## General Synod.

The Synod meets in York for its traditional summer group of sessions over 5 days from Friday 6th July to Tuesday 10th July. The York meeting is a residential meeting, with members accommodated in the University, so it has a very different 'feel' from the February meeting in London: shorts, rather than suits, are de rigueur! There are many opportunities to get to know better synod members from other dioceses at meal times and over a drink in the bar at the end of each day.

The timetable for the synod has been published with the full agenda available as this edition of the BRN goes to press. A significant time at York will be devoted to legislative business, including the revision stage of a draft Measure that is rewriting and updating the Church Representation Rules. Over the last few months a revision committee has been working through the draft Measure and their report will be presented to the whole Synod on the Monday morning. David Lamming is a member of the revision committee, so if you have any questions about the new rules, ask David!

Safeguarding is again on the Synod agenda, with a debate on a motion from the House of Bishops on the Saturday morning. PCC members will be aware that safeguarding is a 'hot topic' in the Church at the moment and this is likely to be a lively debate, with amendments proposed to whatever the bishops' motion turns out to say. Unfortunately, Synod will not have the benefit of any recommendations the IICSA panel may make following the three weeks' hearing in March concerning the Diocese of Chichester, as the panel is not due to report till the autumn.

An early agenda item on Friday afternoon is a 'Take note' debate on the report of the Business Committee. This provides members with the opportunity to comment on what is not on the agenda (but they think should have been) as well as what is. From various online comments already made, this looks like being a lively debate. Also likely to be lively is the 'Questions' session on Friday evening.

Other business includes a debate on the final report of the Archbishops' Evangelism Task Group, and diocesan synod motions about the environment (from London and Truro dioceses) and the long-term sustainability of the NHS (from Carlisle diocese.) As usual at York on the Sunday morning, synod members will join the congregation for a service of Holy Communion in the Minster. Please speak to David Lamming, one of our diocesan members of the General Synod, if you would like further information. A full report of the Synod meeting will be in the Church Times on 13th or 20th July.



## 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)*

**Cafe Church Sunday July 1st at 11.00 am** An informal service with lots of good coffee and pastries. Craft activities for children and adults too! Everyone is welcome. Plus pets too!

## Suffolk Villages Festival 2018

A Concert on Sunday 26th August at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Boxford

**"Gather ye Rosebuds": Songs of Love from Monteverdi to Purcell**

with Charles Daniels tenor, Fred Jacobs theorbo  
Peter Holman, Artistic Director

Booking office Tel: 01206366603 or visit

[www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com](http://www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com) Tickets £18 (reserved), £12 (unreserved) half-price for full-time students; Charles Daniels is one of Britain's greatest early music tenors, with more than 90 solo recordings to his credit. A recent recording with Fred Jacobs was described as 'an amazing display of musicianship and subtlety'. In this absorbing tour of seventeenth century song they take us from the Italy of Monteverdi and Giovanni Girolamo Kapsberger to Restoration England.

On the way they visit the French court and the beautiful airs of Michel Lambert, Lully's father in law. Crossing the Channel, they explore the Cavalier songs of Nicholas Lanier, John Jenkins and the brothers Henry and William Lawes, ending with Matthew Locke and Henry Purcell.

'Charles Daniels contributes burning passion and utter conviction' The Gramophone

**A Pre Concert Talk**

**English Musicians Portrayed: Nicholas Lanier and his Contemporaries** by Tassilo Erhardt **Sunday 26th August at 5.15 pm**, Boxford Village Hall (free admission to concert ticket-holders)

## Sunday 26th August at 9.45pm The Fleece, Boxford Patrick Rimes and Kannig

An hour of Welsh traditional music as a prelude to Kannig's lecture recital on Monday morning. The historic Guild Room at the Fleece in Boxford is renowned for its folk music gigs and is a wonderfully atmospheric venue. Space is limited, so book early. Food and drink will be available downstairs.

Tickets £10 (students £5) – NOT included in the Festival Season Ticket

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

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

**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 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.



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:  
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Rotas for July  
Flowers  
Cleaning

Frances East  
Sally Hoskins

Sunday July 15th at 9:30 am Morning Worship  
Sidesmen/Coffees Maureen Cooling / Ineke Morris

Sunday July 22nd at 8:00 am Holy Communion  
Sidesmen David Saddleton

her devoted pastoral care. Farewell, dear Judith. May you and Rufus find rest, peace and happiness in your new life.



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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

10th May The funeral of Jean Adams took place and Reverend Judith officiated at the service. In the Chancel and part of the Nave were seated family and friends.

Just as Jean had wished, the colour pink was worn in some form and that included the pall bearers, who wore pink ties. The colour theme was used in all the beautiful floral arrangements. Tributes compiled by the family were read by Reverend Judith. As the coffin was carried out the song 'Smile' by Tony Bennett was played. This was a fitting parting for a special person who did smile, even to the end of a very difficult illness. 27th May Our 11.00 am Service of Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday was conducted by Reverend Judith. She welcomed all including a little baby of just a few months old, who will be baptised here in July. As part of the service Reverend Judith read out the information of one of Newton's men who died in the First World War. What was surprising was that he 50 years old when he joined up and died four years later. The depth of research that Reverend Judith's husband Rufus has done to record the history of the men is amazing. Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and to all who helped with the refreshments and preparing for the service.

### Notices

#### Sunday 22nd July at 11.00 am Holy Communion

Reverend Judith will take her final service in the Benefice on Sunday 29th July at 3.00 pm at St Mary's Church Boxford before retiring with her husband to Norfolk. We thank Reverend Judith for what she has done for us in so many ways and we all wish them a happy, healthy retirement.

### BENEFICE NEWS

Ministry Team The last meeting of the ministry team before Judith leaves is on **Wednesday 11th July, 7.00 pm** at Mary's House.

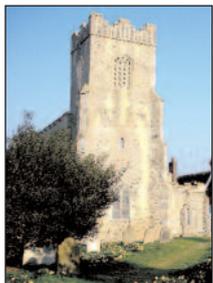
### DIOCESE NEWS

**Installation of New Cathedral Dean**, The Revd. Canon Joe Hawes will be installed as Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral at a service in the cathedral at **3.00 pm on Saturday 14th July 2014**.

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

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**21st** St Gregory's Church, Sudbury  
**28th** Old School Hall, Glemsford

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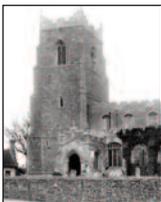
Rotas for July  
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**PCC Meeting Tuesday 24th July, 7.00 pm** at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail [djlamming@hotmail.com](mailto:djlamming@hotmail.com)) by 15th July.

**Judith's Last Service at Groton** The **9.30 am** service of Holy Communion on **Sunday 8th July** will be Judith's last service at St Bartholomew's Church before she retires at the end of July. All in Groton are encouraged to attend to support Judith on this occasion.

**New Notice Boards** The new noticeboard, made by Bryn Hurren, has now been erected by the Groton Hall gate to the churchyard. A similar board is to be erected shortly by the Groton Street entrance.



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

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### Rotas

	Sidesmen	Flowers
<b>1st July</b>	Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Nicholls	Mrs. Squirrell
<b>8th July</b>	No service	Mrs. Duffy
<b>15th July</b>	No service	Mrs. Eddington
<b>22nd July</b>	No service	Mrs. Gregor-Smith
<b>29th July</b>	Benefice service at 3.00 pm at Boxford (Reverend Judith's last service)	

6th May Reverend Judith welcomed us to Family Worship.

19th May We held our coffee morning for Christian Aid. Chris Bowden organised the event. Fran Gregor-Smith again provided a photographic exhibition. This time she chose the Dordogne - lovely butterflies, dragonflies, wild flowers and beautiful views. We raised £184.

Sadly, Chris Bowden is moving away from the village. He did so much for the church and for us, quietly managing to keep things going in many areas. We shall miss him, and we wish him and Jacquie a very happy life in their new home.

Gillian Harritt has again replenished the flower tubs in the churchyard. They are looking fresh and lovely, and we shall all enjoy them. Thank you very much.

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*Special services this month: CAFÉ CHURCH 3<sup>rd</sup> July and REVD JUDITH'S FINAL SERVICE 29<sup>th</sup> JULY*

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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt. 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 4<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion (Mary's House) Revd Judith

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** 15.00 Holy Communion ( reserved sacrament) Lay Team  
(Newmans Hall)

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion (Mary's House) Revd Judith

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** 15.00 Christening of Rupert Castle O'Reilly Revd Judith  
Boxford

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** 15.00 Compline (Newmans Hall) Lay Team  
Lt Waldingfield

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** 12.00 Christening of Ruby Daw Revd Judith  
Newton

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Boxford	15.00 Christening of Felicity Harland	Revd Judith

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** 11.00 Christening of Felicienne Wilcox Revd Judith  
Newton  
15.00 Christening of Ellamai Wright Revd Judith  
Edwardstone

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	15.00 <i>Revd Judith's Final Service</i>	
	Special Five Villages Service with Holy Communion	
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## Soap Box

Put a few Englishmen – or women for that matter – together in a social environment and before too long the conversation will turn to the weather. I don't know why we are so obsessed with our climate. Perhaps it is simply that there always seems a lot of weather to go around in this country. So far this year there has been a great deal to talk about – fortunately not all of it bad.

As it happens, when we arrived in the Algarve for our early summer break, we found the weather to be the principal topic of discussion in the bars and cafes we frequented. And it wasn't just the ex-pat Brits or UK tourists that were anxious to share their views on the weather. Italian, Portuguese and Swedish friends all expressed concern that something seemed to be happening to the weather and not in a pleasant way either. We had set out from Suffolk in early June to drive through Spain into Portugal, leaving behind sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-twenties. Our arrival in northern Spain saw leaden skies and a cool wind that demanded a fleece. The second day of our drive was through torrential rain with the thermometer struggling to climb out of single figures. And this was June in the Iberian Peninsula.

We were lucky. A few days after our arrival the weather perked up, but we were assured that for much of the previous three months seeing the sun was the exception rather than the rule, with high winds and frequent showers combining to make the Algarve seem more like Britain than southern Europe. One bar owner expressed real regret at those holidaymakers who had left balmy Britain for the wintry existence that was characterising our part of Portugal. Perhaps her main concern was that they might not wish to return, but I knew what she meant.

It seems to me that the weather in Europe has been particularly strange this year. Torrential downpours in Italy and Greece. Mediterranean style sunshine and temperatures in central Sweden. Can climate change be to blame? I doubt we'll ever know for certain, but our weather does seem to be less reliable these days. We seem to suffer more storms, too, but perhaps it just feels like that now we give them personalised names.

While forecasting the weather has become a more scientific exercise, I can't say that I find the accuracy to be any better. We have more

explanation of why the weather we are experiencing is developing in the way that it is, but long term forecasting remains a lottery in my view. Some of the factors that influence the weather are new to me, while others appear to have fallen out of fashion. I don't recall hearing of the Jet Stream until comparatively recently, while the Gulf Stream barely gets a mention these days.

All in all we are lucky with the weather in our part of the world. We live in one of the driest parts of the British Isles, though there have been times when it hardly feels like it. Sub-zero temperatures are also something of a rarity, though I seem to recall a winter when I was a young man living in Essex when the snow lay on the ground from Christmas until close to Easter.

And if the weather wasn't so capricious, what would we have to talk about when foregathering at local hostleries? It does worry me, though, that our society could be creating problems for future generations of which more extreme weather might turn out to be the least of our concerns. How come it has taken us so long to cotton on to the fact that plastic is as much a menace as it is a benefit?

As the developing world develops and endeavours to catch up with the richer nations, so these problems will multiply. We need world leaders with vision if Armageddon is to be avoided. Weather and waste both need to be tackled, but sadly there are insufficient votes in either to act as an imperative to politicians. And on that happy note I will slip into a pair of bathing trunks and venture out to enjoy a more normal Algarvian afternoon, weather-wise, that is.

Brian Tora

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# GARDENING IN JULY INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Hedges are often breeding places for aphids and other pests, with little apparent damage. Beech hedges sometimes become infested with white fly which can migrate to other plants where they can do much more serious harm. You don't have to eat the hedges so it is much safer to spray them.

Continue feeding and watering of house plants. By their nature or by the position they occupy in the house, some plants will require more water than others. In hot weather provide as much humidity as possible. Evaporation from an open pan filled with shingle and water will do the trick. Indoor plants collect a fair amount of dust and standing them outside on a warm rainy day will clean the leaves and water the plants.

Summer pruning of wall trained fruit should be done this month. Start with plums and sweet cherries following on with pears and apples. All lateral growths should be cut back by two thirds to allow light and air to the developing fruit. It should not be necessary to summer prune peaches, nectarines or morello cherries unless excess growth is shading the fruit. Any sign of plums being affected with silver leaf disease which is indicated by leaves of branches becoming silver grey in colour, should be dealt with right away. All affected branches should be cut out. Begin by cutting back a piece at a time until all signs of brown stain in the wood has disappeared. Treat the cuts with a suitable fungicide and burn all prunings.

Many wall trained ornamental trees such as Japonica, pyracantha, cytiscus baltandieri and honeysuckle will need much the same treatment.

Take cuttings of pinks now to produce plants for planting out in the autumn.

Complete the planting of winter cabbages, white and purple sprouting broccoli and spring cauliflower at the beginning of the month. There is still time to make sowings of early carrots and red beet.

Early part of the month is the best time to cut lavender for drying and storing. Cut the whole stalk just before the flowers are fully open. Tie them up in bundles and hang them in a warm shed to dry. When completely dry rub the flowers free of the stalks and store in muslin bags. Herbs can also be dried now and stored in air tight containers. Continue cutting back early flowering herbaceous plants. Paeonies are best cut back, simply remove the dead flowers. The foliage is attractive and paeonies need to die back naturally to ripen off properly.

Summer is progressing

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

## Top 10 jobs this month

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

## Lawns

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

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

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

If a completely green lawn is necessary, then use a sprinkler once a week. Place an open jam-jar on the lawn and leave the sprinkler running for sufficient time for 13mm (0.5in) of water to collect in the bottom of the jar. This is the optimum amount to avoid wasting water, while still wetting the roots sufficiently.

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## THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - JULY 2018



The Names on our War Memorials – July 2018

July 1918 passed without any family in our five villages receiving news of the death of a loved son. This lull in the fateful events of 100 years past gives me time to record the life and death of one of those soldiers whom I have only recently been able to

identify. I mentioned him at the end of last month's article as **Private Lionel Harwood Smith**, 444593, 'B' Company, 55th Reserve Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, later Lance Corporal, of the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Pioneers.

I had intended to give some account of how the tide of the War on the Western Front changed in July 1918 but this will have to be held over until the August article, because Lionel's story takes much telling.

Within the limits of the available documents, I am confident Private Lionel Smith is the Lionel H Smith who appears on the Boxford war memorial. However, his story is not straightforward and there has to remain the possibility that I have conflated two different Lionel Smiths, though I hope that the evidence I have mustered is sufficient to be convincing that this is not the case.

Lionel first appears in records associated with Boxford as having been baptised in St Mary's Church on 15th July 1894. His mother is shown as Ellen Ann Smith of Stratford, London, but the name of the father is absent in the Baptism Register. Despite this, Lionel's birth certificate, which states his date of birth to be 19th April 1894, records his father as James Smith, a ship's steward, and Ellen appears as Ellen Ann Smith formerly Harwood. The family lived at 23 Chandos Road, Stratford.

Why did Ellen bring Lionel to Boxford to be baptised? If she really was Ellen Harwood, there is no trace of a Harwood family living in Boxford at this time, the nearest two being in Lavenham and Wattisham and neither of those had a daughter called Ellen. Nor is there any record of a James Smith marrying an Ellen Harwood either in this part of Suffolk, or in East London. As I will explain later on, I believe that Smith is Ellen's own family name, and it is chance that she was apparently living with someone called Smith at the time of Lionel's birth and that what is recorded on Lionel's birth certificate is contrived for the sake of respectability.

That she offered no name of the father in the Boxford Baptism Register casts doubt on the identification of James Smith as Lionel's father on the birth certificate. Equally, all the records available to me are silent on any marriage between a James Smith and an Ellen Smith or Ellen Harwood at about the right date in any of the relevant localities. Nor do the Censuses of either 1891 or 1901 record anyone of these names living at 23 Chandos Street. Whatever the connection between James and Ellen was, it would seem to have been short lived, and as for Lionel's name, as I have encountered in previous research, in the nineteenth century it was not uncommon for a child born out of wedlock to be christened with the father's name followed by the mother's family name. So, I believe Lionel's father is most likely to have been Lionel Harwood, but who he was and how he met Ellen will probably remain forever unknown.

None of the foregoing has shed any light on Ellen's connection to Boxford, yet it is reinforced when we look at the Censuses for Boxford taken in 1901 and 1911. In the former appears a boy of six called Lionel Smith boarding with Charles and Elizabeth Ward in Sand Hill and in the latter is a young man of seventeen working as an 'odd hand in public house yard' called Lionel Harwood Smith, who was still lodging with the Wards. In both cases Lionel's birth place is given as Stratford. To get anywhere near solving this enigma, we now have to try to follow Lionel, because it is his records that have allowed me to identify Ellen, and although I cannot make a connection between Ellen and the Wards, I can make a connection between Ellen and Boxford.

Throughout the nineteenth century and into the early twentieth century, immigration into Canada was officially encouraged by the British government as a means of developing this vast country and its resources to the benefit of the British Empire. Over that period, hundreds of thousands of British subjects crossed the Atlantic to seek a new life in the burgeoning towns and cities and out on the prairies, which gradually became a major source of the hard wheat imported by the United Kingdom in substantial quantities. Such was need for settlers and labour, the Canadian Government's Immigration Branch paid a per head sum of money to the steam ship companies that brought suitable men and women of 18 years or older from Europe across the Atlantic, and, in addition, a small sum was paid to immigrants when they actually settled a piece of land.

Many steamship companies made regular sailings to and from English ports to the eastern provinces of Canada and their principal trade was the ferrying of emigrants across the Atlantic. One of those was the Allen Line, more correctly known as the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company, which in 1913 merged with the Canadian Pacific Line, though continued to trade under its original name for many years. In the Edwardian period an Allen Line vessel left Liverpool or London every Wednesday for Canada and another left Canada every Saturday making the return journey.

One of their vessels was the *Sicilian*, built in 1899, and on the morning of 27th March 1913 she departed London bound for the port of Saint John in Fundy Bay, New Brunswick. Aboard was one Lionel Smith, aged 18 and his occupation was recorded as farming. In the Canadian immigration records is the passenger list of the *Sicilian* docking on the 15th April 1913, which confirms Lionel's arrival at New Brunswick. Against Lionel's entry in the list is the stamp "British Bonus Allowed" which refers to the payment to the steam ship company. I cannot be certain that this is our Lionel but two years later, on 18th May 1915, a Lionel Smith signed his Attestation Paper to enlist in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force giving his date of birth as 19th April 1894, in Boxford, Suffolk, and his next of kin as Ellen Rainer of Langer Road, Felixstowe. From these documents we know him to have had a fair complexion, with brown hair, blue eyes and he stood 5ft 9ins tall. The records tell us that his unit sailed for England on the 30th October 1915 and arrived on 9th November. On 14th April 1916, the day before his battalion embarked for France from England to join the War on the Western Front, Lionel wrote his Military Will, which was a tear out slip in every pay book of the time, and it reads "In the event of my death I will all my possessions to my friend Mr. T. D. Blizzard, Morrison Mill, Fredericton, York County, N(ew) B(runswick)". This address is also recorded as Lionel's latest address prior to enlistment. Thomas Blizzard appears in the Canadian Censuses of 1911 and 1921, but not that of 1901, as living at the Mills, Morrison, with his wife, Katherine, and several children. Thomas is noted as Scottish and Katherine as English. Fredericton is the capital of New Brunswick situated on the St John River and lies about 80 miles North West of the port of Saint John.

Not all of these facts join up exactly, but it does seem that Lionel Harwood Smith left his native land to make a new life in Canada in the spring of 1913, after working as a farm labourer in Boxford. On reaching Canada he found lodgings with the Blizzard family, who themselves would appear to be relative newcomers to the Country. Subsequently, he enlisted in the army. By virtue of being part of the British Empire, Canada was, de facto, at war with Germany. Kitchener's recruiting drive to build and strengthen the armed forces in order to match the might of the Central Powers reached beyond the United Kingdom and out into all the corners of the Empire. That Lionel gives his place of birth as Boxford is not unexpected. He had lived in Boxford, possibly from the time he was a babe in arms so he is more likely to have identified with the Village than Stratford, his true place of birth, despite this being recorded in the Census returns. Indeed, it is unlikely that Lionel had any dealings with the enumerator carrying out the Census, this most likely being done by Charles Ward, and I doubt he would ever have seen a copy of his own birth certificate, so I do wonder if he actually knew he was born in East London.

But what of his mother, Ellen Rainer? The Canadian archive records of First World War service personnel are very full, unlike their British counterparts, which suffered much damage and loss in the Second World War. In the many papers associated with notifying next of kin of Lionel's death, Ellen is more positively identified as Mrs Ellen Rayner (sic) of Kimberley, Langer Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk. Ellen Rayner turns out to be Ellen Ann Smith, born in Wivenhoe on 25th June 1868 to Charles Smith and Emily, nee Green. Charles was, according to the various Census returns, a gardener, a market gardener, a groom and sometime landlord of the Lord Nelson Inn in Fingringhoe. He was born in Sible Hedingham in 1843 to a family of agricultural labourers and straw plaiters. Emily's parents were Joseph Green, a sometime groom, horse keeper and brickyard labourer, and Matilda, nee Fowler. Joseph and Matilda were both born in Boxford and lived in Church Street, which is where Emily was born in 1842. So, here, at last, is the link between Ellen and Boxford; her mother and her maternal grandparents were rooted in the Village.

Ellen appears in all the Census records with her family variously living around the Colne estuary downstream from Colchester except that of 1891 for which year I can find no trace of her. She reappears, probably, as a parlourmaid in Eastbourne in 1901 and then definitely when, on 15th September 1904, she marries William Rayner, a widowed farmer and brickyard owner of Castle Hedingham, a man 30 years her senior. Her address on their marriage certificate is 40 North Station Road, Colchester, which is where her father is recorded as living in the 1901 Census, and she styles herself as a spinster.

Ellen and William had one daughter, Beatrice Nellie, born in December 1905, but in January 1911 William Rayner died and in his will he leaves all his estate to Ellen. In the Census taken four months later Ellen and Nellie are listed as living at Maiden Ley, Castle Hedingham. (There was a Maiden Ley Brickworks at the

time, traces of which are still present today). Ellen is recorded as a widow of independent means. Thereafter, official records become scarce, but on 28th March 1932 a Beatrice Nellie Rayner marries a Frederick James Calver at St John the Baptist Church, Felixstowe. Her address is given as Kimberley, Langer Road, Felixstowe, her father as William Rayner, deceased, Brick Merchant, and one of the witnesses was Ellen A Rayner. Here, then, is proof positive that the Lionel Smith who enlisted in Canada and who came from Boxford is the son of Ellen Ann Smith, later Rayner, whose mother was born in Boxford as Emily Green. What remains circumstantial is that the Ellen Ann Smith of Lionel Harwood Smith's birth certificate is the Ellen Ann Smith who married William Rayner. But how likely is it that there were two Lionel Smiths born on 19th April 1894 each to a mother called Ellen Ann Smith?

There remain many questions. Where was Ellen in 1891? This hiatus in her presence in the official records is just a couple of years before Lionel was conceived. Why did Ellen bring her baby son to be baptised in Boxford and not to her parental home of Fingringhoe? When did Ellen bring Lionel to Boxford to lodge with the Ward family and why the Wards? If parlourmaid Ellen Smith of Eastbourne in 1901 is our Ellen, there is no record of Lionel being with her. When she was married to William Rayner and living in Castle Hedingham, did she keep in touch with the Wards and with Lionel in Boxford just fifteen miles away the other side of Sudbury? Certainly, Lionel knew that Ellen was his mother.

On this last question, by following Ellen's father's life, we find another reason to connect her to Boxford, which makes it likely she would have visited the village. In January 1876, when Ellen was just seven, her mother, Emily, died, leaving Charles a widower with three children under ten. Later that same year he remarried to a woman called Mary from Brockdish in Norfolk. (I cannot trace her family name). However, in 1891, Charles was widowed for a second time. Five years later he married again, this time to a Sarah Ann, who was born in Boxford and was, probably, also widowed. (Again, I cannot trace her family name). Sometime between 1904, when we know Charles was still living in Colchester, and 1911, he and Sarah Ann came to live in Swan Street, Boxford. (Also living in Boxford in 1911, was Anna Maria Humphreys, who he describes in his will as his sister-in-law. She was Anna Maria Green, his first wife's step sister). Thus, in 1911, not only was Lionel's mother living a short way over the border in Essex, his grandfather was living a couple of streets away from where he lodged with the Wards.

I do not know when Ellen moved to Felixstowe with Beatrice, but by 1914 her father had come to live with them there, Sarah Ann having died early that year and he died a year later in August 1915. Ellen herself died on 30th October 1948, just a few weeks before I was born. At the time she was living with Beatrice and Frederick in Haverhill, as she was in 1939, though the registration of the probate on her estate records her as being domiciled at Kimberley, 119 Langer Road, Felixstowe.

Here I have to leave the family and hope that someone reading this may be able to answer some of the questions I have raised.

Returning to Lionel's war service, we already know he enlisted in the spring of 1915 and arrived in England in the autumn of that year. Whilst still in Canada he had been appointed Lance Corporal. On arrival in England all units of the Canadian Expeditionary Force underwent considerable training in preparation for action on the Front Line. Much of this appears to have taken place near the Channel ports of Dover and Folkestone, there being a very substantial military camp at Shorncliffe in Sandgate just west of Folkestone. Another few miles further west was an airfield at Westenhanger used by the Royal Flying Corps, which was later to become Folkestone Racecourse. It may be that the airfield was also used to billet some of the Canadian forces, but for whatever reason, on 31st March 1916, Lionel lost his Lance Corporal stripe for "breaking quarantine" at Westenhanger and had his pay docked accordingly. Two weeks later, having been transferred to the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Pioneers, Lionel sailed for France and three months on he regained his stripe.

The Canadian forces in France were moved to the Front Line in the autumn of 1916 and saw action in the closing stages of the Somme Offensive. By early 1917, they were massed to the north of Arras in preparation for the spring offensive which was scheduled to open on 9th April. In the days leading up to zero hour there took place much skirmishing along the Line in the region of Arras, with frequent shelling by both sides. On March 25th Lionel's unit was caught in one of these deadly exchanges during which he sustained injury and was evacuated to number 42 Casualty Clearing Station located at Aubigny-en-Artois about ten miles behind the lines.

Casualty Clearing Stations were often very much makeshift affairs of tents and huts, though some took on a greater permanence depending upon how long they were needed. Some idea of the conditions prevailing in them can be gained from the diary of Kate Luard, a Sister-in-Charge of several Stations in the vicinity of Arras in 1917, who had joined the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in 1914. She writes

*Thursday, April 5th, Midnight.*

*Just got to bed after my last round. Had a very big take-in; a Gunner Major with his leg off nearly died this morning, but I hope he'll do now. A boy with his right leg off nearly at the hip, and his right arm all in pieces, is not so well to-night. I found three dying ones on stretchers to-night on one of the wards ... two died but one revived and still lives.*

*[On arrival] all the layers of sodden or caked stiff clothing are cut off, pyjamas or long flannel pinafore gowns put on, taken from a blanket and screen enclosure kept heated by a Perfection Lamp. Hot blankets, hot-water bottles, hot drinks, subcutaneous salines and hypodermics are given here.*

*A man with his right arm in fragments, a penetrating chest-wound and a piece of shrapnel in his abdomen, said he was 'a bit uncomfortable, but nothing to talk about'. After six hours we had him fit for operation; they whipped off his arm and dug the shrapnel out of his inside ... now he's in bed with a pulse (died next day). Good Friday (April 6th).*

*A boy with his face nearly in half, who couldn't talk, and whom I was feeding, was trying to explain that he was lying on something hard in his trouser pocket. It was a live Mills bomb! I extracted it with some care, as the pins catch easily.*

Amidst such horrors and amongst such dedicated and caring people Lionel spent his last few hours. He died from his wounds on the same day that he reached the Station. He is buried in the Aubigny Communal Cemetery Extension, along with 2770 other soldiers, many of them Canadians lost in the famous Battle of Vimy Ridge, which took place two weeks after Lionel's death and in which the relatively raw Canadian forces showed that they were the equal of any battle hardened Allied regiment.

Having missed the centenary of Lionel's death both by year and month we will remember him in his home church of St Mary's at the 11:00 am service on 8th July.

As you have probably heard by now, Reverend Judith is retiring at the end of July, thus I will be increasingly occupied with arranging our vacation of The Rectory and our move to Norfolk in August. Despite this move, it is my intention to continue to write these articles until all our soldiers have been accounted for, which will take me through until at least January 2019. However, there may be some interruption of the timely publication of these notes due to the other pressures in our lives, but please bear with me, we will remember all these sons of Suffolk in our churches in due course.

*Rufus Sweetman*  
The Rectory.

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# Parish Council Matters

## EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL -

**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council** at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 21 May 2018 at 7pm.

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

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

**Election of Chairman of the Council** – M Childs was elected as Chair and P Baker was elected as Vice Chair. The Minutes of the Meeting of 19 March 2018 were approved and signed.

**Planning Matters** - Planning applications received – DC/19/01968 Grove Cottage, Priory Green CO10 5PP – erection of two storey extension – after discussion the Parish Council resolved to support this application. The appeal date for the Goodlands Farm second phase is to be held on 21 August 2018.

**Highway and Footpath Matters** - The Clerk reported that SCC had confirmed that they would repair the steps on the footpath down towards Boxford parallel with Swan Street on the west side and would put steps and/or a handrail at the plank bridge behind Borehouse Manor Farm. S Norman confirmed that both of these had been carried out and expressed her thanks.

The state of the road past the White Horse (U8339) has deteriorated further and nothing has been done to repair it. This has been reported several times and the Clerk is to write a letter to SCC Highways.

P Baker reported that the junction at Tye Went is so deeply rutted that it scraped the bottom of his car. The Clerk will report the issue. P Baker reported that the owner has cleared the tree from the footpath at Priory Farm and K Verlander from SCC has inspected the route. It may be possible to reinstate the footpath across the field but it is now possible to walk round in any event.

The various broken footpath signs have not yet been repaired. The Clerk will put the issue on the next agenda. The Clerk is to ask J Rodger-Brown if he is able to cut the grass around the War Memorial.

The Clerk updated the Council on the latest GDPR news. The Council is working towards compliance.

**The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments** was approved and the cheques were signed.

Business Savings Account as at 30 April 2018	£2519.46
Business Current Account as at 30 April 2018	£6088.11
Total	£8607.57

The PC approved the end of year accounts, and received the internal audit report prepared by R Norman, who was thanked for his assistance. No issues were raised and the PC approved the report.

The Clerk explained the criteria for certifying exemption from a limited assurance review. As the PC met the criteria, the PC resolved to do so and the certificate was signed. The PC resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement (s1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) having reviewed internal controls, and the Statement was signed. The PC resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statements (s2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return), and the statement was signed. Insurance - the premium proposed by Zurich for 2018-19 was only £2 higher than the previous year. The PC resolved to accept the quotation and the cheque (100842) was signed.

**Future Agenda items** – the Clerk advised that she had received no applications or expressions of interest in her job. She will definitely be leaving at the end of November at the latest, and confirmed that she had advertised in The Hadleigh News as agreed by the Council. The job vacancy will be on the next agenda. Neighbourhood plan and broken footpath signs will also be on the next agenda along with SCC Highways self help and the location of grit bins.

The next meeting will be on Monday 16 July at 7.30pm.

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

## Groton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at 7pm Wednesday 2 May 2018 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton**

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

**In attendance:** A Robinson (Clerk), J Finch (SCC) and members of the public  
**Election of Chairman** – J Osborne took the Chair. C Fraulo was nominated as Chairman by J Osborne, seconded by N Cox, all in agreement. C Fraulo was elected Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Election of Vice Chairman** - C Fraulo took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. She proposed P Roberts as Vice Chairman, seconded J Osborne, all in agreement and P Roberts was elected Vice Chairman.

**Appointment of representatives** - Babergh Area Committee of SALC – J Osborne; **Boxford Community Council** – J Osborne; Groton Village Hall – D Wills

**Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence** - the proposed changes to the GDPR to remove the requirement for Parish Councils to appoint a DPO were noted. No applications had been received for the Clerk's job and this will continue to be advertised.

**Planning Matters** - Applications received – APP/D3505/W/18/3197391 – Appeal by Landex Ltd against refusal of permission for erection of up to 24 dwellings on land to the south of Daking Avenue, Boxford (Goodlands Farm) – the PC had previously supported Boxford PC in its objections to this development on the grounds of congestion in Swan Street. It was resolved that the Clerk would write a letter in similar terms.

**Update on Affordable Housing Project** – J Osborne said that the open meeting hosted by Hastoe Housing Association had been well attended including by several people interested in becoming tenants. The main discussion on this issue was to take place later in the evening at the Annual Parish Meeting. The matter will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

**Highway and Footpath matters** - C Fraulo confirmed that the PC had taken over SCC's budget for cutting footpaths in the parish in order to ensure that cuts were made in the correct places. There is room in the budget for an additional cut if required so improvement should be seen. The new dog waste bin for the end of the footpath near the Village Hall has been delivered and will be installed shortly.

**Financial matters** - The Statement of Finance and Orders for Payment were approved as under, proposed by J Osborne and seconded by P Roberts.

Reserve account as at 31 March 2018	£3519.39
Current account as at 31 March 2018	£3873.35
Total	£7392.74

The Clerk reported that a Transparency Fund Grant of £49.92, Bank Interest of £0.14 and the first half of the precept (£2145) had since been received.

The end of year accounts, internal audit report, Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounting Statements were approved and signed where appropriate. The next meeting will be on 4 July 2017 at 7pm.

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# Parish Council Matters

## Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held Monday 8th May

### Chairman and Vice Chairman

We are pleased to announce Cllr Fincham-Jacques will continue as Chairman for most of this year and Cllr Wooderson has been elected Vice Chairman. A Councillor Vacancy now exists on the Parish Council due to resignation of D Talbot Clarke. Members appreciated the contribution he made during his years on the Parish Council. Notices will be displayed in the usual way.

### Public Forum

The Parish Council thanked a resident for his help in regularly cleaning out the Bus Shelter. Additionally it forms part of our sweeping contractors rounds. This is now used as a meeting place by some during the evenings and it is essential that the litter bin is used and care is taken not to spill or drop anything. Also in the vicinity, cars are being parked very close blocking access to the buses during the day. When parking near the bus shelter, please ensure adequate access remains. The Parish Council is considering options but would urge further consideration to others in the village in and around the Bus Shelter as that would make a real difference. On a separate matter, ivy in the Churchyard was reported as an on-going issue.

### District Council Report

District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and spoke about the Goodlands Appeal (we now know the hearing is taking place at Copdock on 21st August). Cllr Hurren was trying to set up a meeting with Hopkins Homes together with Planners, Cllrs and other relevant parties in relation to the proposals behind The Causeway. The re-location of the District Council to Endeavour House has resulted in a busy contact point at Sudbury Town Hall for local issues.

### Correspondence

It was agreed to pass on reports of anti-social behaviour in the village to the Police.

### Finance

In addition to the usual business the End of Year Accounts were duly approved. Audit was being arranged.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Final arrangements were made for the Annual Parish Meeting which took place on 22nd May in the Village Hall.

### Planning

Permission had been granted by the Planning Authority for rear extension at 34 Daking Avenue. Listed Building had been refused for roofing and outbuilding conversion at Chequers, 7 Church Street. The Parish Council considered further investigation and response to the Goodlands Appeal. Cllr Wooderson continues to coordinate matters on behalf of the Parish Council. The Appeal to a refusal for boundary wall changes at Cox Farm, Cox Hill was considered. The Parish Council had no objections to the original application. Attention then turned to the Hopkins Homes display. It was agreed for Cllr Wooderson to thank them for coming along to the Village and sharing their proposals. He gave feedback on the display and the main concerns at this stage were to make the affordable housing element for Local Needs and also to prioritise safe access to the centre of the village. The detailed design had not been received, so the visual impact could not be considered at this stage. Also other areas of concern were capacity of village facilities such as the School and Doctors. Finally, Cllr Wooderson reported on a meeting hosted by our MP on the subject of Neighbourhood Planning. All agreed a Neighbourhood Plan would be a good idea but the lack of time and volunteers had been an issue in the past. With Grant funding and Professional help, this could be taken forward.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

# Readers Letters

*Sir*

It would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all my friends and relations for their lovely cards and messages of sympathy and to all those who joined with me in the celebration of Geraldine's life at the service held in Boxford St Mary's Church on Wednesday 30th of May and afterwards in the village hall. A special thank you to the Reverend Judith who spent so much time with Gerry during her long period of illnesses and for conducting such a beautiful memorial service and to Ipswich Hospital for the careing manner in which they treated my wives illnesses. Gerry fought her many illnesses with great courage until her untimely death following a violent attack of Lung Cancer.

Thanking you all again  
Peter Crawford and family

*Sir*

I would like to say a huge thank you all the people who helped me on Saturday 26th May when I fell and broke a bone in my leg. Jane Martin, Shirley Grimwood and her daughter Dawn, Ben Stacey and Lenny Southgate, they brought me cardigans and blankets to keep me warm and a lot of moral support until the ambulance arrived. Also to my neighbours and friends Jane Martin, Eileen Stacey and Sally Jackson who have fed me, looked after me and kept up my spirits. Thank you doesn't seem enough.

Shelagh Smith

*Sir*

### Christian Aid

Ian and Jennie Lindsley would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our Christian Aid Coffee Morning. We raised £387 plus cheques totalling £100

Ian and Jennie Lindsley Boxford

*Sir*

I recently walked round the three parishes with my dog and the walk through the Croft and round the mulberry tree was a great experience and I would like to thank those who look after it as it cannot be an easy job

Regards  
Michael Norman Boxford

*Sir*

### "THANK YOU FROM HARRY BUCKLEDEE'S FAMILY"

On behalf of our whole family, I would like to thank everyone who came to Dad's funeral on 30th April (despite the horrendous weather) and helped to make the service such a wonderful celebration of his life. We miss him very much and did think he would live forever but take great comfort in knowing how much he was loved and respected. The military tribute too was unexpected and I know he would have been so thrilled and honoured that this was put in place for him.

I am pleased to tell you that a generous £1,571.20 has been received in his memory and donated to SSAFA Suffolk (local branch of The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association - Forces Help). Also, his two books were available at Assington Village Hall after the service and donations for these totalled £166 and this has been sent to The Alzheimer's Society.

Janet Dodwell

*Sir*

### Pressure Washing

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Alistair

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1st Boxford Rainbows  
1st Boxford Scout Group  
1st Boxford Scouts  
Vulpine Explorer Scout Unit  
3 Parishes Response  
Bellringers  
Boxford Bible Study Group  
Boxford Bike Club  
Boxford Bowls Club  
Boxford Bounty  
Boxford Car Community Scheme  
Boxford Carpet Bowls  
Boxford Community Council  
Boxford Conservative Assoc  
Boxford Drama Group  
Boxford Gardens Open  
Boxford Gardening Society  
Boxford Over 60s Club  
Boxford Playing Fields  
Boxford Rovers Football Club  
Boxford School  
Boxford Society  
Boxford Spinney  
Sunflower Child Care  
Box River Lectures  
Boxford Tennis Club  
Boxford United Charities  
Boxford Village Hall Bookings  
Boxford WI  
Boxford Youth Club  
Box River News  
Community Police Officer  
County Councillor  
District Councillor  
Edwardstone and Boxford CC  
Fleece Jazz Club  
Friends of Boxford School  
Local History Recorder  
Mill Surgery  
Babies and Toddlers Group  
Parish Council  
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)  
Poppy Appeal  
Primrose Wood  
SESAW  
Sponsored cycle ride  
Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund

Diana Taylor 210239  
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Peter Patrick 210346  
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## Newton Clubs & Organisations

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Line Dancing  
Local History Recorder  
Newton Fireside Club  
Newton Golf Club  
Newton Green Trust  
Newton Keep Fit Club  
Newton News Views & Coffee  
Newton Village Hall  
PCC  
Police Liason Officer  
Sponsored cycle ride  
Surgeries  
War Games Club

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Jean Tomkins 377343  
Alan Vince 373963  
Wendy Turner 372677  
377217  
Lee Parker 376073  
Alan Vince 373963  
Alan Vince 373963  
Christine Cornell 370331  
Chris Cornell 370331  
Boxford Mill 210558  
Meadow Lane 310000  
Hardwicke House 370011  
Siam 370444  
Brian Lawson 312160

## Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust  
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary  
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman  
Edwardstone United Charities  
Edwardstone and Boxford CC  
Local History Recorder  
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)  
Sponsored cycle ride  
Edwardstone Parish Council

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Daphne Clark 210698  
Daphne Clark 210698  
Les Clark (Clerk) 210698  
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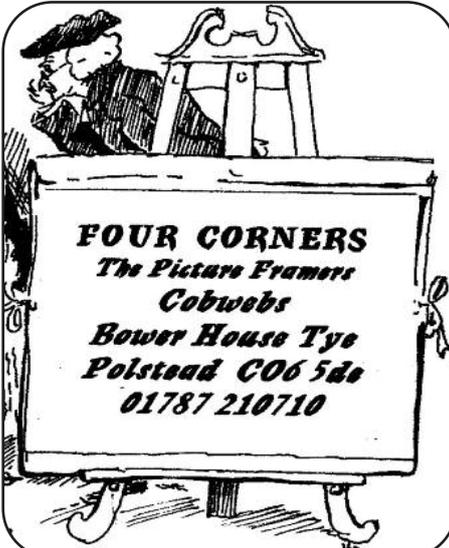
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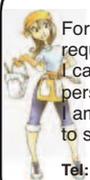
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Esther Gray, current holder of the K & S Cup, was presented with her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at Buckingham Palace Gardens on the 24th May 2018.

Esther's group was presented to her HRH Duchess of Wessex who passed the certificates to the Guest Presenter, Sophie Montagne, one of the first all female "Ice Maidens" team who walked across the Antarctic.

As part of the volunteering requirement for each of the Award Esther worked with Revd Judith Sweetman for the Box River Benefice. Esther achieved both her Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards while at Hadleigh High School and her Gold Award at Colchester Sixth Form College and will attend the Essex County Gold Award Presentation at Chelmsford Cathedral in January 2019. Photo by S Gray.

## Jubilee Salvagers Stoke by Nayland

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday Stoke by Nayland members competed for the Jubilee Salvagers, the most prestigious of all Stoke's mixed competitions. The format is Foursomes with players taking it in turn to drive the ball and then alternate shots are played. The competition was played on the Gainsborough Course.

In lovely weather the players returned some really excellent scores. The partnership of Lady Captain Elaine Davidson and Del Prichard scored a magnificent 41 points. In second place were Barbara Jones and Robbie Benson.

The Salvagers were presented by Mens' Captain Alan Line.

Del Prichard, Elaine Davidson and Alan Line

Full Results:

1st Del Prichard and Elaine Davidson	41 points
2nd Robbie Benson and Barbara Jones	38 points
3rd Gary Borthwick and Barbara Rowe	37 points

### Best Back Nine:

Peter Garnett and Lesley Garnett	18 points
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### Best Front Nine:

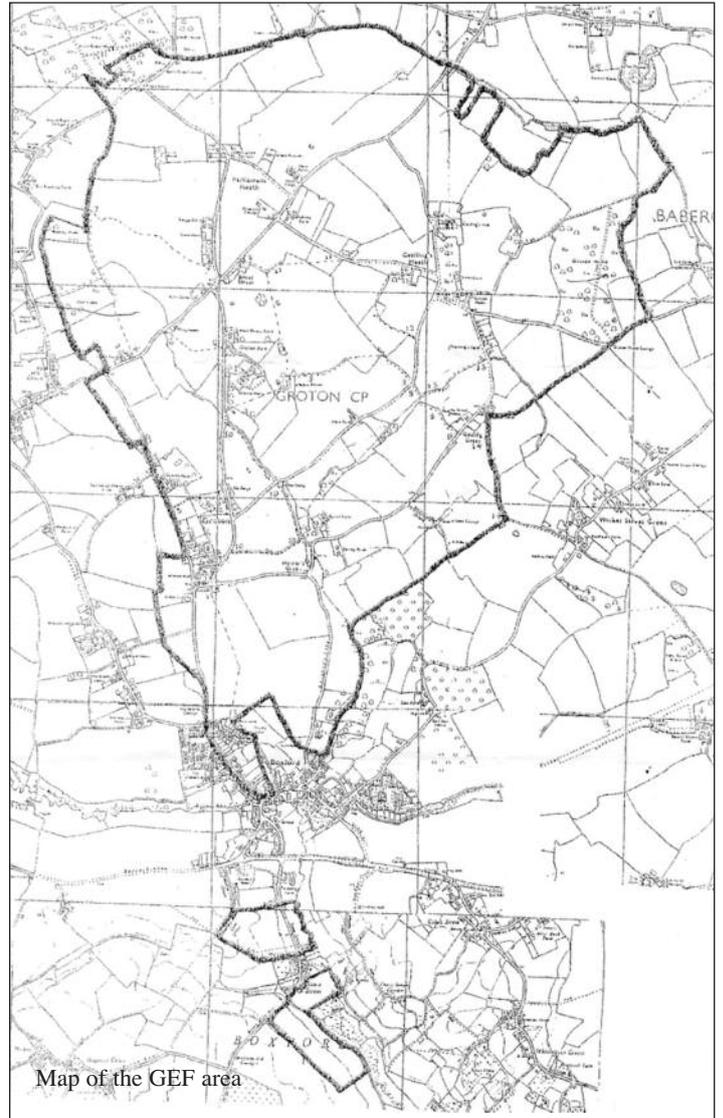
Don Wiggins and Janet Hodge	20 points
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## GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Thursday 13th September, 2018 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford at 4.30 pm to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, and the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury CO10 5ER. Applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

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Map of the GEF area



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