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“THERE BUT NOT THERE” AND ARMISTICE CENTENARY EVENTS



*Above: Alan Leeder and Evan Flockhart, representing the Boxford Bike Club, who very generously donated the 6ft "Tommy"
Inset: "There But Not There's" 10" Tommy.*

There will be Remembrance Services taking place at 1100 am on Sunday 11th November across the parishes that make up the Box River Benefice. In addition, a special commemoration, timed to coincide with national events, is being planned by the Boxford Community Council. This will take place at 7pm around the “Beacon” in Boxford, which will incorporate a very short “Drumhead Service” including the Beacon lighting and commemoration highlighting local sacrifice, and followed by a social gathering, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918. All are welcome to attend.

The Boxford Bike Club has, most generously, raised the funds to buy the 6ft “Tommy” Silhouette shown in the photograph. Thanks to the continuing generosity of the villagers of the Benefice contributing to the collection organised by Alan Leeder, the purchase of a second “Tommy” is imminent. The silhouette has been produced by the charity Remembered - “There But Not There”. It is also appropriate that the “Tommy” stands beside the Boxford War Memorial, as one of the charity’s aims is to “take the names off the War Memorials and bring them into the public consciousness”, especially in this particularly important year of the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice. These “Tommies” are appearing all over the country, and you will see them, not

only where there is a Roll of Honour, but, in everyday spaces and iconic locations. This also applies internationally, and they can currently be seen in Ottawa, San Francisco, New York and Gibraltar. You will also see them at the forthcoming Invictus Games in Australia. Many will have seen regular articles in the National papers, supporting the charity and also slots on television.

The Charity’s three aims are to Commemorate, Educate and Heal. To Commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes. To Educate all generations, particularly today’s younger generation, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel; to date, the education programme has gone out to 24,000 schools and includes lesson plans, videos and presentations. To Heal those of today’s Armed Forces Community who are living with the physical and psychological wounds from conflicts in the service of their country. “There But Not There”, in partnership with the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund is also managing a large grant which enables those economically deprived communities to take part in the Commemorations.

Funds raised from the sale of the 6ft “Tommies” and the 10” “Tommy” will contribute directly to the work carried out by “There But Not There’s” beneficiary charities named below*. The 10” “Tommy”, and its commemorative packaging is made, appropriately, by ex-Service Veterans employed by the Royal British Legion Industries. The website, shows photographs of the Tommies in iconic locations, silhouettes sitting in church pews, films, details of the Tommies and background to the charity, and is at www.therebutnotthere.co.uk.

11th November 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the First World War. 100 years ago there would have been celebration and mourning in our local villages. Young and old alike are invited to make a point of commemorating this historic anniversary.

The beneficiary charities: The Royal Foundation, The Commonwealth War Graves Foundation, Combat Stress, Walking With The Wounded, Help for Heroes, The Invictus Games Foundation and Project Equinox (housing project for homeless Veterans).

Boxford FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday 23rd September
At The BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS
See Inside for Details

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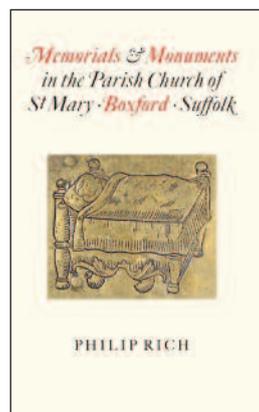
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A NEW BOOK ABOUT BOXFORD CHURCH

Memorials & Monuments

in the Parish Church of St Mary, Boxford, Suffolk

by Philip Rich



There are more than 90 memorials or monuments in St Mary's Church, Boxford, which commemorate about 190 people over a period of 800 years, including rectors, parishioners and those killed in the world wars. Many of us are familiar with Elizabeth Hyam, who outlived four husbands before being 'at last hastened to her end in her 113th year', and David Bird, baby son of a 17th-century rector, depicted in his bed on his memorial brass. However, there are so many more, including extended families whose relationships might not be immediately obvious, commemorated in ways characteristic of their period.

Several years ago the late Philip Rich carefully surveyed and transcribed these memorials but it is only now that his text is to be published: edited and with additions by Peter Newble. There are 28 pictures, detailed plans showing the location of each item, trees showing the relationships between family members and a biographical index which draws together information from the memorials and other sources to paint a fuller picture of many of those commemorated, including the 45 war dead listed. To put the memorials in their historical context the book opens with a chronology of the church from earliest records through to modern times, probably the most comprehensive single history of St Mary's Church, not just the building but the changes over the centuries to the interior and the way it was used. This fascinating book will be of interest to anyone who knows the church building or wants to find out more about it and the people commemorated inside.

It will be available in October from Boxford Post Office, costing £12, with all profits going to the church. For advance orders or for more information please contact Christopher Kingsbury (e-mail ChrisKingsC@aol.com or telephone 01787 211236).

SPOOKY PUMPKINS



Looking for something fun, local and different to do in October half term week? How about picking your own pumpkin out of the field on the farm just outside Boxford? Siam Hall Spooky Pumpkins is here to let you do just that.

New for 2018, the pumpkins have survived the floods in the spring, the heatwave in the summer and the field is now full of colour with all the different shapes and sizes ready for you to come and pick in October half term.

Entry is free and pumpkins will be priced by their size. The pumpkin patch will be open 9 - 4 every day from 20th October to 28th October. There is a wheelbarrow waiting to be filled with pumpkins which you can then take back to the barn and carve them before you take them home. There will be a picnic area so you can bring your snacks and lunch with you and light refreshments will be available to buy.

We have had great fun growing the pumpkins so we hope you will come and have great fun picking them and taking them home ready for Halloween!

Please like our Facebook page Siam Hall Spooky Pumpkins @siamhallpumpkin to see pictures of our story and to find out more or call Abbi on 07951652674.

Will and Abbi

George Double drums

Joanna Eden presents a 'labour of love' show celebrating the music of her vocal hero Ella Fitzgerald. From the throw-away A Tisket A Tasket which brought Ella to fame in the forties with the Chick Webb Orchestra to later songbook album classics like Porter's Every Time We Say Goodbye and Gershwin's Someone to Watch Over Me, Eden mines the rich seam of Ella Fitzgerald's unrivalled canon with humility, style and obvious deep affection. Joanna launched Embraceable Ella to much acclaim at the London Jazz Festival 2016 and will be touring this heart-warming collection of songs and anecdotes around jazz clubs and live music venues all over the UK and Europe with her world class band the Chris Ingham Trio.

Friday 19 October 8 £15.00

Frank Harrison + Brigitte Beraha: The Way Home

Frank Harrison piano, Brigitte Beraha vocals
Frank Harrison, is one of his generations leading jazz pianist. He first performed aged 15. Frank first bought his quartet here in 1998, and has often appeared here with his own groups, Gilad Atzmon's Orient House Ensemble, or with Julian Argüelles. Berkley scholarship winner.

Brigitte Beraha is one of the most versatile and exciting vocalists to emerge on the UK jazz scene. Brigitte appeared at the Fleece in 2012 with Chris Allard and was here in April with John Turville's Solstice. Brigitte has sung with leading musicians from Peter King to Gwilym Simcock, and is associated with London's Loop collective. She leads workshops in US and across Europe. Frank and Brigitte have been performing together for about 5 years. They will include work from the album "The Way Home", released this year. Recorded in 2016. "Beraha's voice and Harrison's right hand at the piano seamlessly kept a melodic line going".

To buy tickets for any gig, obtain further information or add your name to the mailing list please telephone the BOX OFFICE:

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

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 5 October 8 £18.00

Paul Booth Quartet

Paul has firmly established himself as an in-demand solo artist, as well as a 'first call' sideman for many big names in both the jazz and popular music worlds. His technical skills are outstanding and is a long standing master of his chosen instrument. His performing style goes far with a deep understanding of the roots of Jazz. Paul Booth saxophone, Steve Hamilton piano, Dave Whitford bass, Andrew Bain drums. Paul Booth is one of the most in demand saxophonists on the international scene today. He first played tenor saxophone in public at age 11. Still in his teens he was playing with Jazz luminaries such as Spike Robinson. He then studied at the Royal Academy of Music going on to win the award for Most Promising Jazz Player Of The Year Under 21. Since then he has played with many other top Jazz musicians as well as his own groups. Steve Hamilton studied at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He then moved to London where he became the most in-demand pianist across the genres performing with legends such as Freddie Hubbard and Gary Burton. Dave Whitford started playing the bass guitar aged 13. Soon after he held the bass chair in the Cornwall Youth Jazz Orchestra and found himself working in many musical settings and working with many well known Jazz musicians and playing at all the important venues and festivals.

Friday 12 October 8.00 £18

Joanna Eden Quartet: Embraceable Ella

"The UK's answer to Diana Krall and Norah Jones" - Time Out
"Eden's songs have melody, mystery and bite" - Mojo Magazine
Joanna Eden vocals, Chris Ingham piano, Joe Petitt bass,

GOODLANDS FARM, BOXFORD.



The Goodlands site was visited by the Inspector, Simon Warder, on Friday 24 August 2018, as part of the 4-day inquiry into the appeal by Landex Ltd against the refusal by Babergh DC's planning committee (by a majority of 7:6) in November 2017 of planning permission for an additional 24 houses on the former Goodlands Farm, Boxford.

A major issue in the inquiry was the predicted impact that the proposed development would have on traffic conditions in Swan Street. The above photo shows a tanker that (fortuitously) drove down the narrowest part of Swan Street as the inspector was walking down the road. (The inspector is the one holding the clipboard!)

The two other main issues seem to be (i) the need for the development, given that Babergh can now — albeit belatedly — demonstrate that there is a five-year supply of land for housing in the district, and (ii) the relevance of Babergh's development plan policy HS21, which (Babergh and Boxford PC argue) remains relevant and restricts the development on Goodlands Farm to the 20 houses already built.

Mr Warder appears to issue his decisions within about 4-6 weeks of the end of an inquiry, so we might reasonably expect his decision on Goodlands 2 around the end of September.

THE SARACEN'S HEAD

An article written by Rev A.G. Ensor about 1961

Thomas son of Alexander Radford was baptised in Newton Church in 1577. Alexander died in 1608 aged 80 and a mortuary was paid on his goods so he must have been of substantial standing in the village.

By his Will he left a rent charge on the Saracen's Head for the repair of the church. In the Will, the Head is described as 'a message and seven acres of land.' The house itself was smaller than at present but had plenty of out buildings. In one of these perhaps was born the child who was baptised on 1st April 1623 and was described as the illegitimate child of a vagrant woman and a soldier Richard Tyrell.

As the house was called The Saracen's Head in 1608 it had probably been so called for a very long time. One would like to find a connection between Robert de Bures of the Manor of Acton. Perhaps he gave the name to the hostelry on his return from the Crusades, but we have no proof of this.

A rent charge on the Saracen's Head was paid to the church until the middle of the 18th Century. This amounted to 4 Nobles (£1-6-8d). In the 18th Century the payment appears to have been commuted after some kind of dispute which is recorded in the back of the church register.

The Innkeeper in 674 was Richard Hussey; he paid hearth tax on 5 hearths which would probably include those in the out buildings for brewing, baking, etc. He also subscribed 6d towards the relief of the French Protestants in Sudbury in 1686. These were Huguenot refugees many of whom left France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The village of Newton collected over £2 for their assistance. This is the first house to house collection in our records.

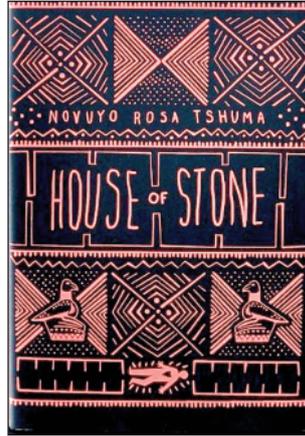
The Saracen's Head was always important. The Court Fleet met there until 1721 to elect the Constable, ale testers, and pound keepers. The blacksmith was often Constable and pound keeper. The pound was the little walled garden near the Saracen's Head, now partly demolished. The pound often stood on common land near a water supply. In it stray animals were impounded or even flocks and herds kept for the night while the drovers lodged at the Head. There may have been a village lock up for drunks, but there is no trace of one.

The stone at the corner of the house may have been the 3 mile stone out of Sudbury, but more likely just a stone used for mounting horses.

The Saracen's Head was built up to the limit of its freehold. The original building may have had a gable end facing the road. Its windows are now inside.

The Saracen's Head was a free house until the retirement of Miss F.Glass, the last of a long line of the Glass family who had kept the Head in Newton

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, OCTOBER 2018



Bukhosi went missing in 2007, during a secessionist rally in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The protesters want to form a majority Ndebele republic, which they will call Mthwakazi, after a precolonial kingdom. Their revolt is fuelled by the massacre of the Ndebeles by Robert Mugabe's government in 1983. This massacre, dubbed Gukurahundi — "the early rain that washes away the chaff before the spring shoots" — is Zimbabwe's original sin, and here forms the central and recurring concern of the novel. Zamani was conceived, violently, symbolically, on the night of the Gukurahundi massacres. Tshuma exhumes her country's history, starting with the arrival of Cecil Rhodes, through the vanquishing of Ndebele royals King Lobengula and Queen Lozikeyi, and on to the Ian Smith years as prime minister and the war of independence, and finally to independence and beyond. On the eve of independence on 17 April 1980, we see Bob Marley performing in front of the new black leaders, and police whipping and tear-gassing the masses, a foreshadowing of dark days to come: "The police, overcome by fear, slipped into animated violence like a second skin; they began thwacking the people with their batons, and the people wailed, so that their independence brimmed over into the night in a collective howl."

Tshuma balances this broad retelling of history with the personal narratives of Zamani and his hosts, Abednego and Mama Agnes, through an almost dizzying ability to shift focus from character to character. Zamani uses whisky and drugs to seduce his "surrogate father", who is a recovering alcoholic, into recounting his personal history — or "hi-story" as Zamani likes to call it, alluding to the fragmented and troubled past of his country.

House of Stone is not a book for the faint-hearted. There are rapes and the cutting open of pregnant stomachs; a barn full of screaming women and children set aflame. There are no heroes here, only people forced by circumstances to perform the most unspeakable acts to survive. And yet, not all the characters are villains: there is the beautiful Thandi, who dreams of becoming the mother of the revolution — Zimbabwe's Angela Davis — but ends up settling for the unimpressive Abednego and is later killed by agents of the new independent Zimbabwe. This is how nations are built, Tshuma seems to be telling us: nothing is ever what it appears to be. The past is filled with pain and shame. Abednego's father, we learn, is not really his father. When Abednego becomes uncooperative and uncontrollable, even with the promise of more whisky and drugs, Zamani turns his focus on to Mama Agnes, who is not the pious woman she appears. She is deep in an adulterous relationship that goes back to her teenage years.

Sometimes the book is too dizzying: as soon as we have accepted one revelation we are blindsided by another; and yet we keep suspending disbelief, for by now we are complicit with the author in this playful, tongue-in-cheek yet serious game of recreating "hi-story". We wait to see how far the two-faced narrator will go to ingratiate himself with his hosts, even as he hints at the real reasons behind his scheming. There seems to be method in his madness after all.

for over 100 years. The Head was first owned by the Tollemache Brewery Co and later by Cobbolds, after it ceased to be a free house in the 1950's. Considerable alterations were made. The old sanitation was removed to make the car park.

There used to be a large old poplar tree in front of the Saracen's Head; it fell rather suddenly, and the house trembled.

A.G.Ensor (c 1961)

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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ Suffolk students celebrate improved GCSE achievements

Self-reported statistics from Suffolk schools, released on 23 August, show that more students in Suffolk have achieved expected levels of GCSE attainment in English and maths this year. The majority of GCSEs results are now graded from 9 to 1, (previously A to G) with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The expected standard for pupils to achieve is now a grade 4 and above (previously a C grade and above), with grade 5 considered a 'strong pass'.

More than 7,000 students in Suffolk were entered for GCSE results. According to self-reported results collated from around 80% of schools in Suffolk, 67% of students achieved a grade 4 and above in English and maths this year. The figures state 2% more students have achieved the expected standard for English and maths, compared with last year.

Some schools across the county have made significant improvements for pupils achieving the threshold for English and Maths compared to last year. These include:-

- Bungay High School: 11% increase to 67%
- Claydon High School: 10% increase to 72%
- Samuel Ward Academy, Haverhill: 12% increase to 64%
- Thomas Gainsborough School, Great Conard: 9% increase to 70%
- King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds: 8% increase to 76%
- Debenham High School has again reported the highest number of students achieving a grade 4 and above in English and maths at 88%.

NB All these figures are based on self-reported data from schools and academies to Suffolk County Council. These results are subject to validation by the Department for Education later in the year.

➤ Another year of outstanding results for Suffolk students at A Level

Self-reported A-level figures, released on 16th August, show that Suffolk pupils have once again performed well with the number of A*-E grades awarded above the national average. Almost 3,000 pupils were entered for A-levels in Suffolk. Although yet to be verified, the figures show that 98.1% of A-levels taken in the county have been awarded an A*- E grade, compared with 97.6% nationally.

Suffolk maintains the position, and continues to be above the national average. Early indications also show that Suffolk's Academic average points per entry has risen by 0.2 compared with this time last year.

Pass rates remain high across the county, with St Benedict's Catholic School in Bury St Edmunds and Sir John Leman High School in Beccles both reporting a 100% pass rate (A*- E grade achieved).

There has been a 3% increase in Suffolk students achieving the top grades of A* or A. Farlingaye High School in Woodbridge made a significant gain with 36% of its students achieving the top grades.

NB A level and Applied General figures are based on self-reported data from schools and academies to Suffolk County Council. The results are subject to validation by the Department for Education in the New Year.

➤ Support now available for young people in Suffolk leaving residential care

Thursday 9th August saw the launch of the 'Staying Close' pilot scheme. Young people leaving residential care in Suffolk will now be able to stay closer to their children's home under this new government trial.

The scheme will ensure young people from the age of 15 start thinking about their future and planning for independent living with the assistance and support of residential care workers and those they have established relationships with.

Often this detailed planning doesn't happen until a young person is close to the time they need to move on from the home, which sometimes leads to unnecessary distress and anxiety about the future. Resources are now focused on early intervention of move-on support to reduce this anxiety. The pilot also offers young people the opportunity of keeping in touch with residential care workers and their children's home for emotional and practical support.

Funding for the three-year pilot scheme was awarded by the Department for Education following a highly competitive national bidding process. Suffolk County Council invited The Ryes Children's Home in Sudbury to join them in piloting the scheme to test how this move on care can be achieved for children who want to remain living close to their home.

For more details <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/children-in-care-and-care-leavers/early-intervention-and-prevention-for-children-living-in-children-homes/>. For further specific information contact the "The Staying Close Team" – Email stayingclose@suffolk.gov.uk or Mobile 07894231586.

Suffolk's tourist trade booming as economy hits £2bn mark

Suffolk's tourism trade has seen its biggest boom for a decade – with the visitor economy reaching the £2 billion mark for the first time. Interim figures released on 8 August by Visit Suffolk show that tourism grew by at least five per cent in 2017, more than double the year before.

FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

I hope everyone has enjoyed some sort of summer break and some holiday time. Its very much back to business as usual at the Council

With a series of meetings coming up re Planning, Housing, Local Plan, Engagement and Investment. We are also trying to get work to a point of completion before purdah comes down upon us in the new year ready for the May 2nd elections. As said in last month's report Boxford Vale ward has now been expanded to include the villages of Monks Eleigh and Brent Eleigh along with Edwardstone Groton and Milden. Once again can I make an appeal for everyone to make sure that they are on the electoral role for voting, this applies to anyone voting for the first time (18 yrs old before May 2nd 2019) or if you have changed address and are new to the villages. I will be standing once again to be your local representative and will be a strong voice as ever to see that your concerns are taken up and dealt with and that services are delivered to you from the council. I will be standing again as a Lib Dem councillor because that is what I am comfortable with as a very reasonable centre-ground politician who passionately believes that the voice of the people coming from bottom to top is more important than being dictated from top to bottom without much consultation or reason. I passionately believe that every young person should have a good education and a house they can afford to live in when they are of age and that we should care for those who are old, infirm or disadvantaged and that everyone should be shown dignity and compassion and respect. Lets hope this can be reflected nationally as well because the present tide of divisiveness will leave us all the poorer and a laughing stock in the eyes of other nations. We should try to be Great Britain not little England. We need good National leaders not political leaders who just represent narrow views and leave the majority all the poorer and totally disengaged. Rant over and I will concentrate on more local matters next month. Bryn.

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Boxford Village Hall

Management Committee

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm

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Overnight visits and lengths of stay for tourists were also up by more than 4 per cent. Figures show visitors now spend more money on each trip to the county than ever before, with the value of the day market up more than seven per cent.

The number of jobs in the county's tourism sector rose by 6 per cent to 42,428. This means 13.6 % of all employment in Suffolk is in the tourism sector.

Amanda Bond, Visit Suffolk's brand manager, said these results would not have been achieved without the continued backing for the county-wide offer from all the district authorities, Suffolk County Council, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and the Local Destination Marketing/Management Organisations (DMOs).

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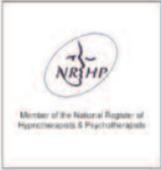
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for August 2018

The group's First Responders covered 198hrs and had 8 call outs.

Boxford Footpaths

Please permit me to explain the current situation regarding rights of way maintenance in Boxford parish.

I was until very recently voluntary Footpath Warden, which means I tried to deal with issues concerning Public Rights of Way in the parish, (but not pavements along highways). Neither of these is the responsibility of our Parish Council, but by agreement they have always passed any reported maintenance issues with rights of way to me. Age means that I can no longer deal with any of these problems directly and must always go to Suffolk County Council, the responsible body, for help. Local Authorities have been starved of resources by Government this last few years and must make difficult choices between caring adequately for the old and sick and maintaining rights of way. This means that footpath cutting and maintenance has inevitably suffered, as have many of our public facilities nationally.

For these reasons I have given up my voluntary role as Footpath Warden. Any future issues I suggest your readers report directly to Suffolk County Council, the responsible authority for Rights of Way, via their website as follows:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue/>
and pavements via:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/resurfacing-roads-and-pavements/pavement-resurfacing/report-a-pavement-defect/>

Finally, let us celebrate and enjoy the good network of footpaths we have in this parish by walking them regularly, which will help to keep them accessible and us fit!

Roger Loose

Edwardstone Millennium Green

We need volunteers to come along and help our efforts to look after the Green. We will be having a morning work party the first Saturday of every month, at 9.30am and we need you to come along and help. Tasks will involve tidying, picking up litter, cutting back hedges and looking after the benches and play area - whatever you feel that you can do, and whatever time you can spare!

Please come along and help us look after this valued local space.

Please contact Claire Mortimer on 210051 if you have any questions.

BOXFORD WI – SEPTEMBER 2018 REVIEW

Our Speaker Susie Weston has been keeping bees for 4 years. She now has 3 hives containing 60,000 Bees in each. In Spring the bees come out to start foraging and in the Summer the colonies are bigger and Susie can start taking off the honey. The Summer bees (Workers) live for around 6 weeks, the Winter bees who are more inactive for around 6 months and the Queen for 2/3 years. Bees need to be protected from predators such as Woodpeckers and mice as well as wasps who try to get into the hives to take the honey. Honey makes an excellent substitute for sugar in cakes and biscuits; it is also used in soaps, balms and polish. It was a fascinating talk enjoyed by all of us.

Hadleigh Boxford Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG's 'Healthy Hadleigh' pop-ups got off to a flying start on Monday, 10th September when we set up our preview event at Morrisons. Through our Annual Patient Survey we collect the views of patients' needs and priorities and feedback on patients' experiences and, on the day, 71 patients completed the survey. PPG members were also able to discuss and promote important developments in health care including Sharing Health Record. 44 patients signed consents to share their health records with other health professionals within the NHS.

Our 'Healthy Hadleigh' Week from 17th to 21st September popped up at the Health Centre, Hadleigh Pool and Leisure, Boxford Surgery, the Cop and Hadleigh Market. The response to our Patient Survey and Sharing Health Records campaign was equally encouraging and numbers are currently being compiled for publication at a later date.

If you took the opportunity to attend one of the pop-ups, please let us have your comments on the effectiveness and contribute your ideas for future events. You may even have been encouraged to get involved and join the PPG.

For any further information about the PPG, visit our website www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/ppg.aspx or contact: Penny Cook, PPG Chair, hadleighboxfordPPG@gmail.com or Tracey Squirrell, Practice Manager, tracey.squirrell@nhs.net, 01473 820127.

Boxford Charity Christmas Cards 2018

Available at the Boxford Post Office.

The profit from this year's Christmas card will be donated to Boxford CEVC Primary School who have many onward projects that need to be funded.

The price for ten cards and envelopes will be £4.50 per pack, great value. Queen Bee Designs Ltd.



Rotary Club of Hadleigh

Diary – September 2018

This month is an important time for The Rotary Club of Hadleigh as we will be returning home, to a place that was our meeting point many years ago. From September 2018 our venue will be The George in the High Street and we are looking forward to making it our regular meeting place once again.

Coffee morning on the 4th September was held at Paddy and Scott's, a great meeting place where everyone gathers for good coffee, great cakes and lots of chatting and laughter.

The first meeting in September was on Tuesday 11th, and it is when we start making plans for the months ahead. The food at The George was exceedingly good, everyone enjoyed their meal. There will be speakers attending each month, we have already reserved a variety of interesting people to give inspiring talks. Recruitment is also a big factor for our future, we need new members and we welcome anyone interested in making new friends and finding ways of service, both locally and globally.

To discuss joining The Rotary Club of Hadleigh just contact our club, details below.

Sunday September 16th is Hadleigh's 5th Community Wide Yard Sale. Here we operate a stall of our own raising funds for Rotary in The Hadleigh Pool and Leisure Centre. Rotarians manage the stall between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm.

27th September is our second meeting of the month when we are expecting PCSO Julia Bignell from Hadleigh Police Station as our guest speaker. A full report on this meeting will be included in next month's diary.

The Rotary Club of Hadleigh meets twice a month at lunchtimes in Hadleigh and if you would like the opportunity to serve your local community and enjoy good company you would be most welcome to attend a meeting to find out what we do. For more information please contact Linda Humphries on 07905061399.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and nurture the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. To give genuine service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.

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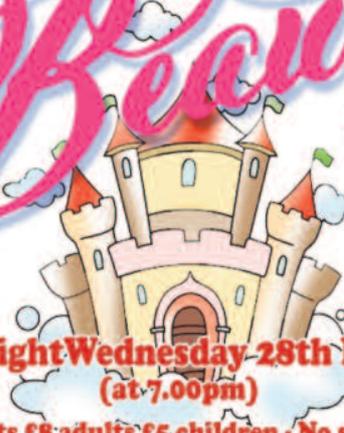
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Boxford Drama Group present

Sleeping Beauty



Family Night Wednesday 28th November
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Thursday 29th to Saturday 1st
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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 Houylrnhms	

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.

Stoke by Nayland Bridge Club

Are you and your partner looking for an afternoon game of Bridge? We play Duplicate Bridge every Thursday in a comfortable and friendly atmosphere at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall. If you are already Bridge players, you would be most welcome to join us. Previous experience of Duplicate is not necessary, but you and your partner will soon discover that this is the most enjoyable way to play. It provides a proper competition where everyone plays the same hands and this enables you to improve your play. We meet by 1.45 for a prompt 1.50 start with a short break for tea and always finish by 5.0 pm. Why not give us a try? There is no joining fee. Please contact Roger Loose on 01787-210538 for further details.

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Registered Charity Number: 207861 The Trustees of Boxford and Groton United Charities invite applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from organisations serving the above area are also invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ. Closing date for applications 20th November.

BOXFORD WI

OUR AFTERNOON MEETINGS ARE AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2.00 pm

October 3rd - Riding for the Disabled

November 7th - so you thought you knew about Tea!

OUR EVENING MEETINGS ARE AT THE SPORTS PAVILLION ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8.00 pm

October 18th - making canapés

November 15th - making Christmas decorations

Big Band returns to Sudbury for "Upbeat" Charity Night

Following the success of last year's sparkle dance, the big band "Swing Machine" from Ipswich will be returning to the Delphi Centre on Saturday 29th December. The dance is a Masquerade black tie evening with music stretching from the 1920's through to the 1960's. A special 1940's section with most of the Glen Miller favourites will be included. The band comprising of 17 musicians including a female and male vocalist proved a big hit last December. A chance to support "Upbeat" a great local charity for supporting patients who have had major heart surgery and at the same time have a wonderful evening of music and dance. "Mayfair Music" will be playing during the band breaks. The Delphi Centre has a licenced bar with credit card facilities, you can bring your own nibbles. Due to licencing laws all drinks must be purchased from the centre.

Doors open 7:00pm for meet and greet, dress to impress if you wish in the decade of your choice.

Tickets are £16.50 each for this brilliant evening of music and dance.

Tickets sold out early for last year's big band night so to avoid disappointment buy your tickets now from the Tourist office in Sudbury library or contact dancewithussuffolk@outlook.com or ring 0790993799

SESAW CHRISTMAS FAIR

10-3pm, Sunday 18th November, The Old School, Long Melford, Seasonal gifts and decorations, crafts, jewellery, glass, games and lots more. Big raffle and tombola. Snacks, refreshments, free parking. 50p adult entry. All proceeds to Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg.Charity No.1124029. Tables available, phone 01206 263269 to book

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 4.30-6.30pm
Meeting in Groton Village Hall, CO10 5EL
Starting on Monday 8th October 2018.

Tutor: Hugh Black-Hawkins

THE SLEEP OF REASON BRINGS FORTH MONSTERS

We shall be considering five works of literature in the light of this intriguing quotation.



'Aviation's Glory Days'

A Series of 7 Lectures of 2 hours each by Ian McLachlan

from Thursday 27th September 2018,
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Please note revised time

This course is about 1930s aviation - Glory Days & Golden Girls - romance & drama when pioneers risked their lives exploring air routes and developing technologies for safer air travel. It includes the lives and achievements of famous 1930s aviation personalities - Amelia Earhart; Amy Johnson; Beryl Markham etc plus male contemporaries - Jim Mollison; Francis Chichester; Charles Kingsford Smith etc. Technological achievements are explored - pressurisation - the advent of "modern" airliners and the role and fashions for air stewards. We look at the heyday of airships and the tragedies enveloping that technology as war clouds hastened aeronautical development as well as looking at human interest accounts and personal stories reflecting the challenges and excitement of that bygone era.



Ian McLachlan was born in Scotland and grew up in East Anglia with its rich aviation heritage. He's an aviation author, historian and the resident historian for the successful TV programme *Plane Resurrection* - series 1 has screened in numerous countries with series 2 launching this year and he's already working on series 3. He has tutored for the WEA since retiring from the day job. His theme is aspects of aviation but emphasizing the human interest approach.

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

Try the first session (free)

For further information please contact

Sue Whiteley

Phone: 01787 210545

or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

Future Event - Spring Course

Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7.30 pm

The Jazz Century - Cakewalk to Culture*

with Graham Platts

Wot's On

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

REGULAR EVENTS

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

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

Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Anne on 312346)

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

Kick Off Christmas at Little Waldingfield

To begin the Christmas festivities there will be a village get-together in the Parish Room on December 1st. All are invited to come along - Ho Ho Ho. With the room suitably decorated, get into the Christmas spirit with a glass of mulled wine or soft drink, mince pies and nibbles for just £2.50 and children under 10 free. There will also be a best Christmas jumper competition and cake decorating for younger children. With a bar selling mulled wine, red/white wine and soft drinks, the party is sure to be a success, so make a note in your diary.

Saturday 1st December from 3.00 pm until 7.00 pm

Donations of festive nibbles would also be most welcome.

Entry by ticket only purchased in advance from Sue Sheppard

The School House, Church Road, Little Waldingfield

Sheppard.susanm@gmail.com 01787 247980

LWHS

Programme of Events - 2018 / 2019

17th October Ashley Cooper

Harvest Home

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

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

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2018

Please come along to our Cake Stall at Mary's house on Saturday 6th October from 9.00am. We will have cakes, savouries, jam and marmalade for sale also secondhand jigsaws and books. Stay and enjoy a coffee and biscuits with us too.

On Monday 15th October we will be at Mary's house again to wrap the shoeboxes and on Monday 29th October to fill them. Please come and join us - you will be very welcome. Any donations of toys, games, pens and pencils, toiletries etc. will be helpful. They can be left at Mary's house on the day or beforehand.

The leaflets will be available soon with all the details if you would prefer to fill your own boxes. Could we have all the knitting by the end of October please? We would welcome anyone who would like to help us. If you are interested please phone Ann Porter on 210581, Shirley Watling on 210024 or Jennie Lindsley on 210520.

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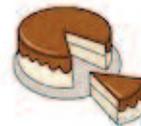
2018 PROGRAMME FOR POLSTEAD WI

October 9th

Town Pastors

November 13th

Hair Care



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13th October 2018

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Parish Room

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Wot's On

Stowmarket Choral

Stowmarket Choral enter the new 'school' year with a new Music Director, Tom Appleton. We look forward to singing under his direction. Our first performance will be the Messiah on Saturday 3rd November. Our forthcoming events are as follows:

Saturday 27th October - Quiz Night, Combs Village Hall. Derek Roberts to be quizmaster. £15 for teams of 6 to include supper.

Saturday 3rd November, 7.30pm - Messiah (G F Handel) performed at St Peter and St Mary Church, Stowmarket, IP14 1ES. Tickets £15, children under 16 free, available from www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk, 01359 240676 or on the door. We would welcome guest singers to join us for the Autumn Term at our weekly rehearsals to sing this marvellous work. Further details available from Mary at secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk.

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Coffee Morning

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Boxford Drama Group

Boxford Drama Group are delighted to announce that the proceeds from the raffle at our last production:- An Englishman's Home is his Hassle, plus a donation bucket at the back of the hall raised a magnificent £600, for the NSPCC (who in turn were extremely grateful). Thank you to everyone who supported us. *Elaine Horne*

BOXFORD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2018

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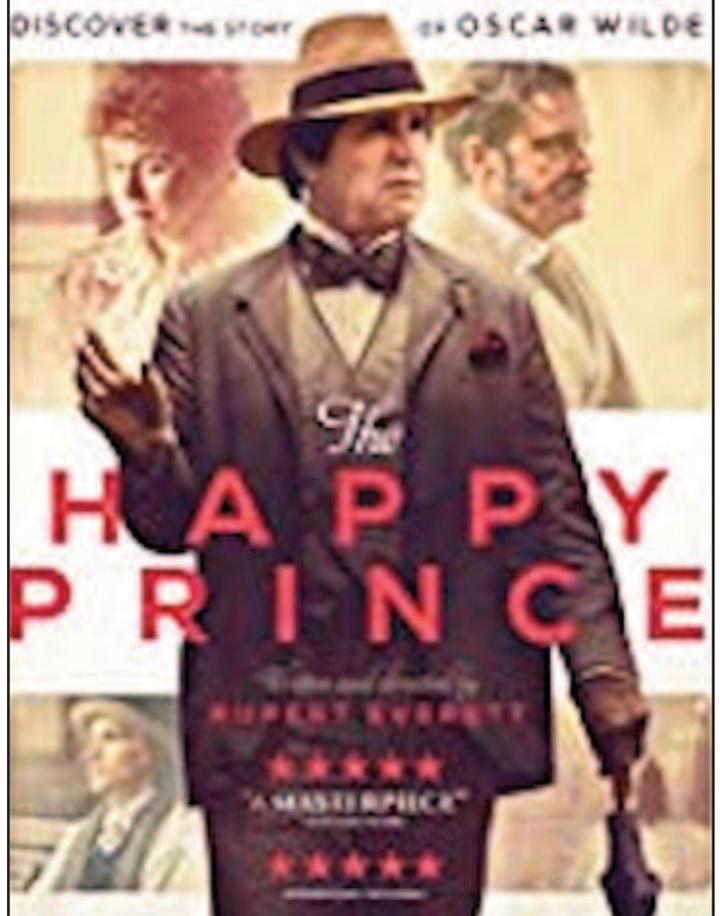
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'Who Killed the Hotel Manager?' was set in the present at the Primrose Glade Hotel (2 stars) in the fictional town of 'Bilge on Sea'. Rex's property's a pleasant enough place but attracts only a few customers... so how come he and his wife can spend so recklessly? As the action unfolds, it soon becomes apparent that Rex is hiding something, something that's important enough for someone to want him to 'check out' on a more permanent basis. The Hotel manager's past was about to catch up with him, but who would want Rex dead? Could it be...?

Delphinium, his overly glamorous wife? *Alison Barlow*
Cherry Blossom, the willing, but clumsy, maid? *Emily Barlow*
Toby Jugg, the earthy, plain speaking cook? *Josef Thompson*
Susan Perslouth, a curt, secretive guest at the hotel? *Angela Tolputt*
Charles Cusspet, the reclusive second guest? *James Tolputt*
Or... Sid Whittle (aka Randy VanDriver), the lead singer with guest rock band 'Cherokee'? Sam Tolputt

Detective inspector Currie was tasked to unravel a challenging and unsettling murder-mystery... as were the audience!!



AHC Hair Design

Charlie Crisell from AHC Hair Design in Boxford returned to work in September following the birth of her 3rd son, Reggie in April.

The Salon was left in the safe hands of friend and colleague Jemma Edsar who will continue to work alongside Charlie and together will be offering a full range of services for ladies, men and children, with appointments now available Monday to Saturday.

To celebrate Charlie's return to work and to mark the salon's 2 year anniversary in the village, the salon has also undergone it's own revamp, and looks better than ever.

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Forthcoming Events Diary

September

23 Boxford Fun Dog Show	Boxford Playing Fields		1 for 2pm
29 Harvest Supper	St Bartholomew's, Groton	Village Hall	7.30pm

October

2 Camassia Calling	Boxford Gardening Society	BVH	7.30pm
3 Riding for the disabled	Boxford WI	BVH	2.00pm
6 Grand Cake Sale	Shoobox Appeal	Mary's House	9.00am
8 Boxford Study Centre	See Wot's On for full details		
11 Boxford Village Hall AGM	Mangement Committee	Village Hall	7.30pm
13 Coffee Morning	Little Waldingfield PCC	Parish Room	10am
17 Harvest Home	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
18 Making Canapés	Boxford WI	The Pavillion	8.00pm
24 Coffee Morning	Hope For Tomorrow Charity	The Parish Rooms, Ltl Waldinfield	10.30pm
27 Boxford Fireworks	Boxford Community Council	Playing Fields	6.30 for 7.45pm

November

7 So you thought you knew about tea	Boxford WI	BVH	2.00pm
11 National Beacon Lighting Scheme		The Beacon	7.pm
15 Making Christmas Decorations	Boxford WI	The Pavillion	8.00pm
21 History of Silk	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
24 Grand Cake Sale	In aid of Orphanage in Uganda	Mary's House	9.00am
28 to 1st Dec. Sleeping Beauty	Boxford Drama Group	BVH	7.30pm

December

1 Christmas get together	Little Waldingfield	Parish Room	3.00pm to 7.00
8 Cheese and wine party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
12 Bonfires and Bells	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
15/16 Christmas Carols in Flowers	Little Waldingfield PCC	St Lawrence's Church	10 - 4pm
First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford			7.30pm

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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.

"You crown the year with your bounty and your carts overflow with abundance." [Psalm 65, verse 11.]



I'm writing this in mid-September (somewhat at the last minute - to catch Eddie's deadline!), just before the first of the harvest festival services to be held in the five churches across our benefice. At these services we shall sing the traditional harvest hymns, and, as thankful people, "raise the song of harvest-home." Living in this part of rural Suffolk, surrounded in the last few weeks by fields dotted with bales of straw (square and round, but not of hay, contrary to the captions to some newspaper photographs!) I've been reminded, not only of the work of our farmers

to bring us our food, but also of God's promise that "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." (Genesis 8 v. 22).

Certainly, this year, we've experienced both cold and heat, with snow in March and a prolonged heatwave only three months later. Understandably, arable farmers were concerned that yields would be low with the lack of rain, but in the past six weeks we've had not only the "warmth to swell the grain" but, also, the "soft, refreshing rain." Brown lawns have rapidly turned green again and, with the rain coming at just the right time, we're being told that this will be a good year for fruit. We have a bumper crop of damsons in the hedgerow alongside our garden and the boughs of our young bramley apple tree are bending under the weight of the fruit. While we don't (yet) have the mists, this autumn is (to quote John Keats) a "season of mellow fruitfulness."

But, as we know, not everyone will benefit from this bounty. In church each week we pray in the Lord's prayer, "Give us today our daily bread," but many in our society rely on foodbanks to provide their daily needs. James, in his letter, writes, "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Locally, for the last 11 years the Storehouse Foodbank, run by the Stour Valley Vineyard Church in Sudbury has provided emergency food for families and individuals in crisis. As their website says, they see it as a central part of who they are as a local church, believing that they are there to serve the community. Food comes from donation stations in shops such as Waitrose and the various Co-op stores. As we give thanks to God for the harvest, perhaps we might consider having a collection point in Boxford.

In our diocese, we seek through the 'Growing in God' vision to witness to God's love in Suffolk. Can we make this diocesan prayer our benefice prayer: "O Lord, giver of life and growth, grow in us a longing for you, that we might deepen our faith; grow in us a compassion for your world, that we might serve our neighbours; grow in us a vision for your kingdom, that we might proclaim your love. By the power of your Spirit, and in Jesus' name. Amen."

David Lamming



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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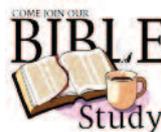
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The next **Cafe Church Service** is on **Sunday 7th October at 11.00 in St.Mary's Boxford**. All are welcome to this informal service with good coffee, pastries & children's craft activities



All are welcome to the **Harvest Festival Service** at St.Mary's Boxford at **11.00 am on Sunday 14th October**. Please do bring food items which we can give to a local food bank- eg tinned food, breakfast cereals, dried pasta etc – all within date please!



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



Boxford Calendar 2019-We are hoping to produce a calendar for 2019. We need lots of photos of Boxford & surroundings. Please do send to ChrisKingsC@aol.com or on a memory stick by mid September. All proceeds to St. Mary's Parish Church.

Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Churchwardens for St.Mary's Parish Church:

A meeting of parishioners for the election of churchwardens is to be held in St.Mary's Church, Boxford, on **Sunday 14th October at 12.15 pm** all on the church electoral roll and register of local electors may attend.

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.

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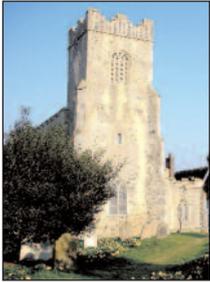
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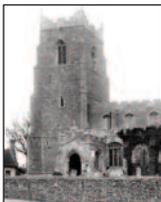
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FROM THE REGISTERS – Interment of ashes. The cremated remains of Timothy Allen Osborne, who died on 16 September 2017, aged 46 years, were interred in the churchyard on Saturday 15 September 2018.

ROTAS FOR OCTOBER

Sidesman Mrs Pat Kennedy Scott
Flowers Mrs Jayne Foster
Cleaning Mrs Pat Smith

HARVEST SUPPER with entertainment: *Saturday 29 September 2018, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm* at Groton Village Hall. It's not too late to book your place! Tickets (£12.50 adults; £5.00 12 years old and under) from Sheila Gooderham (tel 210494) or Jayne Foster (tel 211360.)



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

Rotas

	Sidesmen	Flowers
7 Oct	Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Pettit	Mrs. Squirrel
14 Oct	No service	Mrs. Roser
21 Oct	No service	Mrs. Duffy
28 Oct	No service	Mrs. Eddington

Our morning service on 7 September was taken by Tim Harbord. We were joined by friends from the Benefice, and three new members who have recently moved to the village. Refreshments were served as usual. A new repair has been achieved. For many months, plaster, small stones and even flints, have fallen from the ceiling above the west window outside the vestry. This considerable gap has now been filled by a beautiful piece of shaped oak, which has restored the look of the roof of the north aisle.

Tim and Sandra Harbord have indicated their willingness to stand as Church Wardens for Little Waldingfield. A special general meeting will be held on Sunday 7 October at 10.45am, so that all who are interested may take part in a formal election.

Please note: A Coffee Morning will be held in aid of church funds on 13 October from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Parish Room. All are welcome. Come and join us.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Vacant

26th August : Our Service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Revd James Ridge.

We were delighted that he could revisit us for our first service since Revd. Judith 's retirement to Norfolk. Thank you to Nancy Rosen for playing the organ for us . It was great that we had a member of the congregation from the village helping to prepare the Altar for the

Communion for the first time..Thank you to all who helped in any way , before , during and after the service.

8th September : The Annual Church Ride & Stride took place . Thank you to all the volunteers who ' clocked in ' the cyclists or walkers who came. At the same time in church there was a very successful Horticultural Show - The Buckledee Challenge - to commemorate one of our faithful members who died in April this year. He was a great gardener and wrote a gardening page in our Village Newsletter. Notices :

23rd. September : Our Harvest Festival with Revd. Gerald Drew . This is followed by the Village Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall for 1.00 pm. Tickets £10 for a Ploughman's

Lunch plus a free drink and Raffle. Telephone : M. Lowe. 01787 373538 or C . Cornell 01787 204634

Saturday 27th October : Millwheel Singers will give a concert in our church in memory of Anne Holden who organised and sang in our Carol Concert. Donations to go to the Marie Currie fund.

The Harvest Service is. 11.00 am
The Millwheel Concert is. 3.00 pm.

Deanery News:

GROWING IN GOD ROAD SHOW

The 'Growing in God' road show is coming to our deanery this month: **Wednesday 3rd October, 6.45 pm** at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford. All welcome. Do come and see how we are seeking to work out the diocesan vision in our part of the diocese.

Diocesan News:

DIOCESAN SYNOD. The first meeting of the newly-elected Diocesan Synod is on **Saturday 13th October 2018, 9.30 am** at Debenham High School. The agenda includes a short presentation by former High Sheriff, William Kendall, on "the state of Suffolk" followed by round table discussion of how the Church can best respond: e.g. what do we want to have achieved at the end of the triennium – the three-years term of the synod.

Synod will also hear about the proposed Bishop's Mission Order ("BMO") – a way of providing a legal framework for the Suffolk Fresh Expressions Community (SFXC), a missional community meeting in small groups in the diocese and engaging in mission through the friendship network of its members. The small groups aim to make new disciples mainly among those who for one reason or another would not become regular members of a parish-based organisation, and help members to engage more deeply in radical discipleship and mission, complementing and strengthening the ministry of parish churches." It is proposed that the Revd Canon Sally Gaze (who led the benefice day in Boxford Village Hall on 28 April 2018) will be the leader of this mission initiative. An open consultation meeting about the proposed BMO, to which all are welcome, is to be held in the Edmund Room at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 26 September 2018.** The synod is meeting in Debenham as the St Nicholas Centre (the usual venue) is to be used this autumn by the Ipswich Winter Night Shelter.

Diocesan E-News

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

'CHURCHES TOGETHER' PRAYER BREAKFASTS: SATURDAYS
8.00 AM TO 9.30 AM.

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

6th Cornard Christian Fellowship, Broom Street, Great Cornard
13th Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury
20th All Saints' Church, Little Cornard
27th St Mary's Church, Bures

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website:
www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk

October 2018

Church Services in the Box River Benefice

** Please note that, following the 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**

Special services this month: CAFÉ CHURCH 7th October, Boxford Harvest Festival 14th

Thursday 4th 15.00 Holy Communion (reserved sacrament) Lay Team
(Newmans Hall)

Saturday 6th
Lt Waldingfield 13.30 Wedding: Matthew Frost & Victoria Mound Revd Judith Sweetman

Table with 3 columns: Day/Location, Time/Service, and Clergy. Sunday 7th: Lt. Waldingfield 09.30 Holy Communion (Rev. Dr Simon Gill), Boxford 11.00 Café Church (Rev. Liz Law), Boxford 18.30 Evensong (Christopher Kingsbury).

Wednesday 10th
Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion, Mary's House Revd Dr Simon Gill

Table with 3 columns: Day/Location, Time/Service, and Clergy. Sunday 14th: Groton 09.30 Holy Communion (Rev. Dr Simon Gill), Boxford 11.00 Harvest Festival with Holy Baptism and Christening of Felix Wagener (Rev. Dr Simon Gill & Christopher Kingsbury).

Thursday 18th
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 St Luke's Day Compline (Newmans Hall) Lay Team

Saturday 20th
Boxford 15.00 Wedding: Daniel Wade & Rebecca Faulkner Revd Judith Sweetman

Table with 3 columns: Day/Location, Time/Service, and Clergy. Sunday 21st: Edwardstone 09.30 Morning Worship (TBC), Boxford 11.00 Holy Communion with Holy Baptism and Christening of Halle Rose Brooks (Rev. Dr Philip Buckler).

Wednesday 24th
Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion, Mary's House Revd Steve Morley

Table with 3 columns: Day/Location, Time/Service, and Clergy. Sunday 28th: Boxford 11.00 Morning Worship (Christopher Kingsbury), Newton 11.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Jeanette Gosney).

Soap Box

The order of service sheets handed out at funerals often start by declaring that the occasion should be considered a celebration of the life of whoever has departed this mortal coil. This has always struck me as an appropriate way of describing what can be a solemn and sad event. Indeed, the best funerals are often those when anecdotes generate proper laughter and lighten the atmosphere.

At Antony Dodd's funeral, Richard Titford struck just the right balance when relating stories about his past. There were aspects of his character we recognised and remembered fondly. But there were also a few surprises for me when hearing about the past life of someone I had known for over three decades. Indeed, it never ceases to amaze me how little I really knew about someone when aspects of his or her past are revealed as the eulogy is delivered.

At the funeral last year of a friend and neighbour who I knew was a staunch Welsh rugby supporter, despite being born in England and living in London before moving to Sudbury, I discovered he had spent several formative years as a young boy living in Swansea. His passion suddenly became that much easier to understand. Even some of my relatives have had hidden gems from their past revealed as closer relatives still share memories with the wider family at a funeral. It makes me wonder whether I shouldn't be preparing what might be said at my funeral well in advance so as to ensure no embarrassing stories emerge.

It is a sad fact that the older one gets, the more funerals seem to become part of your regular routine. With us this turns out to be just as true in Portugal as here in Suffolk. Returning from our home their last autumn to attend the celebration of the life of my Wales rugby team supporter, I left Elizabeth to represent us at the funeral of a member of our church community in the Algarve. A friend we met out there died recently - back home in Wales, as it happens. While the funeral will take place in his Welsh home village, a simultaneous service will be held in the Portuguese church of which he was a regular member of the congregation. I'm sure they will be celebrating in both places.

On a lighter note, have you ever eaten at The Great House in Lavenham? For my wife and I it was a special occasion restaurant, one you visited for birthdays and anniversaries, but not too often. We felt an affinity for the place

as the Crepys who ran it arrived in Lavenham pretty much at the same time as we moved into Little Waldingfield. Coming from northern France, they ended up buying the place from its Texan owner and going on to run three other restaurants in neighbouring towns.

Earlier this year they finally said goodbye to restaurant with rooms they had built up to become one of the most successful local enterprises. Their other catering establishments had similarly been sold on and they were looking for a new venture, one which might involve their son who also worked in the food industry. Well, they found it and last August established a Flammekueche restaurant, which they have called Amelie after their daughter, in the newly revamped Grafton Shopping Centre in Cambridge. And very good it is too.

If you've never heard of Flammekueche, don't worry. We hadn't either until Regis Crepy explained the concept to us. Coming from the Alsace region of France, it is a very thin, crispy bread, made without yeast and baked in a very hot oven. It is then topped with a variety of ingredients that can be sweet or savoury. We had salmon and avocado and pulled pork - on separate plates of course. It was most tasty. You could describe it as fast food that is a cut above what you might otherwise expect. If you are in Cambridge, do give it a try.

Brian Tora

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GARDENING IN OCTOBER INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

We sometimes get an Indian summer in October with afternoon temperatures between 18 and 20 degrees Centigrade and low rain fall. The temperature falls sharply at night with the risk of ground frost early in the month and probably an air frost towards the end. The greenhouse should already have been washed down, sterilised and insulated with bubble polythene ready to house any plants that require frost protection. If we do get any good weather in October, make good use of it, tidying up the garden, finish hedge cutting and digging over the herbaceous borders dividing up clumps that have become overcrowded and replant the vigorous outer shoots.

If you want good strong sweet peas with long stems that will flower early next year and over a long period, now it is time to sow seed. Sow up to ten seeds in a six inch pot filled with John Innes seed compost or ordinary garden soil with no added fertiliser. Water moderately after sowing and from then on only water when absolutely necessary. Do not use peat based compost, this makes soft roots which do not transplant well in the open ground next spring. No heat is necessary or desirable, a cold frame is all that is needed. Grow them hard, give plenty of ventilation in good weather but do not leave them exposed to heavy rainfall. Be prepared to give extra protection in long sharp spells by covering the frame with old carpets or any thing that will help keep the frost out. If the plants do get frozen they will come to no harm providing the frame covering is left on so they can thaw out slowly, the damage is done when the protection is removed and a couple of hours sunshine through the glass builds up a high temperature causing a quick thaw. Mice like sweet peas, so be sure to provide some protection and of course from slugs which are every where. The bed where the plants are to be grown should be dug over before Christmas incorporating a liberal amount of well rotted compost and a dressing of bone meal. The leading shoot of each plant should be stopped after about five leaves which should be about Christmas. Side shoots will form and one of these should be selected to grow on to give better results. The over wintered plants should be planted out during the first good spell of weather in March next year. They will have made a good root system about six inches long but should not be planted to that depth in the open garden. Draw out a trench with a hoe to a depth of three inches and lay the roots along the trench so the plants are eight inches

apart up against canes eight feet high. Train a single stem up each cane by using wire rings to clip them to the cane. Remove all side shoots that form and remove all tendrils which the plant would normally use to cling on to supports so that all the plants energy goes to producing the beautiful long stemmed blooms that you see at horticultural shows. All this may seem a lot of work, but twenty plants grown this way provide a household with cut blooms over many weeks for about ten minutes work every two days pinching out side shoots and nipping off tendrils.

Plant onion sets for an early crop next year. I have found that the variety Radar does well and is a good keeper but the Japanese variety Senshye Yellow is also good.

Keep the asparagus ferns growing as long as possible, don't cut down until it is sere right off so that all goodness has gone back into the crowns to build them up to provide a good crop next year.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing roses
- 8 Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- 10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

Houseplants

Reduce watering of houseplants as the days shorten and growth slows. Stand tropical houseplants on trays of wet gravel to counteract the drop in humidity when the central-heating comes on. Grouping them together can also help to create a more humid microclimate.

Pot up prepared hyacinth bulbs if not done last month. This way you will have them flowering for Christmas or New Year.

Plant up containers with Hippeastrum (amaryllis) bulbs for a New Year display.

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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - OCTOBER 2018



Last month I noted that there were no losses from our villages in October 1918, but that I hoped to be able to write about a recently identified soldier who died in October 1914. The identification is not conclusive so, as well as the usual biographical story, what follows is a fairly detailed account of the research undertaken and

why I think my conclusion is valid. I do this so that others in the future have the opportunity to corroborate or dispute the evidence and identification.

On page 8 of the Suffolk and Essex Free Press dated Wednesday 18th November 1914 the following short note appeared in the column carrying news of the War under the heading of Boxford.

"Postman's Death at the Front. – Boxford deeply regrets the loss of one of its well-known figures – Postman Smith of the Rifle Brigade. Smith, who was an Essex man and had been on the Boxford round two or three years, was a single man. He had been mentioned in dispatches for bravery and promoted."

This nugget of information, for which I am indebted to Tina Loose for bringing to my attention, was the beginning of the end of a long search to identify the Charles Smith, whose name is on the Boxford war memorial.

Charles Smith had eluded all my enquiries since I started this work in December 2015. There was a young man called Charles Smith living in Boxford before the War, who appears in the Census records, and he did enlist and serve as a soldier. Initially he seemed a likely candidate, however, further work obtaining copies of records from the General Register Office demonstrated that he married Elvina King in Boxford in 1918 and came home from the Front at the end of the War, settled down and had three children, Margery, Charles and Frederick.

Subsequently, as I wrote in the June 2018 Box River News, I had new information, which suggested Charles Smith had served as Rifleman Smith of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. This came from a special supplement to the East Anglian Daily Times of Saturday August 2nd 2014 entitled 'Suffolk Roll of Honour 1914-1918', and which listed by village or town the 10,626 Suffolk men who died in the War.

But once more this lead proved to be false. Analysis of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records of all the 13,186 men called Smith known to have died in the War, enabled me to isolate the C. Smiths and the Charles Smiths, and then to further reduce that number to those who served in the Kings' Royal Rifle Corps. This provided a relatively small list of men, each one of whom I was able to establish had nothing to do with Boxford. At the time I was doing this, I did extend the search to include service in the Rifle Brigade, in case the two regiments had been confused. However, yet again I could not place any of the men so identified in Boxford, though there was a Charles Smith who appeared to have connections in Essex.

Then came the short note in the Suffolk and Essex Free Press, with which I began this article. All the same, at first reading, this did not seem very helpful, except that it gave me an approximate date of death and it showed that research should be directed to the Rifle Brigade, not the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Returning to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission data, I found two men of the Rifle Brigade who had died in the autumn of 1914. One of these had the rank of sergeant leaving me with Rifleman Charles Smith, 838, 3rd Battalion, Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own). The War Office publication, Soldiers who Died in the Great War, told me that this man was born in Birch, near Colchester and that he died in action on 18th October 1914.

So now I had a tenuous link to our Postman Smith, '...an Essex man...'. Even so, this was the same man as I had briefly encountered, who I mentioned earlier as having connections to Essex. But this Charles Smith had enlisted into the Regular Army in 1905, so it did not seem possible that he could have been a postman in Boxford before the War. Not giving up, I began the process of looking at the Census records for Birch and found a Charles Smith in a family in Birch. In fact, this Charles Smith, definitely identified as Rifleman Smith, service number 838, is commemorated on the War Memorial for the men of Birch and Layer Breton, which stands in front of St. Peter's Church, Birch. It was originally in the form of a wooden cross taken from the roof timbers of the medieval church of Layer Breton, which was pulled down in 1915, but it was replaced in stone in 2002.

Initially, from this work, there was not much to give me hope that Charles Smith of Birch was our Postman Smith. Charles was born in Birch in 1888. His father was Alfred and his mother was Emily, nee Delasake. Alfred was a carpenter and had married Emily, sometimes also recorded as Amelia, in 1860. The family initially lived near Godbolts Farm between Little Tey and Marks Tey, but sometime after 1861 they moved to Whitehorse Lodge in Birch. This was one of the lodges to the grounds of Birch Hall and I suspect Alfred had found work as an estate carpenter. Charles was the youngest of the family and he had been preceded by six brothers and five sisters. Emily came from Copford in Essex and had been born in about 1842, but then I noted that the Census records listed Alfred as being

born in Boxford, probably in 1838. The Registers show he was baptised in St Mary's on the 14th January 1838. Here now was the first link in the family to our own village, which was reinforced by the fact that Alfred's parents were Samuel and Lucy, both born in Boxford around 1816 and Samuel was also a carpenter. So now I knew Charles's paternal family had strong links to this village.

When I looked at the Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901-1929 for Rifleman Smith, I saw that it was recorded that his sole legatee was his brother, Harry Smith. Given that Charles came from a large family and had many siblings, that he chose his next elder brother as his next of kin for these purposes, suggests they had a strong bond of friendship. Just out of interest, I followed up Harry's census records and found that he had married an Ada Constable of Halstead and in 1911 and was living in Suffolk Road, Tottenham and was employed as a postman. This was tantalizing in that Charles's seemingly closest family member was a postman and thus could certainly have stood for his brother had he wished to seek work in the General Post Office. Furthermore, later records show that Harry had left London sometime after 1911 and had returned to live around Colchester and then later Ipswich, still almost certainly working as a postman before enlisting around 1915.

And yet, all of this was very tenuous evidence to make the connection between Postman Smith and Rifleman Smith, and there was still the major stumbling block that Charles had enlisted in 1905 into the Regular Army and died in the service in 1914. Working back through some of my earlier research prompted me to do another wide ranging sweep of the internet resources I use, and this time, with slightly different search terms, I found a reference in what are known as the 'Burnt Documents' to Rifleman Charles Smith. The Burnt Documents, National Archive Records reference WO363, are what is left of the 6.5 million documents relating to soldiers of Other Ranks and NCOs who served in the War and who did not re-enlist prior to 1939. Two thirds of these were destroyed when the War Office Record Store in London was set alight by incendiary bombs in November 1940 and the remainder are often fire and water damaged. They were transferred to microfiche from 1996 onwards. The content of them varies enormously and they are in many different states of legibility, so I was not very hopeful. I think the reader can imagine my surprise when I discovered that the complete Attestation record for Charles Smith exists along with much other material including his service record and correspondence associated with the transfer of his effects and his war service medals to his brother Harry, even though there is some loss of paper and clear evidence of the effects of fire and water.

Although this was interesting, it all seemed only to confirm that he had remained a soldier from his enlistment in Colchester on 13th March 1905 for 9 years service with 3 years in the reserves; that is until I turned the last page and found that he had returned from service overseas in December 1912 two years short of his full term and entered into the Reserves List on 30th of that month. The Reserve was divided into two sections, A and B and numbered some 145,000 men in 1914. Section A was limited to 6000 men and they had to be available to support the Regular Army in the event of a civil emergency as well as major hostilities, whereas Section B had only to be available to be recalled in the event of war. All reservists had to attend 12 days of refresher training each year. A list men were paid 7 shillings a week and their listing was reviewed and renewed annually. List B men were paid 3 shillings 6 pence per week and were not subject to review. Crucially, all reservists were free to take employment as they wished.

All of the foregoing has to be treated as circumstantial evidence that Rifleman Charles Smith was Postman Smith. Despite this caveat, we now have a young man trained as a soldier in the Rifle Brigade, whose father's family was deeply rooted in Boxford, and whose brother, to whom Charles was, I believe, very close, was a serving postman, most probably just over the border in Essex and who was free to take employment from 1913 onwards. I would conjecture, therefore, that it is most likely that the Charles Smith on Boxford's War Memorial is Rifleman Smith and that he is the Postman Smith of the newspaper report.

Charles's Attestation papers tell us much about him. Before enlistment he was employed as a gardener and had served in a local militia. He was aged 18 years and 9 months at the time of enlistment, of fresh complexion with blue eyes and brown hair, 5ft 6in tall and he sported a tattoo on his left forearm which read 'Daisy'. His chest measurement was 34 inches at enlistment, which had expanded to 37½ inches after six months training during which time he had also gained 1½in in height.

He was accepted into the regiment at Colchester on 16th March 1905 but I cannot read where he was posted to for training. However, on 8th November 1905 he began a 7 year spell abroad, first in Malta and then for six of those years in India. He passed classes in mounted infantry and stretcher bearing. Whilst in Malta he was charged with disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer, for which he received 14 days in military prison. On his discharge into the reserves, he spent two months on List B, then eight months on list A and then back to list B for a further 7 months. It seems he officially left the reserves in July 1914, but on the 26th August 1914 he was recalled into active service with the rank of acting Corporal. His regiment was posted to Flanders to support the British Expeditionary Force, which, at the time, was retreating in the face of the onward rush westward by the German forces as they continued almost unchecked across Belgium and into France. Eventually the German forces were brought to a stand near Ypres and then began the move of the Front northwards as each army rushed towards the Channel coast in order to try and secure key Channel ports. Fifty four days after being recalled, on Sunday 18th October 1914 Charles was killed in action and he has no known grave. He was 26 years old.

It is difficult to place the date of Charles's death in the context of any specific action. The Rifle Brigade was part of the 17th Brigade of the 6th Division. This division was serving in Ireland at the outbreak of the War, but was quickly recalled and mustered near Newmarket before transferring to the south coast. Charles would have landed at St Nazaire on 10th September and with his battalion was almost immediately sent forward to the Front along the Belgium – French border in the vicinity of Ypres and north to the Channel coast. The Division fought in the Action of the Aisne Heights. This was high ground above the River Aisne, which flowed north westwards towards the sea and it was the first place where the opposing armies began to dig in and so begin the four year long episode of trench warfare. Charles is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, which lies some 9 miles due south of Ypres just inside Belgium. The Memorial was established in 1916 and mostly commemorates those soldiers who died in the continuing intermittent engagements along the Front, rather than in any specific major action or battle. So, it is probably safe to assume that he died in one of these early attacks or raids along that section of the Front. As well as on our war memorial in St Mary's churchyard, and on that in the village of Birch, his name lives on amongst those of the 11,355 men who died in this sector during the War and who have no known grave.

As a footnote to Charles's short life, amongst the surviving War Office records for him is a standard memorandum sent in March 1915 from the Regiment to the next of kin detailing and enclosing the deceased's effects. This memorandum requested a reply to acknowledge receipt of the items. The effects listed were "Letters & photographs, parchment certificate, H.R.H Princess Mary's gift". The reply was made as follows "Pvt. H Smith thanks you very much for all the enclosed. Yours truly Mrs. Harry Smith". Presumably Charles's brother Harry, by then serving in the army, was on active service and it is his wife, Ada, who makes the reply. The pathos of this exchange is all too apparent, and one cannot but wonder what went through Ada's mind as she penned this short note for her lost brother-in-law with a husband away at the War.

As always, and particularly in this case, I would welcome any information from villagers who might be able to add to our knowledge of Charles even if that information disproves my identification of him as our "...well known ... Postman Smith of the Rifle Brigade".

Charles will be remembered in the prayers at the 11:00 service of Holy Communion at Boxford on Sunday 21st October.

Next month we will encounter three more villagers, one of whom died before the Armistice and two who died after its signing on the day the guns fell silent, as we all will at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Rufus Sweetman Reepham, Norfolk

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The cast list starts with the donor, who must have mental capacity when the LPA is made. Next, there will be the attorneys (better to have more than one in case one dies early). You can nominate as an additional attorney a replacement in case the initial attorney dies or is unable to continue.

Your attorneys will almost invariably be family members and I usually advise that at least one should be selected from the next generation (it can be disastrous if a sole attorney dies or goes senile while the donor is still alive and needs help). I prefer to see that at least one of the attorneys is based locally and that the attorneys' appointment is on a 'joint and several' basis so that one can take decisions in the absence of the other.

The final member of the cast (apart from witnesses, whom I recommend should be 'non-family') is the 'certificate provider'. The certificate provider – usually myself or the donor's GP – must confirm that the donor understands the LPA, has not been put under pressure to make it and that the LPA has not been completed fraudulently.

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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held Monday 2nd July

At the start of the Meeting, everyone participated in a moment of silence led by the Chairman to remember Parish Cllr Suzanne Impett who was an active member of the Parish Council immediately prior to her sudden death. Suzanne's friendship and commitment to the village is very much missed.

Vacancies The Parish Council has 3 Parish Councillor Vacancies in total. Procedures are being followed before applications can be received. Enquiries about the roles would be welcomed in the meantime.

Public Forum Issues raised included the overgrown footpath at Clubs Lane and planning objections to the Konings application and views regarding the proposed new dwelling in Stone Street. In relation to Konings, residents still had concerns about traffic, visibility of the proposals, water supply issues and disputed economic justification. They were concerned about creeping development and further time was required to examine the new proposals. In relation to the proposed new dwelling in Stone Street the applicants explained their proposals. Other residents outlined concerns about highway safety and the outlook at a location rich with Listed Buildings. Concern with potential flooding due to the extra drainage was mentioned. District Cllr Bryn Hurren agreed to ask the planners for the Konings application to extend the time for comments. He would also ask if Konings would accommodate visits from Councillors and residents in relation to the changes.

County Council Report County Cllr James Finch thanked the Chairman for the silence earlier out of respect for Suzanne. He reported on 3 key issues of Special Education Needs, a review of Highways Maintenance and bringing Affordable Solar Panels to Suffolk.

District Council Report District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed he has ordered some 30 mph stickers for Stone Street. He had requested advice in respect of the Churchyard wall from the Heritage Team. The Road sweep was due the following week and Cllr Hurren agreed to liaise regarding leaflets. Hopkins Homes have agreed to meet again when they have made more progress regarding access with the respective land owners. Paying for parking has been put back on the Agenda. Cllr Hurren agreed to investigate the condition of the Cemetery gates and also to ask for a sweep of Wash Lane

Correspondence A potential new gardener for the Jubilee garden had been recommended and the Clerk was following up between meetings.

Cemetery Agreement had been made for our Cemetery Contractor to remove ivy from headstones following the bird nesting. Quotations for the Church yard boundary wall were being sought. A location for a new burial ground should be considered with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Strafford had researched and prepared useful information and residents have been supportive of the idea of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Members all agreed progress should be as swift as possible. A Village Event had been booked for 25th September in the Village Hall and Cllr Wooderson was liaising with potential contributors to the event.

Reports

It was agreed to arrange for the bridge railings to be cleaned. Cllr Wooderson will liaise with Boxford Society following the resignation of Cllr Waspe.

Planning

The following Decisions were advised from the Planning Authorities: -

A) DC/18/02162 - Discharge of conditions for DC/15/01078 at Cygnet Court, Swan Street for materials, levels, landscaping, archaeological works, land contamination, construction management plan, cycle storage, bin collection areas and surface water to highway. All conditions have been discharged with the exception of land contamination where the appropriate form of investigation had not been evidenced at this stage.

B) DC/18/00849 - Erection of single storey rear extension at 34 Daking Avenue - Planning Permission had been Granted.

C) DC/18/00646 - Listed Building to replace roof tiles, guttering and convert garden store at Chequers, 7 Church Street. Permission Refused.

D) DC/18/02011 - Erection of garden shed at Goodlands Barn, Swan Street - Planning Permission had been Granted

E) Full Planning Application for extensions to production premises and new buildings to provide canning line at Hill Farm, Brick Kiln Hill, Polstead - DC/17/03117 - This application was withdrawn.

F) The Appeal for Cox Farm, Cox Hill to the refusal to allow a section of boundary wall to be demolished to create new vehicular access was dismissed by the Planning Inspector as the proposal would fail to preserve the special historic interest of the Grade II listed building.

The following were discussed: -

1) The application to re-roof main house and detached garage at Chequers, 7 Church Street - DC/18/00237. No Objections.

2) The application for outline permission (all matters reserved) for a new dwelling at 30 Stone Street - DC/18/02462. The Parish Council Objects as it is not considered appropriate for an additional property due to traffic issues at that location.

3) Application for single storey extensions and alterations at Orchard House, Roylands Lane - DC/18/02669. No Objections.

4) Application to extend existing production premises, associated car parking, landscaping and drainage infrastructure at Hill Farm, Stoke Road, Polstead - DC/18/02836. It was agreed for Cllr Hurren to seek an extension to respond and if possible potential visits to the plant for more detailed explanations.

5) Application for rear extension at Pippettes Farm, Stone Street - DC/18/02424. No Objections.

6) A meeting will be arranged with Hopkins Homes as soon as they have further news to report. They are currently in discussion with land owners/agents regarding access.

7) Members of the Parish Council met Catesby Estates to listen to their plans for Sand Hill. Catesby Estates obtain options on land and proceed to obtain planning permission before a developer would take matters forward. These approaches are expected for a Core Village in the current Planning environment. This gives more importance to a Neighbourhood Plan proceeding quickly to help shape the future of the Village.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Readers Letters

Sir

FOOTBALL PARKING!

We are sick & tired of the football traffic parking on our estate, I don't know how others feel but we feel something seriously has to be done about it, we are residents of Homefield & it takes a considerable amount of time to get out of our road when football matches are on, we have to keep reversing back up time & time again when trying to get out of our driveway to go to work & I'm often late because of it!, also due to football traffic unfortunately parking on the estate no one can pass each other, one day it just turned into a gridlock!!!, it was unbelievable, it's also dangerous as they park right in front of driveways, on driveways!, in front of dropped kerbs & on grass verges, it's making it so hard to see to get out when you can eventually get out!, alot of the neighbours complain, the neighbour the other side of me lost his 2 parking spaces totally due to these inconsiderate football people parking wherever they like!, Daking Avenue, I believe, have problems with them too!...enough is enough something has to be done about this, I have had arguments with football traffic people out on the road but they just say there not breaking the law, however, what about safety & consideration for the residents who live here!, there is a sign but its not always put out, who puts the sign out? perhaps a resident should have it so that it gets put out EVERY week.

I have actually considered moving due to this problem as it drives me to tears some days, I've stood on the road crying as I just want to get out, but they don't care, they just hurl the law at me!

I'm not against the game but there has to be another designated parking area when the playing field parking area is full, can they not use the school perhaps? - as its not open at weekends, there has got to be a solution to this, it's so frustrating & upsetting for the local residents who live here!

How would they feel if the same was done where they live!

A Homefield Resident

Sir

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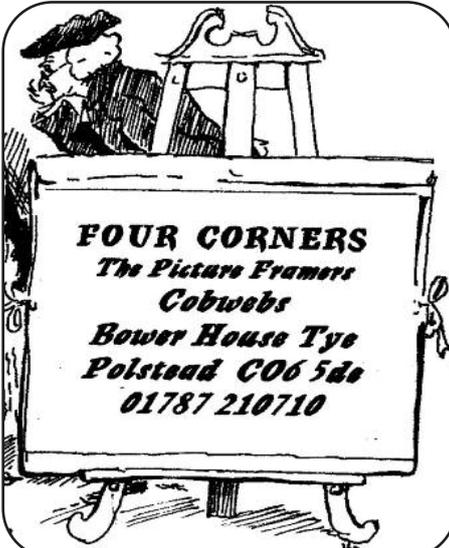
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MILDEN FINISH SEASON MID TABLE



Milden CC's last game of the 2018 season was on Sunday 2nd September at home against Lakenheath, the Hunts County Bats Suffolk Cricket League Division 3 leaders. The match was won by Lakenheath by 180 runs. Scores: Lakenheath 320 for 4; Milden 140 all out.

At least Milden's batting performance was better than that of rivals Edwardstone, who were bowled out for just 44 runs in their match against Division 1 leaders, Acton, at Homefield on the same day! At one stage, however, it looked as though Milden's total might not even match that of Edwardstone: Lakenheath's Garrard took a wicket in each of his first four overs to leave the home side reeling at 10 for 4, and after 13 overs the score was 24 for 6. Joe Smith (39) and G Wilson ensured a respectable total with a partnership of 86 for the 7th wicket before Smith was out, caught. Wilson, batting at No. 8, continued to hit out and ended on 65 not out.

After two successive promotions, Milden finished the season a creditable mid-table with 6 wins and 6 losses from their 12 matches in their first season in Division 3.



ENGLAND SUFFOLK COUNTY BOWLS CHAMP



Lesley Cook on the left holding the runners up cup and champion Mary Dallas on the right holding the winners trophy.

Two of Boxford Bowls Clubs players achieved a great 'double' in the Bowls England Suffolk County Section Ladies Novice final held at Risbygate Bowls Club on 7th September.

Playing for the first time in County competitions Lesley Cook and Mary Dallas beat off the opposition to end up playing against one another in the final, guaranteeing the club first and second place.

In an exciting and close game Mary beat Lesley 21-17 to become 2018 Ladies Novice champion.

SBN SUMBLER TROPHY

In 1975 a 9 hole competition was created to encourage working ladies to get into golf. This medal competition has been played every Tuesday evening during the months of April through to September since this time.

At the end of each season a dinner is held to announce the result. This year's dinner was held at our home club of Stoke By Nayland . 50 people attended which included 18 past captains and many past members returning to help celebrate.

The competition is played for the Sumbler Trophy and prizes for 2018 season were presented by The Lady Captain Elaine Davidson. 1st Lesley Hitchcock net 36.125, 2nd Barbara Jones net 36.75, 3rd Amanda Hall net 37.375 and 4th Susan Swan net 39.125.

