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## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS



Tricia Eddington's garden

Photos by Fran Gregor-Smith



After an initial early shower, we were again blessed with perfect weather for our Open Gardens on 17 June. We had a steady stream of appreciative visitors, who enjoyed our 13 beautiful gardens, and also the refreshments, plants and produce so kindly donated. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who worked so hard in the weeks and months leading up to the event, and on the day itself - our enthusiastic gardeners, cake-makers, and wonderful team of helpers in the Parish Room. Last, but by no means least, thanks must go to all our visitors and their kind comments on the gardens and how friendly our village is. We raised over £840, which will benefit our St. Lawrence Church - a successful day.

Fran Gregor-Smith

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## BOXFORD SCHOOL SUMMER SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The 2018 Boxford School Summer Sausage Sizzle was held on Saturday 30th June and had a great turnout this year by students, staff and village residents. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and supported our wonderful school.

It was a very warm, sunny day so the Pimms, cold refreshments and ice creams sold particularly well and much use was made of the water games such as the Apple Bobbing, Splat the Rat and Sponge Splat! The younger children enjoyed the bouncy castle, face painting and Goody Bag Tree whilst World Cup football fever took hold of everyone - both young and old, with some terrific goal shoot outs into the goals supplied courtesy of The Boxford Rovers football volunteers.

The sausages and burgers from Leeder's went down a treat and the strawberries and raspberries donated by Stoke By Nayland were very much enjoyed by all and were particularly scrumptious when dipped in chocolate from the chocolate fountains that flowed all day, occasionally covering everything and everyone in gooey, melted chocolate when a light breeze blew in!

Our tombola's and raffle were very well received so thank you so much to everyone who donated towards them and bought tickets. And special thanks to The Suffolk Medical Clinic, Newton Green Golf Club, Peake Fitness, Leeder's Butchers, Morrisons and the CoffeeBox amongst others for donating such great raffle prizes too!

The coconut shy and nail bar were also very popular this year and the performances from Miss Lesley's School of Performing Arts and Diddi's Dance School were also outstanding! A huge round of applause to everyone who participated in those too as it was very hot and we all loved the music and dance moves!

I think overall a great day was had by all so thank you all so much for your ongoing support!

Best wishes from,

The Friends of Boxford School Committee

# FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

## Friday 24 August 8.00 £18 Georgia Mancio Quartet

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British pianist/composer Kate Williams playing is full of graceful storytelling themes and uptempo swing, delicate piano breaks glowing with a Bill Evans hue, bebop horn solos over nimble walking grooves. She is a member of Chris Biscoe's Mingus Moves, and has performed with many other leading UK artists including Tina May, Henry Lowther, and Jim Mullen.

Steve Watts studied classical bass at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, leaving as soon as he discovered Jazz. Since then he has played with Mark Copeland, Julian Arguelles and many other top Jazz artists. Steve is currently Professor of Bass at the Royal Academy of Music and back at the Guildhall school of Music and Drama. Known as "the powerhouse", the much -in-demand drummer, Dave Ohm has played, toured and recorded with amongst others, Benny Golson, Mornington Lockett, Dave Newton, Claire Martin, Pete King and is a regular member of the Ronnie Scott's All Stars.

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## Friday 10 August £18 Fletch's Brew

The band's style floats seamlessly between the idioms of fusion, funk, bop, reggae and rock. "...this quartet... could without overstating the case easily be called Band of Virtuosos" - Jazzwise magazine. Mark Fletcher ~ Drums, Freddy Gavita ~ Trumpet, Ross Stanley ~ Organ, Laurence Cottle ~ Bass

In 2010, drumming tour-de-force Mark Fletcher founded Fletch's Brew, a band which blurs the boundaries of musical styles and surpasses preconceived notions of jazz. Whether playing original compositions or new arrangements from across the jazz canon, their style floats seamlessly between the idioms of fusion, funk, bebop, reggae and rock.

Freddie Gavita is an award-winning British trumpeter and composer who has cemented his place as a leading light on the British jazz scene. Freddie leads his own superb quartet who visited us back in June.

Ross Stanley is a regular at Fleece Jazz and an outstanding talent on the Hammond organ. He is always in high demand, playing with Guy Barker, Lianne Carroll, Stan Sulzman, Steve Arguelles, John Paracelli, Bobby Wellins, Clark Tracey.

Laurence Cottle has been the bassist of choice for some of the biggest names in the entertainment business over a career stretching back thirty years. His remarkable and varied career has spanned gigs with top jazz players - Jim Mullen, Django Bates, Gary Husband, Jason Rebello - Tom Jones and Van Morrison. "We haven't had anything like this in New York for over twenty years." - Wynton Marsalis

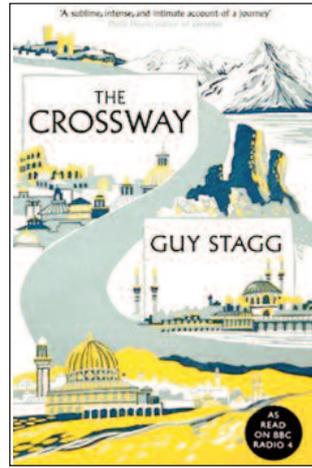
## FAREWELL TO THE REV JUDITH AND RUFUS

We are going to miss you both so much



## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, AUGUST 2018

The Crossway by Guy Stagg review – a 3,400-mile walk to Jerusalem



The pilgrimage described in this engagingly honest memoir is not a religious one, though there's plenty of pain and privation

In Switzerland, Guy Stagg 'is warned the Great Saint Bernard Pass is far too dangerous to tackle in February but does so anyway, in a blizzard'.

It's in April, Chaucer said, that people long to go on pilgrimages. But Guy Stagg began his on 1 January. And the destination wasn't Canterbury but Jerusalem, along the Via Francigena, 3,420 miles away, which, among other things, meant crossing the Alps in the middle of winter – alone, on foot, and with little more equipment than a borrowed pair of snow shoes. After which, most of

the journey, and all its many challenges, still lay ahead. Crazy or what? Even the spiritual-minded might think his quest unwise.

But faith isn't what drove him. He stopped believing in God as a teenager. Despite the odd preparatory hike, he wasn't much of a walker, either ("My legs are short, my stride hurried – an anxious wasteful gait"). Behind his decision to "wander out of my life" for the next 10 months was the nervous breakdown he'd had before. "I thought the journey might build me up again," he says. "I walked to mend myself." *Solvitur ambulando*. His issues would be solved by walking.

The idea is an old one, with many medieval precedents. But the model for Stagg was more recent: Benoît-Joseph Labre, "patron not only of pilgrims, but also of vagrants, unmarried men and the mentally ill", who wandered through western Europe for seven years in the 1770s, covering more than 30,000 km. Still, even he didn't make it to Jerusalem. Could Stagg?

The early signs aren't good. In a single day, he splits his boots while wading waist-deep in snow, falls off a wooden footbridge into a stream, and has to sprint for his life along railway tracks when a train emerges from a tunnel. And then there's the Great Saint Bernard Pass, which he's warned is far too dangerous to tackle in February but does so anyway, in a blizzard. Other hazards and setbacks quickly follow. Whenever he wavers, he remembers his depression and thoughts of suicide the year before. Only by pushing on can he get free of the past.

No one else he meets is walking as far as Jerusalem and, though he occasionally falls in step with a fellow hiker, he prefers to go it alone. Solitude allows for greater attentiveness to landscape and he dutifully searches for metaphors to honour its variety: "the mountains were shining plates of armour", "frozen puddles scattered the dawn like smashed gemstones", "sunlight spread" on a lake's surface "like sequins sewn into the water", "stars filled the night like metal filings". Alone by day, at night he looks to strangers to take him in – monks, priests and nuns mostly. And they do, without exception, offering shelter and serving up meals; one woman, a volunteer cook in a convent, even washes and kisses his feet. He's also taught history lessons – about saints, martyrs, heretics, hermits and flagellants. Monastic life is a form of imprisonment, he says; with a pilgrimage you're on the move. But the two have much in common, he decides: pain, privation, penitence, sacrifice, surrender of the self, "substitute suicide".

Faithless though he is, "a non-believer hoping a ritual would heal him", Stagg is fascinated by the history of Christianity associated with his route (the Crusaders, Knights Templar, Bogomils, etc) and times his arrival in Rome for Holy Week, to see the new pope sworn in. But Rome brings his first serious crisis: repelled by the crowds and "the mindlessness of collective devotion", he suffers a panic attack and flees. Walking through Albania, he recovers his spirits; there's even a brief promise of romance. But in Thessaloniki he hits rock bottom, or rather the booze: alcoholism is another part of the past that he's trying to escape, but for a few days, in despair, he lets go and binges on ouzo. Though he soon recovers, doubts assail him: is completing the journey worth the effort? What if it causes another breakdown? When he decides he'll fly home from Istanbul, what he feels isn't defeat but "a surging sense of freedom".

And maybe Istanbul would have been his end-point, had he not been caught up in the violence there: protests in Gezi Park, tear gas, rubber bullets. Whereas the crowds in Rome made him run away, here he stays and regains a sense of purpose. It's the same in Tripoli, Lebanon, when two bombs go off: for all the terror he feels, the vast bravura sentence describing what happened is strangely exhilarating. He wearies of pilgrim shrines and Jesus-freakery; at one point he watches 111 Indonesian men being baptized in the River Jordan while 111 wives applaud from the shore. Still, he's determined to reach his goal, and 10 months after setting out he finally does – though without quite the ending he expects.

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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### ➤ Consultation on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education services for children and young people

On 27 June, a consultation launched on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education provision for children and young people. Suffolk's parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEND) are being invited to have their say.

As demand for specialist education places in Suffolk continues to grow due to population growth and increasing complexity of special educational needs, Suffolk County Council must ensure there is the right provision in place to support children and young people with SEND.

Currently, the county council has a lower number of specialist education places than other similar authorities. Suffolk also has a high reliance on independent special school placements, which means children and young people often have to access their education outside of Suffolk away from their families.

The six-week consultation is asking for views from the public on two main issues:

1. The key principles that will inform Suffolk's future commissioning of specialist education provision;

2. Preference for one of three options, each of which sets out a different commissioning strategy for the development of Suffolk's specialist educational provision. The options are:

Option 1 – to meet all additional growth for new specialist places through the independent sector

Option 2 – to meet most of the additional growth by developing new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of children with very specialist needs

Option 3 – to meet the additional growth by a combination of new specialist support centres attached to existing main stream and specialist providers and new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of very specialist needs

As part of developing these proposals Suffolk County Council held workshops across Suffolk during April, May and June this year with education providers, parents and carers to develop a set of key principles and alternative options to present for consultation. The consultation closes at 5pm on 7th August.

Visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENDsufficiencyeducation](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENDsufficiencyeducation) for more information about the consultation. A paper copy of the survey is available by emailing [SEnDBusinessSystems@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:SEnDBusinessSystems@suffolk.gov.uk) or calling 0345 603 1842.

### ➤ Major review of highways maintenance in Suffolk launch

On 22 June, a major review launched of the way highways in Suffolk are maintained. The review will explore how Suffolk's limited highways budget can be used to best effect when maintaining the county's roads, pavements, bridges, grass verges, and other highways assets.

Areas to be reviewed include:

- Existing policy which determines how resources are deployed, known as the Suffolk Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP)

- How utility companies coordinate roadworks and are held to account for their actions

- How residents, councillors and businesses are informed about road repairs and how they can access information

- The approach to, and importance of, innovation within Suffolk Highways

- Financial control and contract management

- How the location of potholes on the road is considered alongside the width and depth, recognising the impact they can have on cyclists and motorcyclists

- How town and parish councils can work more closely with Suffolk Highways to make the best use of their local knowledge, skills, money and time.

The views of local businesses, town, parish, district and borough councils and the public will be taken into account as part of the review. With immediate effect, a new Highways Improvement and Innovations Board has been established to oversee the areas that will make up the review.

### ➤ Bringing affordable solar power to Suffolk

On 21 June, a call went out for homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups to register their interest in buying high quality, low-cost solar panels. The aim is to reduce electricity bills and help Suffolk become the Greenest County. Solar Together Suffolk is a pioneering bulk-buying project, supported by Suffolk County Council and local borough and district councils. It aims to bring affordable solar power to Suffolk and boost the county's renewable energy.

This comes at a time when many residents are interested in exploring solar energy but would welcome a helping hand to make an informed

## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Firstly some good news, after a year and a half of mayhem and confusion Babergh have managed to once again achieve their quota of land on which to develop the housing we need over the next five years, this is known as the five year land supply and has been making the headlines for all the wrong reasons and attracting some unfriendly and un-applicable applications. Hopefully now that we can prove we have an adequate supply of building land we can determine applications on local policy and not be bullied into accepting applications because we are short of houses. Having said this we will I am sure still get applications for large houses whereas all we really need is small one and two bed houses for first time occupants and for people to downsize into to free up larger houses for families with a need to move up into.

As was mentioned in my previous column our former H.Q. is to be developed into housing, the plans are for 58 houses and apartments spread across the site, the former H.Q. will be developed into apartments and there will be new build houses down Corks lane and around the perimeter of the old car park. As this site is on a flood plain and most of the existing buildings are listed it is going to be a very difficult site to develop and will not bring in a very good financial return for the council, coupled with the loss of all the trade for the market town of Hadleigh and the extra cost of moving the Council out of the Babergh into Ipswich this remains the most horrendous and self inflicted disaster that the administration at Babergh could have inflicted on the residents and finances of our district.

Locally we have the appeal for Goodlands coming up and the Parish Council and myself are working hard on that and hoping to win on behalf of all residents of the Boxford Ward, also Boxford village along with others have embarked on writing and developing a Neighbourhood plan for the village with public engagement starting in September. Please get involved with this as it is your village as well as mine and we all need to have a say in it's development and future. Enjoy the lovely weather and have a great summer. Bryn. [Bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:Bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk) 210854

decision and find a trustworthy installer. Similar projects have delivered a discount of 25 – 30% to homeowners on the cost of a solar panel system. Typically, domestic users can expect their investment in solar panels to be repaid within 10 years.

How does the scheme work?

- Homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups have until 21 August to register for free and without obligation at [www.solartogethersuffolk.co.uk](http://www.solartogethersuffolk.co.uk)

- 22 August: pre-vetted UK solar PV suppliers participate in an auction. A large bulk order means they can pass on better savings to registered users.

- From 10 September: registered users will receive a personalised offer from the winning supplier.

- 19 October: deadline for registered users to make a decision.

- After accepting the offer, a technical survey will be arranged after which an installation date will be confirmed.

- Telephone and email support is available throughout the whole process and information sessions will allow registered users to make an informed decision in a safe and hassle-free environment.

### ➤ Roadworks in our area this Summer

There are a number of roadworks, surface dressing and resurfacing projects in the area this summer. For details of these and any updates on these I recommend you look at the <https://roadworks.org/>. This is a live site and also shows future planned roadworks. Zoom in or out for greater detail. Adjust the filter on the top right of the screen for 2 weeks ahead, 3 months ahead or even 12 months ahead !!

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# THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO - A Presentation by Allan Manning

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome History Society member Allan to the Parish Room to take us through the events of June 18th 1815, when as we all know "Napoleon met his Waterloo".

We were told that Napoleon was a creation of the French Revolution, at which time he was an artilleryman in the French army, and that Josephine was a manipulator of men who identified him as a man who would go places. She was right because he rose rapidly through the ranks, seizing the new opportunities presented by the Revolution and becoming a general at just 24; he was then given command of the Army of Italy after he suppressed a revolt against the government from royalist insurgents.

Napoleon was heavily defeated at the Battle of Leipzig in October 1813, the culmination of his failed German Campaign and largest European battle before the Great War, involving 600,000 soldiers and 2,200 artillery pieces; between 80 and 110 thousand men were killed, missing or wounded, and the army retreated back to France with the soon to be ex-emperor going to Paris. The allies made it clear they were fighting Napoleon, not the French people, and the Senate was offered generous terms if Napoleon was removed from power, which they duly did. He then renounced his position and in April 1814 was exiled to the small island of Elba, 12 miles off the Italian Tuscan coast, accompanied by a large entourage of around 900 servants and guards, along with his mother and sister; he was also made ruler over the 12,000 inhabitants and strangely allowed to retain the title of Emperor.

Allan then told us the French aristocracy had learnt nothing, because just 300 days later, on 1st March 1815, Napoleon escaped the island to land unopposed in France and began his march to Paris. The French government sent troops against him, but they didn't want their king back so went across to his side with no shots fired. Napoleon's return to Paris on 20th March prompted Britain, Prussia, Russia and Austria to declare war via a Treaty of Alliance, signed on 25th March.

On 16th June, Napoleon invaded Belgium, hoping to capture Brussels by driving a wedge between the allied army under Wellington and the Prussians under Blucher, the idea being to pick off each army individually. The left wing of the Armee du Nord under Marshall Ney contested the allied army at Quatre Bras, whilst the other wing under Napoleon himself attacked the Prussians. Quatre Bras cost the allies 4,800 men to 4,000 for the French, so the allies won the field but were prevented from coming to Blucher's aid. Consequently the battle of Ligny became the last military victory for Napoleon, a tactical win but a strategic loss, because the retreating Prussian army was allowed to escape. Hence the scene was now set for a final, decisive battle - a showdown between two of history's military giants. They were the same age, formidable strategists and had a string of victories behind them; by 18th June, the outcome hung in the balance and the victor would determine the fate of all Europe.

The French army comprised 73,000 men, most of whom were battle-hardened veterans, whilst the allies comprised some 118,000 men, 68,000 Anglo-allies and 50,000 Prussians; most were inexperienced and no match man for man against the French, so battle strategy was crucial. Before describing the battle itself, Allan told us about the weapons to be used that day:

- **The British 'Brown Bess'** was a muzzle loading flintlock smoothbore musket, as were most of the military arms of the period. The projectile was a one ounce .71 calibre lead ball in a .75 calibre barrel (to cater with fouling from the black powder propellant); it took a long time to load / fire and was not accurate (there were no sights), particularly after it had been fired a few times without cleaning. Soldiers aimed to load and fire at massed troop formations as rapidly as possible, to get as many balls flying in the direction of the enemy in as short a time as possible. Large numbers of troops spaced close together in several ranks faced each other at a distance of usually between 100 and 200 yards. Once ordered to fire, they would reload and advance, firing at ever closer ranges until the command to fix bayonets was given and the contest decided by hand-to-hand fighting; as Allan said, it was a brutal and bloody business.
- **Heavy cavalry** had a long straight sword and charged 'knee to knee', the object being to break up / through the opposition ranks to get behind them and cause mayhem.
- **Light cavalry** had a curved blade for slashing; they didn't fight knee to knee but could chase after infantry and cut them down.
- **Cannons** were smoothbore and fired projectiles of 6, 9 or 12 pounds, depending on cannon size, grapeshot (many small metal balls packed tightly into a canvas bag), chainshot (two sub-calibre balls chained together) or shrapnel (anti-personnel artillery munitions with a large number of individual bullets) - all sounded very nasty. Each 12lb cannon required 6 horses to travel, and with 2 horses for each caisson, or ammunition wagon, another 6 to operate. This was a bare minimum, and

to account for losses in battle, a six gun battalion would require upwards of 100 horses, so with reserves, possibly over 200 horses!

The night before this most infamous battle, Wellington stayed at a Waterloo inn, with Napoleon three miles south; all of their men slept out, with rain falling throughout the night, turning the ground into mud. Wellington expected General Blucher and his Prussian reinforcements to arrive some time later the next day - they were recuperating in Wavre, 18 miles east of Waterloo, so with the Prussian and Allied armies separated, Napoleon was confident he could defeat Wellington and make his way to Brussels. Allan then told us about the command and control systems of the combatants - apparently Napoleon didn't take much care with his orders, whilst Wellington's were in triplicate, to ensure they always got through. Wellington had also carefully planned his troop positions, mixing the good with the bad and the experienced with the inexperienced.

On the morning of battle Wellington established a strong defensive position to block the road to Brussels and stop Napoleon's advance towards the capital. Knowing he was outnumbered, with approx 68,000 Allied troops against Napoleon's 73,000, he positioned his men behind a ridge, where they were not visible to the French, and three garrisoned farms. A combination of the incline, fields of high corn and well-placed garrisons meant that Wellington had a good vantage point and cover to shield his troops - he hoped to hold the ground until the Prussians arrived.

Napoleon's mind was also on the terrain, which was sodden from the night's rainfall, making it difficult to move men and guns into position. He decided to delay his first major attack until the ground dried, which was dangerous as it could allow time for Blucher's Prussian army to arrive and join Wellington on the ridge. Instead, Napoleon launched a diversionary attack on Hougoumont farm, hoping to draw out the British and make a dent in their defensive position.

Napoleon began the battle with an assault of large-scale cannon fire before launching the attack on Wellington's most well defended garrison. Led by his brother, 5,000 troops advanced on Hougoumont, outnumbering the 1,500 British holed up inside. Allan told us the French attacked in a formation 200 men wide and 27 deep, who aimed to deploy into an extended line when within 30 yards of their target. Fortified walls made for a strong fortress, so Wellington's guards could fire at the French through holes. Napoleon launched attacks at Hougoumont all day, and at 12.30 they finally broke open the gates, but the British quickly closed them again, trapping 40 French soldiers inside and slaughtering all but one, an 11-year-old drummer boy.

With Wellington's right flank busy defending Hougoumont, Napoleon seized the opportunity to do some damage to the centre of the British line by sending 18,000 infantry along the road to Brussels to strike a decisive blow. They captured the farm of Papelotte and the area around La Haye Sainte. Victory now looked within Napoleon's grasp; if he took La Haye Sainte, he could attack the remaining British troops at close range.

Peering through his telescope around 13:00 Napoleon spotted movement in fields to the east and ordered a troop of cavalry to investigate; he had spotted the Prussians though they were still far away. Wellington sent reinforcements to La Haye Sainte, driving back the French. His cavalry commander, Lord Uxbridge, sent two brigades of cavalry over the ridge, and with Napoleon's men advancing towards their line, now was their moment; the cavalry charged, hit the French infantry and sliced through the soldiers on the ground. Napoleon's line was brutally weakened, but Wellington's left flank was also damaged so he couldn't afford to launch another attack without reinforcements.

Napoleon's cavalry finally reached Blucher's troops near Plancenoit, a village 5 miles east of the battlefield. The Prussians soon captured the high ground north-east of the village; attacking the French hard, Napoleon was forced to commit more troops over the course of the afternoon as the territory changed hands several times. Although Blucher was unable to reach Wellington at the main battle, his efforts meant the French were under pressure and had to split their resources. Wellington could also hear the cannon fire in the distance so knew Blucher had formed his own formidable front line, as promised.

Napoleon was increasingly stretched as his men were fighting on both east and west sides of the battlefield, which in total was about 3 miles wide and 1.5 miles deep. He ordered Marshal Ney to capture La Haye Sainte, Wellington's central stronghold, and for the next two hours, wave after wave of heavily armoured French soldiers on horseback charged the Allied line. In response, Wellington changed the allied line formation into squares to fend off the 4,000 strong French cavalry, though the new formation made them vulnerable to Napoleon's heavy artillery fire; one British battalion, the 27th Regiment, lost nearly 500 of its 747 men.

After hours under attack, La Haye Sainte finally fell; Wellington had lost his prize garrison and Napoleon could at last bring French artillery

forward to attack the Allied centre - all Wellington could do was defend from behind the ridge and hope the Prussian's arrived with reinforcements.

With the Allied centre weakened, Napoleon knew Wellington desperately needed Prussian support, so wasted no further time, sending 6,000 Imperial Guard soldiers across the field up towards Wellington on the ridge, marching between Hougoumont and La Haye Sainte. On the left, they suffered fire from the British held garrison of Hougoumont but those on the right, facing the French-held garrison of La Haye Sainte, made it up over the ridge unhindered.

As the French Imperial Guard advanced, with swords drawn, Wellington's men waited in the long grass behind the ridge. Finally the French broke through the Allied front line, but when they reached the ridge Wellington gave the order to stand and fire. His men fired at almost point blank range; muskets tore through the French soldiers and forced them back, whilst Blucher's forces were now arriving on Wellington's left. The Allied army advanced, pursuing the Imperial Guard, who famously had never been beaten before; Wellington had a chance to kill Napoleon but ordered his men to hold fire and the Emperor was shielded by his men as they fled.

After the last decisive Prussian assault, the field was strewn with tens of thousands of bodies, many were dead, with many others badly wounded and left to die; there were also countless dead and injured horses everywhere. On a bloody battlefield in Belgium, Wellington halted Napoleon's relentless march towards European domination, securing Britain's role as a key player in Europe. Napoleon was once more exiled, this time to St Helena, a remote volcanic outcrop in the South Atlantic Ocean, where he died in 1821. Wellington was a hero, securing a peace deal with France and becoming prime minister in 1828; at last there was peace in Europe after 23 long and bloody years.

The audience were spellbound throughout Allan's incredibly enthusiastic presentation, and we hope to have him talk to us again on another famous historical battle - watch this space.

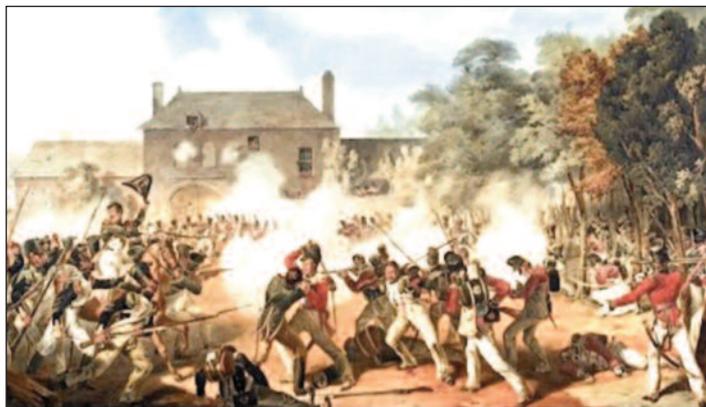
Our next events, of our new programme, will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on Wednesday 19th Sept: Frauds of the 19th Century

Martin Hedges will tell us of the panics, failures and frauds which have always been with us. From Tulipmania and the South Sea Bubble to dotcoms, there have always been con merchants to spin a yarn; so come along and cheer the days when bankers were hanged for playing fast and loose with our money.

17th October: Harvest Home

Memories from the Sudbury/Hadleigh area, as researched by local historian and master story teller Ashley Cooper, of Gestingthorpe Roman Villa and natural history fame.

Both events are going to be great, and we very much look forward to welcoming guests both new and old to the Parish Room. *Andy Sheppard*



*Bottom left: Opposing factions at the Battle of Waterloo*

*Top: The Earl of Uxbridge at Waterloo*

*Centre above: The battle at Hougoumont farm*

*Above: Allan's map of the battlefield*

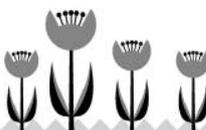
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## FIVE JULY DAYS IN YORK SOME REFLECTIONS ON GENERAL SYNOD

As many people know, I am one of the three lay people representing our diocese (which means most of Suffolk – not Lowestoft, as, for historical reasons, that town remains in Norwich diocese) on the General Synod of the Church of England – a sort of ‘ecclesiastical MP’, (though, perhaps happily, I don’t get the letters and e-mails that our MP does urging action on everything from potholes to solving the Brexit conundrum!) Generally, Synod meets twice a year: in London in February, at Church House in Westminster, and for a long weekend in July in York, from where I’ve just returned.

The ‘feel’ of a York Synod is very different from London: it is residential (we take over the University) and, especially with the hot weather we’ve been experiencing, shorts both for clergy and laity (and for some bishops!) are more in evidence than dog collars. Living on the campus for five days provides opportunities to get to know Synod members from other parts of the country, whether chatting over meals (and, yes, the food is generally good), or over a pint in the evening after a day’s business.

For all the business, there are papers to read by way of preparation for the debates (this year, a pile 3½ inches high!), and for anyone interested, they can all be downloaded from the Church of England website.

Business at Synod falls into four broad categories: (i) standing items such as ‘Questions’ (a sort of synodical PMQs), when members can ask questions about a whole range of subjects, often putting bishops on the spot; (ii) legislative business – Synod is a legislative body and makes laws (called Measures) for the Church that have the same status as Acts of Parliament; (iii) ordering the life of the Church, (which includes receiving the annual report of the Church Commissioners and approving the budget of the Archbishops’ Council); and (iv) the ‘Church in the World’, when we debate issues concerned with the Church’s wider mission.

Understandably, media reports of the Synod tend to focus on the controversial, especially if there is a disagreement among the bishops. This year, for example, we debated a motion about climate change and, specifically, whether the Church of England’s national

investing bodies (e.g. the Church Commissioners and the Pensions Board) should disinvest from fossil fuel companies not taking seriously their responsibilities to move to a low carbon economy. The bishop of Oxford wanted synod to urge divestment from any company “not on an unequivocal path by 2020 to aligning its business investment plan with the Paris Agreement [of December 2015] to restrict global warming to well below 2°C”. However, Synod rejected that in favour of an amendment setting 2023 as an end date on the basis that the Church would have more influence by remaining a shareholder and arguing the case from the inside. We also debated and passed a motion welcoming the 2017 UN treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons, and another calling on the Government to implement the recommendations of a 2017 House of Lords select committee report on the long-term sustainability of the NHS and adult social care. The debate on the NHS, in particular, showed the breadth of knowledge and experience across the Synod membership, with contributions from (among others) the new Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally (a former Chief Nursing Officer before her ordination) and a consultant surgeon from Sheffield.

Other main topics at York were a presentation and debate on Safeguarding—a key issue for the Church at the moment, especially in the wake of the hearings in March at the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)—and seminars on the Saturday afternoon on aspects human sexuality that will inform a major ‘teaching document’ scheduled to be produced by the bishops in 2020. These are serious issues with which the Church is attempting to grapple. However, in recognition of England’s success in Russia, the times of the seminars were rearranged to enable members to watch the England v Sweden game on a big screen in the debating hall, with England’s second goal celebrated by the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, dancing a jig. Sadly, prayers for further success were to no avail!

And so now back to the garden in Suffolk – desperately needing rain but none seemingly imminent as I write this on a hot and sunny St Swithun’s Day! – and to reflect on a stimulating weekend, with much food for thought.

*David Lamming*

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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## 3PR Stats for June 2018

The groups First Responders covered 273hrs and had 7 call outs.

## Christian Aid

### Christian Aid Big Breakfast 19th May 2017

Thank you to all those who helped raise £310 for those people in parts of the world less well off than we are. Your support at this event is valued and the event appeared to be a happy affair with the mood raised by the celebrations for the Royal Wedding.

Special thanks to those who donated some of the food and in particular to Neil Cottrell at Boxford Stores for providing the eggs.

## Boxford Gardens Open 2017

Thanks also to those who baked cakes for sale at the Open Gardens on 3rd June in aid of St Mary's church. The stall helped to raise approximately £185 towards the grand total. Thank you to all the bakers and those who made purchases.

## BOXFORD WI REVIEW JULY 2018

Our Speaker Joan Smith gave us a brief history of fans. The earliest known fans were from China dating back to the 2nd century. In 16th century Europe they became fashion items. Fans are made from many different materials including bamboo, chicken skins and Ostrich feathers. In the 18th century lace and mother of pearl started to be added to fans and children's versions also became popular. Fans scented with sandalwood were also available. Joan told us that there is also a language of fans used to convey messages for example if presented shut this asks do you love me?, with the handle to the lips this says kiss me and a shut fan held to the heart tells the person you have won my heart. There is a wonderful fan museum in London and here are some of the beautiful fans on display there.



Above: Folding Fans

## Banish those Monday morning blues

Singing should be enjoyable and fun. But then you may be shy of singing with others. Don't be. Come and join us at Stoke-by-Nayland village hall on Monday morning September 10th for our weekly sessions of singing fun.

We are not a Choir, Choral Society or Barber Shop Quartet. Just a small friendly, mixed group who love singing together for fun. Age is not an issue.

Our group leader is Emma, a hugely talented musician and singer with a great sense of humour. Happiest when she leads us in singing songs old and new. For an hour and a half each Monday morning during term-time - commencing September 10th. £5 per session. So come and join us. You will be made most welcome. Kick those Monday morning blues into touch once and for all.

Call Frank 01206 263006 if you need more information or contact Emma directly on singinstoke@gmail.com

## TWAM (Tools With A Mission)

Friday 14 September is the date for the next collection if you have any unwanted tools etc that you wish to donate to this charity. It will also be my final day for items to be dropped off at my address, so if you need to donate items after this date you will have to contact the charity direct, through their website or their Ipswich base on 01473210220.

In the meantime maybe have a clear out and see what you can give. Items not required are broken tools, ladders, lawn mowers, printers and scanners, disability aids, bicycles.

If in doubt, please ring me on 01787211822. Thank you for all your donations to date.

Maureen

## TENNIS !!!

It is time for annual subscriptions again!

We do hope we can all enjoy a lovely summer playing tennis. You will have seen we have swept and power washed the courts, repaired the floodlights, renewed the nets and anchored the bench which was donated by the "tennis ladies"( who play all year Monday and Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.00 – please note courts therefore booked at these times).

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# Wot's On

## Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

October 8th	A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare
October 15*	A Midsummer Night's Dream	
October 22nd	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	
Penguin edition or	the Simon Armitage translation	
November 5th	Frankenstein	Mary Shelley
November 12th	Frankenstein	
November 26th	The Dunciad Book IV	Alexander Pope
December 3 rd	The Dunciad Book IV	
December 10th	Gulliver's Travels part IV	Jonathan Swift
	The Voyage to Houylrnms	

Course fee: £75 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting. £8 for each single class. Newcomers to these classes are very welcome. Further information from: Mrs Etain Todds, Moat Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO 10 5PY. Telephone 01787 210344 Please contact Mrs Todds if you are interested in attending.

## NGS Open Gardens at Leavenheath Hall Sunday 2nd September

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## Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 4.30-6.30pm  
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Tutor: Hugh Black-Hawkins

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### AUGUST 2018

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

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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)

### VANCE NOTICE -

## BOXFORD FUN DOG SHOW

23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

Boxford Playing Fields Committee are once again holding a Boxford Fun Dog Show on 23rd September 2018.

Registration will begin at 1pm so come along with your lovely dogs and enter our many varied classes for just £1.50 per class.

Judging begins at 2pm so plenty of time to ensure your dogs are all looking their best for the judges.

We look forward to welcoming you all to a fun afternoon with your dogs, whether pedigree, '57' varieties, big, small, tidy, scruffy we love them all. Please put the date in your diaries we hope to see you there.

## LWHS

### Programme of Events - 2018 / 2019

19th September Martin Hedges

#### Frauds of the 19th Century

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17th October Ashley Cooper

#### Harvest Home

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21st November Richard Humphries

#### History of Silk

With 50 years experience in the local silk trade, this talk will tell us: Why Sudbury today is the UK Silk capital; How the wool trade gave way to silk in East Anglia; and why it remains the choice of fabric for our Kings and Queens.

12th December Kate Jewell

#### Bonfires and Bells

Rituals and Festivals in the Medieval Suffolk Landscape

16th January Roger Green

#### The Green Man (Member Only Event)

These symbols / motifs exist in cultures around the world, though remain something of an enigma, which Roger will explore through his talk with many picture examples.

20th February John Goodhand

#### Simply Suffolk

Inn signs are part of our history, but which is the commonest, where can you find a gallows, which is the oldest and what is Elvis doing in Botesdale? John has been photographing Suffolk inns and their signs for over fifty years and will tell us.

20th March Sarah Doig

#### To Relieve Need and Distress

The Story of East Anglian Almshouses

## Shops and shopkeepers in 20th Century Boxford – An illustrated talk.

By popular request, Roger Loose will repeat his talk originally given in 2006. It will include some photos villagers have given the village archive since then. Roger will use old photographs to take a tour of the village as it was in the first half of the last century, identifying the many shops and the interesting folk who ran them. Anyone can come along to Boxford Village Hall (note change of venue) at 7.30 pm on Saturday 22nd September for this talk. Entrance £2, or free for Boxford Society members. Do come and bring your friends. Those new to the village will discover much they did not know, but for others it will be a trip down memory lane. If you have recently found any old photos of the village, please bring them so that we can copy them and add them to the village archive.

### FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

Boxford Drama Group present:

## WHO KILLED THE HOTEL MANAGER!

Saturday 15th September at 7.30pm at Boxford Village Hall.

The action takes place in the reception area of the 'Primrose Glade Hotel' (2 stars) in 'Bilge on Sea', a northern seaside resort. It's a foul and miserable Saturday in June at mid-day. The hotel, although well run, is a little out of the way and struggles to attract much custom. Rex Wilts the manager and his wife Delphinium run a respectable establishment. Today is their 3rd wedding anniversary...

But who killed him and how and why?

Look out for the clues and solve the riddle and you could walk away with the prize! We will be serving a Ploughmans supper during the interval and there will be a bar as well as a raffle. Tickets £10.00 per person from Richard at The Boxford Post Office, from mid July.

## 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

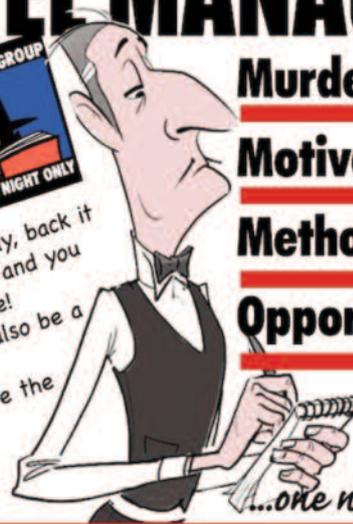
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To book your tickets, please contact Sue Sheppard on 247980, or email: sheppard.susanm@gmail.com.

## 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.

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## POLSTEAD WI

### 2018 PROGRAMME FOR POLSTEAD WI

August	No Meeting
September 11th	The Trinity House Story
October 9th	Town Pastors
November 13th	Hair Care

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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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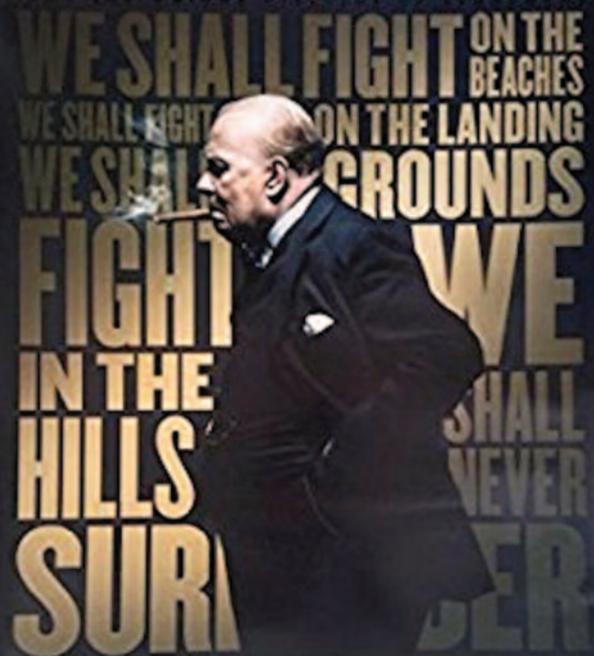
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# DARKEST HOUR

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

**LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 27TH JULY**

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# Wot's On

## 'Aviation's Glory Days' by Ian McLachlan

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents a series of 7 two hour lectures starting on Thursday 27th September 2018 in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.15 pm.

### PLEASE NOTE THE REVISED TIME

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Fees: Adult £52 (payable after the first session). Try the first session (free).

For further information please contact Sue Whiteley.

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

## 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 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)

### St Mary's Church, Boxford

## Music for Organ and Choir

Sunday September 16th, 4pm

Presented by St Mary's Choir

with David Richardson and David Felstead piano and organ

Guest artists to be announced later.

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## Forthcoming Events Diary

### July

30 Charity Midsummer Dance Little Waldingfield PlayingField

### August

7 The Herbaceous	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
26 Songs of Love from Monteverdi to Purcell	Suffolk Villages Festival	Boxford St Mary's	6.30pm
26 English Musicians Portrayed	Boxford St Mary's PCC	Boxford Village Hall	5.15pm

### September

1 Village Sale Trail	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Little Waldingfield	10.00 till 1.00pm
2 Fun Dog Show	Newton Green	Paying fields	10am
5 Bee Keeping	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2pm
15 Who Killed The Hotel Manager	Boxford Drama Group	Village Hall	7.30pm
16 Music for Organ and Choir	Boxford St Mary's PCC	Church	4pm
19 Frauds of the 19th Century	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	&.30pm
22 Quiz Night	Parish Rooms Little Waldingfield		7.30pm
22 20th century shops and shopkeepers	Boxford Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
23 Boxford Fun Dog Show	Boxford Playing Fields		TBA

### October

8 Boxford Study Centre	See Wot's On for full details		
17 Harvest Home	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	&.30pm
27 Boxford Fireworks			

### November

11 National Beacon Lighting Scheme		The Beacon	7.pm
21 History of Silk	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	&.30pm

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**Future Event - Spring Course**  
Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7.30 pm  
**'The Jazz Century - Cakewalk to Culture'**  
with Graham Platts

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## “SOFT-FRUIT GROWER OF THE YEAR”

Boxford (Suffolk) Farms Picks Up National Business Award – The family-run business now in its 80th year, Boxford (Suffolk) Farms won ‘Soft-Fruit Grower of the Year’ at the Horticulture Week National Awards in London’s Mayfair on Thursday 28th June.

The judges cited the company’s long-term business strategy and innovation-led vision, which has resulted in a remarkable year-on-year growth in turnover of 30%, as key factors contributing to the win. The awards were presented by the cleric, broadcaster and former Commundar, Reverend Richard Coles.

Established in 1938, Boxford (Suffolk) Farms grows 250 hectares of fruit on the Suffolk/Essex border and, together with its sister companies Peake Fruit and Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, employs up to a total of 600 staff. Specialising in strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, apples, cherries and asparagus, the family farm has now gained a reputation for delivering high value, quality fruit at key periods of the year – most notably on the shoulders of the seasons. This has caught the attention of major retailers like Sainsbury’s and Tesco who now stock their mixed berry packs in a number of stores.

Susanna Rendall, second generation family member and CEO of the business, was delighted to accept the award: “We’re thrilled to have received this recognition from the judges. These are very challenging times in our industry, and we have invested significantly in technology and new growing techniques to remain competitive. As a business we are also always looking ahead for innovations in fruit production and this award will help spur us on to greater achievements. Fruit growing has been at the heart of our family business in Suffolk for 80 years and we, and our brilliant team of staff, still have the same passion and pride in our farm as our parents did when they started farming here in the late 1930s” She continued, “With all the uncertainties ahead, it is imperative that we continue to have access to enough seasonal workers to harvest our fruit and provide delicious home-grown UK produce for our customers. This will also enable us to stay competitive with our EU counterparts so that consumers can continue to have the choice to buy British rather than resort only to imports”.

Environmental and technological innovation has been a key driver for



the family business. The development of heated glasshouses as well as table-top production has helped improve efficiency and extend the growing season to allow for fruit production both earlier and later in the year. *Above: Family Directors and Senior Management Team from Boxford (Suffolk) Farms receive their award from host Richard Coles.jpg*

season from March to November, satisfying market demand for both early and late UK fruit.

The company’s focus on innovation has also contributed to the adoption of new and exciting ways of delivering maximum production with minimum waste. The on-farm Anaerobic Digestion plant produces electricity and heat by turning maize, out-graded fruit and apple pomace into energy. The heat is used to dry woodchip for the glasshouse biomass boilers and the electricity is used to power the farm’s cold stores and buildings as well as the family’s sister business – Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf and Spa. Moving forward, Boxford (Suffolk) Farms is looking to introduce ultraviolet plant protection and LED trials this year, as well as growing new varieties of fruit.

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

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

**Priest in Charge:** The benefice is in interregnum The benefice is currently vacant. During the vacancy, please direct all initial inquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals to the rural dean, the Revd Dr Simon Gill; Tel: 01787 375334; e-mail: vicar@allsaints-sudbury.co.uk

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

**Lay Elder:** David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU  
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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).

## Benefice News

Ministry Team meeting: As the benefice enters a vacancy (what used to be called, and often still is called, an 'interregnum') following the retirement of the Revd Judith, the rural dean, the Revd Dr Simon Gill will attend a meeting of the ministry team in Mary's House at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 1 August 2018.

## GENERAL SYNOD:

General Synod met at York from 6-10 July 2018. A full report of all the debates was included in the Church Times on 13 July 2018. Copies of the Church Times are placed in Mary's House, a few days after publication, and you can read it there. Alternatively, David Lamming can send you an electronic copy of the 13th July edition. David has contributed his own 'York report', which you can read on the general news pages of this issue of the BRN.

## 'CHURCHES TOGETHER' PRAYER BREAKFASTS:

**SATURDAYS 8.00 AM TO 9.30 AM.**

There are no breakfasts in August. They will resume in September.

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

## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwarden:**

*Vacant*

**Assistant Churchwarden:**

*Michael Gray*

*Mobile: 07931 043926*

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



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

Box River Benefice

## café church



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*Boxford Church  
Sunday 5th August  
11.00 am*

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**Cafe Church** will be on *Sunday August 5th at 11.00 am.*

We welcome the Revd Liz Law to lead us in this very informal time of worship. We serve good coffee & pastries! Craft activities for the children.

**A Concert** is being planned for *Sunday 16th September at 4.00 pm* to raise funds to carry out restoration of the church organ. £10.00 including wine & nibbles!

The present organ is a fine instrument built by William Hill & Son in 1875. It replaced an earlier organ which was located on a gallery in the west end of the church.

The earlier organ was then moved to St. Mary's Parish Church, Kersey.

A complete re-ordering of St. Mary's Boxford also took place at that time including removing the box pews & replacing them with those seen today.

William Hill was undoubtedly one of the finest organ builders of his time, exporting organs all over the world including his magnum opus instrument in Sydney Town Hall. Only one of two organs with a genuine 64ft. stop.

The firm of William Hill & Son continued to trade under that name when they merged with the Norwich firm of Norman and Beard to become William Hill & Son and Norman and Beard Ltd. Sadly in 1998 Hill, Norman & Beard ceased trading.

The organ now needs dismantling to allow access to all items needing an overhaul & for thorough cleaning throughout.

The cost is likely to be some £17,000.00

## Suffolk Villages Festival 2018

See the Wot's on section of the Box River News

**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 September Box River News:

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

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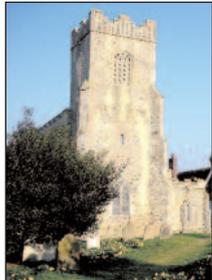


## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

**Churchwarden:**  
Vacant

**Rota for August**  
**Sidesman**  
**Flowers**  
**Cleaning**

Bill Dastur  
Jan Paul  
Debbie Lewis & Jan Paul



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:**  
*Vacant*

**Acting Churchwarden:**  
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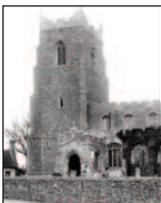
### ROTAS FOR AUGUST

**Sidesmen** Pat and Gerald Smith  
**Flowers** Mrs Lesley Gill  
**Cleaning** Mrs Lesley Gill

**FROM THE REGISTERS: BURIAL.** The body of Elisabeth Margaret Brandt, who died on 29 May 2018 aged 83 years, was interred in the churchyard on 18 June 2018 following a funeral and thanksgiving service in St Mary's Church, Boxford.

**CHURCH ROOF:** The roof repairs, carried out by CEL Leadwork Contracts Ltd of Whittlesey, were completed in June. As well as replacing the lead stolen in October 2015 from the chancel, north aisle and organ chamber roofs, the vestry has been re-roofed (using the original slates so far as possible). We hope that this has cured for good the leak in the vestry that had required buckets to be kept on top of the organ blower to catch the water when it rained: as soon as the vestry has fully dried out we plan for it to be redecorated and generally tidied up. The PCC are very grateful for the £34,862 grant received from the Government's Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, which funded most of the cost of the work. (The final sum was less than the £39,000 grant awarded in June 2016 as the works cost less than had been estimated when the grant application was made.)

**NOTICEBOARDS:** The new church noticeboards, made by Bryn Hurren, are now in place by the Groton Hall and Groton Street gates to the churchyard. That in Groton Street replaces the board that had been missing for some time. Our thanks to Bryn for his craftsmanship and for enabling the church to engage more effectively with those who visit the church or walk along Groton Street.



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**  
*Vacant*

### Sidesmen

**5 Aug** Mrs. Gardiner  
**12 Aug** No Service  
**19 Aug** No Service  
**26 Aug** No Service

### Flowers

**5 Aug** Mrs. Squirrel  
**12 Aug** Mrs. Duffy  
**19 Aug** Mrs. Eddington  
**26 Aug** Mrs. Gregor-Smith

Our Open Gardens day on 17 June was a great success. Thanks to all who opened their gardens, those who helped serve refreshments and made delicious cakes. We made £844 for Church Funds. Reverend Judith has given her last service at St. Lawrence Church. We don't yet know who will minister to us in August, but we shall welcome Tim Harbord to our church in September.



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

**Churchwarden:**  
Vacant

9th June : Our Annual Gift Day Coffee Morning was held in the Village Hall --- which was really well attended and Revd.Judith opened the event with a prayer .At the end of the morning Revd. Judith thanked everyone and said that would be her last time as she and her husband are retiring to Norfolk. Thank you all who prepared the room , not forgetting the clearing up at the end, ran stalls, served refreshments , ran the Raffle and provided items for the stalls. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who attended and gave so generously, either at the stalls or donating funds in the yellow envelopes.

24th June : Revd.Judith robed in white celebrated our service of Holy Communion .

She welcomed all and after the service had the chance to stay and talk with people instead of having to rush off for the next service. Thank you to each one who helped in any way with the service and for refreshments.

22nd July 11.00am : Revd.Judith will be taking her last service at All Saints' , Newton.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us .

### Donation to the Boxford St Mary's Organ Fund

One of our regular congregation recently celebrated an important Anniversary. He decided that he would like to utilise the collection to raise money for the organ fund. It therefore came as a total surprise when at the following Sunday morning service he presented the duty organist with £450 which came as a wonderful surprise. We thank him very much for this most generous gift.

Perhaps others may be inspired to hold an event in aid of the church organ which is now over 100 years old and is in need of some retroaction to its mechanical parts and re-voicing of some of the pipe work.

I would stress that no tonal changes are intended, and it will remain exactly as intended by the builder and will remain a brilliant example of an English Romantic Organ. Thank you so much  
*Christopher Kingsbury* (Reader) *David Felstead* Choirmaster and organist

### Boxford St Mary's Church Choir

Sadly, recently we have lost 2 valued members of our church choir, and they are sadly missed. Over the years the church in Boxford has enjoyed a high standard of music, not only in it's services, but also as part of the Suffolk Village Festival events, some of which held here.

Over the past 18 months we have maintained our Anthems every Sunday at the main services at eleven am and in June, we found, along with members of the choir of St Peters in the field and St Mary's Deanery church in Bocking is a concert of music in aid of the Newala Hospital in Tanzania (which is supported by St Mary's Bocking parish church).

We also consecrated David Felsteads anniversary on completeing 69 years as our organist and choir master and a fun musical afternoon was enjoyed by all those who attended.

On sunday September 16th a summer concert will be held here in Boxford commencing at 4pm in aid of our organ restoration appeal.

This is being arranged by David Richardson who is well known to many of you here and David Felstead of Boxford St Mary's church choir will also be taking part and some other events are being planned also.

We will present a varied programme of music in varied styles and hope that you will all come along to support us.

I am looking for new members to join the choir for further details please contact me on 01376 339616, or Mr David Richardson, or Mrs Ruth Kingsbury. We have two rehearsals a month, and we always try and make them as interesting and enjoyable as possible.

We have a long tradition of good music. Please help us to make it continue

God Bless, David Felstead (Choirmaster) and Christopher Kingsbury (Reader)

### MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

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

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

August 2018

Church Services in the Box River Benefice

\*\* Please note that, following Revd Judith's retirement, the post of Priest-in-Charge remains vacant until a new appointment is made. This means the service pattern may vary.

We are most grateful to those clergy and lay people who are covering our services\*\*

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Special services this month: CAFÉ CHURCH 5<sup>th</sup> August

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30 Holy Communion (Mary's House) Revd Simon Gill

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 15.00 Holy Communion (reserved sacrament) Lay Team  
(Newmans Hall)

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	* Please note there is no 8am service this month *	
Lt. Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Simon Gill
Boxford	11.00 Cafe Church (Informal worship)	Revd Liz Law
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Boxford 11.00 Wedding of James Deeks and Rachael Barlow Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	David Lamming
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Mary Cantacuzene

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Compline (Newmans Hall) Lay Team

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Boxford 13.00 Wedding of Ashley Ross and Charlotte Webb Revd Judith

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Groton	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd James Ridge
Boxford	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd James Ridge

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## Soap Box

It had been my intention to comment on the amazing weather we have been experiencing here in Suffolk, with lawns a delicate shade of yellow and many inhabitants browner than they might have been if sunning themselves abroad. I should know. I spent much of this particular heat wave in the Algarve, where to my chagrin temperatures lagged those of my home village. But last month in Soap Box I travelled the weather route, though admittedly remarking on how rubbish spring had been and how unreliable forecasters are.

Then amongst the other topics that caught my attention was the Football World Cup. I don't really follow football. Rugby? Now that's an altogether different game. That said, it has been difficult to avoid this year's tournament, which took place while we were in Portugal. Every bar that aspired to attracting a football focussed clientele hosted massive screens, delivering all the multitude of games that go to make up football's most prestigious tournament.

Speaking personally, it looked at the outset as interesting as watching paint dry, but as the new and relatively inexperienced England team started to make its mark, so the determination to see it through to the end and, hopefully, celebrate national success grew. Sadly it ended with an aggressive Croatian side propelling England out of the tournament. Still, the boys did well and my ownership of a number of waistcoats no longer looks eccentric.

So third in my list of priorities – and sadly a recurring theme – must be the tortuous topic of Brexit. As we sweltered in Suffolk, the nation's leaders gathered around a presumably vast table in Chequers to hammer out a final approach to how we viewed life after the European Union. Despite having voted "Remain", I confess to being somewhat disappointed at what is proposed and particularly that it has taken this long for the government to set out its strategy, given that the exit bell sounds in less than nine months' time.

Nor was this the seamless collective approach that had been much vaunted ahead of the cabinet meeting. Despite an initial apparently solid agreement, two hard line leavers have resigned from the cabinet, swiftly followed by other, admittedly less high profile, ministers. Shambolic springs to mind. This is probably the most important issue that this country will have to face in my lifetime, so the least I feel I can ask for is a degree of certainty over

what it all might mean for me, my children and (hopefully) grandchildren.

That the European Union is flawed is an accepted given. But it was created with the best of intentions and with very high expectations over what it might achieve. The establishment of a single currency zone has probably been the most controversial development, but we were never a part of this financial experiment. Instead it has been the freedom of movement across European borders, the flood of laws and regulations emanating out of Brussels and the overarching position of the European Court of Justice that has led a modest majority of Brits to demand we exit.

Disentangling ourselves is proving a major task. For a start, those 27 nations remaining in the EU have a vested interest in making our departure as difficult as possible. An easy exit might encourage other member states with issues over how the whole caboodle is managed eager to follow suit. This aspect will particularly concern the principal beneficiaries of belonging – like Germany, which has enjoyed massive economic benefits, largely as a result of being able to sell its goods priced in euros, rather than deutschmarks.

I understand the concerns of those that voted to leave, but do feel that the proponents of departing were at best naïve, at worst downright misleading. But we are where we are and with the leader of the world's largest economy saying that the proposals drawn up by Prime Minister May are likely to scupper a trade deal with the US, it seems that we are in danger of getting the worst of all possible worlds. This story is far from over and the political fallout could yet be considerable and potentially destabilising. It makes me wonder how many of those who voted Leave wish they had then opted to stay in.

Brian Tora

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# GARDENING IN AUGUST INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

If you want to keep your fuchsias flowering all through the summer it is important to maintain a regular watering and feeding programme. Most fuchsia growers prefer to use liquid fertilizer and feed everytime they water, which could be three or four times a week, or more, if its a large plant in a small pot. Regular dead heading is most important, making sure you also remove the seed pod which the flower produces, on some fuchsias the seed pod is quite small and hardly noticeable whereas on others it can be half an inch long. Plants in plastic pots can get quite hot when standing in full sun, this can cause the roots to burn and not develop properly. You can overcome this by putting the plastic pot into a slightly larger pot, preferably a clay pot, to insulate from the hot sun.

At the beginning of the month make the main sowing of spring cabbage, this will not so readily run to seed as earlier sowings. Sow in cell trays so that the plants can be planted six inches by six inches in a spare part of the garden where they will develop into sturdy plants for planting out in September or October.

Seed of the Japanese variety of Onion can be sown in the last week of the month to stand the winter and produce an early crop of onions for use in June next year. Leave the plants as sown for the winter and use the thinnings as spring onions next spring. Or you can plant sets in October but you wont get the spring onions next year.

Clean up strawberry beds by removing dead leaves, straw and unwanted runners. Strawberry runners which are well rooted can be planted out in a new bed allowing eighteen inches between plants and twenty four inches between rows. Plant firmly but do not bury the crowns.

Support asparagus stems that are now allowed to grow and produce fern. Any that are blown over by the wind or snapped off will ruin the root development and spoil next years crop.

Rambler roses should be pruned as soon as they have finished flowering. The old stems which have bourne flowers should be cut right out to allow all the food and energy to go into the new growths which will produce flowers next year.

Keep up the regular spraying of roses against black spot, mildew and rust. The most serious disease is rust which usually strikes at this time of year and can completely defoliate a bush and severe attacks can cause the plant to die. Evergreen hedges such as yew and holly should be clipped

in August. While not evergreen, this can include beech and hornbeam August is usually one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Try to use grey water wherever possible, especially as water butts may be running low if it has been a dry summer. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away. When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs.

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Prune Wisteria
- 2 Don't delay summer pruning fruits trained as restricted forms
- 3 Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- 4 Watering! - Particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
- 5 Collect seed from garden plants
- 6 Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
- 7 Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
- 8 Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
- 9 Keep ponds and water features topped up
- 10 Feed the soil with green manures

## Lawns

Raise the blades on the mower before cutting fine lawns. This will help reduce drought stress following this long period without rain. Browning of the lawn is very common at this time of year. Don't water the grass unless absolutely necessary. It will green up when the autumn rains arrive.

Mow lightly and frequently so that short grass clippings can remain on the lawn during hot summers to act as a moisture-retentive mulch. Excess thatch can be scarified out during autumn maintenance next month. Mulching mowers cut the clippings even finer than normal rotary blades, making the mulch less visible.

Lawns on thin soils may benefit from a high phosphate feed. This will strengthen the roots for winter, rather than encouraging lush top growth that could suffer in the cold and weaken the grass.

Avoid using lawn weedkillers in late summer - they will be more effective in the cooler, damper autumn weather.

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## THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - JULY 2018



August 1918 was the month in which the Allied forces really began to sense victory and also the month which included the day that General Ludendorff described as "the black day of the German army". In previous articles we left our account of the War on the Western Front whilst the Allies were still

engaged in defensive action attempting to stop the extraordinarily successful advances westward the German forces had made in the spring and early summer of the year. What follows is a brief account of how the balance of the War tipped in favour of the Allies in July. After that I will introduce the four soldiers, who we will remember this month, one of whom I have only recently identified and who died in August 1917, and three of whom died in August 1918.

As we noted in previous articles the tide of the War turned in favour of the Allied forces in July 1918. General Ludendorff had started his spring offensive in March with a significant numerical advantage in respect of troops and firepower and he fully expected it to result in victory. Each of the four main thrusts westward had been successful in breaking the Allied Lines and forcing them into retreat. And yet, as soon as each successive advance slowed through the dogged resistance of the British and Commonwealth forces, Ludendorff hesitated, and he focused his attention on another part of the Front. This hesitation probably cost him his victory. By July, the final advance in the Marne had brought him to within about 45 miles of Paris and from that deep penetration through the Allied lines he shelled Paris with massive railway mounted guns that had a maximum range of over 70 miles.

All of this had come at considerable cost to his Armies in respect of men, machines and morale. His troops were now trying to hold three deep salients and the rear support was overstretched and undersupplied. Into this came the troops from the U.S.A. From June through to the Armistice around a quarter of a million American servicemen arrived in Europe each month. These, albeit raw recruits, made up for the Allied losses of the spring and early summer. Ludendorff had no such resource to draw on, indeed, the German people were wearied with war and there were simply not enough men of fighting age to fill the boots of those lost on the battlefields. As July wore on Ludendorff probably knew he had lost.

But the turnaround was not all to do with a faltering enemy. There had been considerable development of the weapons used, including lighter machine guns, faster and more manoeuvrable tanks and, despite the prejudices of the those in command in favour of biplanes, the monoplane aircraft, with its speed and manoeuvrability, was making its mark in the skies. In addition, the tactic of using all branches of the forces in a co-ordinated sequence, 'all arms warfare', first effectively deployed at Cambrai in November 1917, had been recognised as a key method in any major action and it was built in to all new strategy development. All arms warfare involved the use of aircraft for reconnaissance and attack working with the infantry and artillery, the latter now able to accurately place shells without prior ranging shots that alerted the enemy to both intent and their positions. Some of this also applied to the German forces, but it was the Allies that had made the most effective technological and tactical advances.

But above all else the Allied forces had learned many lessons in the previous three years and now at last they seemed ready to apply those lessons. Three things appeared to dog all previous attempts to break the stalemate of the trenches. Firstly, overall command was often fragmented, with petty rivalries between the Generals influencing tactics. This occurred both internally within the British and Commonwealth and the French armies and between the two armies. Secondly, battle plans became almost objects in themselves rather than means to an end. When an offensive did not go according to plan there was insufficient flexibility in the minds of the Generals to recognise that the plan should be revised according to circumstances. This led to the dreadful losses of the Somme in 1916 and Passchendaele in 1917, when, in each case, the objective continued to be pursued long after it was clearly pointless to do so. Thirdly, just as Ludendorff did in 1918, salients through the Front were allowed to extend far beyond the point that the rear organisation could actually keep up with the need to resupply. This left the forward troops dangerously exposed to counterattack.

In July all this changed. Earlier in the year in April, the senior French General, Marshall Foch, had been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in France. Three months on he was now in a position to ensure that there was unified, structured and effective organisation and deployment of the forces available to him. He began the counter offensive in the region of the Marne on the

18th July and by August 2nd had pushed the German troops eastwards so as to recover all the ground lost earlier in the year. But there he stopped and demonstrated just how much had been learned. Instead of pursuing the retreating enemy, which he could have done with some success, he limited his objective to a strategy of 'bite and hold', a policy often spoken off in previous years, but never applied effectively. This ensured that the rear organisation was able to keep up with the advance. It also meant that he could now turn his attention to another area of the Front, without having to worry about holding an exposed bulge in the Line. Thus, six days later he started another counter attack a little to the north in Picardy, recovered ground, held it and stopped. Then, towards the end of August he did the same in Flanders across the old Somme battlefields. Thereafter he turned his attention to breaking the Hindenburg Line and pushing east out of Ypres. During all of this the German army, apart from just losing ground, suffered losses of men and weaponry, which it simply could not replenish, so it was forced to move whole divisions to try and keep up with the fast moving tactics of the Allies. It is estimated that during most of August and September the German forces spent a third of all their time in transit, to enormous organisational and strategic loss.

As we encounter the men from our villages who lost their lives during this period, I will, where necessary, try to provide more detail about the specific engagements in which they were involved, but for now I have to leave this account of the pivotal events of 1918 as a very broad-brush sketch of a great sweep of history. I recognise that this is, at best, an oversimplification of a complex set of events. During the 'hundred days to victory' there were over forty separate named battles, and many were fiercely contested by the German troops with significant losses on both sides. But from early August the Front Line was finally on the move along large parts of its length and it was always moving eastwards across German occupied France and Belgium, and this movement did not stop or seriously falter until the Armistice brought a halt to the action with the Allied forces poised to continue the fight into Germany itself if necessary.

Returning now to our villagers who we remember this month, they are **Private Charles Leonard Munson**, 202250, 1st (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers), of Boxford, who died on 16th August 1917; **Corporal Bertie Griggs**, 5229, 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment, of Boxford, who died on 8th August 1918; **Lance Corporal Henry George Finch**, 18559, 2nd Battalion Suffolk Regiment, of Edwardstone, who died 30th August 1918 and finally **Rifleman William Pattle**, R/17059 6th (City of London Battalion) The London Regiment, of Boxford, who died 31st August 1918. All of these men were farm workers, none older than 27 and the youngest just 20.

**Charles Munson** evaded my searches for some time, however, I eventually found that he had signed up and served using his middle name Leonard. He was not alone in his family about being flexible as to which name he used. In the Census records, his father is sometimes William, sometimes George and sometimes George William and his mother was either Ellen Sarah or Sarah Ellen! Charles was born in the last quarter of 1896 and baptised in St Mary's Church on 20th December that year. His father was, as we saw, George William Munson, born in Boxford in 1861, and his mother, baptised Sarah Ellen on 30th October 1864, was born in Little Baddow in Essex in that year. George was a farm labourer as was his father and Sarah's father. Sarah's family name was Goymer. George and Sarah lived at Brook Hall in Boxford and had two daughters and four sons, one of whom died in infancy.

Charles appears in the 1911 Census as an "errand boy baker's" at the age of 14. He enlisted at a recruiting depot in Handel Street in Holborn, London and his regiment was part of the Regular Army, which suggests he signed up around the time of the outbreak of the War. He would only have been 17, but, no doubt, could easily have passed himself off as 18 to an eager recruiting sergeant. The 1st (City of London) Battalion formed part of the 17th Brigade of the 6th Division and this was part of the original British Expeditionary Force that was despatched to Flanders to attempt to halt the German advance through Belgium. The Division disembarked at St Nazaire in September 1914. So it would seem that Charles probably saw active service from very early on in the War.

The 6th Division participated in some significant engagements in 1914 and 1915. Then in October 1915 Charles's regiment was transferred to the 24th Division. 1916 saw them fighting during the Somme Offensive and 1917 brought them to the vicinity of Arras in readiness for the Arras spring offensive. It is likely he took part in the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April, made famous by the stoic and determined fighting of the Canadian forces, and the Battle of Messines in June. The 6th Division was engaged in the Third Battle of Ypres, which commenced in July. Within this long offensive was fought the Battle of Langemarck on 16th August, on which day the 20 year old Charles Leonard perished.

I have given more full accounts of the Arras Offensive and the Third Battle of Ypres in my articles last year but it is worth repeating that by the time that Charles died the battlefields were awash in a mud so deep that injured men simply drowned. Charles has no known grave and is commemorated on the panels of the

Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, on which, as I have all too often had to say, though it bears repetition, are carved the names of over 54,000 men, who, like Charles, were never recovered from the fields of death.

Moving on to 1918 we first encounter **Bertie Griggs**. In fact, we have already met Bertie's family last year, when I gave an account of the short life of Bertie's younger brother, Private Ernest Stanley Griggs, who died during the spring Arras Offensive of 1917. Bertie was born in the second quarter of 1895 and baptised in St Mary's Church on 21st June that year. His father, Walter, came from Kersey and was born in 1874. His mother was Emma Townes, born 1875 also in Kersey. By 1901 the family was living in Sherbourne Street probably in what is now the Maltings. Bertie was one of four sons. His father was employed as a poultryman's labourer throughout his working life and in 1911 Bertie was working as a house boy.

Bertie enlisted in Haverhill, probably in 1915, and joined the 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment. As part of the 55th Brigade 18th (Eastern Division) he would have arrived in Boulogne on 28th July 1915. This Division remained on the Western Front for the duration of the war and men from it would have fought through all of the Somme Offensive of 1916, the Arras Offensive of the spring of 1917 and, later that year, the Third Battle of Ypres, which ended in the horrors of Passchendaele. Through the spring and early summer of 1918, they mounted a fierce retreating action across the old Somme battlefields and helped bring Ludendorff's initial push towards Paris to a halt. As the tide turned and the counter offensive began, Bertie's regiment began the process of recovering all the lost ground along the Somme valley. On the 8th August, the Allied forces opened the Battle of Amiens, some few miles east of the town. This was to be part of the strategy that pushed the German forces back to their original lines of the preceding winter and secured the roads to Paris. During that day and whilst fighting that Battle, Bertie, aged 23, was killed. He is buried at Beacon Cemetery, Sailly-Laurette, which is located very close to where the Battle took place. Bertie's name also appears on the privately erected family memorial here in Boxford Churchyard, on which also are recorded the names of three of his relatives. I wrote of this in the article of this series published in the May 2017 edition of the Box River News but I think it worth repeating to help place Bertie amongst his family.

This memorial stands to the south of the chancel quite close to the boundary wall with the School. The inscriptions on it are (the separation of the lines of the inscriptions are indicated thus | ) Pte. Ernest Stanley Griggs | Fell in action in France May 3 1917 | Aged 20 Years; Corpl Bertie Griggs | Fell in action in France Aug 6 1918 | Aged 23 Years; Walter Griggs | Dearly beloved husband of | Emma Griggs | who fell asleep Dec 18 1920 Aged 47 Years; and My dear son | Walter Gremsey Griggs | who fell asleep Aug 31 1920 | Aged 27 Years.

It would seem that the memorial was erected by Emma Griggs in memory of her husband and three of her sons. I presume it actually marks the graves of her husband, Walter, and her first born son Walter Gremsey, as well as commemorating the deaths of the other two sons, Ernest and Bertie, who lie in France. However, this memorial is treated by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) as marking the grave of a casualty of the war and their records identify a Corporal Walter Griggs, 1st/1st Nottinghamshire Yeomanry (Sherwood Rangers), 275976, who died 18th December 1920, and the grave registration record states "Believed to have died from the effects of the War". The name of Emma's husband and the date of death correspond with the CWGC record, but it is curious that Emma makes no mention of her husband's war service. Additionally, there is no Walter Griggs on the public War Memorial adjacent to the north porch of the church. However, there seems no doubt that Walter was Emma's husband and the father of Bertie and Ernest. In all my researches Emma is the only person I have found who lost her husband and two of her sons to the War.

We now come to **Henry George Finch** of Edwardstone. He was born in the last quarter of 1890 and was baptized in the Church of St Mary the Virgin in the village on 22nd February 1891. His parents were Edward Finch and Eliza, nee Ratcliff. Both Edward and Eliza came from families of farm labourers, though Edward's father is recorded as having been a farm bailiff at one time. Edward's family lived in Sproughton, just west of Ipswich, which is where he was born in 1852, though they moved to Edwardstone sometime between 1851 and 1861. Eliza, born 1856, was brought up in the Round Maple area of Edwardstone. Edward and Eliza married in 1884. The 1911 Census finds the family at Round Maple with Edward employed as a head horseman and Henry as second horseman, possibly at Hilly Farm.

Henry enlisted in Sudbury and like Charles Munson, I think he joined early on in the War, because his regiment, 2nd Battalion of the Suffolks, was part of the Regular Army. Assuming this is correct, Henry would have landed at Le Havre on 17th August 1914. The Battalion was attached to the 8th Brigade of the 3rd Division and this Division was under the command of General Horace Smith-Dorrien (General Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien) who made the famous

stand at Le Cateau as the British Expeditionary Force was in full retreat and being pursued by the rapidly advancing German forces. This stand in the teeth of fierce artillery fire, which was so close that the German shells were being fired into the air to act as shrapnel bursts over the British troops, is credited with delaying the German troops and artillery long enough to allow other parts of the Expeditionary Force to retreat to safer positions. However, it came at the cost of 7,812 men of all ranks killed, wounded or missing.

The 3rd Division fought on the Western Front for the whole four years of the War. Although not every Battalion in the Division would have fought in every engagement, the Division took part in six battles in 1914, including Le Cateau, three in 1915, five in 1916 including the Somme, seven in 1917 including the Arras Offensive and the Third Battle of Ypres, and eleven in 1918. There is a report of Henry being wounded on 16th March 1916. This would almost certainly have occurred in the fighting around to the north west of Ypres during the recovery of a small hill known as The Bluff, which had been lost to the German forces in 1915. This hill, actually a spoil heap from the construction of the Ypres - Comines Canal, gave commanding views over the flat land to the north of Ypres, and was thus strategically important. The registering of a report of Henry's wound in the official Casualty Lists would have entitled him to wear a 'wound stripe', a vertical stripe of gold braid worn on the left arm of his jacket. This award was introduced in July 1916, but seems to have been applied retrospectively.

In 1918, Henry's brigade was engaged in the defensive retreats through the Somme valley as Ludendorff's big push towards Paris took place, and then in supporting the defensive actions in the Battles of the Lys further to the north. As defence changed to offence, the Division returned to the Somme and fought the German troops back to the east. A prolonged set of engagements along the Albert - Bapaume axis ended on the 31st August, the day after Henry was killed at the age of 27. He is buried in the small Ecoust-St. Mein British Cemetery, along with 150 of his comrades in arms most of whom died in the engagement that freed the village of Ecoust-St. Mein from German occupation.

Our last soldier is **William Pattle**. The Pattles are another family we have met before. William's elder brother, Leonard, had enlisted into the Army before the War in 1911 and died just 88 days after the hostilities started. In addition, Rowtham Pattle, aunt to Leonard and William, and who married Frederick Joslin, lost two of her sons, Temple and Walter, in the conflict.

William was born in Kersey Tye near Groton Wood in the last quarter of 1895 but was not baptized until 21st July 1899 along with another of his siblings in St Mary's Church, Boxford. William was the second son and sixth child of Lazarus and Edith Pattle. Lazarus, a horse dealer, and son of a horse dealer was born in 1865 at Orford on the coast, and Edith, born 1864, came from Higham, north of Hadleigh. Edith's family name was Blomfield, but I am uncertain who her parents were. Prior to her marriage to Lazarus in 1884, she appears in only two Census records, that of 1871, when she is a boarder at a small school in Monks Eleigh, run by a governess called Sarah Cardy, and in 1881, at which time she was living with her grandmother, Hester, who farmed 133 acres and employed five men at High Trees Farm, Polstead. In 1901 William is still with his family in Groton Wood Lane, but by 1911 he was lodging with his paternal grandparents, William and Caroline, in White Street Green.

Given William's loss of his elder brother so soon after the beginning of the War, it seems likely he would have enlisted early on in the conflict and this is confirmed by the fact that his regiment, the 6th (City of London Battalion) The London Regiment, which was affiliated to the King's Royal Rifle Corps, was part of the Territorial Force, which predated the War. His unit was assigned to the 47th (2nd London) Division, which reached France in March 1915. This division fought through three battles in 1915, saw action in the later stages of the Somme Offensive and then in 1917 was deployed to the Third Battle of Ypres including the Battle of Passchendaele. 1918 brought them into more or less the same theatre as that experienced by Henry Finch of the 3rd Division and William perished the day after Henry on the 31st August at which time he was 22 years old. Unlike Henry Finch, William has no known grave and is commemorated on the panels of the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, which forms the eastern end screen wall of the Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery. These panels bear the names of more than 9,000 British and South African soldiers, who lost their lives between 8th August 1918 and the Armistice, fighting in the area between the Somme and Loos to the north east and who have no known grave.

All of these men will be remembered in services in August, but, because Reverend Judith retires on 31st July and the Benefice will be in interregnum from then on, I cannot be certain of the dates. If the service pattern follows that currently in place Bertie Griggs will be remembered at the 11:00 am Café Church service at Boxford on 5th August. Henry Finch and Charles Munson will be remembered on 19th August, Henry at the 9:30 am service of Holy Communion at Edwardstone and Charles at the 11:00 am service of Holy Communion at Boxford. William Pattle will be remembered at the 11:00 am service of Morning Worship at Boxford on 26th August. *Rufus Sweetman* The Rectory

# Parish Council Matters

## Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held Monday 4th June

### Public Forum

Residents were concerned about litter in the centre of the village, the time taken for the pubs to tidy the areas outside their premises and also the poor state of the grass cutting at the School Hill/ A1071 junction.

### Nomination of Representatives

Cllrs Sargeant and Strafford agreed to continue as the Cemetery Sub Committee. Cllr Wooderson will continue to take the lead on Planning matters between meetings. Cllr Balls is to continue to represent the Parish Council at Village Hall and Church matters. Cllr Sargeant will be the focal point for Community Council and Cllr Strafford for Playing Fields.

### County Council Report

County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend and had provided a report. It covered the County Council AGM, the Suffolk Waste Partnership trial litter campaign, 51 new affordable homes planned for low income families to be built in Cockfield, parents being encouraged to apply for free school meals for their children, Dementia Friends Campaign, the meeting regarding Goodlands Appeal and finally he has organised for the poor grass cut on School Hill/A1071 to be redone at no cost to Suffolk County Council.

### District Council Report

District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and reported that the Planning Appeal for Goodlands was due to take place at Copdock. He was pleased to advise that 1a Sherbourne Street is now 73 Swan Street to avoid confusion with deliveries. He will investigate the availability of 30 mph stickers for dustbins in Stone Street. The Boundary Commission Review was still being finalised which is causing uncertainty for the next Elections. He felt the changes at the District Council in relation to representation on the Cabinet were for the better. He will liaise with Cllr Wooderson in respect of potential people from neighbouring Parishes to get involved with Neighbourhood Planning.

### Finance

In addition to the usual business the Audit Accounts and Statements were approved. Implications and rules relating to potential installation of a security camera in the Bus Shelter were being considered.

### Cemetery

Further advice was being sought regarding the Church boundary wall.

### Planning

The Parish Council had No Objections to a shed at Goodlands Barn, Listed Building application for alterations at Kingsbury House, 29 Swan Street and application for slate roof over store at Greenbank, Ellis Street. The Parish Council agreed to meet Catesby Estates to listen to their proposals. The need to press on with a Neighbourhood Plan was stressed.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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MAKE UP OF PARISH COUNCILS 2015 – 2019

following the elections on Thursday 7 May 2015

[All members elected unopposed, except in Newton]

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Julian Fincham-Jacques	42 Homefield	210376
Cecil Hughes	Kiln Place, Cox Hill	210685
Vince Stafford	The Old Schoolhouse	211026
Andrew Sargeant	The Annexe 18 Stone St	210661
David Waspe	22 Stone Street	828953
Suzanne Impett.	Amberly, The Causeway.	210035.
David Talbot Clarke.	18-22 Broad Street.	211976
Mathew Wooderson	Birdsong 16 Goodlands	211204
Clerk	Debbie Hattrell	210943
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren	210854
County Councillor	James Finch	01206 263649

### EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Clare Britcher	Tudor Cottage, Mill Green	211234
Melanie Childs	Edwardstone Lodge	07952 956417
Paul Clarke	Hazel Cottage, Mill Green	210689
Phil Baker	Mulberry Farm, Round Maple	211452
Shirley Flack	Mill Cottage, Mill Green	210050
Sharron Norman	Dormers, Sherbourne Street	210386
David Williams	Lodge Farm House	07447403041
Clerk	Anita Robinson	211673
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren	210854
County Councillor	James Finch	01206 263649

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Nick Cox	3 Groton Place, Groton Street	210339
Adam Dixon-Smith	Castlings Hall, Castlings Heath	210007
Piers Roberts	Brook House	210619
Roland Cheeseman	1 Rose Cottage Daisy Grn	07770
237921		
Debbie Wills	Doggetts Groton Street	210484
Clerk	Vacant	
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County Councillor	James Finch	01206 263649

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Matt Foster	Surprise Cottage, Church Road	07779
003635		
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Alan Wells		
Chris White		
Clerk. Simon Ashton		
District Councillors	Frank Lawrenson	
	Margaret Maybury	
County Councillor	Colin Spence	

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Sue Crawte	South Hill, Church Road	
Jonathan Hall	2 Hall Cottages, Church Road	
Colin Poole	Stow Cottage, Sudbury Road	
Paul Presland	Redwoods, Church Road	
379204		
Rita Schwenk	1 Assington Road	
210838		
Philip Taylor	Trotts Cottage, Boxford	
211265		
Clerk. Adrian Beckham		373725
District Councillor	Lee Parker	
County Councillor	James Finch	01206 263649

*Sir*

On the 7th July I had a very special birthday, I was 65.

I would like to thank my family and friends for coming to the party and to the helpers who got the hall and food ready. Special thanks to Veronica, Robert, Caroline and Chris. and to Rhona who made the cake  
In lieu of presents, donations recieved made £450.00 which went to the church organ fund.

This was given to the organist on the 8th July during the church service  
Thank you, I am very touched by your kindness

Best wishes *Lenny* Homefield, Boxford

*Sir*

I was driving out of Church Street , Boxford up School Hill at about 10.10 a.m. on 14th. July and I was driving at 25 miles per. hour and accelerating when an idiot in a white saloon car over took me as we went up School Hill.

Where do these drivers come from and think that the rules of the road do not apply to them.

Perhaps if all residents drove at no more than 20 miles per. hour through out Boxford we might educate the uneducated driver how to conduct themselves when in a built up area.

Yours faithfully,

*David House*- 29 Ash Street, Boxford

## HELP NATURE MAKE A SPLASH IN THE GARDEN

**Emily Kench**

After a busy six months, nature is now slowing down and making the most of a well-earned rest. Beyond our front doors is a hue of soft green. The days are comforted by a warm summer breeze and the skies are full of swifts, swallows and martins all zipping around scooping up flying insects.

Our gardens are coming to life with many of those exact same insects, and roadside verges are punctuated with red poppy blooms. For those of us who have not gone on holiday, our gardens soon become sun traps - and what better time to break out the deck chairs!

July: has been month of little rainfall. Bird baths become particularly popular throughout July, so expect queues of birds eager to splash about. Birds love to bathe at any time of the year even when the temperature sinks well below zero. But, in the height of summer, that water becomes even more tempting as birds, like us will want to cool down. Water used to wash salads is ideal for the bird bath and it may include one or two aphids which will soon be gobbled up.

There may be exceptions; muddy water from scrubbing potatoes may not be welcomed by those creatures wanting clean feathers so, instead, throw this on the lawn. It will help the grass, and also assists feeding blackbirds who will find it easier to extract worms from the hardened soil.

Much like domestic poultry, some birds love to dust bathe meaning the dry July weather works in their favour. House sparrows especially, seek out a dry, dusty patch of ground to nestle into, flicking gritty particles over their feathers and ruffling their plumage as though in water. It probably has the same effect as more traditional bathing but just looks wrong to us.

A whole host of colourful butterflies - including marbled whites, peacocks and red admirals - are now venturing into our gardens too, each in search of rich food nectar. At night they are joined by bats, agile aerial masters that swoop over scented flower beds snatching up insects.

Though insects may be highly active in July, there is an air of relaxation in the bird world. Parent birds put their feet up after a hectic breeding season. Most young have left home and are doing their own thing, which brings with it, going in search of their own food. Competition for food among birds can be intense, with so many young fledglings on the scene. It's good to keep feeders topped up if you go away for any length of time - you could ask a neighbour to take over.

All the adults need worry about is a change of clothes, as the post-breeding season moult begins. Bedraggled, and looking a tad sorry for themselves, these birds moult some of their important flight feathers, often end up temporarily flightless, skulking in the undergrowth and keeping their head down. You could be forgiven for thinking these birds have upped and left you, but a patient observer will soon realise that their regulars are soon back come the autumn, in search of food and shelter.

We can offer birds and other wildlife shelter by keeping our gardens untidy. Try to leave some areas of longer grass, weeds (if you dare), a few nettles in a sunny spot, and a pile of logs and leaves in a shady corner. Simple measures like these will provide homes for a host of wildlife, most of which you won't even notice is there!

# Box River Benefice, Directory of Clubs & Organisations

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1st Boxford Rainbows	Janice MacMillan 210565
1st Boxford Scout Group	Richard Gates 210432
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Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Shirley Bloomfield 211181
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
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Local History Recorder	Alan Vince 373963
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Sponsored cycle ride	Chris Cornell 370331
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Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman	Daphne Clark 210698
Edwardstone United Charities	Les Clark (Clerk) 210698
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Tom Whymark 211375
Local History Recorder	Daphne Clark 210698
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Ineke Morris 210761
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Edwardstone Parish Council	Vacant

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Groton Parish Council	Vacant
Groton United Charities	Jeremy Osborne 211960
Groton Village Hall Bookings	Joanna Roberts 210619
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Little Waldingfield History Society	Andy Sheppard 247980
Lt Waldingfield Parish Council	Dave Crimmin
Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Sue Sheppard
Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chair)	Charles Miller 249111
Little Waldingfield Charities	Sue Mitchell 247173
Local History Recorder	Sue Sheppard 247980

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Boxford Community Council:	<i>boxfordgardeningociety.one.suffolk.net</i>
Boxford Drama Group:	<i>boxford.suffolk.dbprimary.com/boxfordspinney.freeserve.co.uk</i>
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Boxford Sunflower:	<i>boxfordsunflower.co.uk</i>
Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club:	<i>boxfordroversyfc.co.uk</i>
Boxford Rovers Youth:	<i>boxfordrovers.intheteam.com</i>
Boxford Rovers FC (Men's teams)	<i>www.boxfordrovers.co.uk</i>
Boxford Village Hall:	<i>boxfordvillagehall.co.uk</i>
Fleece Jazz:	<i>dovbear.co.uk/fleece/thehallofdeath.co.uk/Tornado.htm</i>
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Little Waldingfield Parish Council:	<i>littlewaldingfield.onesuffolk.net/</i>
Groton Parish Council	<i>Groton.onesuffolk.net/</i>

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The Boxford White Hart	<i>whitehartboxford.com</i>
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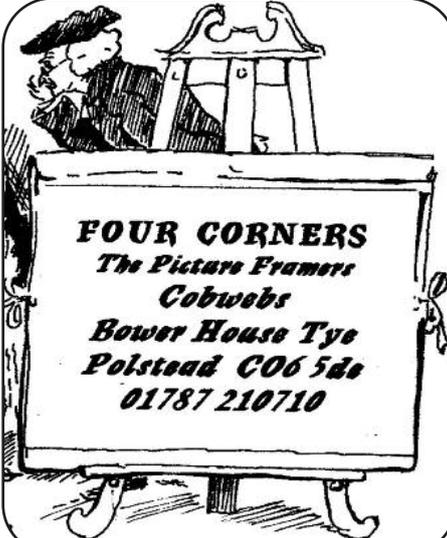
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## BOXFORD ROVERS AWARDS DAY



Boxford Rovers enjoyed another successful awards day with 150 trophies presented to youth players from Minis , under 8 , 9 10 , 11 reds and blues ,12 , 13 and 14 and two girls teams .

Trophies were kindly presented by Joe Dunn the Manager of Cambridge Utd FC who lives in the village and Rebecca Bolton Head of Suffolk FA Female development , both enjoyed the experience and warm welcome of all players, parents and coaches . The Chairman’s award was presented to Richard Anthony of U11 Blues and Clubman of the year to Barney Backhouse the girls team coach . The adult team finished second in the Ipswich Sunday League Premier league and runners up in the Premier League Cup Final losing 2-1 in a close match .

## NEW GOLF SIMULATOR AT STOKE

Play world famous courses on the amazing new Golf Simulator launched at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa

Visitors, hotel guests and members at Stoke by Nayland can now experience playing golf on some of the finest and most exclusive courses in the world – without taking a step! The award-winning East Anglian hotel, golf and spa resort has just launched the exciting new Foresight GC Quad Golf Simulator which recreates virtual world-renowned fairways and greens in exact detail, in incredible 4K resolution, to ensure that the experience is as real as if you were actually there – and in perfect weather conditions!

Golfers would be able to compete with their friends on courses around the world whilst enjoying a snack and drink or two from the adjacent Clubhouse at Stoke by Nayland – brilliant entertainment at any time of the day or evening!

Smart camera technology provides powerful data and visualisation of each shot to help golfers improve their game. The GC Quad produces the most accurate measurements, from club head speed to smash factor, angle of attack, and club path so that you can receive powerful performance analysis and feedback on your game.

Stoke by Nayland Managing Director, Susanna Rendall, said, “We have invested in this state-of-the-art simulator to provide our visitors, hotel guests and members alike with excellent entertainment which is not weather dependant. Players can use it to enhance their golf day or golf break by competing on famous courses. They can also have their clubs fitted here, improve their pitching, chipping and putting skills, try out the



*The new golf simulator at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa digital driving range and even hold longest drive and nearest the pin competitions - the simulator’s gameplay possibilities are endless.”* “From the Emirates Club in Dubai to Quail Hollow Club in North Carolina, to Carnoustie and Wentworth, you can travel all around the world from the comfort of Stoke by Nayland – and everyone is welcome to come and try it out!”

The Golf Simulator suite at Stoke by Nayland Hotel can be hired for £30 an hour for up to four players – just £7.50 per person. For golfers to get the best out of the simulator they are advised to bring their own clubs to practise with. Otherwise clubs can be provided.

For bookings please call the Pro Shop at Stoke by Nayland on 01206 265812 or 265823 between 7am and 8pm, or email [proshop@stokebynayland.com](mailto:proshop@stokebynayland.com). For more information please visit [www.stokebynayland.com/golf-simulator](http://www.stokebynayland.com/golf-simulator)