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DRUM HEAD ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



photo's David Lamming

After the well-attended morning Remembrance service in St Mary's church on Remembrance Day at which wreaths were laid around the memorial, the village turned out in considerable numbers in the evening for an Act of Remembrance and lighting of the beacon in the White Hart car park. Christopher Kingsbury officiated at both the morning and evening observances of this landmark day, the hundredth annual anniversary of the signing of the World War 1 armistice.

The Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies marched from the Village Hall down Broad Street led by Mark Miller who also sounded "Sunset" and "The Last Post" during the ceremony. There were readings by veterans from Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton and the Regular Army was represented by Sergeant Gordema of 13 Air Assault Regiment RLC. Elaine Horne read Bill Horne's letter "We don't want to lose you". The Guides and Boxford Drama Group sang "A Hand for Heroes" composed by Ward Baker, who masterminded the whole evening as Chairman of the Community Council assisted by members of his committee.

The Beacon was lit at 7PM in accordance with the national programme - Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute, and the large numbers present, estimated as many as 400 sang the national anthem. They then enjoyed refreshments provided by the Community Council on the ground floor of the Fleece where Tina Loose had laid out an exhibition depicting personal stories of those local men who died in World War 1.

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BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY AGM AND PARTY



86 Members enjoyed supper in the Village Hall after the business of the Annual General Meeting. 'Madrigalia', a local choir, welcomed members with some lovely songs which were much appreciated by all. Chairman Maggie Thorpe gave a report on all the talks and garden visits during 2018 and Sally Hepher, Treasurer, explained the need for a small rise in subscriptions owing to the rising cost of speakers and their travel expenses. Rosie Osborne was thanked for her sterling work in finding excellent speakers, Elizabeth Wagener for organizing membership and Ian Holdgate for the marvellous sound system. The reports were adopted and prizes were given to the winners of the popular choice in the photo competition, Frances Tebbutt, to Sally Hepher and Bill Blake for the Spud Competition, and chocolates for the table who completed the crossword first. There was a raffle to help to defray the cost of the evening.



STOWMARKET CHORALE,



On 3rd November, the Stowmarket Chorale, formed in 1901, performed their first concert under recently appointed music director Tom Appleton: Händel's Messiah. Although the choir has performed this piece before, Tom brought his own interpretation to this well-known music. The audience heard the choir sing For Unto Us a Child is Born and Hallelujah, amongst others, interspersed by solo pieces such as Ev'ry Valley and The Trumpet Shall Sound by the soprano and bass soloists. The choir was complemented by a string quartet and a trumpet player - who took a prominent place in the pulpit! The fireworks display going on outside added some unexpected sound effects!

Under Tom's guidance, the choir seems to have found a new energy and enthusiasm. Rehearsals are a lively affair, bringing the music 'off the page', which resulted in a moving concert. To their delight the choir received a standing ovation - Tom's hard work with the choir has obviously paid off!

The choir will next be performing at the Apex in Bury St. Edmunds on 1 December for BBC Radio Suffolk as part of Children in Need, where they'll be singing a selection from the Messiah and various carols.

For more information about the choir, please contact Mary Payne, the choir's secretary (secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk)

Multi award winning Liane Carroll is unique - a larger than life character with a strong voice, in which one can find influences both of the great soul singers and of her semi-pro country club singing parents. She performs her own compositions and a wide selection of jazz standards to which brings her own sound. Add to that her classically founded mastery of the jazz piano and the witty delivery of personal anecdotes, Liane is the complete entertainer. Her husband, Roger Carey and fellow Hasting resident Russell Field complete the trio. In 1993, when we first booked her at the Fleece, Liane was a struggling young musician, working in both jazz and R&B. National prominence and the string of awards came later. She has recorded solo and with Bobby Wellins, Kenny Wheeler, Mark Fletcher, Gwilym Simcock and Paul McCartney and more.

Friday 28 December 8 £25.00.

Sax Appeal

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Derek Nash Saxophone & Compositions, Matt Wates Saxophone, Brandon Allen Saxophone, Paul Booth Saxophone, Bob McKay Saxophone, Pete Adams Piano, Phil Scragg Bass, Mike Bradley Drums. Derek Nash has been an irregular regular at Fleece Jazz both as player and leader almost from its start. Sax Appeal first played The Fleece on October 18th 1996, sandwiched between Tim Richard and Elaine Delmar. Derek always gives 100%, whether he is producing or engineering, protecting the beat, providing a picante evening, playing acoustically, featuring in Ronnie Scott's Blues Explosion, leading Sax Appeal or hamming it up with someone's Rhythm and Blues Orchestra. Watch as he tries to upstage everyone on Hootenanny!

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FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 7 December 8 £16.00

Sarah Gillespie

Gillespie "who joins Bob Dylan's lyrical bite and languid delivery to the forthrightness of Joni Mitchell, with a little rap like percussiveness thrown in, is an original" - John Fordham, The Guardian

Sarah Gillespie Vocals & Guitar, Kit Downes Piano & Organ, Chris Montague Guitar, Ruth Goller Bass, James Maddren Drums. Sarah Gillespie, Anglo American singer, songwriter, poet, political commentator and lovely lady was introduced to The Fleece by one of our team of scouts, Gilad Atzmon. Although not strictly pure jazz, who cares? She is brilliant and we are delighted that she keeps coming back. Impossible to pigeon-hole, Sarah is a truly exciting intelligent musician with plenty to say, and a First Class degree in Film and Literature and MA in Politics and Philosophy guarantee that it is worth hearing. She began piano and composing when she was four and took up guitar aged 13, and busking and gigging in the States at 18, so do not think her youth means inexperience. Sarah's influences include Bob Dylan, Tom Waits, Cole Porter, T.S. Eliot, James Tate and the Beat Poets over a bed rock of early blues and jazz. Mix that together and you have Sarah's latest album Wishbones which was launched at a sellout concert in the Purcell Rooms in late October this year.

Friday 14 December 8.00 £20

Liane Carroll

"Liane Carroll doesn't just sing jazz. She is jazz. This is jazz of the highest quality. Believe." **** Mojo. Liane Carroll vocals/piano, Roger Carey bass, Russell Field drums

THE DECEMBER LETTER ADVENT. Margaret Lowe.

The word ADVENT comes from the Latin 'ad' meaning 'to' and 'venire' meaning 'come'.

It is still debatable as to when it was first used, as we know it -- possibly going back to The Middle Ages when the season was linked to Christ's first coming.

Advent is the season observed by the Christian church as a time of waiting and preparing for the celebration of the birth of Christ with his coming to redeem and of his second coming to judge the world. In the Bible there are many prophets including Isaiah foretelling of the coming of Christ. Today in our church the Advent season comprises of the four weeks before Christmas beginning on Saint Andrew's Day 30th November or the nearest Sunday to it. It covers a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas in a similar way in which the church celebrates Lent in preparation for Easter.

Living in a rural area as we do here, you may have heard the phrase 'after Winter we welcome the advent of Spring' and also 'some flowers and vegetables are productive until the advent of frost'.



A physical sign of Advent in our church is the display of the Advent Wreath. It is set on a table in a place of prominence for all to see. The Wreath is made up of a circle of greenery with four red candles set in it and a fifth white candle in the centre of the circle. The greenery symbolises the strength and constancy of this special season. The circle of greenery brings to mind the words ---

'God's love is like a circle, a circle big and round and when you have a circle no ending can be found'.

Each candle has a special meaning and we light one each Sunday for the four weeks culminating with the central candle at Christmas. There have and still are different colours of candles used in the Wreath but the fifth and central one has been constant in being white.

We have four red candles and the fifth white one. The meanings that the candles represent also vary.

We light the first candle, known as the Prophecy Candle for 'Hope' in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, foretelling of the birth of Christ.

During the second Sunday, we light the Bethlehem Candle for 'Faith' reminding us of the journey made by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

The third candle is the Shepherd's Candle for 'Joy'. A reminder that we are reaching half way in Advent.

Our fourth candle is the Angel Candle for 'Peace' recalling the angels message of Peace on Earth, good will toward men.

The climax is the lighting of the central white Christ Candle for Purity representing the birth and life of Christ.

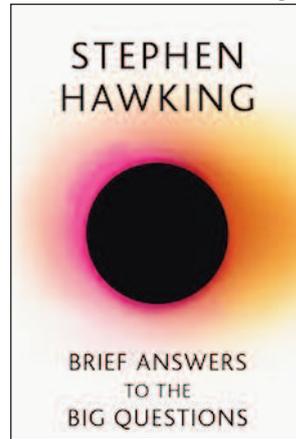
Advent is the beginning of the Western liturgical year of the church. Around my kitchen table with friends, having collected the greenery from the my garden, preparing and dressing the Advent Wreath for our church is a special occasion. A time to reflect the meaning of Advent as we place the holly, ivy, fir, bay and rosemary to fill the circle and then placing the four red candles carefully in the greenery with the white candle in the centre of the circle.

Looking at the completed Advent Wreath, in our own simple way we 'hope' that it looks good and have 'faith' that the candles will light up in the church and the 'joy' when we see the flickering light of the candles and 'peace' in a small way that we have contributed to our Advent season. Maybe you might decide to make your own Advent Wreath, large or small to share with your family and friends.

ADVENT --- a simple word but conveying a profound message.

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ, DECEMBER 2018

Brief Answers to the Big Questions by Stephen Hawking



Stephen Hawking's thoughts on God and AI pale in comparison to his scientific insight

Heavens above: Hawking addresses, among other things, the existence of God in Brief Answers to the Big Questions

Heavens above: Hawking addresses, among other things, the existence of God in Brief Answers to the Big Questions. Photograph: Mohaimen Wareth/Getty Images/EyeEm

Brief Answers... collects the thoughts and writings of Stephen Hawking on 10 "big questions". These range from matters firmly within the realm of theoretical physics – What is inside a black hole? Is time travel possible? – to

far beyond, addressing the existence of God, the rise of artificial intelligence, and the survival of humanity. Theoretical physics is, of course, where Hawking made his outstanding contributions; to read the thoughts of such a mind on other matters should be stimulating.

As the publisher notes, the book was under way before Hawking's death in March, and was completed in collaboration with his academic colleagues, his family and his estate. I'm not sure who of those people had an overall view of the volume, but I do wish it had been more tightly edited. In a collection of essays or transcripts, some repetition is understandable, but I expected a coherent set of arguments. I stumbled, then, when the same explanations and even phrases reappeared without acknowledgment that the reader had seen them previously. And there are far too many mentions of Star Trek. Clearly it was Hawking's point of reference for a vision of humanity's future, but we're never told why he felt it so relevant.

To address important, complicated ideas in simple language, as Hawking does in this book, is difficult, but he has a lucid style that is refreshingly unpretentious. Often, though, he simplifies the concepts as well as the language, going beyond the point at which substance is lost. Frankly, it comes across as naive in places – an impression not helped by scattered, throwaway comments about Brexit, Trump, the Middle East, and the general political stupidity of humans. While I share his stance on such matters, it grates that he makes no attempt to persuade or justify. It is not so much preaching to the choir as sharing knowing asides with them.

As such, Brief Answers to the Big Questions feels like a missed opportunity. Hawking's belief in the value of intelligent collective endeavour, be it in space exploration, European cooperation or the NHS, was well known, and I would love to have seen him tackle opposing views head-on. In theoretical physics, such arguments take place in the language of mathematics and stand or fall dependent upon data. On the evidence of this book, the tools of Hawking's trade don't translate beyond it.

The title works best, then, as a brief introduction to his exciting ideas. And there are some gems, some moments where an idea is crystallised with great clarity. I had not appreciated that, in a world of multidimensional possibilities, there are reasons why three spatial dimensions may be the only number in which intelligent life could arise. There is a masterly aside on the uncertainty principle, with the clearest explanation of complementary variables (such as position and momentum) I have ever read. "No one person can be the master of more than a small corner of human knowledge", writes Hawking, but, my goodness, he masters his corner – and it isn't such a small one.

If Brief Answers to the Big Questions is a "best of" collection for fans, Hawking had several great hits. But it is badly remixed and includes a few shaky live versions – not the definitive work he deserves. I hope, with a bit more distance and detail, such a collection will one day be produced.

Brief Answers to the Big Questions by Stephen Hawking is published by John Murray (£14.99). To order a copy for £11.49 go to guardianbookshop.com or call 0330 333 6846. Free UK p&p over £10, online orders only. Phone orders min p&p of £1.99

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Santa run and Christmas Market Saturday 15th December



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From 4:00pm keep an ear out for Santa and his elves as they fly through Boxford and the surrounding villages to the White Hart for around 6:00pm where they will join the Christmas Market that is already in full swing.

The Christmas Market held in the grounds of the White Hart opens from 4:30pm to 9:00pm with local retail stalls, family games, BBQ, Mulled wine and licensed bar. Await Santa's arrival with his elves at his grotto from 6:00pm and later join us with Carols around the Christmas tree.



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HARVEST HOME A Talk by Ashley Cooper

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Ashley back to the Parish Room to share his stories of harvest time, based upon his many talks with old farmers and farm hands from some 35 years ago. Reflecting his local history fame there were nearly 50 guests, including a number of older farm hands who were happy to share their own memories from harvests long ago, so it was a really great talk.

Ashley began by observing that though there were many harvest pictures from all manner of artists, both local and international, for some reason very few actually showed people at work; more often than not they showed harvests after completion, sometimes with workers celebrating or even sleeping (it was such incredibly hard manual labour after all). He then told us about Michaelmas, which in medieval England marked the end and beginning of the husbandman's year, when farm tenancies changed. It was also one of the quarter days when accounts had to be settled, and on manors was the day when a reeve (an office held by a man of lower rank, appointed as manager of a manor and overseer of the peasants) was elected from the peasants. Because it fell near the equinox, Michaelmas was also associated with the beginning of autumn, with hiring fairs held at the end of September or beginning of October.

Life then was very different to today. Ashley noted that market towns such as Sudbury had a Corn Exchange (now a fine library), a livestock market and both wind and watermills, respectively now an Airbnb artists retreat and a hotel. He then quoted some lines from 'The Farmer's Boy', a poem by Robert Bloomfield in praise of the infamous flinty substance made from 'three times skimm'd sky-blue - it seems that on long journeys across the Atlantic, shipboard rats would chew through almost anything, including the tough oak boxes in which cheese was packed, though even they were unable to tackle Suffolk cheese:

*And strangers tell of 'three times skimm'd sky-blue.'
To cheese converted, what can be its boast?
What, but the common virtues of a post!
If drought o'ertake it faster than the knife,
Most fair it bids for stubborn length of life,
And, like the oaken shelf whereon 'tis laid,
Mocks the weak efforts of the bending blade;
Or in the hog-trough rests in perfect spite,
Too big to swallow, and too hard to bite.
Inglorious victory! Ye Cheshire meads,
Or Severn's flow'ry dales, where plenty treads,
Was your rich milk to suffer wrongs like these,
Farewell your pride! farewell renowned cheese!
The skimmer dread, whose ravages alone
Thus turn the mead's sweet nectar into stone.*

It's enough to put you off cheese for life!

Ashley's tales were full of anecdotes from farming related memories, including:

Local rector Trevor Howard, who used to milk by hand, remarking that there was 'always one awkward cow who would kick and stamp'. One day milking seemed to be going well, with Trevor believing the awkward beast had reformed, but just after completion of the milking and before the pail could be removed, the bovine put a foot in the milk. Even men of the cloth get mad sometimes, so he emptied the milk over the cow's head, presumably feeling better but with a bit of a milk shortage.

A reminiscence from one old lady who, on collecting apples from Twinstead and then sorting them for storing, came across a lovely rosy one that was rotten on the other side; being somewhat upset by this she threw it out of the bedroom window, whereupon it hit a cyclist on the head. The next year, the same man, who was an inspector of something or other once again came by, striking up a conversation with the lady in question and recalling his unfortunate experience nearby, of which the dear lady denied any knowledge!

Frequent references to the Great Whelnetham potato train puzzled Ashley for some time, until one old lady pointed out that a train went through the town every day at twenty to twelve, signifying that it was time to put the potatoes on to boil.

A snippet from Jane Austen's Mansfield Park concerned a heroine who needed a wagon and cart to transport a piano; it was harvest time and all wagons were needed, so the fine lady had no option but to wait until the harvest was completely gathered in.

Ashley had plenty of memories of animals being driven along country roads and through towns and villages, along with a number from the audience who fondly recalled such times:

Cows to and from their field and milking place;

Pigs, sheep and cows from one farm to another following purchase / sale;

Geese and turkeys from Norfolk, all the way to London ahead of the Christmas holidays.

We were then told about 'A tour through the eastern counties in 1722', written by Daniel Defoe following his return and in which he wrote:

For the further supplies of the markets of London of poultry, of which these counties particularly abound, they have within these few years found it practicable to make the geese travel on foot, as well as the turkeys, and a prodigious number are brought up to London in droves from the farthest parts of Norfolk; even from the fen country about Lynn, Downham, Wisbech and the Washes; as also from the east side of Norfolk and Suffolk, of whom it is very frequent now to meet droves with a thousand and sometimes two thousand. They begin to drive them in August, by which time the harvest is almost over and the geese may feed in the stubbles as they go. Thus they hold onto the end of October, when the roads begin to be too stiff and deep for their broad feet and short legs to march in.

The idea of managing up to 2,000 birds for perhaps three months seems a fantastically hard task to me, but it was done for centuries around many parts of the country, until the arrival of the railways changed things for ever. Turkeys could wear little leather shoes to protect their feet, something geese would not allow, so they were often driven through warm / hot tar followed by sand; this provided protection, prevented their feet from drying out and also had antiseptic qualities.

Ashley then told us of the many and varied crops grown in and around our local area, such as hops, teasels (to raise the nap on cloth), wood, saffron (from which the famous market town got its name), flax, apples, potatoes, wheat and barley etc. Children were frequently absent from school, both for the main arable harvest and also to pick acorns for pig feed, as well as wood to burn. We were told the present school summer holiday almost certainly came from the arable harvest, with schools not breaking up until the harvest commenced. This was then entirely weather dependent as very wet weather could significantly delay the harvest; in 1879 Bulmer school did not start their summer holidays until August 28th, only returning on November 7th.

The process of gathering the harvest began with the scythers, using the long handled variant of the sickle, with men following behind making the sheaths, or bundles of stalks held together with long stems or possibly twine. Sheaves were then collected together in bundles to dry out, a process locally known as Shocking, which is the Suffolk word for Stooking - or shraving in Essex. If it subsequently rained the sheaves had to be turned, and if blown over by the wind, picked up to complete the drying process. In order to separate the grain from the crop, stooks had to be 'thrown up' to the threshing machine, which required farmers to hire manual labour to complete. Harvest time was when labourers negotiated their wages and rents with landowners.

At the beginning of the harvest a dinner called the 'Feast of the Ingathering' was held. At which reapers nominated one of their own as 'Lord of the Harvest', to act as their representative to the Lord of the Manor (the landowner who paid them for their harvest work). The Lord of the Harvest enjoyed certain honours, cutting down the first plants and the first to eat and drink at his electoral feast. A second in command was also often elected, jocularly referred to as the 'Harvest Lady', to act as leader in the fields when the Harvest Lord was off negotiating wages. Reapers celebrated the election with ale and a drinking game, something the church disapproved of. It's hard to be too critical though, because wages for the harvest were fixed up front, and if the weather was poor and the harvest took longer, it was generally too bad and no more money was offered.

Such was the critical nature of the harvest wages we heard that this was often the only time in the year when families could put decent food on the table and perhaps buy some shoes or clothes for themselves and their children. In consequence, Gleaning, or collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they had been commercially harvested (or on fields where it was uneconomic to harvest) was of crucial significance to poor families. To control the gleaning process, farmers left a single stook of sheaves, known as the gleaning policeman, in the harvest field. This signal was recognised by all in the village, and while it remained no one was to enter the field to glean. After reaping it was also common practice for farmers to rake the harvested field, in order to ensure that as many stray ears as possible were collected; alternatively he could let his pigs or fowl onto the field to pick amongst the stubble for the remaining grain.

Regulation of gleaning didn't come just from the farmer however, as there were self imposed rules widely respected by gleaners, primarily the regulation of hours. In many parishes, the beginning and sometimes the end of the gleaner's working day was governed by the ringing of a bell, usually the church bell, and known as the gleaning bell. Work was conducted according to these ancient customs, and women and children could be seen hurrying off in the early morning to take up their places in

some distant field, though not an ear could be picked up before the gleaning bell rang. It was so important to rural societies that it was even sacred; in the Bible God explicitly ordered owners to give the poor a chance to glean in their fields, and it remained a fundamental feature of many rural societies until quite recent times.

After the harvest it was also usual for the Lord of the Harvest to go round local farm suppliers, the wheelwright and sadler for example, seeking Largesse with which to celebrate the gathering of the harvest, and from which our modern day harvest festivals descended. Lastly, this was also the time to catch rats and mice, with rat tails usually fetching a penny each. One old reaper told Ashley that one year his dog killed 150 rats in one session, which truly indicates the scale of the problem and the money that was on offer to eradicate these pests.

After a most memorable talk, Ashley was warmly thanked for his efforts; tea and coffee was served and many attendees stayed on for a good chat amongst themselves and to question Ashley further; it was a truly great evening.

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.

12th December: Bonfires and Bells

Rituals and Festivals in the Medieval Suffolk Landscape.

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



Above: Mr & Mrs Andrews



Above: Gleaners at work



Above: Brueghel - Gathering the harvest



Above: Australian women gathering sheaves



Above: Sudbury Corn Exchange



Above: Modern day goose droving.



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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ Carers celebrate top accolade with 'Outstanding' rating from the Care Quality Commission.

On 19 October 2018, it was announced that the standard of care provided by Mid Suffolk Home First (MSHF), which is provided by Suffolk County Council and provides a short-term reablement service and a longer-term care service, has been rated as "Outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission.

The reablement and care services offered by MSFH support people following a period of ill health or a significant loss in their ability to manage their day to day care needs. It was rated Outstanding for being responsive and well-led, and Good for being safe, caring and effective. The service aims to help the person reach their optimum level of independence.

During the short-term reablement support period, which may last one or two weeks or for some people up to a maximum of six weeks, people's progress is monitored and reviewed. The team have been able to support many people to leave the service confidently and without the need for further social care support. All the people who receive Home First reablement and care services are assessed to see if they need to be supported by another service following this short-term care. The full version of the inspection can be found on the CQC website.

➤ A call for family carers to share their views

Suffolk County Council is calling for family carers to share their experiences of support by completing a survey by 22 November 2018. All answers will be used anonymously.

Sharing their experiences will help Suffolk County Council to:

- understand what currently works well for family carers
- identify any gaps in support for family carers in Suffolk.

Carers can complete the survey online at

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FamilyCarers/>

The survey has been created by a multi-agency group that includes Family Carer representatives, Suffolk County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups, the NHS and Suffolk Family Carers.

➤ Suffolk County Council launches Budget consultation launches looking to save £25 million in the 2019/2020 year.

On 8 October 2018, Suffolk County Council launched its annual budget consultation. The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 16th November 2018. Residents are being asked to give their views on the services provided by the council as it faces the challenge of making savings of £25 million in 2019/2020.

Like all local authorities, Suffolk County Council faces significant financial challenges in the delivery of essential frontline services to support the lives of the most vulnerable young people and older residents across the county.

As part of its careful financial planning and management in recent years, the council has saved £260million since 2011. It has also established innovative new ways to engage with communities and deliver services in the digital age, but there are still tough calls ahead. The council want to hear residents' views on which services are most important to them.

A proposed budget will be presented at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 29 January 2019 and the final budget will be discussed at Full Council on Thursday 14 February 2019.

Residents can visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/budget2019 to learn more about the budget setting process and to take part in the short survey to give their views.

Details are also available on Suffolk County Council's Facebook page and on its Twitter account @suffolkcc

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

A very big thank you to all the many people who have contacted me or stopped me in the street to give me best wishes after my recent surgery. I am up and running (well almost) and getting stronger every day and have even gone back to very light work although I still have to take it easy for a few months. However the prognosis looks promising for a full recovery thanks to the incredible skill of the surgeons and all the magnificent staff at Papworth, we are so lucky to live in times where all these things are possible.

Even better news is that the planning appeal by the developer to build another 24 houses on the former amenity site next to the existing stage one development was dismissed by the Planning Inspector because of the Highway Safety Issues and danger to all who currently live on and use Swan St to access the village by car and on foot. This is exactly what everyone who had a grain of sense was saying anyway, but still nice to see it in print and fantastic that the Government appointed planning inspector agreed with us and that sometimes David does defeat Goliath. It was certainly a fight that was worth pursuing and I would like to publicly thank Boxford P.C. and especially Matt Wooderson for all the help they gave both to myself and the village of Boxford and all the surrounding Villages. The planning team at Babergh also backed us well after the 7-6 overturning of the recommendation to approve this application and we should be very grateful to them for their professional support in this appeal. One concern that I would have is that County Highways refused to back their own recommendation not to build any more houses at the North end of the villages because of heavy traffic congestion and the effect on Swan St and its residents and listed buildings, despite this policy (HS21) still being in place they recommended approval and so the village had to contend with them as well as the unwanted development, I shall be taking this up in another arena. Watch this space.

Getting back to more local matters Babergh, after much lobbying by local Councillors, have set up a Customer Access Point at Hadleigh Library which will run from 1.30. pm. – 4.30. pm. on a Thursday afternoon, a bit of a sop to democracy but still better than nothing, just. As proposed by the Boundary Commission the new extended Box Vale ward for the next elections will include Brent Eleigh and Monks Eleigh and whoever wins the election to represent you will be part of a smaller elected Council of 32 Councillors.

Finally a big apology from myself and the waste team at Babergh for the erratic collection of your Blue, Black and Brown bins as of late, this has been due to staff shortages and long term sickness and we have been working hard with Circo our preferred contractor to redress these issues which finally seems to have been done and we should all be back on track within the next couple of weeks. Have a great Christmas and please give the big man in red a very big hug when he comes around as we all need a bit of joy at this time of year and if you need your Councillor I am always available on bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk or 01787 210854. All Best Wishes *Bryn*.



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SUFFOLK REMEMBERS 8 NOVEMBER 2018



On Thursday 8th November, just before 11am, parties of schoolchildren throughout Suffolk gathered in the 248 graveyards in the county which contained a WW1 war graves for a brief act of remembrance. There are 1332 such graves in Suffolk. This county-wide commemoration was brilliantly conceived and organised by Mark Brennan of The Royal British Legion, Hadleigh. Our benefice also received invaluable support from Ian Gibbs of RBL Bures.

At 1030 that morning, parties of 10 and 11 year-olds duly left Boxford School and went to Boxford and Groton churches. A group of children would then have gone on to Edwardstone had not the school bus broken down at Groton. This was most unfortunate because David Saddleton, at

Edwardstone church, had everything planned for them, including the presence of the nephew of Sergeant Peachey who was at his uncle's WW1 graveside. As a result, this ceremony, with the absence of any children, fell a bit flat.

However, Hugh Phillips of Boxford and Simon Marchant of Groton lead the two other commemorations with the children. It was good to see many local residents there as well. In Groton Church the children received a short presentation on The Great War and the importance of remembering those who had given their lives in the conflict. Then, in the churchyard, we held a brief act of remembrance by the grave of Reginald Mason, of Lodge Farm, who died, aged 24, on 24 Aug 1914, a matter of days after the Great War erupted. This was followed by a minute's silence signalled at either end by a whistle blast reminiscent of WW1 trenches. Children laid a wreath and placed a cross at Reginald's grave and afterwards placed a cross at the grave of Timothy Manson, a young RAF pilot who died in WW2. Before they left, the children expressed their genuine thanks. They were not only appreciative, but also better informed as a result of this special moment of remembrance in a sunny churchyard.



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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for October 2018

The group's First Responders covered 248hrs and had 8 call outs.

WE ARE BOXFORD WI

Did you know that your village has both Afternoon and Evening WI meetings? Our Afternoon meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at the Village hall at 2 pm and Evening meetings take place at the Boxford Playing Fields Pavillion at 8 pm on the third Thursday of the month. As well as interesting Speakers we also have a book club, a craft club, a walking group and a lunch club. If you are interested in any of these activities or would like to suggest new ones please come along to say hello. You will receive a warm welcome as well as tea/coffee and biscuits. The WI is a great way to meet new people, have fun and learn new things so why not make it a New Year's resolution to try something different.

Here are some of the things we have lined up for 2019:

Our book club is open to all Members who enjoy choosing and discussing books.

Our Craft group encourages both experienced and non-experienced Ladies to come along and try their hand at making things.

Our walking group arranges lovely walks in and around nearby villages always stopping for tea and cakes afterwards!

Our lunch club visits local inns and restaurants such as The Angel and the Crown at Stoke by Nayland, Kersey Mill, the Cock at Polstead and many others.

There will be talks on a variety of subjects including Gainsborough's house, The Life of a Racehorse, Lowlands search and rescue, what's that tune, the Work of a light house, Real Ale, Hearing dogs for the deaf, yoga and meditation, being a woman motor racing driver and about tea and tasting.

Our AGM in May will be followed by a strawberry tea, in July we will have an opportunity to taste Suffolk cheeses and a Summer outing to Thursford is being planned.

We do hope that you will come along and we look forward to meeting you in 2019.

If you would like more information on either the afternoon or evening meetings please contact Annie Phillips, Boxford WI Secretary on 211729 annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk or Becky Strafford, Evening Co-ordinator, on beckystafford@gmail.com

Hadleigh Boxford Patient Participation Group (PPG) Going away for Christmas or relatives visiting? Students coming home for the festivities?

Before all the bags are packed, please make sure you and your guests check your prescription medication and some just-in-case medications so you can chill out and enjoy the most wonderful time of the year!

We're not asking you to prepare for every illness imaginable, just a small bag with the most necessary pills and medicine. After all, nobody wants to be taken ill during the festive season. It might be easy enough to pick up a domestic remedy over the counter, but some medicines may be limited to prescription only. The same goes for allergy meds and asthma remedies, bring them with you!

If you need to travel with your prescription medication, use a pill organizer. Keeping the medicine you need well stocked and at the ready means you won't have to interrupt your celebrations with a trip to the doctor or the pharmacy.

Could it be lonely this Christmas?

Loneliness is a reality for too many people today. It can affect anyone of any age and background. Across our communities there are people who can go for days, weeks or even a month without seeing friend or family member. Although estimates for the number of older people who spend Christmas alone can vary – in Hadleigh we estimate 1,300 over 65s face the prospect of Christmas alone – research and anecdotal evidence is clear that Christmas is a particularly painful time for anyone, young or old, who experiences loneliness throughout the year.

This Christmas we want to change that, but we need you. We've come up with a few simple things you can do to help tackle loneliness, and make everyone feel more connected at Christmas.

- The Christmas Present Trust. If you know of someone in the community who cannot be with family or friends on Christmas Day call 01473 829246 to arrange an invitation to Christmas Dinner.
- Take the time to talk with an older person. You could be out shopping, at the pub or out for a walk. But just say a simple hello and it could make a difference to someone who's lonely.

• Take the time to call the friends and family that you won't see this Christmas. A ten-minute phone call can have a big impact.

• Deliver a Christmas card to your neighbour and stop for a chat. Start a conversation and make a connection.

• Share a mince pie moment by baking or buying some mince pies and sharing with your friends and neighbours.

• Spare chair at your table? Know a neighbour who might be alone? Invite them to join you for Christmas dinner.

• Hosting a Christmas party? If there's anyone in your community who might be alone, send them an invite. The more the merrier!

Helpful numbers: Age UK 0800 169 6565, The Silver Line 0800 470 8090, The Mix 0808 808 4994

**Merry Christmas to all from the members of the
Hadleigh & Boxford PPG**

Boxford Parish Council

The Parish Council will shortly be circulating the first of two surveys to each house hold in the village. Please anticipate delivery before the end of November, we would ask that responses are providing by the end of December. Details of where to send completed surveys will be on a covering letter. We very much look forward to hearing your views!

Hastoe

East

Update on proposed New Build properties
GROTON

OPEN MEETING
Thursday 6th December 2018
'Drop in' anytime between 4.00 – 7.00pm
At Groton Village Hall
Broad Street, Groton, Suffolk CO10 5EL

Hastoe Housing Association has been working with Groton Parish Council and Babergh District Council and is proposing to build a small development of affordable homes.

The properties will only be available for local people or people with strong local connections – priority for these dwellings will be given to applicants from Groton.

Following our previous consultation event, we will be displaying our updated proposals with a view to seeking constructive comments and interest before we submit a planning application. You will be able to look at plans and can obtain application forms. Staff will be on hand to answer any queries you may have.

If you are unable to attend, but would like further details, please contact Hastoe Housing on 01799 532130
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CHRISTMAS STARTS FRIDAY DECEMBER 7th!

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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

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

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
(phone Sophia on 313662 for details)

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 1st December 10am - 4pm

Come along and join us and grab some early Christmas gifts & Decorations.

Stalls to include Crafts, Cakes, Toys, Jams & Pickles, plus plenty more to see & buy.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day along with a raffle.

All proceeds to go towards Polstead Community Shop.

Don't forget, save the date, 1st December !!

Look forward to seeing you all there.

ALL THAT JAZZ!

The Jazz Century - Cakewalk to Culture by Dr Graham Platts

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents a series of 10 weekly lectures starting on Thursday 17th January 2019 in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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While Graham was growing up in the 1950s he discovered the infectious drive and fun of early jazz and learned about the Swing era of the 'thirties from his father who was an enthusiastic and skilful amateur jazz pianist. The greater complexities of jazz after WW2 took a little longer to grasp, so we shall be embarking together on a voyage of further discovery as the course progresses!

Fees: Adult £55 (payable after the first session). Try the first session (free).

For further information please contact Sue Whiteley.

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



St. Bartholomew's Church
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Annual

Cheese & Wine Party

at

Groton Village Hall



SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH 2018

Doors open at 7.30pm

Bar/Raffle Etc

Tickets £10.00

Tickets from Sheila 210484 or
Jayne 211360



Boxford Drama Group present

Sleeping Beauty

Family Night Wednesday 28th November
(at 7.00pm)

Tickets £8 adults £5 children - No supper!

Thursday 29th to Saturday 1st
at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 (2 course Christmas supper served during the interval)

Licensed bar and raffle all evenings.
Tickets from Boxford Post Office

Wot's On

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

Penguin edition or the Simon Armitage translation

December 3rd The Dunciad Book IV

December 10th Gulliver's Travels part IV Jonathan Swift
The Voyage to Houyhnhms

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

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

Stoke by Nayland Bridge Club

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

Groton Church

Annual Cheese & Wine –

Saturday 8th December at 7.30.

Boxford Drama Group

Our first production of 2019 will be 'Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb', by Norman Robbins, which follows on from 'Tiptoe Through the Tombstones' which Boxford Drama Group put on a few years ago. It will be no surprise to learn that this one continues in the same vein and follows the activities of the Tomb family business; that of murder.

So forget political correctness as here is a family that play together and slay together.

With uninvited guests, secret passageways, way too many questions and far too much snooping going on for comfort. Also, who is the mysterious stalker and could they be the infamous 'Norfolk Strangler'? Guns, knives, poison, fatal injections; anything goes in Monument House when the fog comes rolling in and there's much more hidden beneath the surrounding marsh than Mother Nature ever intended.

Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb – Boxford Village Hall 14th, 15th 16th March 2019

Nayland Horticultural Society

Christmas Fayre, Saturday 1st December at Nayland Village Hall, CO6 4JH. Nayland Horticultural Society will be having a stall with a raffle and plants/ bulbs to buy. This is a fun village event for all the family with Father Christmas, stalls selling ideal Christmas pressies and a performance from Nayland Primary School. Entrance free.

Events for your diary 2019 - March

Nayland Horticultural Society's Spring Flower Show takes place on Saturday 23rd March which is an ideal time to buy some plants for a good summer's show. There is also a cake stall and raffle. Or maybe you would like to enter some Spring flowers in the Show for fun and see how you do! Entry forms on the website. All very friendly, tea, coffee and cake available!

Nayland Horticultural Society's Spring Meeting will be in the Church Hall, Nayland, CO6 4HY on Tuesday 26th March, 7pm for 7.15pm start. Subject to be confirmed.

CAROL SERVICE, CHRISTMAS EVE, EDWARDSTONE CHURCH

The Christmas Eve Carol Service at Edwardstone church will commence earlier this year, at 5.30pm, so make sure you note the change in your Christmas schedule. This special event has always been very popular with locals and their Christmas visitors with the choir singing to a packed church. All the children take delight in their "candle oranges" and the adults attending sing out loud and heartily to celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

So.....to all of you who regularly attend this joyful evening, remember the earlier time to avoid disappointment.

Boxford Drama Group presents

Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb

by Norman Robbins



Boxford Village Hall

14th, 15th and 16th March. 7.30pm

Tickets will include supper and will be available from Boxford Post Office in the new year. Licensed bar. Watch this space for more details.

It's Christmas in Boxford

Friday December 7th from 3.30 till 7pm

Boxford Village Hall

Grand Christmas Fair

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Wot's On

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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

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

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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.



CHELSWORTH CHRISTMAS FAIR

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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Chelsworth is a pretty village, alongside the river Brett, on the B1115,

between Bildeston and Monks Eleigh. For those wanting a more substantial lunch, our very welcoming village pub, The Peacock Inn, is near to the Church, so why not kick-off your festive season with a visit to Chelsworth - we will be very pleased to see you.

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VILLAGE JOY AS GOODLANDS 'PHASE 2' APPEAL IS DISMISSED



On 30 October 2018, Simon Warder, the inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to determine the appeal by Landex Ltd against Babergh's planning committee decision in November 2017 to refuse (by a 7-6 vote) planning permission for up to 24 more houses on the Goodlands Farm site, issued his Appeal Decision, dismissing the appeal.

Mr Warder's 9-page decision followed a four-day public inquiry in August and was a resounding success for those who have campaigned against further housing development in Boxford accessed via Daking Avenue and Swan Street. It is, moreover, a slap in the face for Suffolk County Council, whose highways development management engineer, Martin Egan, in a consultation response in June 2017, prior to the planning committee decision, said that "the traffic impact of the additional proposed 24 dwellings will not be severe." As a result, Babergh had to engage an outside consultant transport engineer, Faye Murray, to present their traffic case at the inquiry. Her evidence, supported by Matt Gooderson, who represented Boxford parish council, the evidence of Bryn Hurren and local residents, and by what Mr Warder saw on his site visit, led to the inspector's robust and decisive conclusion that, despite the housing benefit the scheme would provide, this was outweighed by its "unacceptable highways impact." In particular, the inspector was impressed by evidence of the many 'conflict' incidents in Swan Street, when vehicles travelling north have to pull in to allow those travelling south to pass, and the fact that, at its narrowest part, pedestrians cannot avoid walking in the road. He concluded, "I find that the proposal would lead to a significant reduction in

highway safety for vehicles and pedestrians using Swan Street." Landex had relied on the absence of reported injury accidents in Swan Street, but the inspector heard, and was persuaded by, "a substantial body of anecdotal evidence from local residents and the Parish Council of near misses involving vehicles and pedestrians, as well as damage to vehicles and buildings." Consistent with these findings, Mr Warder concluded that the 2006 local plan policy HS21, allocating land at Goodlands Farm for housing, but restricted, on traffic grounds, to 20 units (since built), remained relevant.

In the result, although, at the start of the inquiry, the inspector had identified housing land supply (i.e. whether Babergh could genuinely identify a five-years supply of housing sites in the district) as a 'main issue', he concluded that this was no longer the case. (This contrasts with another recent appeal decision, involving a proposed development of 49 houses on a site at Woolpit in Mid Suffolk district, which Landex won.)

Landex have six weeks to seek to challenge the decision in the High Court, but they can only do so successfully if the inspector has erred in law or been guilty of a procedural error. None is apparent on the face of the appeal decision. Disagreeing with the inspector's 'planning judgment' is not a ground of challenge. Significantly, at the end of his decision the inspector records: "Both parties agree that, irrespective of the housing supply position, if I found that the proposal has an unacceptable highways impact, the appeal should be dismissed." This, effectively, kills off any prospect of a successful challenge. Equally important for the village, Mr Warder's findings have killed off any prospect of more housing in Boxford accessed via Swan Street.

David Lamming



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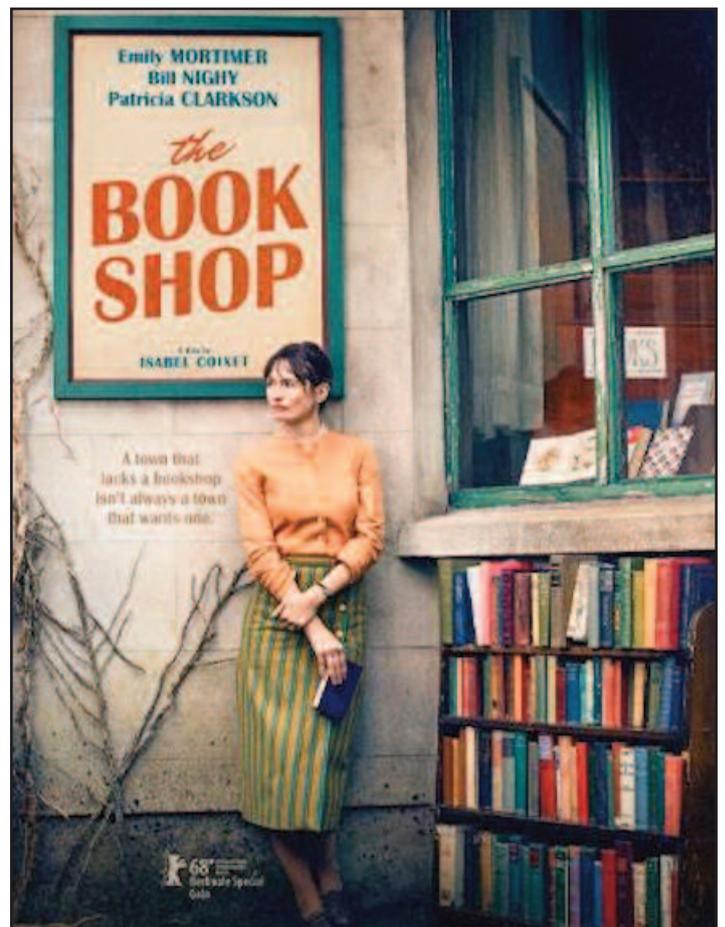


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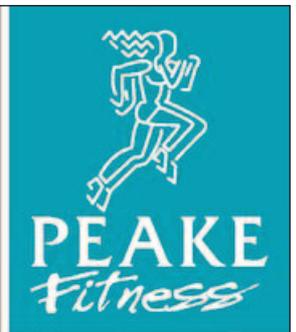
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Forthcoming Events Diary

November

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
10 Carols Round the Tree	Boxford Community Council	White Hart	8.00pm
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
15 FATHER CHRISTMAS	FOB'S	The Villages	4.00 to 6.00pm
15 FOB'S Christmas Market	FOB'S	White Hart	4.30 till 9.00pm
31 New Years Eve in Boxford	Boxford Village Hall		8.00pm

January 2019

16 The Green Man (Member Only Event)	LWHS	Parish Room	7.30pm
8 Gardeners Question Time	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford VH	7.30pm
14 for 8 Mondays ANGLO - IRISH ATTITUDES	Boxford Study Group	Groton Villagr Hall	4.30pm
18 Quiz and Chips	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30

February

23 Quiz Night Boxford Bike Club Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

March

14/15/16 Prepare to meet thyToomb Boxford Drama Group Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm

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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.

BENEFICE NEWS

Last month we reported that Bishop Martin had 'lifted the suspension' of the benefice and, accordingly, that we would now be seeking to appoint a rector (rather than a priest-in-charge) to succeed the Revd Judith. The formal steps for finding a new rector are now under way. On Monday 12 November, members of the five parochial church councils met at Little Waldingfield, under the neutral chairmanship of the rural dean, to consider the various matters set out in section 11 of the Measure that governs the appointment process. A small group, with one representative from each PCC, has been tasked to draft the 'Benefice Profile,' which will give a 'pen picture' of the churches in the benefice but, more importantly, will be the 'front window', informing prospective applicants of our vision for the future and what we will be looking for in our new incumbent. A meeting with Bishop Mike is scheduled for 14 January 2019 (date to be confirmed), when the profile will be finalised. It is hoped that the post will be advertised shortly thereafter with, maybe, interviews in March and, if a suitable person applies and is appointed, a new rector inducted in July. However, this timetable is very much provisional, so watch this space for future news.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

LEAD THEFT – THE NEED FOR CONTINUED VIGILANCE

Last year, we warned that the lead thieves were back in Suffolk and had stripped lead from the roof of Elmwell church, despite it being fitted with an alarm. Regrettably, and with the price of lead rising, they are still active: three churches in Lincolnshire were targeted in September; All Saints' Church, Houghton Conquest, in Bedfordshire, had its entire roof stripped in early October; and on 25th October half the roof of the Grade I listed St Mary's Church in Gamlingay, Cambridgeshire, was left effectively open to the elements. Nearer to home, lead has been stolen from the roof of St Peter's Church, Lindsey, the thieves gaining access via the porch roof and breaking tiles in the process.

To repeat the message from last year, which is one of the need for continued vigilance. Often the thieves will carry out a 'recce' beforehand, so if you see any strange people or vehicles near to any of our five benefice churches, note the registration number of the vehicle and don't hesitate to 'phone the police on 101. The police advice is; "Communities can act as our eyes and ears, and by making a note of any suspicious activity of people or vehicles we can deter thieves. Don't ignore anything that you think looks out of place - report anything you think may be suspicious to the police."

#FollowTheStar

This is the theme of the national church's 2018 Christmas Campaign. Watch out for more details in the January Box River News which, traditionally, will be out before Christmas.

100 YEARS, 100 TREASURES: A celebration of Suffolk Churches. A small number of copies of this colourful book, produced to celebrate the centenary of our diocese in 2014 and featuring two of the churches in our benefice (Boxford and Groton), are still available to purchase, price £5. Contact David Lamming if you would like to buy a copy: tel: 01787 210360; e mail djlamming@hotmail.com.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of the various activities taking place over the Advent season:
www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.

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.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Peter Patrick

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CO10 5JN Tel: 01787 210346*

E-mail: ppat@btinternet.com

Assistant Churchwarden:

Michael Gray 07931043926

boxford.warden@btinternet.com



Cafe Church at St.Mary's Boxford **-11.00 am on Sunday 2nd December.** All are welcome to this informal service with craft activities for children & coffee & pastries for adults



Food Bank Collections:

We have a food bank collecting box at St.Mary's church. Please, when attending a service, do put a food gift in the box, which we will take to the Storehouse Food Bank, Tudor Road, Sudbury. (Items should be well in date please!)

Christmas Services at St.Mary's Boxford:



December 16th - A Carol Service for the whole family at 6.30pm- followed by mulled wine & mince pies.

Monday 24th- Christmas Eve- Midnight Communion at 11.30 pm

Sunday 25th- Christmas Day - A Family Service for Christmas Day at 10.30 am

The New book:

Monuments & Memorials

in the Parish Church of St.Mary Boxford

is now available from the post office:

£12.00 (all proceeds to St.Mary's Church)

Makes a great Christmas gift.

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 10th December

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

Edwardstone Church duties for December :-

16 December, Holy Communion, 9.30am

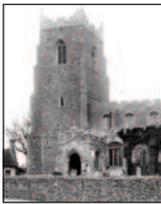
Sidesman, Bill Dastur; Coffee, Marlene Clarke; **Flowers**, everyone;
Cleaning, Edwardstone resident.

24 December, Christmas Carol Service, 5.30pm - everyone.

CAROL SERVICE, CHRISTMAS EVE,

The **Christmas Eve Carol Service** will commence earlier this year, at **5.30pm**, so make sure you note the change in your Christmas schedule. This special event has always been very popular with locals and their Christmas visitors with the choir singing to a packed church. All the children take delight in their "candle oranges" and the adults attending sing out loud and heartily to celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

So.....to all of you who regularly attend this joyful evening, remember the earlier time to avoid disappointment.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Sandra Harbord and Timothy Harbord
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E-mail: t.harbord@btinternet.com

Rotas

Sidesmen

2nd Dec Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs Pettit

20th Dec Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Eddington

24th Dec Mrs. Nicholls and Mrs Duffy

Flowers

Advent No flowers

Carol Service

Flower Team

Holy Communion

Flower Team

2nd December

Tim Harbord led us in Morning Worship and we were happy to welcome friends from other parishes in the Benefice.

13th October

We held a coffee morning in the Parish Room in aid of Church Funds. We were well supported by the village and friends from Great Waldingfield and other parishes in the Benefice. Our thanks to all our willing helpers, cake makers, those who gave raffle prizes and made donation. A total of £181 was raised.

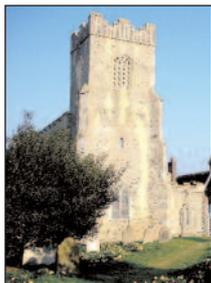
Dates to remember

15th/16th December – A Festival of Carols in Flowers. The church will be open from 10 am– 4pm both days. Entrance fee £2.50 to include and cup of tea/ coffee and a mince pie.

17th December Carols singing around the village in aid of Crisis at Christmas. All those who would like to sing please gather at Bramley Cottage (opposite The Swan) at **6pm**.

20th December Carol Service in the Church at 7pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

24th December Christmas Holy Communion at 9pm.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens:

Vacant

Acting Churchwarden:

Diana McCorkell

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CO10 5ER Tel: 01787 210927

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Cheese & Wine Party

Groton's Annual Cheese & Wine Party will take place at the Village Hall on **Saturday December 8th 2018** with the doors opening at 7.30pm, we will have the usual gift stall, raffle and bar but as well as the delicious foods, Santa will be in attendance to put some Christmas merriment into the evening, see you then. Get your tickets from Sheila 210494 or Jayne

211360 or any member of Groton PCC.

Quiz & Chips evening

Groton Church are holding a Quiz & Chips evening at Groton Village Hall on **Friday 18th January 2019** starting at **7.30pm**. Teams of up to 6, you have the choice of Fish, Chicken, Sausage or Pies with your Chips. Please ring to reserve your place Sheila 201494 or Jayne 211360 we would like your order for food then. Thanks

ROTAS FOR DECEMBER

Sidesman Mr David Lamming

Flowers Ms Danice Finch & Mrs Maureen Bloys

Cleaning Mrs Jayne Foster

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on **Tuesday 4th December 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 25th November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Around 55 people attended the short service of remembrance by the Groton war memorial on 11 November 2018 – the centenary of the Armistice in 1918 that ended hostilities in the First World War. Small crosses, each with the name of one of the servicemen from Groton killed in the two world wars, were placed in front of the memorial during the service as their names were read out just before the two-minutes silence.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Groton's Carol Service this year is on **Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 7.00 pm**. Please do join us for this traditional service of readings and carols when we look forward to the annual celebration the birth of Jesus Christ. As the bidding prayer puts it, "Be it our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and the babe lying in the manger." We celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, but as we do so we also worship him as Saviour and Lord.

FIVE VILLAGES SERVICE – 30TH DECEMBER 2018

It's Groton's turn to host the "5th Sunday" Five Villages Service on 30th December 2018. Please dust off those post-Christmas blues as, as a benefice, we meet in worship to look forward to the New Year (a year in which we hope to welcome a new rector) with the Revd Mary Cantacuzene from Bures, who will be presiding and preaching at our service of Holy Communion: all are welcome.

TOILET AND KITCHEN UPDATE

The good news this month is that the PCC has now received approval from the Environment Agency for the 'trench arch' drainage system. It is hoped that work to erect the small timber building in the churchyard to house the WC, and to fit kitchen facilities under the tower, will commence in December or early January.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Vacant

28th October : Our Service of Holy Communion was conducted by Revd. Jeanette Gosney who is the Bishop's Ministry Officer from Ipswich. We were delighted to welcome her and she was friendly with everyone and helpful .

Thank you to Nancy Roser for playing the organ and thank you to each person who prepared the church for the service , read or helped with refreshments.

A special thank you to the people who came from the other churches in the Benefice to swell our numbers . At the end of the service we had the opportunity to chat with Revd. Jeanette and others. We would welcome Revd Jeanette to take another service for us during the Vacancy if possible.

11th November -- Remembrance Sunday will have been a time for all our churches to remember the men from our villages who gave their lives for their country.

8th December : Our Annual Church Coffee Morning 10 am to 12.00 noon at the Village Hall . There will be a Raffle and many stalls. Do join us and a warm welcome awaits you.

16th December : Our Annual Candle lit Carol Service and the wonderful Millwheel Singers will join us at **4.00 pm**

24th December : Our Crib Service at 3.00pm.

December 2018

Church Services in the Box River Benefice

Sunday 2nd	Advent Sunday	(P)
Lt. Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Elke Cattermole
Boxford	11.00 Café Church	Revd Liz Law
Boxford	16.00 Evensong (<i>*note new time</i>)	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 5th
Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion in Mary's House Revd Dr.Simon Gill

Thursday 6th
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Holy Communion* at Newmans Hall Lay Team
(* Reserved Sacrament)

Sunday 9th	2nd Sunday of Advent	(P)
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	David Lamming
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Canon Philip Banks
	with Holy Baptism: the Christening of Madeleine Rose Flavell	

Sunday 16th	3rd Sunday of Advent	(P)
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Jeanette Gosney
Newton	16.00 Carol Service	Lay Team
Boxford	18.30 Carol Service	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 19th
Groton 19.00 Carol Service David Lamming

Thursday 20th
Lt Waldingfield 15.00 Compline at Newmans Hall Lay Team

Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Carol Service Tim Harbord

Sunday 23rd	4th Sunday of Advent	(P)
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd James Ridge

Monday 24th	Christmas Eve	(W)
Newton	15.00 Crib Service	Revd Gerald Drew
Edwardstone	17.30 Carol Service (<i>*note new time</i>)	Christopher Kingsbury
Lt Waldingfield	21.00 Christmas Holy Communion	Revd Dr.Simon Gill
Boxford	23.30 Midnight Communion	Revd Dr.Simon Gill

Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day	(W)
Groton	09.30 Family Communion	Revd Canon Matthew Vernon
Boxford	10.30 Family Service	Christopher Kingsbury

Sunday 30th	First Sunday of Christmas	(W)
Groton	10.00 Five Villages Service	Revd Mary Cantacuzene
	with Holy Communion	

Soap Box

I had thought to air my opinion on Brexit on this occasion but, not only did it not feel seasonally appropriate, the draft deal was announced just as I was about to put pen to paper or, more accurately, fire up my laptop. Copy deadlines being what they are, I won't even know if Prime Minister May has got her terms through cabinet, let alone whether Parliament has rubber stamped the deal or, as I suspect more likely, chucked it out. Still, for you readers, that is probably a good thing.

Where to travel without the weighty matter of the divorce from the European Union is an altogether tougher call. Given the unseasonably warm weather we have been enjoying in mid-November, climate change seemed a natural, but I'm sure I've visited this contentious topic in the not too distant past. Then there have been all those television programmes about plastic waste. Very disturbing they have been too. What is more, I've learned much about how little of the plastic that appears a part of our daily lives is not recyclable. So plastic it is. As it happens, plastic – or more precisely recycling and waste disposal – has become quite a focus of attention for me recently. Spending, as I do, a significant proportion of the year in Portugal, comparing and contrasting the approach to handling the detritus of our daily lives has become something of a spectator sport for me. Neither country has achieved Nirvana when it comes to ensuring our waste is properly dealt with. But there are plusses and minuses in the individual approaches.

There are no regular household bin collections in Portugal. Instead, waste and recycling bins sit on the corners of most streets. We have six such sites within a five minute walk of our house – one just a minute away. Each site has a variety of large bins, usually placed below ground, with a relatively small (about the size of a dustbin) access bin above ground. There are usually separate bins for paper, glass, plastic and metal and general rubbish which are emptied – often at night but not always quietly – on a regular basis.

The theory is good. The execution less so. Where we are is very much a holiday destination. During the busy summer months these bins are often overflowing as the authorities fail to keep up with the extra rubbish generated by a vastly inflated population of holiday makers. Of even greater concern is the way in which those using these bins seem often to disregard whether the refuse they are throwing away is placed in the appropriate bin. Actually, I suspect this is something of a problem here too.

In our kitchen we have separate waste bins for the various types of rubbish we accumulate and usually dispose of it on a daily basis. This strikes me as

being a more hygienic way of dealing with waste than leaving it to fester in a wheelie bin for a fortnight. Also, the amount of rubbish accumulated in a single day does not represent too much of a chore and can usually be disposed of when going out for some other purpose, such as visiting the shops or meeting friends at a local bar – pretty much a daily occurrence in our experience.

In contrast the way in which we dispose of our rubbish here can be both easier and more challenging. Recycling waste can easily be placed within the blue bin and left as it is usually dry and clean (we always wash out plastic containers and food tins), Black bin rubbish is more contentious as it has not been unknown for maggots to thrive in this rubbish if it is left for two weeks in warm or hot weather. As for other recycling items, that's another story altogether.

My experience of using the Sandy Lane recycling depot recently was less than encouraging. With a modest amount of garden rubble to dispose of, I divided it between three fertilizer sacks to make carrying easier. Together I doubt they weighed as much as a small child and the contents could easily have fitted into a single sack, were it not for my inability to lift anything remotely heavy. To be charged £2 each – a total of £6 – to leave them at the tip I thought preposterous. No wonder fly tipping is so prevalent.

But to return to the subject of plastic waste, like me I am sure you have been shocked by the images of our seas and rivers being so polluted by plastic. I religiously recycle any plastic packaging into my blue bin, so it was with some surprise that I learned little of it was capable of being recycled. Presumably someone at Great Blakenham is charged with separating out the recyclable elements and consigning the rest – probably the greater majority of this waste – to landfill. We really do need to rethink our packaging strategies.

Brian Tora

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GARDENING IN DECEMBER INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Clean up and dig the vegetable garden. Land dug over now should be left rough and will have about three months to weather and when forked over in spring the lumps will break down easily producing a fine tilth much superior to that produced by late digging.

All fallen leaves should be raked up as soon as possible from around rose and fruit bushes and burned to avoid passing disease spores of black spot, rust and mildew on to next years crop. The soil around roses should then be drenched with a solution of Armillotox 1 part per hundred, to kill off any which may over winter in the soil. Mummified fruits which are a source of brown rot disease, still remaining on trees or any that have fallen, should be gathered up and burned. Brown rot is a disease which seriously affects the storage life of fruit.

Remove all yellow leaves from Brussels sprouts, these can cause fungal diseases which will spread and cause the sprouts to rot.

Half hardy shrubs like fuchsias and some herbaceous plants may need a little help to survive a very severe winter. A three or four inch layer of peat, bark or compost on top of the soil around the plants will insulate the roots from frost. The mulch should be spread over the whole of the root area.

If flower borders are too close to trees or hedge they may suffer from man invasion of tree roots. The foraging roots from trees are usually in the top twelve inches of soil and they quickly find their way into a well fed, well watered bed, enjoying a meal which was not meant for them.

These invasive roots can be cut back each year by thrusting a sharp spade into the soil around the bed to a depth of about twelve inches, deep enough to sever all the roots. Any thick roots can be cut with an axe and they will eventually die and rot away. Although the soil is cooling now. There is still time to plant deciduous trees and shrubs. In fact they will be best in their permanent positions ready to make new growth when temperature rises in March.

Examine bulbs in store, like gladioli, Begonia corms and dahlia tubers, removing any that are diseased and make sure they are protected from frost. If possible bring them into the house, in a spare room where they are certain to be safe.

Make sure to get your seed order in by the end of the year, Seeds men

are very busy in January and February. Seed sowing is often upon us all of a sudden and you don't want to get caught out with no seeds.

As we approach the shortest day of the year in December you will need work to keep you warm outside, such as digging and tree pruning. Check your winter protection and if you have a greenhouse make sure the heater is working. Hopefully there are not too many jobs left to do this year so you will have time for some fireside garden planning.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place
- 2 Check that greenhouse heaters are working
- 3 Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing
- 4 Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls)
- 5 Take hardwood cuttings
- 6 Keep mice away from stored produce
- 7 Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding
- 9 Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops
- 10 Deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted

Lawns

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

Continue to remove fallen leaves from lawns before they block out light and moisture to 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 use the mower to keep the lawn in trim. Ensure the cut is 3-5mm higher than during the summer to prevent turf stress. On average, this means a cutting height of around 2-4cm (1-1.5in) for a utility lawn.

Repair damaged lawn edges or patches with turves cut from other areas of the garden. Re-cut all lawn edges to crisp up the appearance of the garden, and save work next season.

Watch your lawn for signs of waterlogging, as the weather gets wetter. You may be able to remedy this with some maintenance - either now, next spring, or the following autumn.

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BOXFORD FIREWORKS 2018

Once again, a huge turnout enjoyed one of the best Fireworks displays we have had in recent years. The weather just about held off and there was a marvellous atmosphere. Our thanks must go to Dynamic Fireworks for the design and execution of the display and, of course, to the many, many volunteers who helped set up, run and take down the whole event. These things don't just happen! We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - DECEMBER 2018



The Names on our War Memorials – December 2018
As I noted last month, the Armistice did not bring an end to the suffering inflicted on countless lives by the War. As with any war, there were those damaged by it in one way or another, who died after the cessation of the hostilities. A typing error in my November article gave the number of our soldiers dying in December 1918 as three, when, in fact, it

was two. Frederick Elijah Smith was one, and we heard his disturbing story last month. This leaves us just one soldier to bring to mind this December and he is **Private Harold Brett, M2/222321, Royal Army Service Corps**, of Boxford.

But before we meet Harold, I can now fill in one or two of the gaps in our knowledge of Frederick Elijah Smith's wife, Mary Ann Cartwright, nee Segars. We noted that she had married a Harry Cartwright in Newton in 1902 and they had a son Harry Douglas, who was born in Halifax in Yorkshire that same year, though it was unclear why he was born in Yorkshire. It turns out that Mary was six months pregnant with Harry Douglas, when she married Harry on 7th September 1902 and on their marriage certificate Harry gives his address as 10 George Street, Halifax and it was in that house that Harry Douglas was born on 14th December 1902. So it would appear that earlier in the year Harry had gone to Yorkshire leaving Mary behind in Sudbury carrying his child. Whether he knew that we shall never know. However, it is clear that he returned to Sudbury to marry Mary and then the family went back to Yorkshire, where he was working as a baker and confectioner. We also noted that by 1906, the family was back in Suffolk, because Harry senior died that year in the town. I now know that he died of tuberculosis and was at the time working as a foreman at a dairy. Again, why Harry had ceased to trade as a baker and why he had brought his family south again, remains unknown.

I also have two errors to correct in respect of Frederick and Mary. I had thought I had identified Mary as dying in the Sudbury district in 1945. This turned out to be another Mary Ann Smith, so at present I do not know her date of death. Also, based on the information I had derived from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's records, I had thought that Fredrick's grave was not marked with one of the familiar regimental headstones. This proves to be wrong, as is shown by the photograph below courtesy of Margaret Lowe. Whether I have misinterpreted the Commission's records, or whether an original headstone was replaced at a later date is not clear to me.

We can now return to Harold Brett. Unlike Charles Bartlett and Frederick Smith last month, about each of whom I was able to write quite detailed biographies, I have been unable to locate much detail about Harold's war service. Of his family, we



know his parents were John Brett, a house painter living in Swan Street with his wife, Esther, nee Watson, who is recorded on the Census of 1901 as a dressmaker. John was born in 1868 in nearby Kettlebaston to John, an agricultural labourer, and Harriet. Esther was born in Boxford in 1863 to James, a carpenter, and Sarah. I cannot trace a record of John and Esther's marriage, nor any records of the baptism of their children. However, their first child, Emily, was born in 1894, which would suggest that they married in the early 1890's. Harold was born in 1897 and appears on the 1901 Census with his two elder sisters, Emily and Ivy.

I can find no trace of the family in the 1911 Census, though I can follow Emily and Ivy after the war in marriage records and know that John and Esther died in the 1930s. Equally lacking is any positive information about Harold's army service except that he served with the Royal Army Service Corps as Private, M2/222321 and that he is buried in the Durban (Stellawood) Cemetery in South Africa. Durban became a major hospital centre for the East Africa Campaign in 1918, with several hospitals and convalescent homes located in the city.

The prefix M in Harold's regimental number indicates that his company was a motor transport unit. It appears that there were only two motor transport units allocated to the East Africa campaign, number 570, which served supply columns and number 599, a base repair depot, so, presumably, Harold was attached to one of these.

The East Africa Campaign was a reflection of the war in Europe between two colonial military powers, each of which had significant interests on the vast

continent. German East Africa included what are now Rwanda, Burundi and parts of Tanzania. British East Africa included Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika, which was also located in modern day Tanzania. At the outbreak of the War, Germany attempted to annexe the Belgian Congo, which would have linked its eastern colonies to Portuguese Angola, and this in turn would provide a route through to German South West Africa, now Namibia. By way of this annexation Germany indicated to the World that it intended to build a greater German Middle Africa. However, the German forces were far too few in number ever to be able to realistically achieve these aims. But to threaten this was part of a strategy to draw Allied troops and supplies away from the war in France and Flanders. The other part of the strategy was to engage in a war which consisted of a series of raids, skirmishes and brief engagements, which would keep the Allied forces forever on the move. In both respects it was moderately successful, and the British forces spent most of the War fighting incursions into their territories, after each of which the German forces would withdraw and retreat into the hinterlands. Even as 1918 progressed and it was clear that Germany was losing the War in Europe, and the British troops in East Africa were winning most of the short engagements, the German troops in East Africa just withdrew ever further south towards British South Africa, or moved west to threaten Southern Rhodesia, causing the Allied troops to pursue them. The Armistice in Europe was conveyed to the German troops by telegram, which reached them on 14th November and they formally surrendered on 25th November.

It is estimated that British losses in East Africa were some 3,500 killed in action and 6,500 dying of disease, though the same estimates suggest that some 90,000 native African porters attached to the Army also died in the conflict. Where Harold Brett was in all this is unknown, as is the cause of his death. All that we do know is that he died on 14th December 1918, aged 21, probably through disease, in one of the hospitals in Durban. It is a sad reflection of the times that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission warns on its web site that visitors to the Stellawood Cemetery, where Harold is buried, should be aware that there is the potential of personal attacks in the area and that they should not carry any valuables nor leave in any in their cars. It is hard to think of Harold lying in the peace which he deserves in these circumstances. As a footnote, It probably goes without saying that there is no memorial to any of 90,000 native African people who gave their lives in the service of this country.

Moving on to a completely different matter, one of the aspects of the names on our war memorials that I have often pondered is what was the process by which names were chosen to appear on the memorials. In one respect the answer should be obvious, in that the memorial is to those who were resident in the village before or during the War and who died as a consequence of war service. And yet, we have examples of service men whose names are carved on more than one memorial; perhaps in the village or town in which they were born as well as the village or town which they lived in before enlisting. But who put their name forward for both places? It may be that a man's parents were still living in the place of their son's birth and so they ensured he was remembered in his home village, and, if he had married and moved elsewhere, it would be his widow who saw to it that he was commemorated in that place as well. There are also cases where a family has moved away from a village and yet the son who was born there is included on the memorial. We shall meet one such case in Newton next month.

However, during my research I have found three men who were born in Boxford and died in the War and whose family still had links to the village until very shortly before 1914, and yet who are absent from the memorial.

Serjeant Herbert William Scarfe, 240746, 1st/8th Middlesex Regiment, who died on 10th April 1917, was born in Boxford in 1890 to Saul and Gertrude Scarfe. Saul was a baker living in Church Street. By 1901 the family were in Colchester and soon afterwards Saul died. In 1911 Gertrude was a domestic servant in West Ham. By 1919, was there no-one related to the family left in Boxford to suggest his name be included as a son of the village? Gertrude herself came from a family long established in Boxford and was born there in 1849.

Serjeant Benjamin Daniel Rudlin, 16523, Royal Field Artillery, who died on 21st October 1916, was born in Brook Hall, Boxford in 1866 to Daniel and Elizabeth Rudlin. Elizabeth was still living in Boxford, in Swan street, in 1911. Benjamin was quite an age for soldier on the Front, being 52 when he died and was almost certainly serving in the Regular Army at the outbreak of the War. He was married and lived in Rugby and had probably left the village many years ago and yet there was a strong family connection to Boxford.

Private Harry Jones, 18381, 'C' Company, 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, who died 24th November 1916 was born in Brick Kiln Hill in 1898 to Charles and Eliza Jones. Charles was a shepherd. Soon after the war Charles and Eliza were living in Colchester. Neither of them had been born in the village, so perhaps in this instance, the connection is more tenuous. But even so, Harry would have gone to school in Boxford and the family must have been part of the community.

I have not repeated this exercise for the other four villages, but if I did, I would probably turn up one or two similar situations. I have no answers to my opening question, but it does seem to me that what, on the surface, is a fairly straightforward question does not have a simple answer. One tends to view the names, for instance on the Boxford memorial, as somehow an authoritative and definitive list of the men of the village who died in the war. But, that is a post facto view and the presence or absence of a name should not be taken for granted. The naming of the names is not as cut and dried as we might think.

Harold will be remembered on 9th December at the 11:00 service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Boxford.

Rufus Sweetman
Reepham, Norfolk

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), M Wooderson, V Trafford, R Balls, A Sargeant, C Hughes, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr), J Finch (County

Parish Council Matters

Cllr) and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: None

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: V Trafford in respect of planning for his property.

MINUTES OF 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018: Accepted as correct.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: A representative from the Village Hall was present to answer any questions in relation to their Grant application. The same resident has been cleaning out the bus shelter and in view of the lack of improvement, he was not prepared to continue. He also raised concerns about the lack of sweeping and the general upkeep of the centre of the village. It was reported that the grit retaining boxes were in need of maintenance. It was explained to the meeting that unfortunately the County Council were not supporting heaps or non-standard containers anymore and the criteria in relation to placing new yellow plastic grit bins excludes the majority of locations within the village. Coupled with a need to consult widely at this late stage in the year, it makes the changes unworkable. This was to be discussed later on the Agenda. J Finch agreed that he needs to support the Parish Council so that grit can be supplied appropriately.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC The Chairman thanked the resident for helping clean the Bus Shelter.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch attended and advised it is now time to apply for school places for next year. He confirmed details of the Most Active Communities competition. There is a new approach for specialist education placements in Suffolk and new support for those bereaved by suicide. On local matters, a site meeting had been arranged to review options regarding access to Cox Hill by large HGV's from Sand Hill. J Finch has already spoken to the business owner on Cox Hill and listened to steps being taken to prevent their deliveries using that route. There is a Consultation for the admissions process to schools. Following his report J Finch was questioned on the variable standard of road surfacing. J Finch explained the difference between full resurfacing and surface dressing. When questioned about the drain at the bottom of the croft, J Finch confirmed it was in hand.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed progress is being made towards the new Local Plan. Representations were being worked through. He acknowledged the effort being made in Parishes in relation to Neighbourhood Planning including Boxford. The Konings application is being delayed again. Refuse collection has also been subject to delays recently. He was aware of the Bottlebank situation and had been trying to make an appointment with the new owner of White Hart. B Hurren continues to monitor progress of repairs at the old flats in Homefield. He hasn't been able to find any information in relation to the Station Field cut. Following his report B Hurren was questioned regarding the importance of inspections by the District Council in relation to the services to Cygnet Court in view of previous issues with drainage. B Hurren agreed to follow this up. Concern was expressed again about disruption caused by anti social behaviour by some tenants in the village in general needs properties. This has led to long standing residents leaving the village. It was stressed that further care and monitoring was required and residents should have responsibility to keep properties in good condition.

COOPTION OF MEMBERS: It was agreed to put a notice in Box River News and on the website with a deadline of 5th November. It can be decided following the November Meeting how the applications/ potential interviews could proceed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: V Trafford reported on a good turnout to the Village Meeting. However, it was disappointing younger residents weren't better represented. Volunteers came forward on the night and since and so far total 12. A draft action plan has been put together by V Trafford. He stressed this cannot be a Parish Council Plan, it has to be representative of the Village as a whole. On that basis, we still do not have sufficient volunteers. V Trafford could not commit any more time over and above his current commitment. It was agreed the survey was the next step together with a plea for further volunteers. The processing and analysis of the surveys would not be possible with the current number of helpers. It was agreed for V Trafford to put a notice in Box River News and produce and pilot a survey. M Wooderson will investigate printing arrangements. The whole Parish Council will promote awareness at the various village organisations/committees - Action All.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members had noted the on-going progress of each item. It was agreed to research with the Community Wardens, assistance with the dog issues reported - Action Clerk. The agent looking to bring forward plans on Sand Hill had been in touch regarding their research with the Doctors surgery. They have reported the Surgery have stated any expansion would happen in Hadleigh, so they did not want their needs taken into consideration in a new development.

BUS SHELTER: It was agreed to research with the Community Wardens how they could assist in relation to the Bus Shelter - Action Clerk.

GRIT PROVISION: The new procedures were read to the meeting. R Balls volunteered to assess the existing provision in relation to the new rules - Action R Balls. Thereafter we can seek support from J Finch.

BOTTLEBANK: Some interest has been expressed from the Village Hall and a suggestion has been made of The Spinney. B Hurren was trying to speak to the owner of the White Hart. Following discussion, at this stage if the bottlebank was to be moved, the Parish Council would favour the location at the Spinney.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 8th October 2018 were £43067.85 in the Community Account, £13357.38 in the Deposit Account and £47843.85 in the Reserve Account making a total of £104269.08.

It was agreed to renew the Parish Council Insurance on a Long Term Agreement over 5 years. The Sudbury Citizens Advice Bureau had written explaining the

importance of donations and R Balls proposed a donation of £50, this was seconded by M Wooderson and unanimously carried. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council has a power to support Citizens Advice Bureaus financially. The Half Year Budget Review was shared and discussed. Attention then turned to the Village Hall Annual Grant. Their Accounts were considered by members. R Balls proposed a grant of £1500, this was seconded by M Wooderson and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY: A memorial application was considered and approved. Attention turned to a memorial bench for Suzanne and further consideration of the family wishes will be carried out between meetings. A polite request has been made in respect of the wooden fender that has appeared around a grave in the new lawn cemetery section to have it removed.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: It was agreed to send the email in relation to the Landscape Training to V Trafford as he may attend in place of M Wooderson the following week - Action Clerk. A Sergeant reported that the contractor is happy to meet the Heritage team in relation to the Churchyard Wall. V Trafford reported that by 31st March next year the whole of the Parish of Boxford should have potential for Superfast Broadband. Lorries continue to turn down Stone Street in error needing to reverse. Traffic is still speeding in Homefield.

Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 8th October 2018

The following Decisions were advised from the Planning Authorities: -

- A) 15 Homefield DC/18/03572 - Extensions, internal alterations and driveway - Approved.
- B) 7 Daking Avenue DC/18/03800 - Extension can be completed as Permitted Development.
- C) Kingsbury House, 29 Swan Street DC/18/03737 & 03742 - Condition 4 (Fenestration) and Condition 6 (Insulation Details) have been Approved.
- D) Holly House, 53 Swan Street - Work can proceed to remove pine tree as notified - DC/18/04073
- E) 3 The Causeway - Work can proceed to fell willow tree as notified - DC/18/04019.
- F) Chequers, 7 Church Street DC/18/03131 - Listed Building Consent for re-roofing works had been granted.
- G) 5 Hadleigh Road - Planning Permission had been granted in respect of front extension and canopy - DC/18/03261.

The following were discussed: -

- 1) Holly House, 53 Swan Street - Notification to remove pine tree. This was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline - There were No Objections.
- 2) The application including Listed Building for cartlodge, summerhouse and entrance gates at Old School House, School Hill - DC/18/04097/8. In view of the declared interest by V Trafford, he left the room whilst this application was being discussed. The Parish Council had No Objections.

Boxford Parish Council

The Parish Council will shortly be circulating the first of two surveys to each house hold in the village. Please anticipate delivery before the end of November, we would ask that responses are providing by the end of December. Details of where to send completed surveys will be on a covering letter. We very much look forward to hearing your views!

ALPHA COURSE

The Revd Dr. Simon Gill (our rural dean) assisted by Christopher Kingsbury would like to run an Alpha Course in the Benefice early in the New Year. If you would like to take part or learn more please do contact Simon at: vicar@allsaints-sudbury.co.uk (or see contact details in the church section of the Box River News) or Christopher. Everyone has questions

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SESAW NEWS, DECEMBER

Everyone is eager to get their jobs finished and hurry home each day now the cold, wet weather has arrived. During the long winter evenings our Craft ladies will be knitting, crocheting and sewing lots of beautiful items (like the pink elephant in the picture) to sell at our sales next year. If you have any spare wool, cotton, material or other craft notions they could use, please get in touch. Contact details below, we can arrange collection of donations which need to be clearly marked CRAFT.

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Parish Council Matters

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2018 at Groton Village Hall

Present: Councillors P Roberts D Wills, N Cox, R Cheeseman.

In attendance: Councillor J Finch (SCC) Councillor B Hurren (BDC) R Jones (Clerk)

Councillor Finch reported the following:

GCSE Results had improved across the county and were now above the national average performance. In particular, there had been a significant improvement of 9% from Thomas Gainsborough School. In addition, almost 3,000 pupils had taken A-Levels with 98% expected to be awarded pass grades which, again, was above the national average. A pilot scheme to assist young people leaving care called 'Staying Close' had been launched in the County. The scheme, which had been funded by the Department for Education, was designed to help the young people to plan for their future whilst staying close to their care home. The scheme was initially for three years. Tourism to the County had grown by 5% in 2017 and was now responsible for over 13% of employment in Suffolk with more than 42,000 people employed in the tourism sector.

Councillor Hurren reported the following: Dog Waste Bins were now being emptied regularly on a fortnightly basis. A meeting to look at the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Boxford was being held on 25 September and Groton Parish Council members were invited to attend. Councillor Cheeseman agreed to attend on behalf of Groton. An application had been made by Landex to build twenty-five new homes on the former Goodlands Farm site. The application had initially been refused by Babergh DC Planning Committee in November 2017 and Councillor Hurren had recently attended an appeal hearing on behalf of the District Council. The result of the appeal was scheduled to be announced before the end of 2018. Following the boundary review Babergh District had been reduced from fortythree wards to thirty-two. Konings application to expand the Copella factory site to be heard in October 2018.

Planning Applications Received - None

Planning Decisions Received - None

Local Housing Update Councillor Hurren reported that Babergh DC was supporting the plans for affordable housing. The proposals were for the houses to be set back from the road with parking behind them. A fresh consultation would take place in October 2018 with a potential Planning Application to follow in November.

Footpath Cutting No new or outstanding issues. It was agreed that funds were available for final cut of the

year if needed and Andy Adams would be contacted to carry this out.

Other Highway or Footpath Matters Overgrown hedge on corner of Frog Hall Road to be reported to Suffolk CC Highways.

The Statement of Finances was approved as shown below.

Reserve Account as at 3 August 2018	£3519.98
Current Account as at 3 August 2018	£4105.75
Total	£8369.91

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Next Meeting 7th November 2018 at 7.00pm

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Parish Council Matters

Edwardstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 September 2018 at Edwardstone Village Hall

Present: Councillors M Childs (Chair), P Baker, S Norman, S Flack In Attendance: Councillor J Finch (SCC), Councillor B Hurren (BDC), R Jones (Clerk)

Reports from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council

Councillor James Finch reported the following: GCSE Results had improved across the county and were now above the national average performance. There had been a significant improvement of 9% from Thomas Gainsborough School. In addition, almost 3,000 pupils had taken A-Levels with 98% expected to be awarded pass grades which, again, was above the national average. Applications for Secondary school places for 2019 needed to be made by October 2018. A pilot scheme to assist young people leaving care called 'Staying Close' had been launched in the County. The scheme, which had been funded by the Department for Education, was designed to help the young people to plan for their future whilst staying close to their care home. The scheme was initially for three years. Tourism to the County had grown by 5% in 2017 and was now responsible for over 13% of employment in Suffolk with more than 42,000 people employed in the tourism sector.

The Chair reported that there were still several outstanding Highways issues including a large crater and cracked road between Mill Green and Round Maple. Councillor Norman reported that the verges had only recently been cut back and asked if it was possible for future cutting to be done earlier in the year. Councillor Baker asked for an update on the installation of Superfast Broadband. Councillor Finch was under the impression that the local installation was almost complete but asked for the Clerk to collate a list of specific telephone numbers of properties that had yet to be connected so that he could investigate.

Councillor Bryn Hurren reported the following: Following the boundary review Babergh District had been reduced from forty-three wards to thirty-two. Edwardstone would now be a part of a newly created Box Vale Ward. An application had been made by Landex to build twenty-five new homes on the former Goodlands Farm site. The application had initially been refused by Babergh DC Planning Committee in November 2017 and Councillor Hurren had recently attended an appeal hearing on behalf of the District Council. The result of the appeal was scheduled to be announced on 5 November 2018. Konings application to expand the Copella factory site to be heard in October 2018. A meeting to look at the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Boxford was being held on 25 September and Groton Parish Council members were invited to attend. Councillor David Williams had agreed to attend on behalf of Edwardstone PC. There was also a Parish Council Liaison meeting being held on 11 October in Ipswich. As the meeting was being held from 10am, there were no Councillors available to attend.

Highway and Footpath Matters Footpath Cutting Issues – None Broken Footpath Signs The following broken footpath signs were reported: Adjacent to the 'kissing gate' between Sherbourne Street and Groton Street .Footpath 9 - Damaged sign laying in hedge adjacent to road. Footpath 5 – Damaged wire mesh needs replacing.

Councillor Baker was pleased to report that the broken sign at Tinywent Corner and the broken sleeper in the footbridge at Footpath 10 had been repaired. Location of Grit Bins In view of the cost involved and the difficulty in finding suitable locations, it was agreed to defer this matter to a future meeting. Use of Work Parties for Highways Issues (SCC Highways Self-Help) In view of concerns over insurance implications and possible lack of volunteers, it was agreed not to pursue this. Other Highways and Footpath Matters Overgrown hedge impacting the highway in front of cottage in Mill Green. Clerk to write to the owner requesting he arrange for the hedge to be cut back away from the road.

Planning Applications Received – DC/18/03793 Walnut Tree Cottage, Sherbourne Street.- no objections

Planning Decisions Received - None

Neighbourhood Plan It was agreed to wait to receive feedback from Councillor Williams following his attendance at the Boxford Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 25 September before deciding how to proceed. Councillor Hurren suggested producing a Village 'Statement' as an alternative may be an option.

Other Urgent Planning Matters - None

Financial Matters

The Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment were approved. The Accounts were checked any approved as shown:

Business Savings Account as at 31 July 2018 £2520.72

Business Current Account as at 31 July 2018 £5078.40

Total £7599.12

Draft Equality and Diversity Policy, Draft Grievance and Disciplinary Policy,

Draft Sickness and Absence Policy – All approved

Next Meeting Monday 19 November 2018 at 7.30pm

Readers Letters

Sir

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our family, friends and neighbours who came to our Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrations, and made it a very special evening. A very big thank you to Shaun, Mitch and the team at the "Brewers Arms", who provided the fantastic buffet and venue, and also to Paul who provided the Disco. We are pleased to say we raised £700 for the "East Anglian Childrens Hospice", our chosen charity.

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Regards

John Norton

Sir

The late Jane Wood – A really big thank you to everyone who helped with Jane's farewell refreshments after the church service, for making the cakes and helping make the tea.

Jane will be missed by all her friends in Groton and the area and elsewhere

Sir

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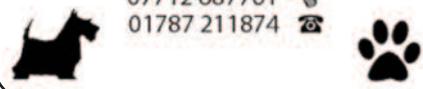
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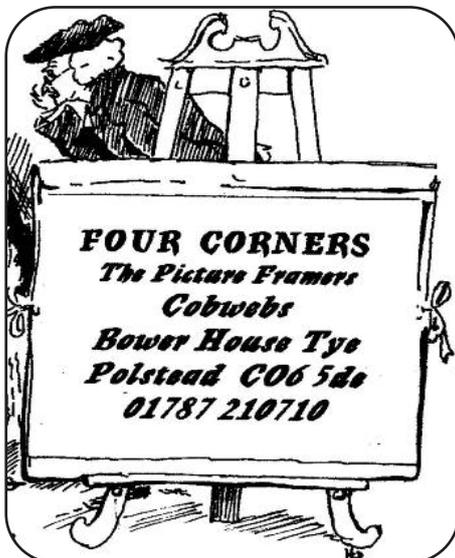
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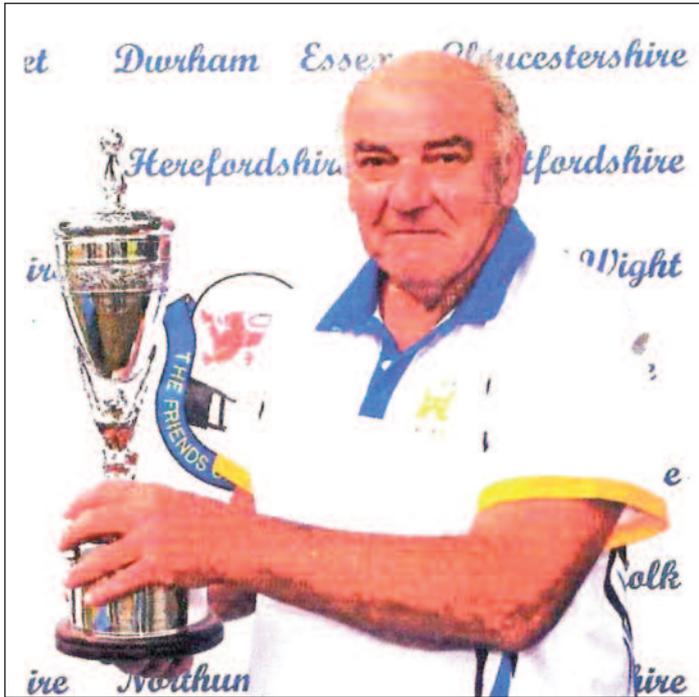
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It was Suffolk's first success in this event since 1993.

QUARTER-FINALS: Alec Atkinson (Uncs) bt Andy Patrick (Somerset) 21-12; Howard Watts (Oxon) bt Perry Cook (Middlesex) 21-9; Gordon Williams (Suffolk) bt David Magness (Herefordshire) 21-18; Grant Burgess (Worcs) bt John Barnes (Kent) 21-10.

SEMI-FINALS: Atkinson bt Watts 21-10; Williams bt Burgess 21-17.

FINAL: Williams bt Atkinson 21-6.

LADY CAPTAIN DRIVE IN 2018



On Thursday 8th November Stoke by Nayland Ladies had their AGM and New Lady Captains Drive In. The AGM went smoothly with Last years Lady Captain Elaine Davidson handing over the reign to the Incoming Lady Captain Diana Harris. There was a Presentation of Trophy's before heading to the bar for a welcome drink with Diana Harris and her husband David Harris. The Ladies then proceeded to the 1st Gainsborough in glorious sunshine to watch the new and past captains tee off. There was then a 9 hole Greensomes competition, the front 9 and back 9 holes were used, with the ladies coping well with the ever changing conditions as we edge towards winter.
Best front 9

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Many thanks to everyone who braved the weather to come to our Dog show on 14th October. Having postponed the show once already we were concerned about the weather forecast. It did rain a lot, but the amazing residents, friends, families and people from further afield came and stayed despite the rain.

The dogs were well behaved and thirty eight won rosettes including the Best in Show Labrador Roly who came from Ipswich and Reserve Best in show Rotweiler Buddy who lives in Boxford with his owner.

Special thanks to our Judges Paul Sims (Simbos Gundogs) and Sam Coomber (Sams K9 Services) and everyone who sponsored classes, our programmes, and those who gave us raffle prizes. Also those who dealt with the class membership, manning stalls, setting up etc.

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