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AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE 2018 11th November

Following the Services of Remembrance on the morning of the 11th November in our three churches, there will be an Act of Remembrance at the Boxford Beacon at the White Hart in the evening.

The proceedings will start at 6.40 p.m., preceded by a parade from the church to the village centre by 30 Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies. The Act of Remembrance will involve readings and songs by Boxford Drama Group, the Guides, Scouts and ex-servicemen and women.

In accordance with the Nationwide 'Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute', the Last Post will be played at 6.55, the Village Beacon will be lit at 7.00, and a Ring of Bells for Peace at 7.05.

All villagers are encouraged to attend to the ceremony, which will last approximately 30 minutes. Any ex-servicemen and women are particularly welcome, wearing medals and hats if possible. The wearing of medals of a deceased relative would also be very much appreciated (worn on the right side).

The Village and Boxford Bike Club have secured 6ft. standing 'Tommy' silhouettes, along with 10 seated silhouettes, which will all be on parade.

It is an important recognition of 100 years since the First World War ended, and we are very pleased that children and ex-service personnel will be involved.

Please support this unique recognition of our villages' contribution and sacrifice, and the ongoing service for our country of our forces.

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REMEMBER**

**1918 - 2018
11th November**

18.40 An Act of Remembrance
18.55 The Last Post
19.00 WW1 National Beacon Lighting
19.05 Ringing out for Peace

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COMMUNITY
COUNCIL
VILLAGES OF
BOXFORD, EDWARDSTONE
AND GROTON

At the
White Hart
Boxford Beacon

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OVER**

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11TH NOVEMBER 2018
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

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HADLEIGH BOXFORD PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Active Wellbeing Service Inactive2Active

Physical activity is one of the very best things that we can do to keep feeling well and making the most of life. This is especially true for those of us who are already under the weather or feeling our age. After all being able to lift another 15kg at the gym is great but being able to lift up your grandchild or get to the shops for the first time in a year – now that's life changing!

From October there's a new service, Inactive2Active, to help us get more physically active. Anyone, who currently isn't active on a regular basis, can sign up but it's especially suitable for those of us, who have a chronic condition, are getting on a bit or who are feeling a little low or stressed. Did you know that moving more is one of the very best ways to help improve your mental health?

The first step is to see Janet Lawrence, from Suffolk Support, who will be holding sessions on Tuesdays at both Hadleigh and Boxford. Janet is a Physical Activity Advisor who will discuss your medical history, any barriers to being active and offer possible solutions. She will also discuss how you can get more movement into your everyday life.

If you are interested in taking part in more structured activity such as going to a class, Janet will provide you with an activity menu with over 130 local, low intensity and quality checked activities such as walking groups, swimming and other aqua options, chair-based classes, tai chi, walking football, gym referrals, pilates and yoga (which can also be chair based) to name but a few. There are also various cardiac and cancer specific classes to aid in rehabilitation and the road back to health and fitness.

She will also encourage you (she's great at encouragement) and get you over those first steps that make us all a bit anxious. This could mean her booking you a place (usually as a free taster), linking you up with a buddy who could meet you at the door, finding out what you need to wear, parking arrangements etc.

Seeing Janet is free and adding more movement into your daily life or taking part in walking activities costs nothing. If you choose to attend a class there will be a charge but the activities on the menu have been kept as low as possible with some as little as £2



Above: Janet Lawrence

So what's not to like? Time to get a move on and sign up! For further details contact Janet on Janet.lawrence@suffolksport.com or 07557633724.

Active Wellbeing Service 'Inactive2Active' was initiated by the Hadleigh Boxford Patient Participation Group and is supported by the Practice and Suffolk Support.

South Suffolk Leisure (Hadleigh Pool & Leisure) has been wonderfully generous in funding the project for the first 6 months.

FleeceJazzo

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 2 November 8 £18.00

Andrew McCormack's Graviton

"Graviton represents the highest level of musicianship you could get together in one band." - Jamie Cullum

Andrew McCormack piano, Noemi Nuti vocals, Josh Arcoleo saxophone, Robin Mullarkey bass, Josh Blackmore drums
Internationally acclaimed pianist and composer Andrew McCormack consistently challenges himself to explore new and different musical styles as an artist. Dividing his time between NYC and Europe has enabled him to hone his craft, find direction and a coterie of like-minded musicians to work with. His latest project, Graviton, is a fusion of minimalism, neo-soul and jazz rock for which he has assembled a group of talented musicians, all of whom bring something special to the mix.

Born and raised in New York from Italian descent, Noemi Nuti is a jazz and Latin singer and composer currently residing in London. A former member of the London Vocal Project led by Pete Churchill and lead singer of British Samba Band Rhythms of the City, she has toured with artists of varied nationalities, and has appeared at premier UK jazz venues, including Ronnie Scott's and 606 Club, as well as venues in Brazil.

Friday 9 November 8.00 £15

Elina Duni & Rob Luft Duo featuring Fred Thomas

"A fiercely individual voice, infused by jazz as well as her own cultural roots." - EFG London Jazz Festival

"Luft has delivered the most fully-realised debut from a guitarist since Julian Lage. A remarkably original statement that highlights his prodigious chops and his singular gifts as a

composer and sonic provocateur." - Downbeat Magazine (USA)
Elina Duni, vocals Rob Luft guitar, Fred Thomas piano/drums
Elina Duni is a Swiss-Albanian singer whose hallmark combination of traditional Albanian folk songs and jazz has led to worldwide critical acclaim. Born in Tirana, Albania, in 1981, Elina made her first steps on the stage as a singer aged five, singing for National Radio and Television. In 1992, after the fall of the communist regime, she settled in Geneva, Switzerland, with her mother, where she started studying classical piano and thereafter discovered jazz. She went on to study on the jazz programme at the Hochschule der Künste in Bern. During this time, she formed the Elina Duni Quartet which represented a return to her musical roots, a combination of Balkan folk songs and jazz.

Friday 16 May 8 £20.00

Tina May

"Lesser artists... may have grabbed the headlines, but Tina May remains the most expressive and technically gifted jazz singer on the UK scene" - Kenny Mathieson, The Scotsman
Tina May vocals, Robin Aspland piano, Arnie Somogyi bass, Steve Brown drums

Tina May first played the Fleece in ... well, a long time ago, in the last millenium. I believe this might be the 22nd time she has graced our stage, which is neat as, to date, she has released 22 albums of her own and many collaborations. The show will feature songs from the latest "Cafe Paranoia" which includes lyrics by Mark Murphy and Tina and compositions by German pianist Andy Lutter, sometime collaborator with Murphy. Apart from celebrating Murphy it will also include songs from Berlin, Paris and Broadway."

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THE NOVEMBER LETTER Christopher Kingsbury

Remembrance Sunday, 11th November 2018.

The book of Revelation is an extraordinary, imaginative portrayal of the spiritual realities underlying our world. At its heart is the understanding that the world is a spiritual battleground, in which the forces of evil far too often seem victorious. In war – which is very seldom a simple struggle between opposing armies and almost invariably involves large-scale civilian deaths – evil is given every opportunity to flourish. In the book of Revelation, the power that stands against God's people and his reign is called Babylon. But there have been lots of Babylons since then. Revelation Chapter 21 gives us a vision of hope. Babylon will fall. As we reflect on the end of World War One, here's what these verses might say to us today.

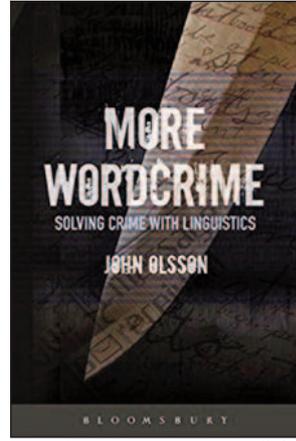
1). The world cannot save itself: World War One was the first in which killing could take place on an industrial scale. The poet Wilfred Owen spoke of those 'who die as cattle'. French troops at Verdun mutinied over the scale of the appalling losses they suffered and marched through the streets baaing like sheep in protest: they were literally going like lambs to the slaughter. We sometimes feel conflicted about the war today and are hesitant about just celebrating it as a victory. One reason is that we are painfully aware of its cost. Another is that we know it was not, as HG Wells said, 'the war that will end war'. The Allies won the war, but botched the peace, and the seeds of a new conflict were sown. For Christians, war can only ever be a last resort to prevent an even greater evil. It never achieves a good end by itself.

2). We are promised a better future: The soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought, the women and men who kept things going at home in the factories, the shops, the railways and the farms, were fighting for something they believed in. Many of them went through terrible times, but most of them believed it was worth it. One of the great gifts of God to humankind is hope. We look for something better, beyond the trials of this life. Even the conscientious objectors who refused to fight had their eyes fixed on something eternal. However we imagine it, we look for a 'new heaven and a new earth'. That struggle looks different in peacetime, and in some ways it's harder – people are more selfish and it's easy to lose sight of the goal. The enemies are poverty, ignorance and injustice, and it's all a lot more complicated. But as Martin Luther King said: 'I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.' Hope is the divine gift of discontent with how the world is, and the desire to change it.

3). In the end, all our hope is in God: The Bible is a story with a beginning, a middle and an end, and Revelation 21 is about the end. The Bible begins in a garden in which God walked with Adam and Eve, and ends with a city in which he walks with a multitude of his people. The city is perfect, because it comes down 'out of heaven'. God will dwell there forever; every tear will be wiped away, and everything will be made new. When the Great War ended in 1918, many people hoped the world would be a better place. But Revelation tells us that we cannot build a perfect world without God. The proverb says that 'God writes straight with crooked lines' – he brings good out of our mistakes and failures. But without God, all we're left with are the failures. We don't know how or when God will bring his new creation to completion. But we do see glimpses of it here on earth, when the glory of the future breaks through into the present. Jesus spoke of the grain of mustard seed that grows into a tree, and of the tiny piece of leaven that causes a whole lump of dough to rise. One by one, God's people will catch the vision of God's future, and the world begins to change. The old order of things passes away and God makes everything new.

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, NOVEMBER 2018

More Wordcrime: Solving Crime with Linguistics, by John Olsson



Dr John Olsson is a forensic linguist. As he explains, he is not a handwriting expert, nor does he undertake any form of psychological evaluation or profiling. Rather, his role as an expert is to examine what he calls 'linguistic phenomena' in documents (odd spelling or punctuation, grammar, lexicon and use of idiom) as indicators of authorship. His job is to see whether any candidate (often the defendant) is the likely author of a questioned document. Importantly, though, he makes the vital point that we do not have 'trial by expert' in this country and that it is no part of the expert's role to opine on the defendant's guilt; rather it is to contribute his

expertise on one aspect of the evidence that the court must consider in deciding (in a criminal case) whether or not the defendant's guilt has been proved.

This is Olsson's second book, and many of the fascinating case studies he describes relate to criminal cases where his linguistic analysis has contributed important (though not necessarily decisive) evidence in the case. For example, in a murder case in 2012 he was able to show, by comparing various text messages, that two texts sent from the victim's mobile phone to a client were probably not written by her but by the defendant, David Ryan, after he had killed the victim, to put the client off from coming to the victim's house for two hours in order to give him time to try to remove any trace of his DNA from the murder scene.

However, the subtitle of the book is misleading: not all the case studies are about solving crime: they include a case of internet libel, assisting a doctor to win a case before a medical disciplinary tribunal and a student successfully to defend an accusation of plagiarism in her final university essay and, in the lengthy and somewhat laborious last chapter, an attempt to identify the likely author (among five suggested candidates) of a book about card manipulation published in 1902 under an assumed name. Chapter 6, 'Wars and words,' is not about forensic linguistic analysis at all, but shows how emotional language, rather than reason, is used to influence public opinion on political issues, citing the Brexit referendum as an example: "The problem with this particular war was that those who wanted Britain to stay in the union thought that it would be enough to use reason. However, reason against emotion is like a featherweight boxer compared to a nuclear tank. Reason persuades nobody except the reasonable, and ten to one the reasonable are already persuaded anyway. Far better to appeal to emotions like fear, anger and suspicion if you want to win a political argument." Olsson pulls no punches where personal criticism is justified, for example referring to the "obtuseness of the lily-livered Lord Chancellor" (Elizabeth Truss) in failing to realise the damage done to the justice system by the Daily Mail's 'Enemies of the People' front page headline to its report of the High Court judgment in the Brexit 'article 50' judicial review case in 2016, and in her refusal to condemn the article. The powerful chapter on the Hillsborough football stadium tragedy in 1989 (in which the author trenchantly criticises Margaret Thatcher, her 'sycophantic acolyte', Sir Bernard Ingham, and chief constable Peter Wright) shows the collusion of South Yorkshire Police when making their statements: "agreeing a version of events which would ensure that South Yorkshire police was not blamed for the tragedy." "Official mendacity," as Olsson terms it on page 32, or equating to corruption on page 34.

Against that, the book is annoyingly repetitious in places, with explanations given in the case study chapters already covered in the opening 'Toolkit' chapter, "How to do forensic 'linguistics.'" The impression is given that some, at least, of the case study chapters had appeared previously as magazine articles and were then brought together for the book. Overall, the book would have been improved by careful editing. We would not then have had the sentence in chapter 3 (page 49),

"As we saw in the chapter on President Kenyatta's trial at the International Criminal Court..." when this case is not discussed until chapter 10 (page 109). A reference on page 13 to a chapter, 'The little things' turns out, in fact, to be a chapter headed 'Nothing is not important.' And Mr Justice Henriques (the now-retired High Court judge who presided over the Ryan trial) would not have been incorrectly styled "His Honour Richard Henriques" on page 221. That said, despite these niggles the book is well worth reading, and Olsson amply fulfils his stated aim to 'pique your interest' in the subject.

More Wordcrime was published in August 2018 by Bloomsbury Academic, price £9.95.

David Lamming

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FRAUDS OF THE 19TH CENTURY - A PRESENTATION BY MARTIN HEDGES

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Martin Hedges back to the Parish Room to talk to us about financial misdemeanours of the C19th and their relevance today.

He began by recalling the recent horse-meat scandal before observing that Pyramid schemes were as old as the pyramids themselves, going on to suggest the State Pension was itself a pyramid scheme. Perhaps logically correct, but your writer felt this was not a good comparison; it stems from the fact that the state pension is unfunded, something pretty much every government around the world does.

So just what are Pyramid and Ponzi schemes?

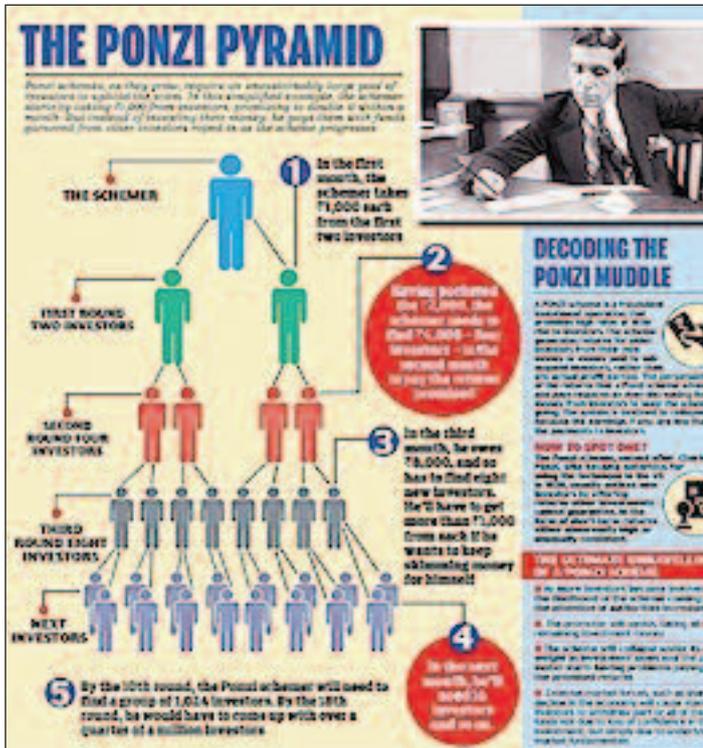
Pyramid scheme: A business model that recruits members via a promise of payments or services for enrolling others into the scheme, rather than

used to cover forgery until eventually nearly £400,000 worth of Government stock had been appropriated.

Fauntleroy kept a careful record of his fraudulent activities, in one ledger entry writing "In order to keep up the credit of our house, I have forged powers of attorney for the above sums and parties and sold out the amount here stated, without the knowledge of my partners. I kept up the payments of the dividends, but made no entries of such payments in our books". Rarely, do fraudsters keep such details of their nefarious dealings, which in this case amounted to the signing of his own death warrant.

He was tried at the Old Bailey, and when the case against him had been proved, admitted his guilt, pleading that he had used the misappropriated funds to pay his firm's debts. He was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. Seventeen merchants and bankers gave evidence to his general integrity at the trial and, after conviction, powerful influence brought to bear on his behalf, the case then twice being argued before judges on points of law. Unbelievably an Italian named Angelini even offered to take Fauntleroy's place on the scaffold - clearly mad.

The efforts of his many friends were unavailing and he was hanged in November 1824, one of the last few executed for forgery before it ceased to be a capital crime in 1836. The hanging attracted the largest crowd ever to attend a public execution in England; gallows were set up outside Newgate Prison and 100,000 reportedly turned up to watch. A contemporary account in The Newgate Calendar said that "Every window and roof which could command a view of the dreadful ceremony was occupied". An unfounded scarcely believable rumour was later widely



supplying investments, products or services.

Ponzi scheme: A form of fraud where a purported businessman lures investors but pays profits to earlier investors using funds obtained from later investors. Named after Charles Ponzi - see later

Ponzi scheme participants believe they are earning returns from their investment whilst Pyramid scheme participants know they are earning money simply by finding new participants. Pyramid schemes are therefore more 'honest', because participants know what's happening; essentially they are networking schemes where each person recruited is then expected to recruit more people; so as long as that happens the early scheme participants make money.

Martin then gave us some insights into the developments at the time which lead to new ways of doing business but created opportunities for fraudsters. Businesses were changing from partnerships with personal responsibilities to limited liability companies, banks became larger and more remote from their clients, and money itself was changing as notes being more susceptible to forgery than coins. Into this heady mix stepped one Henry Fauntleroy, who as was widely reported afterwards, 'Lived in Headley and was Hanged for Forgery'.

Henry Fauntleroy 1784-1824 - A Bad Banker

An English banker who, after just seven years as a clerk in the London bank of Marsh, Sibbald & Company, where his father was one of the founders, was taken into partnership; the whole business was then left in his hands as the partners trusted him implicitly. He was inexperienced and described as a "grave and earnest young man who inspired confidence". At the time England was at war with France, there was a scarcity of money and, following failure of one of the firms of speculative builders they had advanced money to, the bank was involved in a loss of £60,000.

The Bank of England got wind of the cash flow problem but was reluctant to extend more credit. If word reached the street that it was shaky, depositors would demand their money back, so Fauntleroy had to finance the bank's loans from elsewhere, through forgery. Among the clients of the bank were many holders of Consols (UK Gov't debt issues in the form of perpetual bonds), long and short annuities, Navy loans and other Gov't securities. Fauntleroy had a list of the client stocks and was familiar with all of their signatures. In every case the device was successful and the defrauded proprietor never allowed to discover the theft. Forgery was then



circulated that he had escaped strangulation by inserting a silver tube in his throat, and was comfortably living abroad - no such luck! His case finally put an end to hanging for forgery.

Someone commemorated the event, modifying a George III 'Cartwheel Penny' by smoothing out the central obverse and engraving 'FAUNTLEROY The Robber of Widows & Orphans, Executed at Newgate', and around 'Such be the fate of all Insolvent Bilking Bankers & Agents'.

How the mighty fall - Another Bad Banker

Richardson, Overend and Company was founded in 1800 by Thomas Richardson, clerk to a London bill discounter, and John Overend, chief clerk in the bank of Smith, Payne and Company. At the time, bill discounting was carried on in spasmodic fashion by merchants in addition to their regular business, but Richardson believed there was room for a London house devoting itself entirely to the trade in bills, which proved to be an instant success. Samuel Gurney later joined the firm in 1807, taking control of Overend, Gurney and Co. in 1809.

The bank's core business became the buying and selling of bills of exchange at a discount; it was well respected, expanded rapidly and had a turnover double that of its competitors combined. For forty years it was the greatest discounting-house in the world and, during the financial crisis of 1825, was able to make short loans to many other bankers. The house became known as "the bankers' banker" and secured many of the previous clients of the Bank of England.

After Samuel Gurney's retirement, the bank expanded its investment portfolio, taking on large investments in railways and other long-term investments rather than holding short-term cash reserves. Finding itself with liabilities of around £4 million and liquid assets of only £1 million, in an effort to recover its liquidity, it was incorporated as a limited company in July 1865, selling £15 shares at a £9 premium during the buoyant market from 1864 to 66. Sadly a rapid collapse in stock and bond prices, accompanied by a tightening of commercial credit, soon followed soon, with railway stocks particularly badly affected.

Overend Gurney's monetary difficulties increased and it requested assistance from the Bank of England; this was refused and the bank suspended payments on 10 May 1866. A run on the bank ensued as panic spread across London, Liverpool, Manchester, Norwich, Derby and Bristol the following day, with large crowds around Overend Gurney's head offices in London, reminiscent of Northern Rock 150 years later! The bank went into liquidation in June 1866 and the financial crisis following this

collapse saw the bank rate rise to 10 per cent for three months. More than 200 companies, including other banks, then failed. Company directors were tried for fraud at the Old Bailey for false statements in the share prospectus for the 1865 offering. Lord Chief Justice Sir Alexander Cockburn however saw things differently, saying they were guilty only of "grave error" rather than criminal behaviour. The jury acquitted them though the advisor was found to be guilty.

Thus began the Panic of 1866 - an international financial downturn accompanying the failure of Overend, Gurney and Company. In Britain the economic impacts were partially responsible for public agitation leading to the 1867 Reform Act; the crisis led to a sharp rise in unemployment to 8% and subsequent fall in wages across the country. It decimated shipbuilding in London whilst the Millwall Iron Works collapsed; barely 16% of joint-stock companies weathered the tumult.

To mitigate the panic the Bank of England, then a private bank, extended the largest market-wide lending it had ever done, drawing heavily on its own reserves. Walter Bagehot, financial journalist (later becoming editor-in-chief of *The Economist*) praised the Bank for accepting its lender of last resort role, writing that the panic now meant "a state in which there is confidence in the Bank of England and in nothing but the Bank of England". Thus was set an expectation that The Bank would act in the same fashion in similar circumstances in the future, and the best way to carry out central bank lending has been the source of considerable academic and policy debate ever since.

Napoleon is dead! The Great Stock Exchange Fraud of 1814

For as long as they have existed, stock markets attract fraudsters. In February 1814, news arrived in Dover that the French had been defeated and Napoleon killed. By the time the London Stock Exchange opened, the city was full of rumours of a great allied victory, the price of government bonds rose rapidly and a syndicate of speculators took the opportunity to offload a recently acquired holding at highly favourable prices.

When the elaborate hoax by R. du Bourg, the alleged Lieut-Colonel and Aide-de-Camp to Lord Cathcart came to light, the stock exchange was stung into action. Attention focused on the syndicate of speculators, which included Lord Cochrane (10th Earl of Dundonald), aristocratic grandee, naval hero and MP, who was a daring and successful captain of the Napoleonic Wars, nicknamed him *Le Loup des Mers* or 'The Sea Wolf' by Napoleon. He was a popular public figure but his independent spirit and anti-establishment views had not endeared him to the Admiralty.

Along with his alleged collaborators, Cochrane was charged and found guilty of fraud. The case was headline news and caused great controversy, with many believing Cochrane was innocent (*). He was sentenced to one-year imprisonment, expelled from the House of Commons, stripped of his knighthood and delisted from the navy, despite success in virtually all his naval actions.

(*) It appears the judge, Lord Ellenborough, was both harsh and overbearing to counsel, and in the frequent political trials of the time, showed unmistakable bias against the accused.

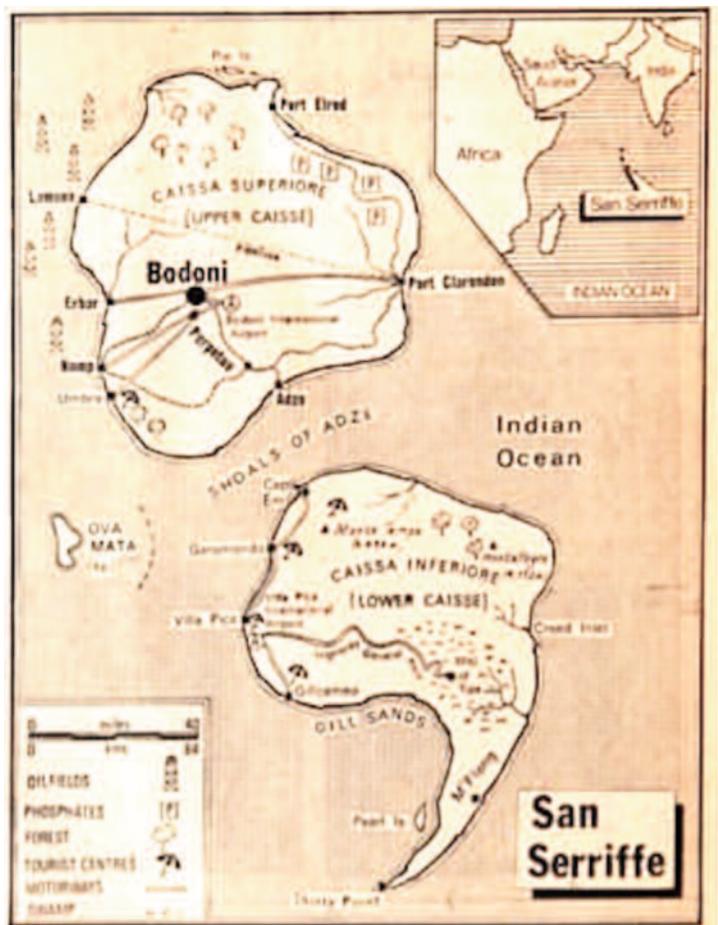
Cochrane then helped organise and lead rebel navies of Chile and Brazil during their successful wars of independence through the 1820s, also contributing to Peruvian Independence through the Freedom Expedition of Peru. In 1832 he was pardoned by the Crown and reinstated in the Royal Navy with rank of Rear Admiral of the Blue. After several more promotions, he died in 1860 with the rank of Admiral of the Red and the honorary title of Rear Admiral of the United Kingdom. His life and exploits then inspired naval fiction of 19th and 20th century novelists, particularly the figures of C. S. Forester's *Horatio Hornblower* and Patrick O'Brian's protagonist *Jack Aubrey*.

Inventing a country as a way to make money

General Gregor MacGregor was a Scottish soldier, adventurer and confidence trickster. Between 1821 and 1837 he interested British and French investors / settlers in "Poyais", a fictional Central American territory, in one of the most brazen confidence tricks in history. Hundreds invested their savings in Poyaisian government bonds and land certificates, and about 250 physically emigrated to the invented country in 1822-23, only to find an untouched jungle; sadly more than half died.

On his return to Britain in 1821 from years of overseas fighting, MacGregor claimed that King George Frederic Augustus of the Mosquito Coast in the Gulf of Honduras had made him Caziq of Poyais, which he described as a developed colony with an existing community of British settlers. When the press reported on his deception following the return of fewer than 50 survivors in late 1823, some of his victims actually leapt to his defence, insisting that the general had been let down by those he had put in charge of the emigration party. A French court tried MacGregor and three others for fraud in 1826 after he attempted a variation on the scheme there, convicting just one of his associates. Acquitted, MacGregor attempted lesser Poyais schemes in London over the next decade. In 1838, he moved to Venezuela, where he was welcomed back as a hero; he died in Caracas in 1845 aged 58, buried with full military honours in Caracas Cathedral.

But this was not the last time a country was invented. On 1 April 1977 the



Guardian produced a seven-page travel supplement on the tiny tropical republic of San Serriffe in the Indians Ocean. The small archipelago with its main islands grouped roughly in the shape of a semicolon was apparently celebrating 10 years of independence. It was an April Fool joke. San Serriffe and the shape of the islands were just the first clues; everything connected with San Serriffe was named after printing and typesetting terms. The name refers to sans serif typefaces; Bodoni, the capital, is a variety of typeface; the two main islands are called Upper Caisse and Lower Caisse; the indigenous islanders are known as flongs, a mould for making type, and the whole Republic is ruled over by the dictator General M J Pica, named after a unit of measurement in type.

After a truly marathon session, Martin was thanked for his efforts and tea / coffee was served.

17th October: Harvest Home

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

21st November: History of Silk

With 50 years experience in the local silk trade, Richard Humphries 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.

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

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

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➤ Window now open to apply for primary and secondary school places

Parents and carers can now apply for primary and secondary school places for September 2019. The deadline for applications to secure a place at a Suffolk secondary school is Wednesday 31 October 2018. For a primary school it is Wednesday 15 January 2019. Secondary schools include high and upper schools and primary schools include infant and junior schools.

Last year, Suffolk County Council received over 15,000 applications from parents and carers indicating which school they would prefer their child to be educated at. 93% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and more than 98% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools.

This year, parents and carers will also need to consider the changes to Suffolk's School Travel Policy, which were agreed by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet on 19 June 2018. The new policy will assess eligibility for funded school travel to the nearest suitable school with a place available. More information about the changes is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions.

Parents and carers should apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions as, that way, they will receive confirmation that their application has been received. If for any reason parents and carers are unable to apply online, they should apply on a paper CAF1 application form. Suffolk County Council is unable to acknowledge receipt of paper applications and therefore suggest that proof of posting is obtained.

Information to help parents and carers make their application is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

➤ New approach agreed for the development of specialist education placements in Suffolk

On 11 September, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet agreed a recommendation to introduce a new approach to the development of specialist education placements for children and young people.

The need will be met in Suffolk by developing a combination of new specialist support centres and new special schools, using independent placements from private providers for only a small number of very specialist needs. A policy development panel will be established immediately to realise these local education places as swiftly as possible. The demand for specialist education places in Suffolk is rising rapidly due to the county's population growth, advances in medicine and increasing complexity of special educational needs. The challenges Suffolk is facing mirror the national picture.

Work has already taken place in the county to deal with the increase in demand for specialist education places. A new special school in Lowestoft opened in September 2017 and following Department for Education approval another special school will open in Ipswich in 2020. Several of the county's existing special schools have expanded and a new campus with additional space for Riverwalk School in Bury St Edmunds opened this September. Work has also taken place to establish a number of additional specialist small groups for specific local needs.

➤ Parents are urged to have their say on school admissions consultation.

The county council is seeking views on its proposed admissions policy for the 2020/2021 school year as well as future arrangements. This is to ensure school places are offered to children in a fair way. The consultation has just started and runs from Monday 01 October until Monday 12 November 2018.

The county council are not proposing to make any significant changes to the admission arrangements for schools in Suffolk for the 2020/2021 school year. They would, however, still like to seek views on the proposed admission arrangements, including potential future changes to the oversubscription criteria and the continued use of catchment areas to rank applications.

I encourage parents and carers to take part in this consultation and have their say on the proposed admissions procedures via the county council website or by email or phone. The consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 12 November. Governing bodies and academy trusts are responsible for admissions to academies, voluntary aided, foundation and free schools. If you want to view the arrangements for these schools, you should contact the school directly.

To find out more about the consultation and how you can have your say visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations. A paper copy of the survey can be requested by calling, 0345 603 1842 or you can take the survey over the phone by calling 0345 603 1842

➤ New support for those bereaved by suicide

On 10 September 2018, Suffolk's suicide prevention steering group announced it will be launching a new service to support individuals, families and others bereaved by suicide.

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES CARTLIDGE MP MP for South Suffolk



In September I was honoured to be appointed to a new role, as PPS to the Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt. A PPS (Parliamentary Private Secretary) is the link between the Secretary of State and MPs from all parties. It is a particular privilege to be part of the Foreign Office team given the department's role of advancing our national interest around the world.

On the majority of foreign policy issues there tends to be a consensus, with little dispute on the way our relations should proceed in most countries, and MPs tend to unite when confronted with terrible humanitarian crises overseas, such as in Syria or Rakhine state, Burma. But of course, there are many more controversial issues: notably Brexit, but also the long-running Palestinian question, and how we respond to President Trump and Russian aggression.

Keeping Ministers aware of the direction that opinion is forming on the full gamut of issues is a key responsibility of a PPS. For example, at the time of writing we have encouraging signs in Syria with Turkey and Russia seemingly agreeing a 'buffer zone' to protect the remaining rebel enclave of Idlib. Were this agreement to break down, the international temperature would rise – and so would concern in the House. This would be particularly so if chemical weapons were deployed again. Let us hope such further horror can be avoided.

Whilst all of the issues facing the Foreign and Commonwealth Office ultimately affect the people of South Suffolk, I am confident that my new role will not in any way diminish my ability to campaign on the home front. A particular priority at present is the rural economy, given that the Agriculture Bill comes before the House in October, promising a new era for how we subsidise and support our farmers. My stance has always been that we should maintain an equivalent version of the current system until a better one is in place. Quite simply, whether at home or abroad, food production or foreign affairs, we need to apply good old fashioned common sense and resist the temptation of divisive ideology.

The 12-month pilot service will be joint funded by Suffolk County Council (SCC) Public Health and Ipswich & East Suffolk and West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). The total funding for the service is £30,000, with Suffolk County Council providing £22,000 and CCGs funding £8,000.

The service will be operated by Listening Ear. They will work in close partnership with the police, coroner service and other partners to offer support following notification of a suspected suicide, including one-to-one individual support, practical help and signposting to local services that can help.

When the new service launches, it will be widely advertised in Suffolk with options for self-referral and referral by professionals.

Suffolk's suicide prevention strategy was launched in October 2016 with the aim of reducing the number of suicides in Suffolk by 10% by 2021 which, in Suffolk, would equate to six deaths a year. Since then, more than 400 people in Suffolk have been trained to prevent suicide and 150 have become "Suffolk Life Savers" as part of a far-reaching campaign to reduce the number of people in the county who take their own lives.

The suicide prevention partnership comprises health and wellbeing partners including Suffolk County Council Public Health, police, coroner, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Samaritans, Suffolk Mind, Healthwatch Suffolk and others.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Your Babergh District Councilor

It is a very busy time at the council right now at the moment with much work going on to set a balanced budget by the end of this year in time for ratification by next April, a task made much harder by the cutting of grant support by the National Government and our own silly cabinet decisions and lack of common sense and political gambles with your Council tax money.

The second big task is gearing up for the District elections which will be held on the new ward boundaries. I would ask everyone please to vote wherever they live and to consider very carefully who they give their precious vote to, these district elections have as much influence on our daily lives and maybe more than the national vote for the Government of the day.

Our democracy although not perfect is probably as good as it can be and every single person should come out and express their preference for which candidate they prefer and who presents themselves at their door or makes a concerted effort to do so, glossy election manifesto's pushed through our doors are usually hollow and not worth the paper they are printed on.

All being well I will be a candidate again and will as always try to get round to see everybody that I possibly can and if elected will move heaven and earth to see that your views are well represented. This is not a political stance, I will leave that to others as I firmly believe that at this level political stances are just claptrap and lead to poor representation.

When I write this column next month I hope to be able to report on the result of the planning appeal by Landex for an extra 24 houses at Goodlands Farm off Swan St Boxford, while I am told that developers tend to win in the end myself and the Parish Council put up a dammed good fight and I remain hopeful that the application will be turned down for the sake of all in Boxford.

I am very aware that by a rather cruel chance of fate we are without a Public House in Boxford at the moment and will be doing all I can in the coming weeks to explore avenues to change this, while not a great drinker myself a village without a pub for meeting friends and sharing a pint and a nice meal is a poorer village socially and becomes hollow in time as people travel to find these things elsewhere. It is also true that the whole core of the village suffers and other business's suffer as well as people just do everything elsewhere. Hopefully better news to report next month.

As some of you may know or have heard I have had to have open heart surgery in Papworth recently to put something right that went wrong for me a couple of years ago. The op seems to have been totally successful which is a relief for me as it has been a worrying time and the repair was quite complicated, however I am back on my feet now and raring to go again, if anyone tried to leave messages while I was away please try again on 01787 210854 or email me on bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk Have a great Autumn. Bryn.



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"This is a completely new venture for me," said Mandy. "I have always wanted to care for children and I hope to use the skills I have acquired in the care sector, along with my new training in childcare to provide a quality service for parents who wish to return to work."

Mandy will be running her business with her daughter-in-law, Katie King who is a qualified science teacher.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for September 2018

The group's First Responders covered 21 hrs and had 4 call outs.

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.

Cards for Good Causes

Cards for Good Causes is the UK's largest multi-charity Christmas card organisation selling cards on behalf of the 1959 Group of charities along with a number of other local and national charities. The Sudbury pop up store in the library sells cards from over 30 charities including national charities, such as Arthritis Research, Marie Curie and RNLI, and local charities, such as the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

We rely on local volunteers to staff the shop and spread the word. Any additional help, via the Box River News, would be much appreciated.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Jigsaw and game enthusiasts needed to check donated puzzles for local charity. If you enjoy puzzles and have spare time during the long winter evenings, please get in touch. Collection and delivery can be arranged. Occasional help also required for events during the summer months. Please call/text SESAW on 07881 785535 or email info@sesaw.co.uk if you can help.

BOXFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – 1st update

Thank you to all those that attended the first consultation session last month in the village hall. A great turn out, and we are indebted to Paul and Carroll for their input and experiences of being a plan reviewer and creator (respectively).

Next stages are that as a village we need to appoint a Neighbourhood Planning Team (NPT) – this team will be the driving force behind the plan and ensuring we have a guiding hand over the coming months.

We have a small group of volunteers – but to be frank we need more. The Parish Council will help and support but it cannot be the Parish Councils Plan, hence the need for a NPT.

To try and keep momentum, Matthew and I will look to create a survey which will be the next engagement point with the village – the analysis and outcomes drawn from this survey will provide additional data which we will use to run workshops and create our draft Plan.

Unfortunately, we (Matthew and I) don't have the capacity to do the analysis and outcomes review, so we would very much appreciate some support in this aspect. We will reach out to the volunteers we have to help with the survey, but if there is anyone else who would like to help please contact our parish clerk Debbie Hattrell.

This is a long journey, but the benefits are clear and will provide a legacy for the coming 20 years.

A NEW BOOK ABOUT BOXFORD CHURCH AVAILABLE NOW
Memorials & Monuments in the Parish Church of St Mary, Boxford, Suffolk by Philip Rich. More than 90 memorials or monuments in Boxford Church commemorate rectors, parishioners and those killed in the world wars: about 190 people over a period of 800 years. 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 published: edited and with additional text by Peter Newble. There are 31 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.

The book opens with a chronology of the church from earliest records through to modern times. It is now available from Boxford Post Office, costing £12, with all profits going to the church. For more information please contact Christopher Kingsbury (e-mail ChrisKingsC@aol.com or telephone 01787 211236).

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.

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Babergh District Council invites residents to come along to their second Customer Access Point pop-up at Hadleigh library. Council staff will be on hand once a week to offer local residents the opportunity to meet face to face. In coming weeks, there will also be a permanent iPad for customers to use anytime during the library's opening hours to access online council services. The pop-up opens on Thursday 18 October and will run for a period of three months. You can find the team at Hadleigh Library, 29 High St, Hadleigh, Ipswich, IP7 5AG on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-5pm.

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We look forward to seeing several members from Boxford at our meeting. *Bill Thomson* Lavenham Gardening Club

CHRISTMAS STARTS FRIDAY DECEMBER 7th!

FREE ENTRY!! The return of the Boxford Christmas Fair, at Boxford Village Hall!

From 3.30pm till 7pm there will be everything from Father Christmas, to foodie treats, some unique gifts and crafts, as well as mulled wine and burgers and lots more!

Come along and find that perfect Christmas present and treat yourself. Get in the mood for Christmas as well as supporting Boxford Village Hall. Friday December 7th from 3.30 to 7.00pm

Tables £10.00, please contact Veronica Hobbs on 01787 200529

Sleeping Beauty -

Wednesday 28 November till Saturday 1 December.

Sleeping Beauty the classic fairy tale involving a beautiful princess, a spinning wheel, and a handsome prince. Not to mention magic spells, good as well as bad fairies, a King and a Queen as well as Nanny Nora the pantomime dame, all of the above are alive and well and living in Boxford!

There will be loads of songs too, which will help to get us all in the mood for Christmas. A traditional turkey supper is served Thursday to Saturday and there is a bar open each night.

Tickets from Boxford Post Office:

Wednesday is Family Night, curtain up at 7pm. Adults £8 Children £5.00.

Thursday to Saturday, curtain up at 7.30pm with supper served in the interval. All tickets £15.00

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2018

Friday 2nd	6.30 pm	Bonfire Night
Tuesday 6th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Quiz and guys
Wednesday 14th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 17th	10.00am	St Nicholas Hospice coffee morning
Tuesday 20th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – armchair exercises
Tuesday 27th	7.30 pm	Newton Neighbour Plan meeting
Friday 30th	10.00 am	Fireside Club – visit to Poplar Nurseries.

DECEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club –Xmas party with musical entertainment
Wednesday 5th	7.30 pm	Village Hall committee meeting
Saturday 8th	10.00 am	Church Xmas coffee morning
Wednesday 12th	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
Monday 17th	12.30 for 1.00pm	Fireside Club – Xmas Lunch at Cock and Bell
Thursday 20th	11.00 am	Wendy's Walk – Xmas lunch

JANUARY 2019

Wednesday 9th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club - tba
Saturday 26th	10.00 am	Newton Green Trust coffee morning
Tuesday 29th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club - tba

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday mornings (term time only): Yoga class
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Monday and Thursday evenings: Western Partner Dance Club
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Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Carole on 373548)

Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club
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Wot's On

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

Penguin edition or the Simon Armitage translation

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November 12th	Frankenstein	
November 26th	The Dunciad Book IV	Alexander Pope
December 3rd	The Dunciad Book IV	
December 10th	Gulliver's Travels part IV	Jonathan Swift
	The Voyage to Houyhnhms	

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Telephone 01787 210344 Please contact Mrs Todds if you are interested in attending.

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BOXFORD & GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

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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 07909993799

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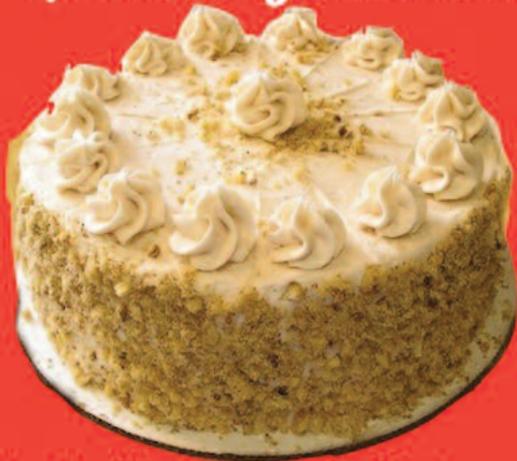
THE SLEEP OF REASON BRINGS FORTH MONSTERS

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



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Wot's On

Kick Off Christmas at Little Waldingfield

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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

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

POLSTEAD WI

2018 PROGRAMME FOR POLSTEAD WI

November 13th

Hair Care

Little Waldingfield's

Festival of Carols in Flowers

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 December

To get us into the Christmas spirit, we are looking forward to putting on a Flower Festival illustrating popular Christmas carols. Entry will be £2.50 to include tea or coffee and a mince pie. From 10am to 4pm both days. We look forward to welcoming you!

Chelsworth Christmas Fair Saturday 1st December.



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A traditional Christmas Fair in a beautiful medieval church. There will be stalls selling gifts, crafts and foodstuffs as well as second hand books and bric-a-brac. Also a bottle tombola. Seasonal refreshments will be available and there will be a raffle with lovely, luxury Christmas hampers as prizes. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Hadleigh Community Choir.

11am to 4pm. Entry £3 (free for children and Chelsworth residents)

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Wot's On

Stowmarket Choral

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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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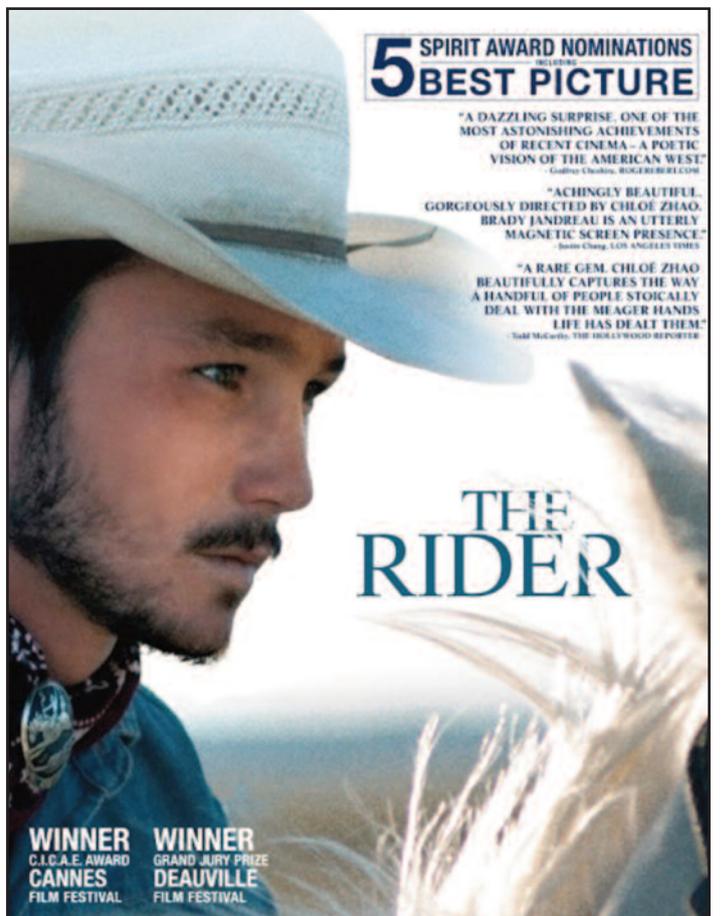
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Forthcoming Events Diary

October

27 Boxford Fireworks	Boxford Community Council	Playing Fields	6.30 for 7.45pm
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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 Church Christmas Coffee Morning	Newton PCC	Newton Village Hall	10.00am
7 Christmas Fair	Boxford Village Hall		3.30-7.00pm
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

January 2019

16 The Green Man (Member Only Event)	LWHS	Parish Room	7.30pm
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7.30pm

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The Box River Parishes Church News

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

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

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

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

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

For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at www.achurchnearyou.com.

Deanery News:

DEANERY SYNOD: Sudbury Deanery Synod will be meeting next on **Thursday 8th November, 7.00 for 7.30 pm** at All Saints' Church, Sudbury. Anna Hughes, the Diocesan Secretary, will be addressing the synod about her role, and answering questions.

NEW CHAPLAIN-GENERAL OF THE PRISON SERVICE. The Revd James Ridge, who lives in Acton and has 'permission to officiate' (i.e. permission from the bishop to take services) in our deanery has recently been appointed Head of Chaplaincy and Faith Services / Chaplain General to Prisons. This means that James, who until recently was the Anglican chaplain at Wayland Prison in Norfolk, is now the senior Anglican chaplain for the prison service in England. Our congratulations to James. Happily, James will still be available to take the occasional service in the benefice, and we shall be welcoming him to preside at the 8.00 am Holy Communion service at Boxford on 4th November.

HONOUR FOR BISHOP MARTIN

On 16th October Bishop Martin received an honorary doctorate from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. This was in recognition of his contribution to ministerial education. Our congratulations to the bishop: the only slight downside was that he had to prepare and give a lecture while in America! Yale University, founded in 1701, is one of the oldest universities in the USA.

Diocesan E-News

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

- 3rd** Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury
- 10th** Living Waters Fellowship, Gregory Street, Sudbury
- 17th** New Life Church, Thomas Gainsborough School, Great Cornard
- 24th** Glemsford Methodist Church

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website:
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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Peter Patrick

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E-mail: ppat@btinternet.com

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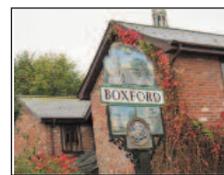
Cafe Church at St. Mary's Boxford on **4th November 11.00 am**



Café Church happens once a month at 11.00 am on the 1st Sunday of the month. Café Church is church with a difference. Seated round tables instead of sat in rows we drink coffee, eat croissants, discuss faith and perhaps read the Sunday papers. It's still a service, we sing a few songs, hear a bit of a talk, say some prayers, but we're relaxed about it all. If your children are running around that's fine.

Remembrance Sunday Service – Sunday 11th November commences at 10.50 with an act of remembrance at the war memorial where the names of the fallen of Boxford, of the two world wars are read. In our churches and by our war memorials you will see life size "Tommy" silhouettes created by the "There but not There" armistice project, on behalf of the charity Remembered to represent every single name of the fallen from our villages who were part of the 888,246 British and Commonwealth Fallen of the First World War. We are thankful for the generosity of those who arranged & paid for these silhouettes.

Boxford Calendar 2019



Will be available in village shops £7.00 per copy. All proceeds to support St. Mary's Church, Boxford.

The Memorial & Monuments of St. Mary's Church book is also available in the Post Office £12.00 a copy, again all proceeds to St. Mary's Church

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2019 diary in Mary's House for making 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 regular 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. (Not everyone is complying with this requirement.)

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. Please contact one of them before making any booking

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 12th November

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

Thank you. Eddie Kench 01787 211507

email address: ed.kench@btinternet.com



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Sunday 18 November, Morning Worship.

Sidesman, David Saddleton, Coffee, Maureen Cooling

Church cleaning, Emma Driscoll

Flowers, Ineke Morris

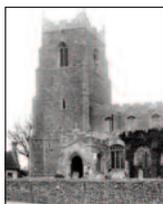
On 30th September Edwardstone welcomed over 30 to the Five Villages Service where we were fortunate to have Rev Simon Gill presiding. He gave a very interesting, thought provoking and challenging sermon which was enjoyed by all.

Next PCC meeting is on **Monday 12th November at Edwardstone House.**

The PCC of Edwardstone would like to invite parishioners or villagers of Edwardstone to a wine and canapes reception on **Friday 23rd November 2018 from 7pm to 9pm** at St Mary the Virgin Church, Edwardstone.

The evening is designed for parishioners to meet and enjoy each other's company as well as discuss the interregnum period with no incumbent rector. There will be a short welcome address at around 7.30pm. There will be no charge for attendance.

Please email : inekemorris@hotmail.com to confirm your attendance before Monday 19th November



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Sandra Harbord and Timothy Harbord
2 Rivish Lane, Long Melford, CO10 9TH
Tel: 01787 311707

E-mail: t.harbord@btinternet.com

Rotas

Sidesmen

4 Nov Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Eddington

11 Nov Mrs. Nicholls and Mr. Duffy

18 Nov No service

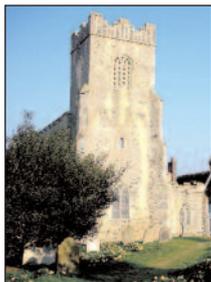
25 Nov No service

6 October Reverend Judith returned to officiate at the wedding of Matthew Frost and Victoria Mound. The weather was unkind, but the church was warm, the flowers beautiful, and everyone enjoyed a most happy occasion.

7 October Reverend Simon Gill, our Rural Dean, celebrated Holy Communion with us. After the service a Parish Meeting was held in the church to elect Church Wardens. Tim and Sandra Harbord had put their names forward, and as there were no other candidates they were accepted unanimously and the meeting was closed. We are very grateful for their commitment, and look forward to their leadership.

A new notice board is now in place. It has been made for us by Gordon Kennett of Edwardstone. He is well known as the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Warden at Arger Fen. He often attends our church, and we are delighted that he agreed to do this for us.

Date to remember **December 15 & 16 from 10am to 4pm. A Christmas Flower Festival** at Little Waldingfield church on the theme of Carols.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:

Vacant

Acting Churchwarden:

Diana McCorkell

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CO10 5ER Tel: 01787 210927

E-mail: dianah.mccorkell@btinternet.com

ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

Sidesman Mrs Jayne Foster

Flowers Mrs Margaret Lethbridge

Cleaning Mrs Sheila Gooderham

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on **Tuesday 6th November 2018, at 7.00 pm** at Mary's House. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 28th October.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: A thanksgiving service for the life of Jane Wood, who died on 5th October, is to be held at St Bartholomew's Church at **1.30 pm on Tuesday 30th October 2018**, following the funeral service at West Suffolk Crematorium at 11.30 am.

Groton Harvest Supper - Thanking everyone for supporting this years Harvest Supper at Groton Village Hall, a whopping £450.00 was raised for Groton Church funds. Special thanks to Sheila, Lisa, Val, Janice, Steve, Brian, Bob and everyone who came.

Also please do not forget to book your tickets for Groton's Annual Cheese & Wine Party on the 8th December at 7.30pm for tickets 210494 or 211360.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Vacant

23rd September : Our Harvest Festival Service took place and was conducted by Revd. Gerald Drew. We are always happy to welcome him and his wife Jane to be with us and especially for this service. Our church was wonderfully and imaginatively decorated with vegetables, fruits and flowers. Revd. Drew showed us a bowl of beautiful blackberries and also a sprig of the bramble full of thorns. This illustrated the theme of his sermon -- Fruits and Thorns. Taken literally and metaphorically this conveyed how life can be for many people throughout the world. As part of the service we had the presentation of the Symbols of the harvest including a huge bread Plait made for us by a local bakery. Thank you to all who came to join us.

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare the church and the service and to Nancy Roser for playing the organ as we sang the traditional harvest hymns.

Following the service, we met to the Village Hall for a Village Harvest Lunch prepared by our church members. Revd. Drew said a very appropriate harvest blessing before we enjoyed a great lunch and a convivial time. A huge 'Thank You' to all who made everything happen so very well - a real team effort. A special 'Thank You' to all who came and braved the very heavy rain.

Notices : 11th. November 9.30 am : Our **Remembrance Service** in church followed by the service by the War Memorial on the Green. Both services will be taken by Revd. Gerald Drew. All are welcome.

Benefice news:

SUSPENSION TERMINATED!

The diocesan bishop, the Rt Revd Martin Seeley, has lifted the suspension of the Box River Benefice with effect from 11 October 2018. What that means is that the bishop has lifted the temporary removal of the right of the patron to present a priest to the bishop for appointment as the incumbent of the benefice. It is because the benefice was 'suspended' that the Revd Judith was priest-in-charge, not rector. The bishop's action means that we shall be able to advertise for a new rector, rather than a priest-in-charge. In many ways, the change is technical, but its importance lies in the fact that the diocese currently has no plans to reconfigure the benefice or to add any parishes to our existing five. When the present benefice was created, the pastoral scheme provided for the separate patrons of the five churches to take turns in exercising the right of presentation. The turn now is that of the Lord Chancellor, and his representative will be entitled to attend meetings in connections with the appointment of the next rector. Hopefully, the timetable for the appointment process will be available shortly.

congratulations to James. Happily, James will still be available to take the occasional service in the benefice, and we shall be welcoming him to preside at the 8.00 am Holy Communion service at Boxford on 4th November.

November 2018 Church Services in the Box River Benefice

Special Services This Month

Cafe Church - 4th; Remembrance Services - 11th

Thursday 1st
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Holy Communion* - Newmans Hall Lay Team
(* Reserved Sacrament)

Sunday 4th	All Saints Sunday (4th Sunday before Advent)	(R)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd James Ridge
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Lay Team
Boxford	11.00 Cafe Church (<i>Informal worship</i>)	Revd Liz Law
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 7th
Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion, Mary's House Revd Steve Morley

Sunday 11th	Remembrance Sunday (3rd before Advent)	(R)
Boxford	10.50 Remembrance Service	Christopher Kingsbury
Edwardstone	10.50 Remembrance service at the War Memorial	David Saddleton
Groton	10.50 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial	David Lamming
Lt Waldingfield	10.45 Remembrance Service	Tim Harbord
Newton	09.30 Remembrance Service with Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew
	11.00 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial	Revd Gerald Drew
Boxford	18.55 Drum Head Service & Lighting of the Village Beacon	Boxford Community Council /Christopher Kingsbury

Thursday 15th
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Compline - Newmans Hall Lay Team

Sunday 18th	2nd Sunday before Advent	(R)
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	Malcolm Offord
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Dr Philip Buckler

Wednesday 21st
Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion, Mary's House Revd Dr Simon Gill

Sunday 25th	Christ the King (Sunday before Advent)	(W)
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Elke Cattermole

Soap Box

I can't say I'm the greatest user of social media. I'm not really a fan for that matter, though there are some useful aspects of Facebook, Linked-in and Twitter (I've never used Instagram or any of the more esoteric media) which encourage me to access these sites from time to time. On learning that excessive use can lead to addiction comes as little surprise and provided a sense of relief that I have never fully embraced this aspect of new technology.

Technology has truly transformed our lives dramatically – mainly for the better, but certainly not exclusively so. It is hard to imagine life without computers and the internet these days. Back in 1996, when on a trip to the Far East with my wife, we were asked for our email addresses by an American couple who worked for the Peace Corps in Russia. They wanted to keep in touch. We didn't really know what an email address was. Today, for me at any rate, email communication outweighs snail mail by a factor of many times.

Less than a decade later when, after a serious illness, I asked to relinquish my executive duties in a major bank and concentrate on my writing and broadcasting, I discovered I would lose my secretary of many years. How would my articles get written, I asked? Try writing them yourself came the unsympathetic response from my new boss. And so I did. I can't imagine delivering the written word in any other fashion now.

But social media is a different game altogether to the enfranchisement that the World Wide Web and easy access to inexpensive computer technology has provided to individuals and small businesses. For the business community it provides a source of targeted advertising. Worse, from some people's standpoint, it provided those with the ability to harvest information about those of us who use social media and our smartphones with immensely detailed information on what we bought, where we went and how we liked to spend our time.

Already we are seeing a backlash on how the data collected by organisations like Facebook and Google is used. So-called "influencers" are used by organisations to change opinions and concepts. The degree of success they enjoy is hard to measure, but concerns have been raised as to whether the US Presidential election result, or even our remain/leave referendum back in 2016, might have been influenced by intervention through social media. And the influencers at work here would have been state sponsored hackers, as like as not.

Leaving conspiracy theories aside, the reality is that the increased use of social media, made possible by the ubiquitous smartphone, is changing how we behave and introducing new and potentially damaging addictions and practices. While it is nice to keep in touch with friends, feeling the need to check your phone at frequent intervals to ensure you are up to date with the latest post or that the opinions or news you have shared with your on-line community has been accessed is not the healthiest way to spend your time.

Yet it is nice to be reminded that a friend's birthday is imminent, or that a past colleague has secured a new post. And social media finds it easier to trace people with whom you might have lost contact. Even so, the image of a couple, sitting opposite each other at a cafe table, coffee or glass of wine to hand, engrossed on their phones without talking, is something I have seen all too often. It is not just the young that are guilty of this either. Mature couples are just as capable of ignoring each other while they check their emails, Facebook posts or just the latest sports results.

I'm not a technophobe. In truth I couldn't operate without my laptop and the internet. But there are limits and I worry that we have gone too far in allowing new technology to assume dominance of our lives. Too often I find myself sending an email when a simple telephone call would have been sufficient. Emails are useful when there are multiple recipients or when attachments are necessary, but simply to ask an individual a question that could have been delivered verbally, thus requiring a further email in response, must be daft.

Am I alone in being concerned that our children and grandchildren are being sucked into a way of life that will eventually limit personal social interaction? Our all too smart phones and the apps and social media facilities they provide are allowing us to relate to each other remotely in far too easy a fashion. For some this is becoming an addiction with real consequences. For others it dulls personal relationship skills. Learning to use these new resources properly must become an important part of education in the future.

Brian Tora

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

The rock garden can be tidied up by removing all weeds, cleaning out leaves and all decaying matter from amongst the plants. After all remaining leaves have fallen from surrounding trees and shrubs, top dress all the alpines with a good sandy mixture of soil.

Early chrysanthemum in the open garden should be lifted, cut down the stems to the base and box the roots up in deep boxes or heel them in rows in a cold frame. Take care to label them. Only give enough water to keep them going.

Those with medium or large gardens might like to plant some of the hybrid musk roses, This particular group are popular because of its long flowering period and rich scent. They are rather like strong floribundas with attractive, healthy foliage and semi double and double flowers. The following varieties are reliable: Penelope, semi double, creamy pink. Felicia, large, richly scented double flowers, salmon in bud opening to silvery pink. Cornelia, large apricot rosettes. Buff Beauty, attractive foliage and apricot yellow hybrid 'T' like flowers. Pruning is by removing flowering twigs as soon as flowers have faded. In February shorten side shoots and remove some of the old basil shoots to maintain a shapely bush.

Begonias in bush should now be brought into the greenhouse, have all the remaining flowers and buds removed. The pots should be allowed to dry out slowly by reduced watering so that the foliage dries out naturally. When the foliage is ready it will break away from the corm easily thus avoiding any damage to the corm. Remove all soil from the tubers, dust with yellow sulphur powder and store them in a dry frost proof place.

Vegetable garden soil which has become sour will not yield good results. If you are in any doubt as to how acid or otherwise your soils, have it tested. There are testing kits available at good garden centres. As a general rule, soil on a vegetable plot should be limed every three years, it can be a bit complicated as potatoes should not be planted on freshly limed soil, because it encourages the skin trouble known as common scab. Brassicas, however, are likely to suffer from club root disease which is thought to be caused by lack of lime. So the best way is to lime one third of your plot each year and arrange the cropping plan to suit both these vegetables. Hydrated lime is best and should be applied at 8oz. per square yard.

Don't forget to make a sowing of the hardy variety of broad bean Aquadulce at the end of the month. If you only have a small garden the dwarf varieties The Sutton might be more suitable.

Winter is on its way

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4 Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5 Plant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
- 8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- 9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

Rake fallen leaves off lawns before they block out light and moisture from the grass. Grass will continue to grow in temperatures above 5°C (41°F), so if the weather remains mild it may be necessary to trim the lawn with a mower. Ensure the cut is 3-5mm higher than in summer to prevent turf stress. On average, this means a cutting height of around 4cm (1.5in).

Mowing will help to deal with any annual weeds that have sprung up in new lawns sown earlier in the autumn.

In the mild temperatures we enjoy in the East, you can still carry out autumn lawn care i.e. scarification, aeration and top dressing as long as the soil isn't waterlogged. This will improve the lawn's performance next year. Don't do this in frosty weather, very wet weather or snow.

Avoid walking on lawns on frosty mornings. It can damage the grass and often leads to brown footprint-shaped marks.

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NEW PLANS FROM KONINGS - DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS EXTENDED

After huge local opposition to last year's planning application for a massive increase in the footprint of the Copella site, Konings, the Belgian drinks manufacturer, recently announced that the application had been withdrawn, and that the industrial bottling and canning operation has been moved elsewhere in Europe. This is a fantastic result for the hundreds of local people who voiced their concerns about the impact of the proposal on the Dedham Vale AONB and the local road network.

The bad news is that Konings have now applied for a smaller development which they obviously hope will be approved simply because it is not quite as outrageous as the previous one.

Flatly contradicting their previous assertions that alternative development was essential because of a continuing decline in the fresh apple juice market, Konings are now intent on major expansion by replacing a bottling line mothballed ten years ago. To make this viable they are now applying to create a juice storage building at the front of the plant. This was approved in 2007 (with little, if any, public consultation) but at a height of 10 metres (33 ft). The current application seeks to increase the permitted height to 15 metres (50 ft), creating a visual intrusion in the AONB which will be seen from miles around. It should be stressed that Konings do not currently have permission for a building of this scale and are required to make an entirely fresh application.

After their last bruising encounter with the planning process, Konings appear this time to be providing as little information as possible. They have refused to meet local residents to explain the plans, which make no promise of additional employment. In fact the 2007 application promised 74 new jobs which never happened; they had 90 employees in 2007 and only have 89 now. Buried in an appendix to the traffic statement, however, is a projection of an increase in HGV movements from approximately 260 (130 each way) per week currently to 460 (230 each way), an increase of 75% on our local roads – in particular the unsuitable B1068 and Stone Street. Oddly, they also call for an increase in staff parking of 68 cars giving a total far in excess of the 89 staff currently employed at the site. This can only strengthen the suspicion that Konings have returned to the sites traditional tactic of piecemeal expansion and that this is likely to be the first of several applications.

Apart from profit for Konings' shareholders, there seems no obvious justification for this development which certainly doesn't comply with their statutory responsibilities to enhance and protect the AONB and to make serious efforts to develop elsewhere to avoid further damage to the peace and tranquillity of the area. Nor has any explanation been offered as to why such a high building is required simply to store raw apple juice. The assumption must be that they expect less opposition to an amendment to a previous application, however inappropriate, than to an entirely new application.

We are all fortunate enough to live within this beautiful countryside and it is an asset that we need to protect for future generations.

If we do not come together and make our feelings known to those who will be making this decision we risk setting a dangerous precedent for this kind of inappropriate development within our AONB.

An extension to the consultation period was recently announced, so even if you sent an objection to the previous plans we would urge as many people as possible to please object again as those objections do not apply to this new application.

You can either:

a) send an e-mail to planninggreen@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk, quoting application reference DC/18/02836

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<https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> where you can review all documents and leave a comment online. You will need to search for the reference DC/18/02836 or use a "simple search" and the new Konings postcode of CO10 5AF.

For those of you writing, the new address for Babergh is

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We really appreciate your support in an attempt to stop this proposed huge Industrial Development in your Dedham Vale AONB and would ask that you please take the time to OBJECT, your objections previously helped a great deal and the more Babergh Planning Committee get, may help to them to make the right decision and reject this outrageous proposal.

PLEASE DO TAKE THE TIME TO OBJECT, THIS AFFECTS US ALL

As Edmund Burke is reported as saying

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil, is that good men do nothing"

L.A.K.E (Locals Against Konings Expansion) who can be contacted at

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THE SARACEN'S HEAD MEMORIES OF THE GLASS FAMILY

There had been members of the Glass family living in Newton from the early 1700's. William Glass (born 1791) and his wife Elizabeth were blacksmiths in the village in 1841 (census records) and probably before that. William died in 1853 and his son William (born 1825) continued with the business until at least 1871. William's brother James (born 1830) became licensee of The Saracen's Head sometime before 1851, following on from Elizabeth Farrow, who was there in 1841. James died in 1891 and was succeeded by his daughter Florence Glass (born 1867) who remained at the pub until her retirement in 1949 some 58 years later. The amount of her esteem in the village is recognised by the illuminated scroll which was presented to her and which now hangs in the village hall. She moved to Great Cornard and died in 1954 aged 87. *Alan Vince (2018)*

"I remember Miss Glass as a very stately lady, dressed in her long black skirt and striped shirt blouse, complete with a black velvet bow at the neck – a kind and generous hearted person, and a real landmark in the village. I recall running errands for her, to post a letter at the local shop. For this she would insist on paying me sixpence. Also, there were those times when we took her a basket of fallen apples or plums from our garden. Again, she would reward us with a bottle or two of stout for our parents, and biscuits for the younger members of the family and, my Goodness, if we refused to take these offers she would get very annoyed and say "I won't have the fruit then!"

I think Miss Glass's only outing was to cross the road to the field opposite the Head where she hung out her weekly wash – this was done by running, not walking over the road! On some occasions when my Father chose to celebrate and would have one over the eight, he would be a little jovial with Miss Glass. However, she would put up with no nonsense at all, would just order him out with a very sharp tongue saying "Get out you brute!" – but the morning after when Dad approached her with an apology for his joviality she would greet him with a "Good Morning Friday" – all was forgotten about the previous night, no matter how much he disgraced himself, she never bore any malice. A kind and generous lady is my childhood recollection of her. *Violet Coulson (nee Wilson) 1976*

Norah Millyard tells me that, as Violet says, Miss Glass was glued to the 'Head' and Norah insists that she did walk up the road to see 'The Warner's House' being built about 1912 or so, and hardly ever left it again (The Head that is) except when, to her horror, she was called for Jury service in Bury!

This was an absolute disaster! First of all she sent to a shop in Sudbury for a selection of hats – as she never wore one, in the days when no lady was ever seen without a hat on. Some half a dozen duly arrived and she selected one, then she borrowed a horse and trap and drove herself to Sudbury Railway Station, where she took the train to Bury. When she got there she sat in the Court all day, waiting to be called, only to find, in the end, that she was not wanted. She then made the journey all the way home again and was not (I gather) altogether pleased about the matter!

One thing everybody remembers is her extraordinary generosity. Hot meals were regularly placed in a cupboard in the Tap Room for those who would otherwise have no hot meal at all, but her generosity must never be mentioned, nor would she accept anything. I well remember one Derby Day she saw me outside the bungalow where we used to live (opposite the Pub) and asked if I would put a bet of about half-a-crown each way on some horse for her. I did so and it came third at about 7-2, not even enough to cover her stake money. She insisted on me having a drink, so I had half a pint. As I was leaving she gave me a pint bottle of beer and 20 cigarettes – about twice as much as she had won! My Wife once heard that she (Miss Glass) wanted some lettuce so, delighted to be able to give her something, Elsie took her over half a dozen lettuce from the garden. Would she accept? Would she heck! She took the in the end and insisted on giving Elsie 20 cigarettes in return, as well as a drink.

One last example. When the old poplar tree blew down, Arthur (at the shop) tells me that he, Mark Wilson and the Darts Club sawed it up for her, cut it into smaller pieces and generally cleared up the mess. Whilst they were doing it Miss Glass supplied them with so many cigarettes and so much beer that it would have been far cheaper had she paid a contractor to do the job!

I doubt anyone will be present will ever forget her 'farewell party' before leaving the Head. Everything was free – eats, drinks, the lot, and to say a riotous evening was spent is the understatement of the year. Much of the events will remain hazy, but I do recall a passing lorry driver who merely called for a beer and was staggered to find he was supposed to join in everything, for the whole evening if he liked – and all 'on the house'. Miss Glass introduced Mr Robbins (Robbie) the incoming Boss and I remember he said that if the place were as full as that every night he'd be very pleased. There must be, literally, dozens of yarns about her, but there is no doubt that she was a remarkable old lady, and it is certain we shall never see her kind again. I doubt whether she left an enemy in the World and I, certainly, remember her with the greatest affection and admiration. Truly, 'they don't make 'em like that anymore'. *Frank Rowland 1976*

THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - NOVEMBER 2018



Last month I said that, in November, we would hear about three more of our villagers. However, as I was beginning to write up the notes about Frederick Griggs of Edwardstone I realised that the information on the Roll of Honour web site, upon which I had relied for Frederick's identification, was incorrect. Their data showed him as

Private G/89197 of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) who died on 6th November 1918. In fact, our Frederick is Private 18963, 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment and he died on 9th July 1917. Thus, we have missed the centenary of his death and I will include him in the catch up article in January's Box River News, in which I will write about those who died after the end of 1918.

Each of the last four years has seen commemorations of the centenaries of significant events of the passage of the War such as The Somme and Passchendaele. Remembrance Day this year will, of course, have a special significance, marking as it does the hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which brought the open conflict in Europe to an end as the guns fell silent. It would have been difficult to have missed all the publicity about the many national and local events that will be held to commemorate those for whom the War Memorials throughout the land stand as a silent testament to their sacrifice. As one example, Boxford is mounting an exhibition using the eerie silhouettes of absent soldiers from the "There but not there" project run by the charity Remembered. More information on this can be found at this web site, <https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/remembered/>. On this site you will find a link to the project itself with lots of information about its origins and how, amongst other things, it is contributing to charities that provide support to Forces personnel who have suffered in more recent conflicts.

After all the Remembrance services and events end and as November comes to a close, in many respects, this great recollection of the War and its consequences will quietly recede from the public mind. Indeed, sometime early in 2019, this series of articles will cease, its purpose completed. But we should never forget that the effects of the War on our villages and villagers did not end with the Armistice or the signing of the actual peace Treaty of Versailles on 28th June 1919, which formally ended the hostilities between Germany and the Allied powers. The damage and loss went on being felt for years and for some it never ended. I have chosen to write articles for the December Box River News and at least one in 2019 as a small attempt to make that point. Three of our villagers who fought in the War died in December 1918, one died in January 1919, another the following month, another in April and finally there is one who died in August 1920. And this pattern was repeated up and down the Country.

But the nation had to move on and we have to also. There has to be a future which we think we can shape for the better, but we also have to learn from the past, a lesson more necessary than ever in our conflicted times. So, as well as remembrance, these articles and the cathartic tide of memory and respect that engendered them and countless similar projects have to be read as the starkest of lessons, that it is all too easy for nations and states to go to war, but for ever difficult to face the appalling consequences and terrible responsibility of doing so. This month we have stories of a man from Little Waldingfield and a man from Newton. Our Little Waldingfield soldier died in November 1918 and our Newton soldier is one of those who died after the Armistice, but, because the Christmas services at Newton do not present a suitable opportunity to include him in prayers, it was decided to remember him in November.

Charles Bartlett, a soldier who was born and brought up in Little Waldingfield, died on the first day of the last month of the War. Unlike most of his fellow villagers fighting on the Western Front, who had travelled a hundred or so miles away from their birthplace, Charles had made a round trip of something like 10,000 miles to defend his mother country and meet his fate. Our soldier was **Private Charles Stephen Bartlett, 276595, 46th Battalion, Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment)** serving in the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Charles was born on 12th March 1883 and baptised in St Lawrence's Church on 18th October the following year. His parents were Alfred and Sarah who, at the time, were living in The Street. Alfred was also born in the village, in 1833, and he came from a family, which, for generations, had been employed on the land. Sarah hailed from Edwardstone. She had been born into the Tuffen family, who were similarly rooted on the land, though her mother, also Sarah, who was widowed in 1860, when the young Sarah was 13 years old, is described as the widow of a coachman in the 1861 Census. It would seem that the young Sarah went to live with her paternal grandparents in Clare after her father's death. Alfred and Sarah married in 1866. Charles was one of thirteen children, eleven of whom were still living in 1911, and their youngest son, though there were two daughters who came after him.

Unlike his brothers, who all followed their father into labouring on the land, Charles left the village after his schooling ended and in 1901 he is to be found

working as a milkman in Willesden, north London, lodging in the household of an upholsterer. But he must have been a restless soul, because in February 1904 he returned to Suffolk and joined the Suffolk Regiment Militia as Private 6334 in the 3rd Battalion. The militias, until the reforms of 1906, were effectively volunteer forces. Their members signed up to be available for active service as required. They undertook regular training in Drill Halls locally and went on an annual two week training exercise. In return they received a regularly paid retainer, which could supplement whatever other income they had. It is not known what employment Charles had at this time.

However, even this did not satisfy this young man's roving spirit and just over a year later in September 1905 Charles bought himself out of the Militia. After this it is unclear what he did. Two different sources identify him as the Charles Bartlett who arrived in Canada on 5th June 1910 aboard the SS Lake Champlain of the Canadian Pacific Railway shipping line as it docked at Quebec. The ship had left Liverpool on 28th May. Both these sources seem to reply on the same passenger manifest as evidence of this, however, a careful study of the actual details of the manifest show that this Charles Bartlett identified himself as an engineer and that his intended occupation in Canada was to be engineering. This does not accord with the Charles Stephen Bartlett we have so far encountered.

An alternative possibility is a Charles Bartlett who reached Canada on 5th May 1906 aboard the SS Lake Manitoba of the same shipping line. This vessel also docked at Quebec having left Liverpool on 26th April. This manifest is very difficult to read, but it would seem to show that Charles Bartlett (shortened to Chas) was a labourer before he left for Canada and that he intended to be a farmer in Canada. The date of this arrival fits quite well with Charles's discharge by purchase from the Militia and with the details of his Attestation paperwork, written when he volunteered for service in the Canadian Expeditionary Force on 9th January 1917, on which he describes his Trade or Calling as Farmer. Further support for this identification comes from the standard soldier's Will he completed two days later, in which he leaves the entirety of his possessions to his mother, Sarah, and on which, in his own hand, he signs himself as Chass.

Regular readers of this series of articles will recall that I gave some account of the westward flow of immigrants from the United Kingdom to Canada, when writing about Private Lionel Harwood Smith, who undertook the same transatlantic journey in search of a new and more independent life. Lionel settled near the eastern seaboard not far from from his point of entry into the country. Charles Bartlett, on the other hand, appears to have made the far longer journey to the great plains of the North Western Province of Saskatchewan, a full two thousand miles as the crow flies inland from the eastern ports.

In 1871 a land survey of the three Prairie Provinces, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, was initiated so that land could be granted to settlers under the terms of the Dominions Land Act. This survey created an extraordinarily precise checker board of parcels of land covering some 200 million acres of prairie. The basic township unit was 36 miles square and this was divided into 36 one mile squares and each of these was divided into quarters. A quarter amounted to 160 acres. This was the basic unit of grant of land to settlers. Over time this system led to the creation of 1.25 million homesteads. To be granted the title of the land, the settler had to show that they had improved the land and built a basic means of shelter through the application of labour and/or capital. Initially many of these shelters were what were known as sod houses, in that they were little more than a wooden frame covered in the sods of land that had been lifted in order to break the virgin prairie in readiness for cultivation. To describe this as a hard life does do not justice to the settlers. Typically the prairie regions of Saskatchewan have average summer temperatures of 26C day and 12C night, but in winter the average range is -6C day to -18C night.

In the Canadian Archives are two grants of land of 160 acres a piece to a Charles Bartlett. These have the references, Section 2, Range 17, Township 2, N(orth)E(ast) and S(outh)E(ast). These are located near the Cypress Hills in western Saskatchewan. What is available on-line is only an index, so I do not know when these grants were made. However, the 1911 Canadian Census finds a Charles Bartlett aged 23, who arrived in the country in 1906 from England, described as single and a farmer, in possession of two parcels of land, which grid references appear to match those in the previously mentioned grants of land.

None of the foregoing is conclusive and there is room for error in interpreting the available documents. However, the congruence of the facts gives a tantalizing suggestion that Charles Bartlett of Little Waldingfield did become a prairie settler in the vast expanse of the Canadian hinterland, who toiled on his land closer to the Pacific Ocean than to the Atlantic that laps upon the western shores of his native land.

Returning to undoubted facts, as we noted earlier, our Charles Bartlett joined the army to serve in the Canadian Expeditionary Force at the beginning of 1917. At the time he gives his place of residence as Lemburg, which is a small town about 350 miles east of the Cypress Hills. From there it is only 80 or so miles to Regina, the capital of the province of Saskatchewan, which is where he enlisted. What brought him to Lemburg is not known. Did he give up on the land, or did he move east to lodge in Lemburg prior to enlisting?

From his papers we know him to be by then 33 years old, standing 5ft 6in tall, having light brown eyes and light coloured hair with a fair complexion. Six months after enlistment he was on board the SS Olympic, which arrived in Liverpool on 9th June. The next day Charles was to be found in the Bramshott Camp near Haslemere in Hampshire. Bramshott Camp was one of three vast military camps

created by the Canadian Army during the War. The camps served as holding facilities for troops as they arrived from overseas and came and went to the theatres of war. Tens of thousands of Canadians passed through Bramshott and they became part of the community. The A3, as it now is, passed close by the camp and originally it was lined with Maple Trees planted to commemorate the presence of the troops in the area. All are now gone in the widening and upgrading of this trunk road.

During his time at Bramshott Charles was posted to several different reserve battalions, but on 29th November 1917 he was transferred to the 46th Battalion and posted to the Western Front. The 46th Battalion had the nickname of the 'Suicide' battalion. They had a reputation of fierce and determined fighting often at close quarters. Over the whole period of the War the battalion lost over 1,400 men and suffered nearly 3,500 wounded. This equates to a 91% casualty rate. Charles appears to have reached France on 30th November 1917. However, the Canadian Divisions were not involved in Front Line fighting until the Allied forces countered the German spring offensive and began the advance eastward, which ultimately broke the defensive Hindenburg line, forcing the German army into full retreat. Charles's battalion formed part of the 4th Canadian Division and as such he is likely to have taken part in the Battle of Amiens, the second Battle of Arras and the actions around the Canal du Nord. The next definite event in his service record is for 3rd September on which day he received a gunshot wound to his right arm and was evacuated to the hospitals near the coast at Etaples. There he remained convalescing until he rejoined his unit at the front on 12th October. This was in time to be involved in the regrouping prior to the Battle of Valenciennes. Valenciennes was a town of about 5,000 people and a key objective to the final advance through Belgium to liberate the country. It was well defended by the Germans and wet weather had caused flooding to the north and west. As a consequence, the attack was mounted through the south western suburb of Aulnoy. The battle opened on 1st November with a massive barrage and the Canadian troops were detailed to take a small wooded hill called Mount Houy, which was attained within three hours after fierce fighting. After this the troops pressed on for about two miles and secured Aulnoy itself and by nightfall had reached their first day objective, the main railway station in the centre of the Valenciennes. It was in the thick of the fighting in Aulnoy that one of Charles's fellow Canadian soldiers, Sergeant Hugh Cairns of the same battalion, acted with conspicuous bravery in the face of enemy machine gun fire, which led to his being posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

During this long day the odyssey that began with the restless young son of a farm labourer in Little Waldingfield leaving Suffolk, and then England itself, with hope for a new life, came to an abrupt and brutal end. His medical record simply states 'Killed in Action' but a more detailed document explains that "During an advance, this soldier was hit in the head by a large piece of shrapnel from an enemy shell and killed instantly." He was 35 years old.

Charles is buried in the Aulnoy Communal Cemetery along with another 120 of his brother adventurers from Canada, all of whom perished in the fighting about Aulnoy. His headstone there just gives his name, rank, unit and date of death. But his father had predeceased him (on 6th May 1918) and Sarah had erected a headstone to her husband to which she added an inscription to Charles as the "youngest beloved son of (Alfred)" and followed this with the now familiar lines "Greater love hath no man than this. That a man lay down his life for his friend" There are times when writing these biographies I find myself thinking that what I have found through the research would be better left as silence, because of the harrowing nature of the facts. The life and death of **Private Frederick Elijah Smith, 202816, 1st/4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment** is one such case. It initially looked as though he was one of the many soldiers about whom we knew very little, but this proved not to be the case. I had searched through several archives on-line and had found little more than the usual information of number, regiment, and entitlement to war service medals. I was just about to give up but did one more sweep and found myself looking at papers that gave a fairly detailed history of his deployment during the war. These papers were associated with his being discharged as medically unfit for war service on 26th November 1918, two weeks after the Armistice was declared. We will come to that in due course after having given some account of his life before the War.

Frederick was born in Lavenham, quite possibly on New Year's Day 1887. This can be inferred because the statutory index of births places his arrival into this world in the first quarter of 1887. However, the baptism register for the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Lavenham gives the date of his baptism as 2nd January, so his birth day has to be one of those two days. His father was George Henry Smith, who was a Lavenham man born in 1846 and was employed as an agricultural labourer. His parents were James and Mary, though the Census data sometimes record Mary as Marianne. James and Mary were born around 1820. Frederick's mother was Emma Pryke, born in Lavenham a year after her husband. Her parents were John and Eliza both born in 1823.

Frederick was the youngest of the family, there being six other children living in the family home in Prentice Street in 1891, though I suspect there had been more children who may have died in infancy. Emma died in 1890, when Frederick was only three at most. By 1901 Frederick, aged fourteen, is found working as a factory hand making horse hair seating along with two of his elder siblings and his father was a labourer in the brickfields. In 1911 Frederick was still living at the family home of 7 Prentice Street though the head of the household was then an elder

brother, Charles, who was married to one Sarah Anne Wright. Their father, George Henry, appears in the Census of that year as living at 51 The Almshouses in Lavenham, where he died towards the end of the year. Frederick was employed as an assistant gardener, domestic. It is very likely that he was working for a Mrs. Biddle of Grove House, Lavenham, because she is shown as his last employer before enlisting on the papers we will come to shortly.

Frederick enlisted into the Suffolk Regiment on 14th October 1914 at Bury St Edmunds. He was posted into the 1st/4th Battalion, which was part of the Territorial Force. The battalion was placed under the command of the Jullundur 3rd (Lahore) Division, which sailed for France on 9th November, though Frederick was not with them. I suspect this would be because he was still undergoing training. Frederick was initially Private 22827 and then Private 28881 but on completion of his training he was given the service number 6131 probably being posted into one of what were known as the Supernumerary Territorial Force Companies. These were companies detailed to provide guard duties at key sites, such as railway stations and ports. They tended to be composed of the less physically strong or older soldiers deemed unable to serve abroad and perhaps this tells us that Frederick was, at this time, not the most physically able of young men. In the Summer of 1915 Frederick married Mary Ann Cartwright, a widow, in All Saints Church, Newton. Mary was born in Newton in 1876 as Mary Ann Segers (sometimes spelt Segars, Siggers or Seggars) and baptised in the church on 6th August that year. Her parents were William and Sarah both from Newton. In 1902 Mary had married Harry Cartwright, a pastry cook and confectioner from Burghle-Marsh in Lincolnshire, who was working in Sudbury at the time. They had a son, Harold Douglas, born 14th December 1902, who was born in the Halifax district of Yorkshire, though I do not what caused the family to move north. However, by 1906 they had returned to Suffolk, because Harry's death is registered in the town in that year. In 1911 Mary was working as a parlourmaid in the household of John William Fisher Hamilton, Gentleman, of Westgate House, Long Melford and her son was living with his grandfather in Newton.

In March 1916 a new Royal Defence Corps was created to rationalise the protection of the home front. This absorbed all the Supernumerary Territorial Force Companies and established a series of Protection Companies. On April 29th 1916, Frederick was transferred to Protection Company 100, which was under the Eastern Command. Here he stayed until 9th December of that year at which point he was posted to France and then, on 12th March, transferred to the 2nd Suffolk Regiment with the service number 202816. It may be that his physical condition had improved, though by then, after the losses incurred in 1915 and during the Somme Offensive of 1916, the army needed all the manpower it could get. This, as much as anything else, may well have been a factor in deeming him fit to serve abroad.

Now in France, Frederick would have been plunged into the thick of the fighting on the Western Front. His battalion was part of the 76th Brigade of the 3rd Division and this unit fought all the way through the Arras Offensive in the spring of 1917 and then was engaged in the 3rd Battle of Ypres, which culminated in the disastrous Battle of Passchendaele. On 26th June 1917, during action on the Hindenburg Line, Frederick was reported killed in action. However, the very next day this was notified as reported in error and it is hoped that his unfortunate wife did not receive the news.

Early in January 1918 Frederick was given 14 days leave. Then, on 3rd March, for reasons that are not clear he was transferred to 529th Company Royal Engineers but this only lasted three weeks and he rejoined his battalion on 23rd March. By this time, as we have seen in previous articles, General Ludendorff's spring offensive campaign had opened with devastating effect on the Allied forces causing them retreat on several fronts. Five days later the First Battle of Arras of 1918 opened with the Allies, including the 2nd Suffolks, defending the city against a forceful attack by the German troops and artillery. On this same day, 28th March, Frederick was reported missing in action. This was not notified to his wife until 1st May, which, I think, gives some indication of the desperate state of War at this stage, when it seemed as though the Germans were very likely to be the victors. Then in early July came the news that Frederick was a prisoner of war and this was conveyed to Mary on 17th of the month.

Thereafter nothing is heard of him until he is repatriated into the care of the Allied troops on 23rd November during the initial exchanges of prisoners immediately following the Armistice. The next day he disembarked at Dover and was immediately seen by staff of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

I will now quote from the medical report that was made in which he was deemed unfit for further service.

Section 13 asks for concise 'essential facts of the disability.' which is described thus by the Captain examining him: "*Had good health before capture. Since capture has suffered a good deal from diarrhoea but has never been treated in hospital. Has lost a good deal of weight and declined in health.*"

Section 15 asks 'What is his present condition?' "*Considerable degree of emaciation and debility. No organic disease*"

Section 18 asks about his dental health "*Teeth bad. Harmful decay*"

Then, in Section 21, comes the diagnosis and opinion of the Medical Board "*Debility Complaining of general weakness and cough. Is a good deal emaciated and debilitated. Heart normal. Has some bronchitis and catarrh Weight 123lb: states has lost 3 stone during imprisonment.*"

The pathetic picture that emerges from these notes is of a man that has suffered

mistreatment, malnourishment and a general lack of care during his eight months of captivity and who is in very poor physical health. The Army being the Army has to quantify everything and the Board is required to determine the extent of 'the disability'. Their assessment of Frederick is that his case merits a measure of 80% disability. Given that he had not lost a limb or been wounded, he must have presented a truly disturbing sight to men who had probably spent the last four years assessing all manner of 'disability' arising from the battle grounds of the Western Front.

Our own deeply divided world shows us daily images of people suffering as Fredrick did, and it does not take much imagination for us to bridge the century that separates us and visualise how our once healthy young gardener looked.

The Medical Board goes on to advise that they think it will take a year for Frederick to recover, though they do not recommend any treatment for his condition. They also state that he should be immediately discharged, which was effective from 26th November, and that a weekly pension of 22 shillings be paid to him for the first six months, which would then be reviewed as to his progress. This was authorised on 30th November and the first payment was made on 6th December.

We have to assume that Frederick left Dover on the 27th and returned home to Mary, who was living in Rectory Road, Newton. We can only guess at what she thought when her young husband of three years came into sight. But her relief at his return, no matter what his condition, was not to last. Fourteen days after being reunited with Mary he died. He had been admitted to Bellevue Red Cross Hospital in Sudbury. The cause of death on his death certificate is "Starvation and Broncho - Pneumonia". Mary registered his death and was with him when he died.

Frederick is buried in All Saints Churchyard, in, as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission puts it, an "ordinary parishioner's grave, acquired without being purchased. Burial fee only paid." On it Mary has included the following text. "They loved not their lives unto the death. Rev. 12.V.11".

Even though it is not marked with one of the familiar regimental headstones, Frederick's last resting place on this earth is a war grave and as such it will be in the care of the Commission for perpetuity, as Frederick is in God's care.

Mary, now twice widowed, lived on in Newton until her death in 1945 and her son by her first marriage, Harold Douglas Cartwright, also lived in the area, possibly Great Waldingfield, and died in 1983.

Charles will be remembered on 4th November at the 09:30 service of Morning Worship at St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield and Frederick will be remembered on 25th November at the 11:00 service of Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Newton.

Rufus Sweetman Reepham, Norfolk

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Support for the bereaved

Unless you have experienced grief after your chosen life partner has died, you cannot possibly understand to the fullest extent, what grief is and what effect it might have on you.

There are so many facets to this emotion, no two people ever feel the same, and much has been written about it, but words on a page can never prepare you for how it feels.

Counselling and support can be offered and in many cases are successful and at some stage, most bereaved partners reach a time where they might be able to function normally again.

This is when Club THEO might help.

It is, I believe, a fairly unique club in its aim to support people in their first steps towards building a social life after bereavement. We are not qualified to offer any type of counselling services, we simply support. We share the experience of having lost a partner and we talk, cry and eventually laugh together.

Walking into a crowded room, restaurant or pub by yourself for the first time is very daunting and takes real courage. Some of our members have initially reached our door and yet been unable to come in, so have turned around and gone back home .. and yet to get through our life journey and make it rewarding, we do need to socialise.

We meet twice monthly on a Friday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 in the very comfortable and calming surroundings of The Salvation Army Centre at 1, Station Road, Sudbury. There is ample parking space in the immediate area. Should you need support one of us will willingly talk to you on the phone and then arrange to meet you at the door if you would like to try to

attend a meeting.

Membership is affordable at £12 per year plus a £3 entry fee each meeting, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. Members are encouraged to take part in our meetings, some have talked about their travels, hobbies or skills. We also have had guest speakers who have given many and varied presentations, and entertainers. Quiz evenings are popular, so too are some of the novelty team games such as 'Call my Bluff.'

Activities are not confined to club evenings .. we have lunches and suppers out most months, days out, a Treasure Hunt, Fish and Chip suppers, Strawberry Teas .. but if you wish to do no more than chat over a cup of coffee, we can offer that too! We particularly welcome male members to make opinions and our programme more balanced.

Looking round our members it is so heartening to see the progress some are making on their journey through grief. I see people who have joined THEO at a time when they were totally grief-stricken but have now formed friendships that they value. Several small groups or couples have been on holidays together, days out, shopping expeditions, the theatre, the

cinema .. this is what building a social life is about.

We can help you, phone Eileen,(01787 319747) Joy (01787 282719) or John. (01787247616) Jennie Leech

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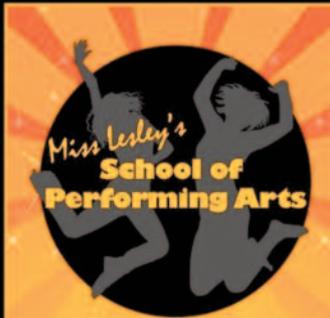
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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council Held on 3rd September 2018.

Vacancies

The Parish Council has 3 Parish Councillor Vacancies and now have clearance to Co-opt New Members. Applications are encouraged.

Public Forum

Residents shared frustration as the boundary wall at Hillside, Ellis Street is repeatedly hit by Lorries. The problem occurs when Lorries try to turn right on to Cox Hill. The Parish Council were supportive of a solution being found and encouraged a site meeting with Highways officials. County Cllr James Finch agreed to follow up.

Attention then turned to the Konings application. Objections outlined by residents included HGV movements in Stone Street and Leavenheath, the height and prominence of the proposal and potential planning creep. It was stated that it is a 24 hrs a day business in the AONB that has out-grown its site and no additional local employment has been promised. It was felt this application does not fulfill the requirements under the National Planning Policy Framework.

A resident has been voluntarily cleaning the bus shelter as it is being left in a poor state by those using it as a meeting place. The situation is not improving.

Glasses and bottles are still being left outside the Fleece. Cars and car parts were looking unsightly at Homefield Court flats. District Cllr Bryn Hurren agreed to investigate.

A representative from the Church thanked the Parish Council for arranging for ivy in the Churchyard to be cleared. A meeting was to be arranged to consider further necessary work.

County Council Report

County Cllr J Finch attended and reported on improved GCSE results in Suffolk, another outstanding year for Suffolk A'Level students, support to young people leaving residential care and success for Suffolk Tourism.

District Council Report

District Cllr B Hurren was still trying to arrange for a representative from the Heritage Team to come out to give advice in relation to the Churchyard wall. The Goodlands Appeal was heard and was well supported by the parties. The outcome is still awaited. The Boundary Review changes will take place from the May 2019 Elections. This reduces the numbers of District Cllrs and updates the ward areas.

Correspondence

Cutting priorities were to be switched on 2 Parish Footpaths as recommended by the Footpath Warden. Changes to grit provision for use by residents were of concern and it was agreed to discuss in detail at the October Meeting.

Finance

The Internal Audit Report was shared with the meeting including recommendations to update some documents during the next financial year. GDPR notices were adopted including the General Privacy Notice which is now on the Parish Council Website.

Neighbourhood Planning

Final arrangements were made for the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting in the Village Hall to take place on 25th September.

Planning

The Planning Authority confirmed the following applications had been granted: -

- Extensions and alterations at Orchard House, Roylands Lane
- Slate roof over former store at Greenbank, Ellis Street and
- Alterations and annex at Kingsbury House, 29 Swan Street.

The proposed amendment from render to boarding at 5 Hadleigh Road was refused by the Planning Authority.

The Parish Council maintained strong objections to the Konings Application due to on-going traffic issues which would worsen further if expansion went ahead.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

Readers Letters

Sir

Dear Friends, Neighbours and Acquaintances,

As some of you may know we are soon moving to a bungalow in Hadleigh. We have been very happy in the village, getting to know a lot of people, and getting involved in various organizations.

Even so I have been overwhelmed by the amount of cards, good wishes and Get Well messages following my illness.

After I had a heart attack while on holiday in Guernsey, was airlifted to Stansted then taken to Ipswich Hospital, where I was looked after very well while waiting to be taken to Papworth for a heart operation.

Papworth Hospital is an amazing place and the care and attention is second to none. We are very lucky to have such a facility in our area. All this happened in July, thankfully I am now on the mend.

We will certainly be back, we are not cutting ties completely. Love and best wishes,

Chris and Peter Cuthbert

Sir

I can't praise too highly or thank more gratefully the Boxford Community Car Service organised by Sue Green. For non drivers like myself they are a Godsend.

A call to Sue, and within a short while there is a volunteer driver who will contact me prior to taking me to Ipswich Hospital, my anxiety over.

For my appointments I have had the use of superb drivers, Steven, David and George. All have driven me to hospital, and when necessary waited, sometimes overlong, to bring me safely home again.

It is hard to express my gratitude for such a service. Wow fortunate we Boxford folk are

Yours Sincerely
Vera and James

Sir

Thank you

Owing to my dog knocking me over in the garden and breaking my Ankle I would like to thank my friends and neighbours for being so helpful and kind. I would also like to thank my family especially by daughter Carole.

Thank you all once again
Diane Buckle

Sir

My family and I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all our friends, for their wonderful cards, letters, flowers and messages of sympathy after Antony's death in August. It was so gratifying to see the Church so full for the beautiful funeral service in September organised for us and taken by The Rev. Richard Titford.

Pam Dodd

Sir

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I was very disappointed with the attendance at the Village Hall AGM despite a notice in your esteemed publication and adverts placed around the Village.

The Committee/Trustees are working hard to keep the Hall in good order for people to use for now and the future, so to find just one member of the public turn out on the night just shows how members of the community are concerned about this most important facility in the Village. However, if it were not to be available people would find out how valuable the Hall really is to the community.

The Village is going through a period of transition with no public houses in the Village centre which unfortunately is looking somewhat run down. If it was not for the "Coffebox" there would be no place for the public to meet each other for a social chat. It is important to show an interest in your Village and its amenities and organisation that keep the Village vibrant. All members of the village have a responsibility to support and help in any way they can to ensure that village life continues. The Village Hall, Boxford Parish Council, Boxford Community Council, Boxford Playingfields and the many organisations deserve the support of the public in order for them to survive.

Don't leave it to some one else, it is down to you.

Yours sincerely, David House. 29 Ash Street, Boxford.

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379204		
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210838		
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SESAW by Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua

What a lovely time we had at our Autumn Sale, I'm quite worn out after meeting so many people. Our Volunteers put on a really good display of sale items and baked some fantastic cakes. Thank you to them and everyone who visited us at Great Bentley, £3,200 was raised for the animals at SESA W.

The fundraisers are now preparing for the Christmas Fair at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX. This is our last event of the year with lots of goodies on offer plus a raffle and tombola. Doors open at 10am on Sunday 18th November, get there early before they sell out!

Back at the Sanctuary, last year's rescued blackbirds have reared their own broods and the kestrel is happily flying free above the garden which is most frustrating for poor old Ollie (the Black) Cat! Mum is still kept busy with abandoned hedgehogs but we do have domestic animals too! I'd love to see poor old Jack go to a new home. It's going to be difficult because he is a bit of a grump but I think he deserves a chance to be happy and loved.

Please remember to take extra care of your pets leading up to bonfire night, it is a scary time of the year for us animals. The evenings are drawing in and getting chilly so I'm off to my spot in front of the Rayburn. All this socialising and writing is hard work for a little dog like me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua! Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare. Reg.Charity No.1124029. Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. 01787 210888. www.sesaw.co.uk Open 10-1pm Thurs-Sunday

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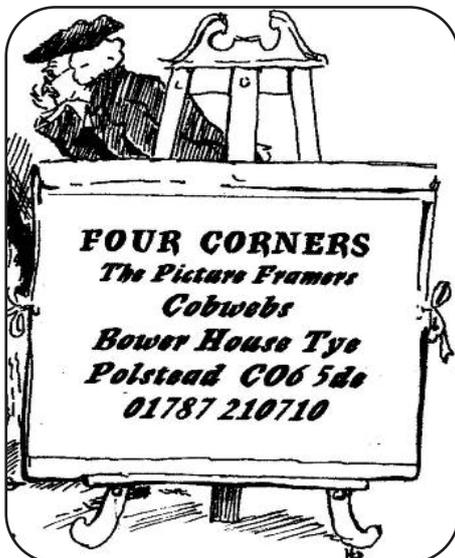
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