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The future of the Boxford Society

This is an open letter and a request to all who care about our wonderful village.

Many of you will know that the Boxford Society has existed for 45 years. In that time Boxford has grown with several new developments, but we are still a village blessed with amenities that others envy. However, being a pleasant and sustainable village attracts developers, so there is constant pressure on the planning system to retain a balance between what is in our interests and what national planning guidance requires.

In the last 15 years, the Society has been led by Tina and Roger Loose. Supported by a small committee, they have ensured that every major proposed development has been scrutinised and a balanced submission made to Babergh DC and the Parish Council. The Society's efforts have not gone unnoticed as they are always balanced and constructive. We made a significant contribution to persuading Babergh to refuse permission for Goodlands Phase 2.

An archive of village photographs and documents is held by the Society. This is a very valuable source of information and must be maintained. Additionally, exhibitions have been staged and speakers have been arranged on matters of local historical and cultural interest. On top of all this, the Society through Tina and Roger has supported the Community Council with its events.

For some years now the Society has struggled to fill vacancies on the Committee. Tina (Chairman) and Roger (Treasurer) will be standing down at the AGM in April, but are willing to continue to serve on the committee. The Secretary (Joan Cull) is also retiring. The Society is in a sound financial position but it needs new people to carry on its work. This is even more important as a Neighbourhood Plan is to be drawn up to guide village housing development decisions and the Boxford Society should contribute to this.

We therefore invite all members and anyone in the locality with an interest in the sustainable development of our village and its history and heritage to come to a special meeting in the Village Hall on **THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM**. Unless people come forward at that meeting to take the lead with the support of others, the Society is likely to fold and the village will lose an important and listened to voice.

Andrew Good (Vice Chairman) and The Boxford Society Committee.
To chat about this in advance of the meeting, please contact Roger or Tina on 210538 or email: roger.loose@dsl.pipex.com

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Weavers Green represents a unique opportunity to create a vibrant and sustainable new housing development for Boxford.

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The housing mix will incorporate a mix of 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom homes with 35% affordable homes provided for those struggling to get on the housing ladder.

Please come along and view our proposals; we will use comments received to shape our final plans for submission as an outline planning application to Babergh District Council.

Drop by to view the proposals and talk to our team: Tuesday 22nd January 2019 4pm – 8pm at Boxford Village Hall, Stone Street Rd, CO10 5NP.

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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S FESTIVAL OF CAROLS IN FLOWERS 15/16 December

A big 'thank-you' to everyone who braved the near-Arctic weather (especially on the Saturday!) to come to our Christmas flower festival. It was heart-warming to see so many people admiring the arrangements and enjoying the refreshments. This was a new venture for us, as we usually only have a flower festival every other September, and it proved to be a great success. Our talented team of flower arrangers excelled themselves, with inspired interpretations of eleven popular Christmas carols.

Many thanks to our invaluable team who served refreshments, manned the door, sold raffle tickets, and generally helped on the day and before the event. Nancy Roser's beautiful table decorations were very popular, as was the raffle, and we raised the grand total of £602, which will benefit our Restoration Fund.



FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 1 February 8 £16.00.

BASIL HODGE QUARTET

Basil's rhapsodic style gives the Band a thick full sound. He is a fleet and driving pianist.

Basil Hodge PIANO Ed Jones TENOR SAX Oli Hayhurst BASS Winston Clifford DRUMS

Pianist and composer, Basil Hodge has thrilled audiences throughout the UK for over 20 years with his charming compositions and emotional hard swinging performances. With two critically acclaimed recordings under his belt, this project will showcase Basil's new compositions and the evolution of his older ones. Championed by no less a figure than Julian Joseph, Basil has forged a solid reputation in British jazz, having played with some of the leading UK players such as Jim Mullen, Tony Kofi, Dave O'Higgins, Pete Wareham and Renato D'Aiello.

Friday 8 February 8 £18.00

Chris Bowden Quintet featuring Bryan Corbett: "Unlikely Being"

Atmospheric tunes, extended arrangements, powerful performances and good old fashioned grooves -London Jazz News
Chris Bowden alto sax, Bryan Corbett trumpet/flugel, Jim Watson piano, Chris Dodd bass/bass guitar Neil Bullock drums These musicians have all played with too many jazz greats to list. They are now regularly performing together. The evening will include work from the 2018 "Unlikely Being" CD, and perhaps material destined for their next album. Chris Bowden, from Birmingham, came to prominence with his 1996 funk/ acid /latin-jazz/album

"Time Capsule", reinforced by his 2002 album "Slightly Askew". His has played for Us3, The Herbaliser, 4Hero, and The Heritage Orchestra.

His "Unlikely Being" project, which started in 2017, heralds Chris's return to full health. It has a mellower and more relaxed sound than his earlier work.

Friday 15 February 8 £20.00.

Deelee Dubé and Renato D'Aiello

"A voice of deep grainy power 0 0 0 Dubé has a quick-witted musicality" - Daily Telegraph"Renato is a superlative saxophonist with a passionate and poetic soul. He has all the virtues * a beautiful sense of time and pacing and a technique which effortlessly projects his brilliantly flowing ideas." - Ian Carr

Deelee Dubé vocals, Renato D'Aiello tenor sax, Bruno Montrose piano, Adam King bass, Alfonso Vitale drums

Friday 22 February 8 £20.00.

Clark Tracey Quintet: "No Doubt"

'Named Best Drummer at both the 2017 and 2018 British Jazz Awards, Clark Tracey has carved out a serious career for 40 years. He has worked with most of the great American players and almost every leading British musician, including his late father, the great jazz legend, Stan Tracey. He has brought together a group of brilliant young players, already causing ripples on the jazz scene, and guarantees to deliver the hard bop message for which he is so revered. Formed in January 2018, they released their first CD 'No Doubt' in September, which showcases the talents of these formidable stars in the making.

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

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

'BREXIT BLUES

I'm writing this reflection on the morning of 16th January - after the House of Commons voted against Theresa May's Brexit 'deal' by a record margin of 230 votes, and before the debate later today on the Opposition motion of no confidence in HM Government. It is not my intention, however, to express a view in this column on what should happen next, and it would be inappropriate to do so.

The headline in one of today's newspapers sums it up thus: "Brexit Shambles – No deal, No hope, No clue, No confidence." Speeches in the lengthy Parliamentary debate (spread over two months), and scenes on our television screens of the crowd outside Parliament, comprised of both 'Brexiters' and 'Remainers,' celebrating the outcome of the 'meaningful vote,' show that there is much urgent work to be done before 29th March – the date the UK will leave the European Union (absent an extension agreed by the other 27 EU countries or a unilateral revocation of the Article 50 notice, given two years ago.)

There is a powerful argument for a second—or, should it be third—referendum, or 'people's vote', now that the terms (or possible terms) of Brexit are known; this is counterbalanced by the argument that the electorate were promised in June 2016 that Parliament would implement the result of in/out referendum, and Parliament must honour that commitment. Opinions on this are divided, and doubtless will remain so, but most politicians agree that the country is at a time of crisis and must now come together to find a solution.

What, if anything, should the church be saying at this time? No doubt many will have been praying for our politicians, and we did so at Groton church two days before the vote. King Solomon is famed for asking God for wisdom (or, in the words of the New International Version of the Bible), to "give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people." Following the outcome of the meaningful vote, we should certainly pray that MPs across the political divide will have the wisdom to discern what to do next. James, in his pastoral letter, encourages prayers for wisdom: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (James 1 verse 5).

Other newspaper headlines highlight Theresa May's 'humiliation'. Humility, certainly, would be an appropriate attitude for all MPs at this time, recognising that no one has the perfect solution. St Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, enjoins them "in humility [to] value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others." (Philippians 2, verses 3-4). It is good that one outcome of the vote appears to be that the Government will now reach out to other MPs across the Commons in an endeavour to reach a consensus on the way forward.

Above all, we should pray that politicians will seek to honour God and his values in all they say and do, that they will "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Matthew 6, verse 33).

I'll conclude with these words from the book of the prophet, Isaiah: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'" A positive message to counter that 'No hope' headline as, understandably many people are uncertain about what the future holds. Or, as King George VI said in his 1939 Christmas broadcast, when the nation was facing the uncertainty of war (quoting the poem by Minnie Louise Haskins): "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day..."

David Lamming

Three of the best recent thrillers**Still Lives Maria Hummel**

A contemporary art museum in LA is preparing for its new exhibition, the controversial *Still Lives*, a collection of Kim Lord's self-portraits, in which the artist is impersonating murdered women, frozen in the final moments of their lives. Maggie Richter, who works at the museum, is trying to avoid the hype – Kim is now going out with Richter's ex-boyfriend Greg, the man she moved to LA with and whom she expected to marry. When Kim doesn't show up for the opening night, suspicion falls on Greg and Maggie is drawn into a quest to prove his innocence – or not.

Like the art depicted in its pages, Maria Hummel's *Still Lives* (Quercus, £13.99) is vivid, vibrant and thrilling. "Did she think she was safe, she who posed as, and then expressively painted, the Black Dahlia in her final position?" asks Maggie, Hummel's narrator. "Did she believe nothing could happen to her, she who had spent years immersed in the accounts of killers who lurked in alleys and parks, in innocuous apartments, and in the very homes and beds of the women they murdered?"

Maggie, who has been touched by death before, is both appalled and fascinated by Lord's paintings and despite her protestations that "there's no path for someone ordinary like me to find one missing woman in this whole city", she proves an able investigator into the passions and jealousies that drive life at the museum. As banners advertising the exhibition proclaim "Kim Lord *Still Lives*", the words take on a double meaning and Hummel's thriller begins to spiral towards an ending every bit as dramatic as the deaths Lord has painted.

No Tomorrow Luke Jennings

Luke Jennings initially self-published his stories of glamorous but deadly assassin Villanelle and the agent who is hunting her, Eve Polastri. After the Killing Eve television series was commissioned, they were picked up by John Murray. In this, *No Tomorrow* (£14.99), Eve is still on Villanelle's trail, still trying to juggle life as an agent alongside life with her Polish husband, Niko, and the Nigerian dwarf goats he has acquired, still trying to understand the "erotic bait and switch" Villanelle is playing with her.

From a debrief of an MI5 officer in cahoots with Villanelle's nebulous employers, which goes terribly wrong, to assassinations in locations from Venice to the Austrian Alps, *No Tomorrow* is a ridiculous amount of fun, held together by Jennings's black humour and sense of the absurd.

After a brutal killing, Villanelle is earnestly thanked by her sidekick for the "incredibly valuable" work experience she has provided; at another point, her handler lambasts her "Hello! magazine approach to assassination".

"All this drama you create. Speedboats, made-up aristocratic titles, exploding dildos... You're not living in a TV series, Villanelle," he says. Eve, meanwhile, continues to ponder if "she herself [could] ever be transformed into someone who acts as her target does". It's not hard to see why Phoebe Waller-Bridge pounced on this for television.

Kingdom of the Blind Louise Penny

At the end of her latest Chief Inspector Armand Gamache mystery, Louise Penny reveals that she never expected to write it. Her husband, Michael, had died and she knew she "couldn't continue [the series] ... it would be too painful". She was even planning to give back her advance. But she found herself with another story to tell: *Kingdom of the Blind* (Sphere, £19.99), in which Gamache, who is on suspension from his role as chief superintendent of the *Sûreté* du Québec, is mysteriously asked to be the liquidator of the estate of a stranger, Bertha Baumgartner.

As he delves into the reasons he was chosen – and discovers the vast amounts of money that Bertha has supposedly left her children – a body is discovered in the rundown farmhouse where she used to live.

Penny, as ever, skilfully juxtaposes the supreme cosiness of the Quebec village of Three Pines, this time in the grip of a freezing winter, and the horrors of drugs and prostitution on the streets of Montreal. Supremely satisfying.

Blemishes... *Be gone!!!*

With the removal of minor cosmetic skin blemishes no longer available on the NHS, people are turning to private practices like Suffolk Medical Clinic on Broad Street for treatment.

Minor lumps and bumps like cysts, warts and skin-tags are usually harmless but can be irritating and unattractive. If you have a skin lesion that is bothering you, removal is usually quick and simple.

Moles (raised or flat) can also be removed using local anaesthetic. It is important that any mole worrying you is examined by a doctor. Changes in size, shape and colour; itching or bleeding can be cause for concern. If you're worried about a mole, don't wait - let us take a look.

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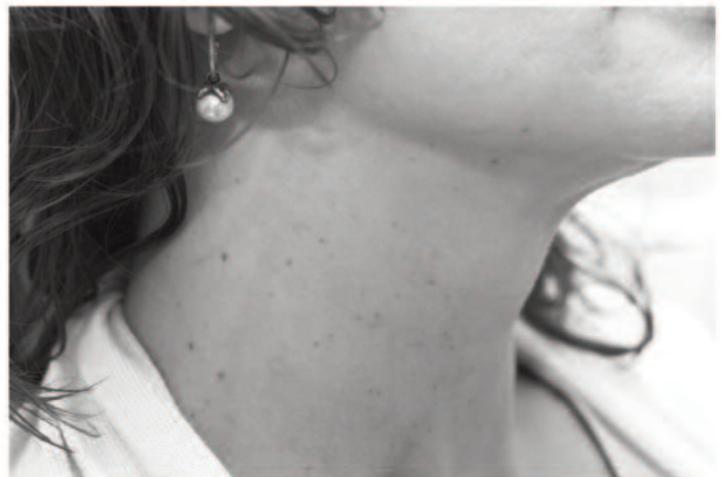
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Before mole removal



After mole removal

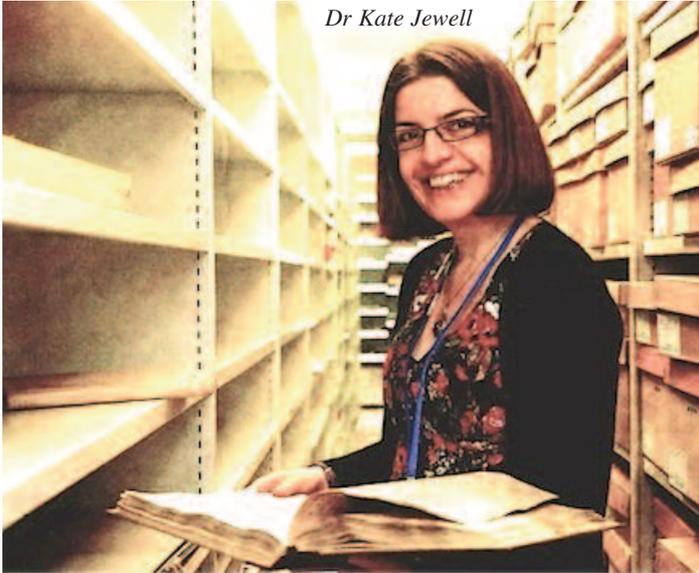
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BONFIRES AND BELLS - A Talk by Dr Kate Jewell



Dr Kate Jewell

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Kate Jewell to the Parish Room to share some of her extensive knowledge of rituals and festivals in the medieval Suffolk landscape with the more than 30 guests; everyone went home delighted as it was a quite superb talk from a woman passionate about her subject.

Kate began by telling us just how important landscape was in medieval times; simply put, if the landscape failed them for whatever reason (drought, flood, fire, heat or cold etc), there simply was no backstop for the masses and starvation could, and often did, inevitably follow. It was quite natural therefore that people did everything possible to protect the landscape, including rituals throughout the year, in an effort to promote productivity and fruitfulness, including visiting shrines to the many saints where people could go to connect with their gods. From the 6th century onwards church hierarchy were unhappy about these ancient rituals, and as the church became increasingly important in the middle ages, the number of saints proliferated, many of whom seem to have had their heads chopped off - a sort of pre-sainthood ritual.

Saint Winifred (Winefride)

Legend has it that Winifred, daughter of a Welsh nobleman and niece to St. Beuno, was decapitated by her suitor Caradog when she decided to become a nun. Her head rolled downhill, and where it stopped, a healing spring - Holy Well or St. Winifred's Well - appeared; this became a great centre of pilgrimage where many cures were reported over the centuries. Legend also has it that St. Beuno rejoined her head to her body and restored Winifred to life. Seeing the murderer leaning on his sword with an insolent and defiant air, St. Beuno then invoked the chastisement of heaven so that Caradog fell dead on the spot, popular belief suggesting the ground opened up and swallowed him. Before leaving Holywell Beuno also sat upon the stone now standing in the outer well pool and promised, in the name of God, that whosoever on that spot should thrice ask for a benefit from God in the name of St. Winefride, would obtain the grace he asked if it was for the good of his soul. Winifred later became a nun and then Abbess at Gwytherin in Denbighshire, and her feast day is on November 3.

Saint Juthwara

Saint Juthwara was a virgin and martyr from Dorset who probably lived in the 6th century; her legend is known from John Capgrave's *Nova Legenda Angliae* (*), according to which she was a pious girl and victim of a jealous stepmother. She prayed and fasted often, frequently gave alms and on the death of her father, began to suffer chest pains. The source was ascribed to her sorrow and austerities, and as a remedy her stepmother recommended two soft cheeses be applied to her breasts, before telling her son Bana that Juthwara was pregnant. Bana felt her underclothes and finding them moist, immediately struck off her head (no one is quite sure why). Juthwara then miraculously picked up her head, carried it back to the church altar where a spring of water appeared at the spot. Bana later repented of his deed, became a monk and founded a monastery on a battlefield.

(*) An English historian, hagiographer and scholastic theologian (21 April 1393 - 12 August 1464), remembered chiefly for the "*Nova Legenda Angliae*", the first comprehensive collection of the lives of English saints. Note the time period that has elapsed since Juthwara's tenure.

Saint Sidwell

A virgin saint from the county of Devon, though her historical existence is not that well established.

The cultus (*) of Sidwell has been active at Exeter from early times. Pilgrims were visiting her shrine by the year 1,000 AD and their activity is mentioned both by John Leland (poet and antiquary) and William Worcestre (chronicler, topographer and antiquary). The *Catalogus Sanctorum Pausantium in Anglia* describes her as a native of Exeter beheaded by reapers who were incited to do so by her stepmother. The legend bears a striking similarity to that of both Saint Urith and Saint Juthwara, her supposed sister; she is said to have been buried outside the city where the sick could be healed at her grave.

(*) Cultus (Latin) is literally the care owed to deities, temples, shrines, or churches. It is embodied in ritual and ceremony and is made concrete in temples, shrines and churches, including cult images and votive offerings at votive sites.

The Church of St Sidwell outside the site of Exeter's east gate still exists, though was largely rebuilt after damage during the Second World War; the site also once had a well at which cures are believed to have been effected. In art Sidwell is represented with a scythe and a well at her side. Her feast day is variously given as 31 July, 1 August and 2 August, so three days of feasting then!

Lady Well, Woolpit

Woolpit church grew in importance throughout the Middle Ages, its reputation enhanced by the shrine of Our Lady of Woolpit. Pilgrims were also attracted by the miraculous properties of the Lady's Well nearby, whose water was held to be a cure for ailments of the eyes. Modern tests have shown that it has a high sulphur content which apparently can aid in the treatment of some eye conditions.

St Walstan's Well

According to legend Walstan was born in Bawburgh of East Anglian Royal Blood around 970 AD. He was prone to visions which told him to give up his worldly possessions and work as a farm labourer. At the age of just 13 he journeyed from Bawburgh to Taverham, via Costessey, donating his noble garments to the poor he met on the way. He worked hard on the farm in Taverham, taking only enough money for his keep and giving away everything else to the needy. His employers worried about him, wanting him to become their heir but he refused, just accepting two white calves. Continuing to have visions, he found a priest to perform last rights after one showed his imminent death. Kneeling in prayer, allegedly a spring welled up on the dry farm land to allow the priest to perform the final sacrament.

After he died, and according to his instructions, his body was returned to Bawburgh on a cart drawn by the two white oxen. The oxen, left to their own devices, rested in Costessey where a second spring appeared in a place known as The Roundwell. At the final stop in Bawburgh a third spring also appeared. St Walstan's body was placed in the Church, renamed after him many years later, which then became a site of pilgrimage for the next ten centuries. Miracle after miracle was reported there until the reformation, when the shrine was destroyed, his relics burned and the village fell into poverty. A nineteenth century revival of Walstan's fortunes saw more miracles claimed, associated with the water in the well. In 1818 a Francis Bunn was said to have been cured of leg ulcers, and other stories survive, reported in both local and national newspapers; as late as 1913 the *Eastern Daily Press* dubbed it the Lourdes of Norfolk, reporting the cure of a London catholic who had suffered eye problems. Saint Walstan is now the patron saint of farms, farmers, farmhands, ranchers and husbandrymen.

Kate then told us something of the traditional rites associated with farming, particularly Plough Sunday, the traditional English celebration of the start of the agricultural year, and Plough Monday, the traditional start of the English agricultural year.

Plough Sunday celebrations usually involve bringing a ploughshare into a church, with prayers for the blessing of the land, traditionally held on the Sunday after Epiphany (12th day), the Sunday between 7 and 13 January. Plough Monday traditionally saw the resumption of work after the Christmas period, particularly in northern and East England. The customs observed vary by region, but a common feature was for a plough to be hauled from house to house in a procession, collecting money, else a furrow would be ploughed in front of the house! Often accompanied by musicians, an old woman or a boy dressed as an old woman, and a man in the role of the fool. Plough Pudding from Norfolk is a boiled suet pudding containing meat and onions, eaten on Plough Monday.

Kate then told us of the Plough Gallery in St Agnes Church, Cawston in Norfolk - set into the tower arch is a little gallery which is quite unusual, with an inscription along the front which appears to read:

God spede the plow and send us ale corn

enow oor purpose for to make:

At crow of cok of the plowlete of Sygate:

Be mery and glade wat good ale yis work mad.

Ale corn is barley and a goodale was a fundraising celebration held by a guild, here the Plough Guild of Sygate. The Plough inn remained in use well into the 20th century, closing in the 1960s when the sign was given to the church.

May Day Festivities

The May Day festival, now a public holiday usually celebrated on 1 May, is an ancient Northern Hemisphere spring festival which goes back beyond Christianity and celebrates the good arrival of Spring. Dances, singing and cake are usually part of the festivities. May Day has been a traditional day of festivities throughout the centuries, most associated with towns and villages celebrating springtime fertility of the soil, livestock, people, and revelry with village fetes and community gatherings. Seeding has been completed by this date and it was convenient to give farm labourers a day off. Possibly the most significant tradition is the maypole, around which traditional dancers circle with ribbons.

Kate then introduced us to Palamon and Arcite, part of Fables, Ancient and Modern written by John Dryden in 1700 - a translation of The Knight's Tale from The Canterbury Tales written by Geoffrey Chaucer (though Dryden expanded the original text with poetic embellishments). The original source was Giovanni Boccaccio's Teseida, a long epic poem of almost 10,000 lines, notionally about the career and rule of the ancient Greek hero Theseus, but mostly telling the story of the rivalry of Palemone and Arcita for the love of Emilia.

Two knights, Palamon and Arcite, are imprisoned by Theseus after a battle and held in a dungeon from which they can see into a courtyard garden. One day Palamon sees Emily and falls instantly in love; crying out, he causes Arcite to ask what is wrong. Palamon declares his newfound love for Emily, but as Arcite listens he too sees Emily. Turning to Palamon, Arcite claims that because he first recognized her as mortal and not a goddess, he has the right to woo Emily. Later, one of Arcite's friends persuades Theseus to free his prisoner, which he does, but banishes Arcite. The love-struck knight returns, disguised as one of Theseus's servants, and the story unfolds as each knight endures different challenges to prove his love for Emily.

Next Kate read us an extract from An Anatomie of Abuses, which is about May Day festivities and written by Phillip Stubbs, a pamphleteer who rails against aspects of popular culture which he believes are immoral and in need of reform if his fellow countrymen and women are to escape punishment from God. He was clearly not at all impressed by the outcome of the May Day socialising - see underlined text below, and goodness knows what he would say today.

The maner of Maie-games in England

As many as in the other. The order of them is thus. Against Maie day, Whitsunday, or some other time of the yeare, euery Parish, Towne, and village, assemble themselues together, both men, women and children, olde and young, euen all indifferently: and either going all together, or diuiding themselues into companies, they goe some to the woods, and groues, some to the hills and mountaines, some to one place, some to another, where they spende all the night in pleasant pastimes, and in the morning they retume bringing with them Birch boughes, and branches of trees, to deck their assemblies withall. And no maruell, for there is a great Lord present amongst them, as Superintendent and Lord ouer their pastimes and sportes: namely, Sathan Prince of Hell: But their chiefest iewel they bring from thence is the Maie-poale, which they bring home with great veneration, as thus: They haue twentie, or fourtie yoake of Oxen, euery Oxe hauing a sweete Nosegaie of flowers tyed on the tip of his homes, and these Oxen drawe home this Maie-poale (this stinking Idoll rather) which is couered all ouer with Flowers and Hearbes, bound round about with strings from the top to the bottome, and sometimes painted with variable collours, with two or three hundred men, women and children following it, with great deuotion. And thus being reared vp, with handkerchiefes and flagges streaming on the top, they strawe the ground round about, bind green boughes about it, set vp Summer Haules, Bowers, and Arbours hard by it. And then fall they to banquet and feast, to leape and daunce about it, as the Heathen people did, at the dedication of their Idolles, whereof this is a perfect patteme, or rather the thing it selfe. I haue heard it credibly reported (and that vvia voce) by men of great grauity, credite, and reputation, that of

fourtie, threescore, or a hundred Maides, going to the wood ouemight, there haue scarcely the third part of them returned home againe undefiled. These be the fruites, which these cursed pastimes bring foorth.

Putting everything into its proper context, Kate advised that detailed analysis of birth records of the time show no increase in the birth rate nine months after May Day, whereas there was a noticeable increase in birth rate nine months after the August festivities, despite what Stubbs wrote - presumably the better weather and warmth of August were more conducive to the activities Stubbs disagreed with so vehemently than the cold and damp of May nights!

Rogation Day Festivities

In the Roman Catholic Church Rogation Days are festivals devoted to special prayers for crops - the Major Rogation on April 25 and Minor Rogations on the three days before Ascension Day (the 40th day after Easter). Rogation Days were marked by the recitation of the Litany of the Saints (*), which normally began in or at a church. After Saint Mary was invoked, the congregation would walk the boundaries of the parish, reciting the rest of the litany so that the entire parish would be blessed and the parish boundaries marked. The procession ended with a Rogation Mass which parishioners were expected to take part.

(*) One of the oldest prayers in continuous use in the Catholic Church Beating the bounds is an old custom thought derived from the Roman Terminalia of marking church parish boundaries by marching round them and hitting the ground or certain boundary marks with long sticks; it is performed once a year, usually on Ascension Day or before Easter. It had a religious aspect, reflected in the rogation which originated in the 5th century, when Mamertus Archbishop of Vienne instituted special prayers, fasting and processions on these days. This clerical side of the parish bounds-beating was one of the religious functions prohibited by the Royal Injunctions of Elizabeth I in 1559, but it was then ordered that the perambulation should continue to be performed as a quasi-secular function, so that evidence of the boundaries of parishes might be preserved.

Kate told us that the Long Melford rogation procession took three days to cover their 21 miles of boundary, with bells being rung to drive away the spirits that caused crop failure. 'The State of Melford Church as I, Roger Martyn, did know it' is now recognised as one of the most important and detailed sources on the experience of the pre-Reformation worshipper, with Martyn lovingly recalling the seasonal rituals, church decorations and devotional equipment lost from his parish church of Long Melford during the reformation

Feast of Saint John the Baptist

A mid-summer feast held on 24th June to celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, whose life has long been interpreted by Christians as a preparation for the coming of Christ. All over Europe Saint John's fires are lit on mountains and hilltops on the eve of the feast. As the first day of summer, Saint John's Day is considered one of the great charmed festivals of the year in ancient folklore. Hidden treasures are said to lie open in lonely places waiting for a lucky finder. Divining rods should be cut on this day. Herbs are given unusual powers of healing, which they retain if they are plucked during the night of the feast. In Scandinavia and the Slavic countries ancient superstition is that on Saint John's Day witches and demons roam the earth; as at Halloween, children go the rounds and demand treats, straw figures are thrown into the flames and much noise is made to drive the demons away.

We were then advised that the term bonfire arose from bone fires of old, where the obnoxious smells of burning fatty bones were thought necessary to drive evil spirits away. As Kate told us, all these rituals demonstrate the incredible importance of agricultural festivals, some containing pre-Christian ceremonies to bless crops; hence Bonfires and Bells were incredibly important to medieval society.

To conclude, Kate brought incredible passion, humour and warmth to a subject which most people have little knowledge of, and her brilliant talk was a riotous passage through agricultural festivals and rituals much enjoyed by everyone present.

Our next events will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on:

20th February: Simply Suffolk by John Goodhand

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 all.

This event is going to be great, and we very much look forward to welcoming guests both new and old to the Parish Room in Little Waldingfield. *Andy Sheppard*

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ **Options assessment report for Sudbury Congestion Relief Scheme published**
On 5 December 2018, the options assessment report for the Sudbury congestion Relief Scheme was published. In spring 2018, Suffolk County Council commissioned independent experts from WSP to look at options to relieve traffic congestion in and around Sudbury. Schemes considered included western or southern bypasses, changes to parking and public transport and junction improvements.

The report produced by WSP clearly sets out why the most cost-effective way of relieving traffic in Sudbury is to move forward with a programme to upgrade existing road junctions in Sudbury. It is estimated that delivery of these improvements would cost in the order of £10million. Options will now be explored in more depth to enable funding to be sought for the scheme.

Whilst the option of a building a bypass would provide a lot of benefits to the town, the cost at between £50m-£70m is prohibitively high resulting in a low benefit cost ratio. Even though this means a bypass is not a feasible at this time, the option of a bypass will remain in the County's Local Transport Plan and the District's local plan as an aspiration for Sudbury in the future.

The county council will now work with the re-instated Sudbury Steering Group and the officer Sudbury Vision group to identify and develop junction improvements. The first step will be a workshop in January to establish a list of schemes, these will be developed, following which a forward programme will be developed over the next six months. Read the options assessment report for Sudbury Congestion Relief Scheme

➤ **Consultation on the proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding**

Suffolk County Council is carrying out a consultation to understand the equality impacts there may be as a result of proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding which the authority currently provides.

At the Council's Scrutiny meeting on 22 November 2018, the committee considered details of proposed savings totalling £11.2m that will enable the council to balance its budget. Amongst these savings was the proposal to remove the funding grant that the county council gives Suffolk's CABs.

Committee members recommended changing the proposal to a phased reduction – a recommendation that was later agreed by Cabinet. It is now proposed that the grant will reduce by half to £184,000 in 2019/20 before ending in 2020/21.

A consultation regarding this decision started at 12 noon on Monday 17 December and will run until 5pm on Wednesday 23 January. The consultation will give residents the opportunity to say how they currently use the CAB service and how they may be impacted, specifically from an equality perspective, by any potential changes to funding. Comments made through the consultation will be used to help inform the final decision on the council budget, which is due to be made by full council on 14 February 2019. Further information and a link to the survey can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/local-citizens-advice-cab-consultation/> Paper copies of the survey are also available at Libraries and local Citizens Advice offices.

➤ **Sport and Physical Activity worth £270m a year to the Suffolk economy**

A report published on 18 December 2018 has revealed the importance of the Sport and Physical Activity sector to the Suffolk economy. Undertaken by specialist economic development and regeneration consultancy Hatch Regeneris, the report shows that the sector contributes £270m a year to the Suffolk economy. This accounts for over 10,000 jobs or 3% of all employment in Suffolk and is almost double the proportion seen at national levels.

The report shows that employment in the sector has grown at a faster rate than all other sectors in Suffolk - up 60% in the last 5 years. By contrast, employment in financial and professional services has grown by 10% over the same period.

Read Suffolk Economic Assessment of Sports and Physical Activity Sectors report

➤ **Finally**

Having attended a seminar in December, it is a frightening fact that there are now almost 900 children in care in Suffolk. Rather than just say "how dreadful" I propose to go the extra mile in my division and provide some more information for those who think they may be able to help. I will be doing the following to provide the opportunity for those who want to find out more on this subject. To this end I am arranging "drop in sessions" in Boxford for a one to one discussions with members of the SCC Specialist team. They will be aimed at local residents in my Stour Valley division. The first of these is booked for St Mary's House, Boxford on Monday 11th March in the evening between 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

My Priorities

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

First of all I would like to wish all readers of the B.R.N. a very happy and prosperous new year, having said that I do feel we are going all to have to dig deep on all our resources as we face a very uncertain future with the current lack of National leadership and the possible future break up of the United Kingdom which is at the present time totally dis-united. If only our National Politicians would put their people before the tribal politics that we have witnessed in the past two years. I am very proud to say that I voted remain as I welcome and value the friendship and collaboration that has contributed to the 74 yrs of peace that we have enjoyed on this island, also the united but devolved governments of our home nations working together. I really do not mind us giving refuge to some very unfortunate and traumatised victims of violence and malnutrition as long as we have proper border checks and security. I also welcome that we have European workers to come to plug the gaps in our own homegrown labour force and help make us an even better and diverse nation and contribute to our national prosperity, I am humbled to say that of the five skilled doctors and clinicians at Papworth who recently carried out the open heart surgery that I so desperately needed not one was actually born within these shores.

I for one am grateful for what has been achieved in the past two generations and hope that we may all move on to just enjoy our present lives and work together and encourage others to do the same. On the home front Babergh the budget decisions will not bring good news with around 3% increases across the board from the District and County Councils along with an even bigger one expected from the Police Commissioner. Sadly this will all amount to about a Sixty Pound increase per household on a band D property per year. This situation is caused by the decreasing local government grant that has now come to an end and will not be replaced, I will be talking about this situation at forthcoming Council and Parish Meetings to bring everyone up to date. Recycling and Waste disposal will also feature heavily during this coming year with increased publicity to try to get our recycling rates up. If your waste is in the blue bin we can flog it which helps to keep your council tax down and has a beneficial impact on our planet, what is in the black bin goes to our incinerator and although that produces electricity to feed back into the grid we pay a very heavy gate fee/fine for every load that goes in through the gate from your Council Tax. I am told by our roundsmen that about 10% of households do not even present a Blue Bin to be collected, maybe a new year resolution could be started here. I am always willing to organise a trip up to the recycling facilities if anyone would like to see our efforts at first hand. This coming year will see yet more challenges for Boxford on the planning front, please attend any meetings and have your say, strongly if you need to. I will be doing my very best as always to see that we are not invaded by housing that is just for profit rather than a natural expansion to house local people and, as always, to represent you all in any local matters.

With All Best Regards and Hope for the Future. Bryn. 01787 210854
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Catesby Estates are proposing a massive new development in Boxford. It is bigger than any other development so far and will undoubtedly destroy our beautiful village see what Catsby homes have to say below.

Catesby Estates plc are promoting 14 acres of land off Sand Hill, Boxford in Suffolk, which has potential for up to 80 new homes incorporating a mix of 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes of various types (bungalows, maisonettes, semi-detached and detached houses), including 35% affordable housing. The site lies within the administrative area of Babergh District Council.

We are putting together proposals for the site and want your help in creating a sustainable extension to your community that benefits both you and any new residents.

The site is located to the East of Boxford village, off Sand Hill approximately 70m north of the Hadleigh Road (A1071). The site is in a sustainable location, with a range of facilities within walking distance, including a primary school, pub and village shop.

The proposals are influenced by the rich character of Boxford. We want to create a place where people can be proud to live, and provide a varied mix of accommodation types to satisfy identified local housing need with an emphasis on smaller dwellings that are sensitively designed and are of high quality.

The site has no national or local landscape designation. It lies on land that rises east out of the village, which is nestled in the River Box valley below. As the site is visible from public rights of way, especially from the north and east, proposed development would be limited to the lower slopes and strategic native woodland planting would assimilate and contain it.

The scheme would include an extensive amount of green infrastructure, including: native woodland; street trees in generous grass verges; informal wildflower meadow; a more formal 'trim trail' and footpath around the development; and a surface water drainage area, that could be engineered to double-up as a children's kick-about area.

It is now widely understood that one of the Government's core objectives is to significantly boost the supply of housing nationally in order to address the ever increasing housing crisis resulting from a lack of affordability in the market and the consequent need for new homes of all types sizes and tenures. To this end the Government intends to deliver 300,000 new dwellings per year by around 2020.

The National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) published in July 2018 is the Government's principal policy tool for the delivery of sustainable planning and development across England. The Framework seeks to deliver the significant increase in new homes that are required in a sustainable manner.

In particular Councils are required to have up-to-date Local Plans that make provision for a local housing requirement (based on a standardised methodology).

Development Plan Context

At the local level the Council (Babergh District Council) is beginning work on a new Local Plan to replace the current Core Strategy in line with Government policy. An initial draft will be published for consultation in February 2019.

The Government's new standard method for calculating housing requirement indicates that a minimum of 439 dwellings per annum[1] will be required in Babergh District over the new Local Plan period to 2036. This represents a 24% increase beyond the current adopted Core Strategy requirement, which is in the region of 355 dwellings per annum.

It will therefore be necessary for the Council to allocate and approve new greenfield housing sites in order to meet the minimum requirement in the emerging Local Plan.

Boxford is identified as a Core Village in Policy CS2 of the adopted Core Strategy which will act as a focus for new residential development. The policy goes on to advise that site allocations to meet housing and employment needs will be made.

The status of Boxford as a Core Village will remain in the settlement hierarchy for Babergh District and therefore the village will continue to comprise a suitable and sustainable location for the allocation and development of new homes.

[1] Using the 2014 based household projections as advised by Government in its recent consultation on updates to planning policy and guidance – 26 October 2018

Catesby Estates is considering the preparation of an outline planning application later in 2019 to establish the principle of residential development on the site including site access and housing layout.

Should the application be approved, we will then work with housebuilders to deliver a range of new homes, with first residents taking occupation early 2020.

If you also take into account the proposed development by Hopkins Homes on the other side of the road from Weavers Green, together we are talking about in excess of 120 new homes proposed for the village in the near future. Add to this recent developments and infills, approx 80 homes and we have only rather belatedly just started on a village plan, slamming the door after the horse has bolted!

In Addition The Trustees of land adjoining Stone Street Road are keen to establish some housing and a potential Village Car Park. Landex are within the period where they can bring a challenge to the Appeal Decision to maintain the Refusal to Grant Planning Permission for further development at Goodlands and Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery in Hadleigh Road are seeking permission to erect 4 detached dwellings on their land.



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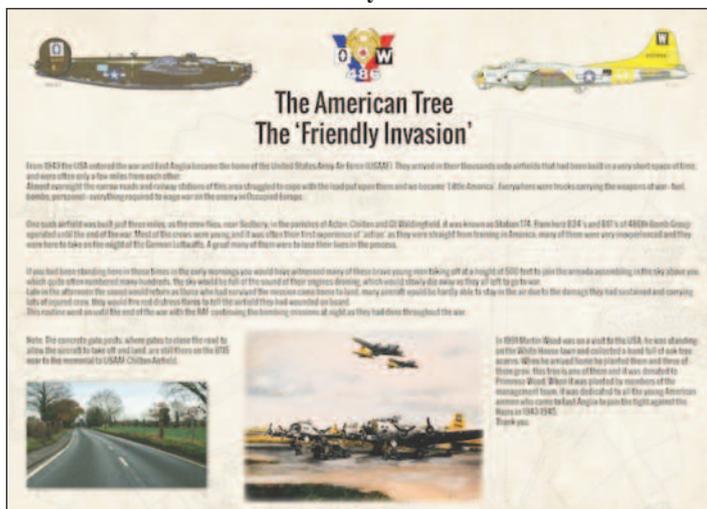
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for December 2018

In December 2018 our responders covered 273 hours (37%) and attended 9 incidents. We are in urgent need of more responders so that we can provide better coverage for the people of the local villages. If you are interested in joining, or have any questions about responding at all, please call the group's co-ordinator, Rich Wild, on 01787 210 946.

The American Tree The 'Friendly Invasion'



From 1943 the USA entered the war and East Anglia became the home of the United States Army Air Force (USAAF). They arrived in their thousands onto airfields that had been built in a very short space of time, and were often only a few miles from each other.

Almost overnight the narrow roads and railway stations of this area struggled to cope with the load put upon them and we became 'Little America'. Everywhere were trucks carrying the weapons of war - fuel, bombs, personnel - everything required to wage war on the enemy in Occupied Europe.

One such airfield was built just three miles, as the crow flies, by Sudbury in the parishes of Acton, Chilton and Gt Waldingeld, it was known as Station 174. From here B24's and B17's of 486th Bomb Group operated until the end of the war. Most of the crews were young and it was often their first experience of 'action' as they were straight from training in America, many of them were very inexperienced and they were here to take on the might of the German Luftwaffe. A great many of them were to lose their lives in the process.

If you had been standing here in those times in the early mornings you would have witnessed many of these brave young men taking off at a height of 500 feet to join the armada assembling in the sky above you, which quite often numbered many hundreds, the sky would be full of the sound of their engines droning, which would slowly die away as they all left to go to war.

Late in the afternoon the sound would return as those who had survived the mission came home to land, many aircraft would be hardly able to stay in the air due to the damage they had sustained and carrying lots of injured crew, they would be in distress as to tell the airfield they had wounded on board.

This routine went on until the end of the war with the RAF continuing the bombing missions at night as they had done throughout the war.

In 1991 Martin Wood was on a visit to the USA, he was standing on the White House lawn and collected a hand full of oak tree acorns. When he arrived home he planted them and three of them grew. One of them was donated to Primrose Wood. When it was planted by members of the management team, it was dedicated to all the young American airmen who came to East Anglia to join the fight against the Nazis in 1943-1945. We have decided what the display board for the tree will look like (see above), Ian Drake has seen it and has designed it, I think he took his life in his hands trying to get the picture of the gate posts on the road at Chilton said Vic Rice. The picture was donated to the project by local artist Roger Lane who has lived in the area for many years and it portrays a day on Great Waldingfield Airfield, Station 174. All expenses will be met by me. When complete the American Air Museum at Duxford will be informed for the veterans who visit them.

Vic Rice

Hadleigh Boxford Patient Participation Group (PPG) GP/Citizens Advice Outreach Scheme

General Practice is under increasing pressure. GPs play a crucial role at the frontline of the health system, but workloads have been growing in both in volume and complexity, while funding has declined. There is a need to relieve unnecessary demands on GPs to ensure they remain able to provide high quality patient care.

Citizens Advice delivers advice and support to millions of people each year, including outreach advice in over 500 health locations. They see the ways that people's personal and practical problems, like debt or poor housing, cause detriment in other parts of their lives. They also see how these issues are often caused by or affecting people's health and wellbeing, or their treatment.

This means people often present to their GP when they are experiencing personal or practical issues. These issues are often 'non-clinical', meaning they are not specifically medical, although they may be underlying or related to clinical health issues. It has been shown that 33% of clients went to a GP or local health service before Citizens Advice. People may be presenting to health providers because these 'non-clinical' issues are affecting their health, or because they don't know where else to go for support.

Understanding the role for advice in supporting patients, within the primary care setting, the Hadleigh Boxford Group Practice and Sudbury Citizens Advice are conducting a pilot scheme to locate outreach advice within the surgery.

- The pilot will run for 3 months with effect from Tuesday 8th January until Tuesday 26th March 2019 at the Hadleigh Surgery.
 - Three advice sessions per morning will be available at 9.30, 10.30 and 11.30, allowing one hour per client.
 - Patients can be referred by GP's, Practice Nurses or Care Navigators.
- It is hoped that this initiative can help improve people's health and wellbeing, help reduce some of the 'non-clinical' demand on health providers, and improve overall patient care.

BOXFORD BOUNTY

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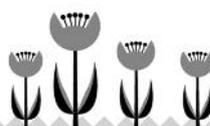
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SIR CONRAD MARSHALL JOHN FISHER SWAN KCVO FSA 1924 - 2019

Sir Conrad Marshall John Fisher Swan KCVO FSA (13 May 1924 – 10 January 2019[1]) was a retired long-serving officer of arms at the College of Arms in London. Having been first appointed to work at the College in 1962, he rose to the office of Garter Principal King of Arms in 1992, a position he held until 1995. He was the first Canadian ever to be appointed to the College of Arms.

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He was born in 1924 in British Columbia, Canada. His father was descended from the Polish noble family of Świącicki. After emigrating to Canada in 1884 the family surname became Swan.

He devoted much of his life to travelling. Having decided to make a lifetime career in the Indian Army, he was sent by the India Office (the UK governmental office responsible for India at the time) to the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Having completed the course there, he proceeded to India and was commissioned and appointed to the Madras Regiment, the oldest in the country. Indian Independence (1947) caused him to make other decisions "it being the end of a chapter". Upon retirement from the Indian Army, he went directly back to Canada to take a BA and MA at the University of Western Ontario (Assumption College). During this time, he developed a keen interest in Commonwealth affairs, which brought him back to Britain, where he acquired his doctorate from Cambridge University in 1955.

Conrad then spent six years (1955–1961) lecturing in history at the Assumption University of Windsor, Ontario, of which he was also University Beadle. As guest lecturer he visited many universities, not only in North America but in every continent except Antarctica, "the penguins haven't invited me yet".

In addition to his educational achievements, he developed an exceptional heraldic career. He was first appointed Rouge Dragon Pursuivant of Arms in Ordinary in 1962 and six years later became York Herald of Arms in Ordinary. In these capacities, he was among the Earl Marshal's staff for the State Funeral of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965, the Investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1969, and was Gentleman Usher-in-Waiting to Pope John Paul II during his visit to the United Kingdom in 1982.

He was appointed Garter Principal King of Arms in 1992 on the retirement of Sir Alexander Colin Cole. His own retirement came in 1995, after having been diagnosed with cancer.

Sir Conrad Swan was the first herald to execute official duties in-tabard across the Atlantic Ocean and in the southern hemisphere. He did so in Bermuda in 1969 and in Brisbane in 1977. He was instrumental in the creation of the Honours System of Antigua and Barbuda, and between 1964 and 1967, he was an adviser to the Prime Minister of Canada on the establishment of the National Flag of Canada and the Order of Canada. Swan also took a special interest in Saskatchewan, helping the province to obtain a full coat of arms from the Queen in 1986 and a new Great Seal in 1991. He advised the province on the establishment of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 1985 and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal in 1995 and the recent expansion of the provincial honours system (notably the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan).

A keen scholar and publicist, Swan wrote a number of books and articles on heraldic, sigillographic and related subjects. He was a member of several international societies and organisations and was a founder of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada and the Heraldic Garden in Britain.[citation needed]

Knighthood by Her Majesty The Queen in 1994 as a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO). He was also a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Nation of Antigua and Barbuda (KGCN), Knight of Honour and Devotion of the Order of Malta, Cross of Commander of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, Knight's Cross of the Order of the Grand Duke Gediminas (Lithuania), Knight Grand Cross of Justice of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Francis I (GCFO) and Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Lion of Rwanda.

He was also a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem and Knight Principal of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor (1995–2000); Commander (with Star) of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit; Grand Cross with Grand Collar of the Imperial Order of the Holy Trinity (Ethiopia); Coronation Medal of the King of Tonga. He received the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan

In 1957, Swan married Lady Hilda Susan Mary Northcote (born 23 July 1937 – died 4 December 1995), Serving Sister Most Venerable Order of St. John, Dame of Honour and Devotion Sovereign Military Order of Malta; Dame of Justice (SMO) of Constantine St. George; and President, St. John's Ambulance Society Suffolk.

Lady Hilda was the younger daughter of Henry Stafford Northcote, the 3rd Earl of Iddesleigh, and granddaughter of author Marie Adelaide Belloc Lowndes. She died in Boxford, Suffolk, on her way home to Boxford House after shopping in the village when she was hit by a car, which did not stop. She was 58 years old.

They had five children:



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Nayland Horticultural Society

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.

Boxford Drama Group Presents:

Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb

The Tombs family, who can trace their heritage back to the Borgias, are a family of professional assassins. However, as darkness descends can they survive the sudden arrival of uninvited visitors at the family lair of Monument House Hotel and Health Farm?

As the evening passes, it appears that it's not only the Tombs that have a myriad of secrets to hide, but that each of their unwelcome callers also has his or her own clandestine agenda for being at the Hotel. It's not long before they are soon sneaking around the old mansion's secret passages and inevitably one by one they fall victim to violent deaths by devious techniques. Mayhem ensues with unlikely liaisons, over-the-top characters and shocking plot twists which all prove to be deadly for all parties, and a murder fest occurs. All resulting in an irresistible combination of a comedy spoof and baffling murder mystery.

Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb – Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm 14th, 15th 16th March 2019. Tickets on sale in Boxford Post Office. £13 includes supper and there will be a licensed bar.

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Quiz Night

Saturday February 9th at 7.30 Prompt

£10 to include two course meal & pre dinner nibbles

Raffle

Max 5 persons per team

Tickets : Sue Sheppard (01787) 247980

Sheppard.susanm@gmail.com

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FREE TASTER at LW Parish Room

KEEP FIT CLASS

in the LW Parish Room Tuesday 29th January pm from 6.30 to 7.30

A new Keep Fit circuit style class that will enable you to keep active at your pace, the class will also include a range of Keep Fit exercises. Stretch and flex will be incorporated into the session to support a range of motion in the muscles, and to aid in their recovery.

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For more information please contact Nic Carter: T: 07886 124698

E: nic@niccarterpt.co.uk

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday evenings 4.30-6.30pm
Meeting in Groton Village Hall, CO10 5EL
Starting on Monday 14th January 2019

Tutor: Steven Trerise

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The Literary imagination in a hyphenated culture

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January 14 th	The Last September	Elizabeth Bowen	(Penguin) 1929
January 21 st	The Last of Summer	Kate O'Brien	(Virago) 1943
January 28 th	Reading Week		
February 4 th	Mount Music	Sommerville and Ross (1923)	
February 11 th	Mount Music	(Amazon and Abe Books)	
February 18 th	The Story of Lucy Gault	William Trevor	(Penguin) 2003
February 25 th	Reading Week		
March 4 th	Troubles	J.G.Farrell	[J. Cape/Flamingo 1970]
March 11 th	Troubles		
March 18 th	A selection of Poems – to include Heaney, Yeats, Mahon. To be provided		

Course Fee: £75

Details available from:

Mrs Etain Todds, 01787 210344
etodds@btinternet.com

Boxford Drama Group presents

Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb

by Norman Robbins



The family who
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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.

Wot's On

NEWTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

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)

rock choir concert



St Mary's Church, Boxford
Sunday 10th February 2019
at 3pm

tickets £8

free to children under 16

tickets include tea/coffee & cake - all proceeds go to the church

raffle - wine - refreshments

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enquiries: Louise Renshaw 01787 210298

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Boxford Village Hall

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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

Future Event - AGM

Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7.30 pm

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Wot's On

LWHS

Programme of Events - 2019 / 2020

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

FUN & GAMES NIGHT

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL. We will once again be holding our Annual Fun & Games Night in Boxford Village Hall on Saturday 26 January 2019. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various indoor games and quizzes to claim the prestigious title. A fun night is promised for all with a licensed bar, raffle and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30 with registration and the first round of games at 7.50 promptly. Ticket prices are £60 per team. We have a limit for the number of teams, so if you don't want to be disappointed please contact Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Mark Miller on 01787 211596, or alternatively e-mail Mark on Mark.Miller@talktalk.net We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas if possible and, if you are not in a team but would like to help, please also let us know. It is never too early to book your place, so book it now!



BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FUN & GAMES NIGHT

Saturday 26th January 2019
7.30pm for 7.50pm prompt start!

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

£60 PER TEAM - MAX. 8 IN A TEAM
Contact Stephanie Atkins 01787 210444
Mark Miller 01787 211596
mark.miller@talktalk.net

BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com
www.boxford.me.uk
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Tuesday 5th February 7.30pm
at Boxford Village Hall

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<p>23rd March</p> <p>7.30pm - 12.00am</p>		<p>1980's Disco</p> <p>Back by popular demand - it's time to go back to the 80's! Party the night away & refuel with our delicious bar menu that will be available on the night!</p> <p>£15.00 pp</p>	<p>21st April</p> <p>12.30pm - 3.30pm</p>		<p>Easter Lunch</p> <p>Enjoy a delicious three-course carvery prepared by our award-winning chefs.</p> <p>£25.00 pp</p>
<p>31st March</p> <p>12.30pm - 3.30pm</p>		<p>Mother's Day Lunch</p> <p>Spoil Mum this Mother's Day with a delicious 3-course carvery overlooking the beautiful countryside.</p> <p>£25.00 pp</p>	<p>25th April</p> <p>7.00pm - 10.00pm</p>		<p>Ryan Gooding Psychic Medium</p> <p>Join us for an evening with Ryan Gooding, one of the most talked about psychic mediums in the UK.</p> <p>£15.00 pp</p>

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As such we have arranged the following "one to one drop in sessions" during February & March and will be planning further ones throughout the coming year. The initial sessions have been booked for early evenings, but if you would like to attend at a different time, then please email Jade.Cuckow@suffolk.gov.uk or Emma.Whitten@suffolk.gov.uk

The Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland, - Monday 25th February: 19.30 – 21.30

St Marys House, Swan Street, Boxford - Monday 11th March: 19.30 – 21.30

The Committee Room at Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, Leavenheath - 25th March: 19.30 – 21.30



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TO JOIN OR ENJOY A FREE TASTER SESSION: Click on to our website www.tassouthsuffolk.org.uk, choose the lecture in which you are interested and book a place by telephoning the Membership Organiser, Mrs Pauline Cardwell, on 01787 228482

Next meeting: Tuesday, 15 January 2019 @ 2 p.m. at the Quay Theatre, Sudbury.

Shaken by an Earthquake : Igor Stravinsky, the Ballet Russes and the astonishing 1913 Paris premiere of The Rite of Spring. Lecturer: Sandy Burnett

For more details visit our website: www.tassouthsuffolk.org.uk

GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At
Groton Village Hall

On Friday 12th April 2019 7.30 for 7.45 Start
£12.00 per head (entry plus choice of curry & dessert)

Teams of four

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Raffle

Phone Joanna: 210619 or Jayne: 211360 to book your place



LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Tickets Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266)
£3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm



Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 22nd February

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

Forthcoming Events Diary

January 2019

26 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
29 Keep Fit Class	Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms	Parish Rooms	6.30 to 7.30pm

February

5 Englands 2000 year Mulberry Heritage	Boxford Gardening Soc	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
9 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
10 Rock Choir Concert	Boxford PCC	St Mary's Church	3.00pm
16 Simply Suffolk	LWHS	Parish Room	7.30pm
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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April

12 Quiz and Currey Evening	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
21 Boxford Youth Football Team Anniversary of the trip to USA		Boxford Playing Fields	TBA

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

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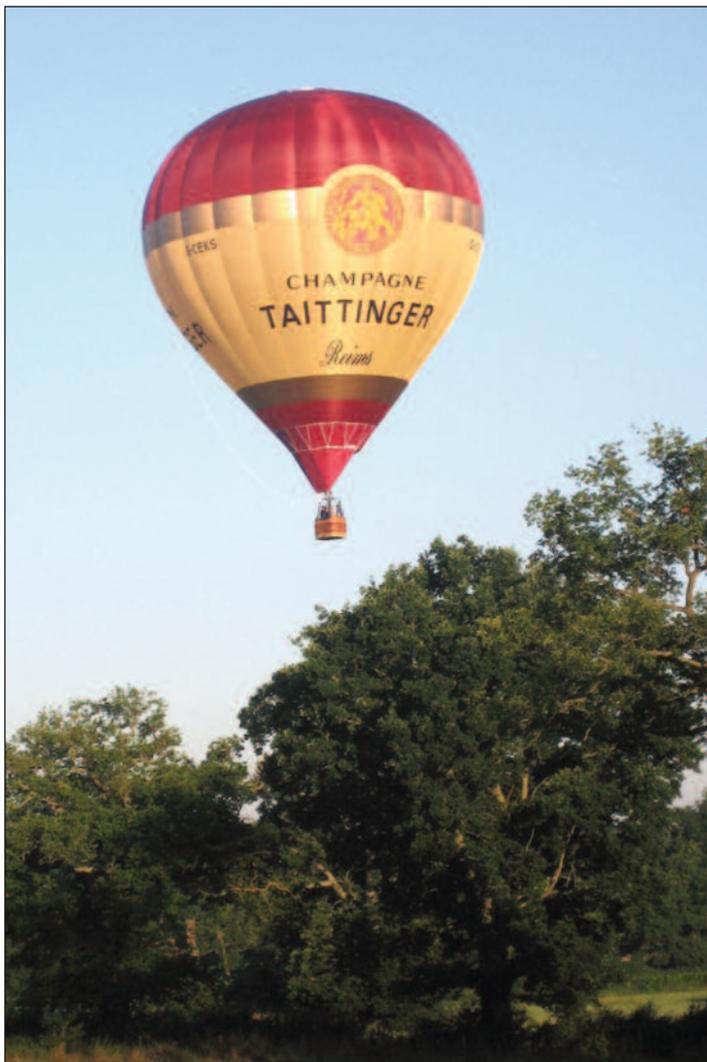
Pudding and pie day Wednesday

Our new fish board Thursday to Saturday

with Fish and Fizz Friday

Sunday lunch 12 till 7pm

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Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa are getting in the mood for love this February by offering couples the opportunity to float away on a luxury hot air balloon.

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The resort is offering a number of great value romantic packages as part of the Month of Love and couples taking advantage of these fantastic offers will be entered into a draw to win afternoon tea at the hotel, followed by a luxury Champagne balloon flight across Constable Country.

Included in the Month of Love campaign is a 'Just the Two of Us' overnight stay with Prosecco and a 3-course dinner, followed by full English breakfast the next morning, from only £80.00 per person.

There is also a 'Chocolate Kisses' spa day from £79.00 per person for those that love a pamper, and for traditionalists there are two dining options at the award-winning AA Two Rosette Lake's Restaurant starting at £32.50 per person for 3-courses.

To find out more please visit www.stokebynayland.com/month-of-love, call the sales team on 01206 262 836 or email sales@stokebynayland.com.

Remember

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The Box River Parishes Church News

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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

**HIS HONOUR THE REVEREND BRIAN WATLING QC
THANKSGIVING SERVICE: NEW DATE**

The service of thanksgiving for the life of the Revd Brian Watling has been re-arranged. It will now be at **12 noon on Saturday 2 February 2019** at St James's Church, Nayland. All welcome.

THE PROCESS TO FIND A NEW RECTOR: AN UPDATE

PCC members from the five parishes in the benefice met with Bishop Mike Harrison on Monday 14 January 2019 to discuss the vacancy and the way forward. The draft Benefice Profile (the final version of which will be placed on the diocesan website: www.cofesuffolk.org/vacancies) was looked at in detail. Grateful thanks to Tim Harbord, who has undertaken the task of editing the document. It is planned to advertise the vacancy in early February, with interviews programmed for late March. If a suitable candidate applies and is appointed, it is hoped that he or she may be inducted as rector in July, but this timetable is still provisional.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod will be meeting in London from 20th to 23rd February. Please speak to David Lamming (one of the three lay members representing our diocese) if you would like to talk about the business to be discussed. The agenda and supporting papers will be available to download from the Church of England website at the end of January:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/work-general-synod>. You can also follow the proceedings, when in session, on the live video stream accessed via the C of E website.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 20 – 27 JANUARY 2019
"Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16, v.18)

The Week of Prayer offers local opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations. The theme this year is "Only Justice." On Sunday 20th January there will be a united service at 6.30 pm at St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury at which Lt Rachel Hepburn of the Salvation Army will speak. See the January Box River News for details, including the venues, of the daily mid-week lunchtime services. On Saturday 26th January there will be a prayer breakfast from 8.00 am to 9.30 am at Sudbury Methodist Church. All are welcome to any of these services.

OPEN FORUM: Churches Together Open Forum is on **Thursday 24th January 2019 (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm)** at Sudbury Catholic Church, The Croft, Sudbury. The main feature will be a discussion on The Role of Churches Together in our local area. All church members are encouraged to attend this vital meeting. A wide range of views is sought in order to plan for the future. This gathering is for the many, not the few! Everyone is welcome.

Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other events: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

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CO10 5JN Tel: 01787 210346

E-mail: ppat@btinternet.com

Assistant Churchwarden:

Michael Gray 07931043926

boxford.warden@btinternet.com

The Revd Dr. Simon Gill (our rural dean) assisted by Christopher Kingsbury would like to run an **Alpha Course** in the Benefice commencing in February. 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 BRN) or Christopher Everyone has questions: We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions



and share their point of view. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the world, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

We plan to hold the course on **Mondays: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February & 4th March 2019**

A Rock Choir Concert will be held at St. Mary's Church Boxford, on **Sunday 10th February 2019 at 3.00pm** Tickets £8.00 (free to children under 16) Tickets include tea/coffee & cake & a glass of wine (available by donation) - There will be a raffle too.

All proceed to St. Mary's Church.

Tickets will be available from the Post Office & the Coffee Box.

Enquiries: Louise Renshaw 01787210298 Jane Lewis 01787210111

The Bible Study Group meets at twice a month.. All are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

The Boxford Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 7th April 2019 at 12.15 pm**, following Café Church. The APCM will commence with a meeting to elect churchwardens for the coming year.

A New church electoral roll is being prepared. This is done every six years for Boxford Church and will commence on **20th January 2019**, with a notice placed on church notice boards. Those on the previous roll will be informed so they can re-apply. Announcements will also be made in church. The electoral roll will be closed to applications on **16th March 2019**. Application forms will be available in church. Those on the current electoral roll will need to re apply please.

Food Bank Collections: We continue to have regular collections of food items at St. Mary's Church Boxford, which we take to the Storehouse Food Bank, Tudor Road, Sudbury. Please kindly bring items to church services where a collection point will be available. (food well in date please!) We have already delivered 3 large boxes of food & other essentials to the Food Bank- many thanks for those who continue to give generously.

**Copy Date for Church News in the March
Box River News:**

**Please, NO LATER THAN 12th February
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**Thank you. Eddie Kench 01787 211507
email address: ed.kench@btinternet.com**



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

17 February service, Morning Worship

Sidesman, David Saddleton

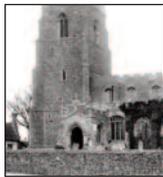
Coffee, Maureen Cooling

Flowers for the month, Anne Suckling

Cleaning, Anthea Tribe

Christmas Eve Carol Service

The church looked very festive and was filled to capacity with families and friends. The service was taken by Christopher Kingsbury and the Benefice choir were in good voice. Nick Tribe did an excellent job telling the children a story about an innkeeper who had a very restless night on the evening Jesus was born! The children then collected their oranges from the altar. The collection raised a grand total of £1000 so a big thank you to all who came and made this service such a happy family event.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

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	Sidemen	Flowers
Feb 3rd	Mrs. Martin & Mrs. Eddington	Mrs. Eddington
Feb 10th	No service	Mrs. Duffy
Feb 17th	No service	Mrs. Gregor-Smith
Feb 24th	No service	Mrs. Squirrel

15th/16th December

Our Festival of Carols in Flowers was well attended over the two days and raised £602.00 for church funds. We are most grateful to all who contributed.

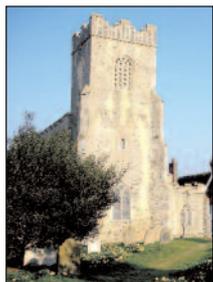
20th December

The Carol Service was led by Tim Harbord and the Benefice Choir sang for us. Rita Baker and Mary Thorogood donated and served mulled wine which was appreciated by everyone. The collection brought us £268.00.

24th December

Christmas Holy Communion was conducted by Rev. Dr. Simon Gill, who also officiated at Holy Communion on 6th January. After this service the church was again put under dust sheets in preparation for the builders to resume work on replastering the walls.

The Electoral Roll is to be completely renewed this year and forms have been delivered to all those on the existing Roll. These forms should be returned to Nancy Roser, or left in the church for collection, by 8th Feb. If there is anyone not on the present Roll who wishes to be included on the new Roll, forms may be obtained from Nancy Roser (01787 883 897) or Mrs. Eddington (01787 247932). Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to attend, if you so wish, the AGM which this year is on Tuesday 9th April.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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Vacant

Acting Churchwarden:

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ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY

Sidesman:	Mrs Pauline Lamming
Flowers:	Mrs Jayne Foster
Cleaning:	Mrs Jayne Foster

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on **Tuesday 5th February 2019 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 27th January.

RENEWAL OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years the electoral roll has to be renewed before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) — not just revised, as happens in other years. 2019 is such a renewal year. Everyone who wishes to have his or her name on the roll must complete an application form, whether or not their name is on the current roll. The required notice announcing that a new roll is being prepared has now been posted on the church notice boards. Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from David Lamming (the electoral roll officer: tel 210360; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) and must be returned by **Sunday 17 March 2019**. The new roll will be published and come into effect on Sunday 24 March 2019, ahead of the **APCM on Tuesday 9 April 2019**.

TOILET AND KITCHEN: PROGRESS REPORT

As visitors to Groton church in the last month will have observed, work has now started on the re-ordering works to provide a building to house a toilet in the churchyard and kitchen/servery facilities under the tower. The trench-arch drain has been installed and work has begun to level the floor at the west end of the church preparatory to installing the kitchen cupboards and new bookcases. There is a temporary hold-up on starting the building for the toilet while the main electricity supply to the church is re-routed, but this should not delay completion of the works, currently fixed for 17 April 2019. The church will continue to be open during the work but, as advised last month, it may be necessary to lock the building overnight. The PCC apologise for the current muddy state of the path to the church from the Groton Street gate, consequent on the excavation work for the new drainage, but it is planned to level and sow these areas with grass seed in due course. There will be new path from the porch to the new toilet.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Vacant

16th December : After a day of dreadful weather we were blessed with gentle conditions for our Carol Service . The Nave was beautifully decorated with candles, tiny fairy lights , m greenery and in the Chancel was a wonderfully decorated Christmas tree very kindly donated by Gordon Kenneth .

A welcome return for the Millwheel Singers who sang a motet from the back of the Nave which was very atmospheric making use of the amazing acoustics . After The Welcome and Bidding Prayer , for the third year , nine year old William Lowe sang the solo ' Once in Royal David's City ' from the darkened back of the Nave . Our service had Carols , Bible Readings and Poems to illustrate the Nativity Story. Everyone went into the warmth of the Chancel to enjoy mulled wine , mince pies and happy chatting .

Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare the church, the service , take part in it and all that is entailed afterwards. A special thank you to The Millwheel Singers who are always welcome here. A huge thank you to all who came to join in our service.

24th December : Our Crib Service was led by Revd. Gerald Drew who enlightened us on the many cribs used in history. We had our special Crib and three other sets showing the variety just in our church. Thank you to Revd. Drew and his wife for joining us and to Nancy Roser for playing the organ . There is appreciation for all the work done to make the service special .

30th December : The Five Villages Service took place at St. Bartholomew Church Groton ending our year of whorship.

February 2019

Church Services in the Box River Benefice

NOTES: (1) A further Wednesday service (or services) of Holy Communion may be arranged: look at Mary's House for up-to-date notices. (2) Where TBC is shown against a service, the service will take place, but the person to take the service had not be confirmed at the date this issue of the Box River News went to press.

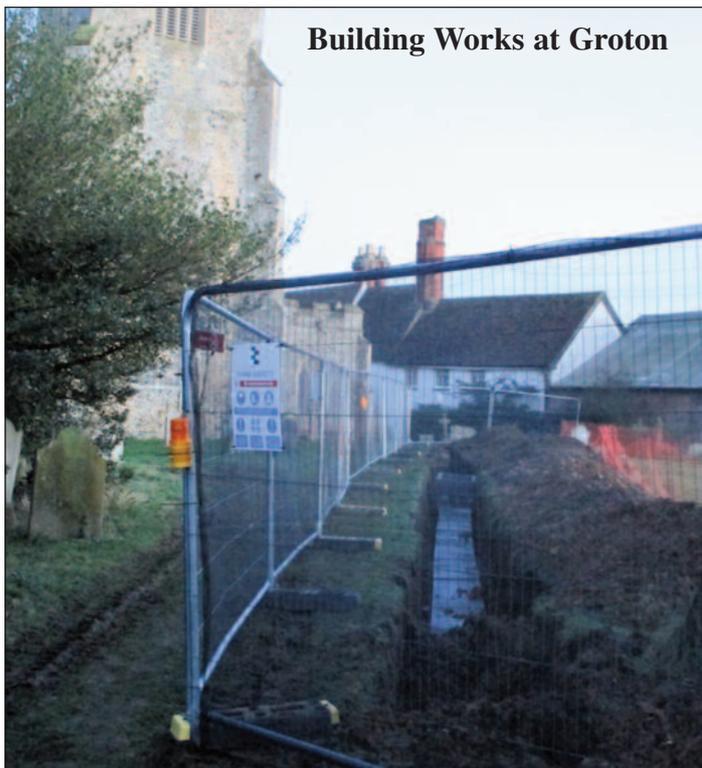
Sunday 3rd	Candlemas: Presentation of Christ in the Temple	(W)
	Fifth Sunday before Lent	
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	TBC
Boxford	11.00 Café Church	Revd Tricia Box
Boxford	16.00 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Sunday 10th	Fourth Sunday before Lent	(G)
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Canon Philip Banks
Boxford	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 13th
 Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion at Mary's House Revd Dr Simon Gill

Sunday 17th	Third Sunday before Lent	(G)
Edwardstone	09.30 Morning Worship	TBC
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Dr Philip Buckler

Sunday 24th	Second Sunday before Lent	(G)
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	TBC



Building Works at Groton

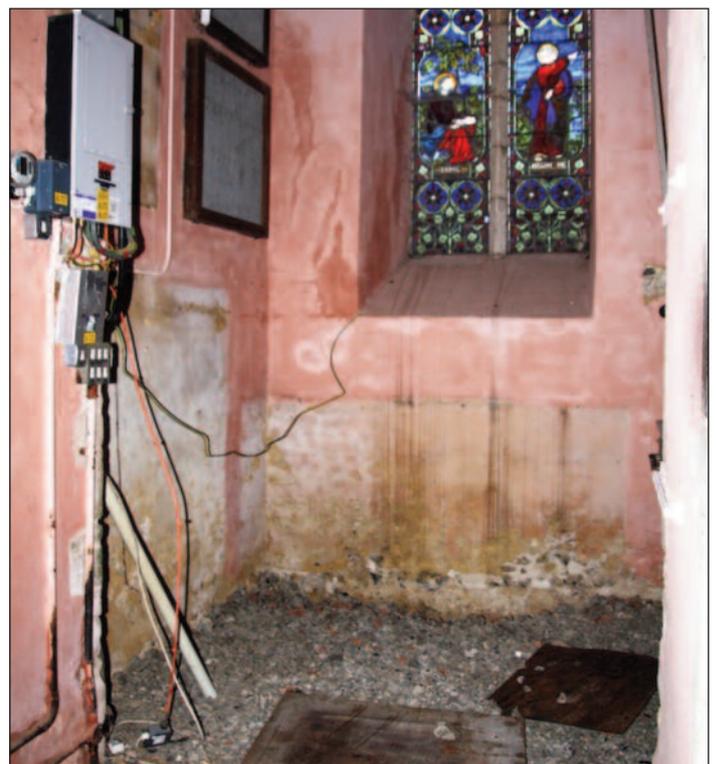


Photo on the left – shows the trench arch drain (to provide the drainage for the WC and kitchen) before the trench was backfilled.

Photo on the right shows the ground floor of the tower cleared out in preparation for the installation of kitchen units and cupboards. Part of the rather ugly electrical equipment will be relocated in a new cabinet alongside the WC building; the rest will be moved round the corner put in a cupboard on the tower wall, out of sight. One of the 1698 lead panels has already been repositioned to enable this. The benefactors' board has been moved from the opposite wall of the tower to a new position on the south aisle wall. DL.

Soap Box

There is a standing joke in our family. We no longer live in a five bedroom house. Instead we now have a one bedroom abode, with four walk in wardrobes. And we haven't moved. Indeed, the fact that we have lived in this house for the best part of 34 years is part of the problem. When we had our two boys at home, plus an au pair for part of the time, things were relatively simple. But it has been just the two of us for a couple of decades now and, in the material equivalent of Parkinson's Law, our possessions have expanded to occupy the available space.

We need to declutter – desperately. How desperately was brought home to us when we needed to sort out my mother-in-law's house after she moved into a home. Having lived there until her mid-80s for about the same time as we have lived in our house, her husband having died two decades previously, the accumulation of possessions was positively alarming. No cupboard or drawer was empty. *Mea culpa*. I really am not in a position to criticise. But it did bring home to me the enormity of the task of decluttering.

A wise friend of mine once said that if you were not careful, your possessions would possess you. How true. It is all too easy to end up with things you do not need simply because they have a sentimental value, or are fully functional but have been replaced by a newer piece of kit, or even that there is a feeling that one day they might prove useful, even if they have no real purpose today. I am guilty of holding on to things for all of these reasons, coupled with which I have kept broken items in case they could be mended or provide parts for other damaged artefacts.

And so, how do you go about clearing your home of the detritus that has accumulated over the best part of a lifetime? It is not as easy as you might think in my experience. Clothes can be donated to the charity shops, it is true. The problem in my household is that my wife can still get into dresses and suits she bought 40 years ago – and perhaps they'll return into fashion, is her argument for retention. I'm nearly as bad, though perhaps my backward horizon is somewhat shorter – 20 years or so.

Electrical goods are certainly an issue. I find the British Heart Foundation in Ipswich accommodating, but few charities accept any form of electrical appliance these days. Who can blame them, given

current regulations? Furniture should be simple, but isn't always straightforward. Friends who recently moved into Sudbury took all their belongings from their country abode in the mistaken belief that disposing of surplus furniture in the local town would be easier than from their country residence. Wrong! Much ended up in the Sandy Lane dump.

We seem to live in a throw-away society these days. I was cheered, therefore, to learn of an initiative to make some goods, electrical mainly it seems, more easily repaired. There are still some places where repairs can be obtained, but sadly they seem to be a declining facility amongst our local high streets. Given the pressure the main streets of towns like Sudbury and Hadleigh are facing, perhaps an opportunity exists for those prepared to give new life to malfunctioning cookers, fridges or radios.

As it happens, our freezer gave up its life just before we were due to embark on one of our prolonged visits to the Algarve. To be fair it owed us little in terms of the service it had provided. But to relinquish its duties just a few hours before we were due to hit the road was, at the very least, unthoughtful. I doubt even a new wave repairer could have restored our equilibrium in the time allowed. The good news is that our neighbours came up trumps and we were obliged to cull those items we were never likely to consume.

Having just replaced a dishwasher that had delivered 36 years of service, I have come to realise that culling possessions cannot be a target based upon a future downsizing move, when all your white goods are miraculously replaced by the latest models. Rather, it needs to be an ongoing process. There are items that need to go to be replaced, items that have passed their usefulness and items that you really don't have any proper use for anyway. I only hope I can let go of all of these and regain possession of my five wardrobes.

Brian Tora

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GARDENING IN FEBRUARY INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Complete the pruning of fruit and ornamental trees, climbers and shrubs. Wisterias should have last seasons growth cut back to two buds from the base. Summer flowering varieties of clematis should be cut back to within a few inches from the old wood. Weather permitting, roses can be pruned during the later half of the month, delaying the pruning later will result in the first flush of bloom coming late.

Dormant fuchsias in pots in the greenhouse should have last years growth cut back to within two or three pairs of buds from the base of the plant. If they have become pot bound they should be removed from the pots, have all the compost shaken off the roots and repotted down to size smaller pot. Another way is to remove the plant from the pot and with a large sharp knife cut the bottom half of the roots off, fill the bottom half of the pot with fresh compost and replace the plant.

Complete the digging of the vegetable garden incorporating any manure or compost available. Newspapers dug in will make a good moisture holding material, soak them first in liquid manure to provide some nutritional value. Lift any remaining vegetables like parsnips and leek and heal them in in a corner of the vegetable garden to allow the ground to be dug over.

Sowings of brussels sprouts, calabrese, onions, leeks, cabbage and cauliflower can be sown in an unheated greenhouse to raise plants for planting out in April.

If you are able to provide heat, then a start can be made with sowings of half hardy annuals and vegetables such as peppers, aubergines and tomatoes, but unless you can maintain a temperature of 60°F it is best to wait until March.

Many plants are attacked in the seedling stage by diseases which affect them at soil level (damping off) which is caused by various fungi. Best control is to water compost with chestnut compound at sowing time, and at two week intervals after germination until the plants are established, avoid overwatering.

Lilies make splendid pot plants. Plant three bulbs in a six to eight inch pot, depending on the size of the bulbs, in a mixture of equal parts John Innes No1 and any peat based compost. Use plenty of good drainage material in the bottom of the pots. Most lilies are stem rooting so plant

the bulbs deep enough to be covered with three to four inches of compost so that the stems have some compost to root into. When the buds appear, raise the temperature of the greenhouse and feed with liquid manure until the buds open. After flowering the whole pot can be planted in the open garden where with care they will flower for many years.

Spring is in sight

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers and evergreen hedges.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
- 2 Chit potato tubers
- 3 Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
- 4 Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
- 5 Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- 6 Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
- 7 Prune Wisteria
- 8 Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
- 9 Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea
- 10 Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses.

Lawns

Turf can be laid, provided the soil is not too wet or frosty. Work from planks, to avoid compacting the soil. Do not walk on the newly laid turf and leave undisturbed for several weeks to allow new roots to establish.

If the weather is warm, you may need to start mow. Set the cutting height at its maximum, and only mow when the grass is dry.

Re-cut lawn edges to crisp up the appearance of the garden and save work later in the season.

Prepare seed beds for new lawns to be seeded later in the spring, but only attempt this if the ground is not too wet.

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**MINUTES of the MEETING of
BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 3rd
December 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road,
Boxford.**

At the start of the meeting a minute of silent reflection was held to mark the sad death of Cllr Cecil Hughes MBE.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques, M Wooderson, V Trafford, R Balls, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: A Sargeant

COOPTION OF MEMBERS: Hugh Phillips and Phil Wallis were invited to join the Parish Council. They duly accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance forms. They both participated in the Meeting following their formal co-options.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 5th NOVEMBER 2018: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Topics raised included long standing drainage issues from both School Hill and Sand Hill. County Cllr J Finch agreed to take this forward. Concern was expressed that a car is being driven along the footpath stretch of the Croft. The Church Warden offered to assist in gaining permission from the Church for some tree work where some branches of the sycamore are over 4 inches in diameter. It was confirmed that the deadline to challenge the Appeal decision at Goodlands was approaching. There was questions about the approaches to the Village regarding potential new developments. The Parish Council have been seeking information at every opportunity offered. They will not give formal views though until the Planning Stage on each proposal. However, they made it clear to Hopkins Homes that safe access to the centre of the Village would be essential as safety cannot be compromised. Hopkins Homes have been working with a land owner to try to secure land for a walkway. Catesby Estates who are hoping to establish planning for housing accessed from Station Field have stated they are keen to work with the Village as the Neighbourhood Plan develops. The Trustees of land adjoining Stone Street Road are keen to establish some housing and a potential Village Car Park.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: Everything had been fully discussed during the Public Section.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch attended and the Sudbury by-pass was not being taken forward and junction improvements were being considered. The Most Active Community Award winners were announced. Support to Suffolk Communities to be more energy efficient has been praised. Construction of a building for Suffolk archives is underway in Ipswich. Publicity is on Suffolk Fire and Rescue vehicles encouraging recruitment. Local Health and Care are working in a more coordinated way in Suffolk and North Essex. Their newsletter keeps people informed. On local matters, J Finch was working to progress the Cox Hill weight restriction and was committing Locality Funds towards the cost.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed that Landex are within the period where they can bring a challenge to the Appeal Decision to maintain the Refusal to Grant Planning Permission for further development at Goodlands. Babergh feel confident regarding the question of future land supply. They are working on budget currently and it is likely an increase in Council tax will be necessary. B Hurren continues to monitor the work at the old Homefield flats as after delays he has concerns about the standard of work. The Bottlebank will be re-located to the Playing Field, the Village Hall have pulled out. B Hurren had provided the Parish Council with information between meetings regarding the ownership and responsibilities at the Croft.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The Surveys had been delivered with the assistance of Volunteers. Members took the opportunity to thank V Trafford for all his hard work in this respect.

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 ask for the Street Lights to stay on all night on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve as in previous years.

BOTTLEBANK: This was discussed under the District Council Report.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 3rd December 2018 were

£37295.82 in the Community Account, £13364.04 in the Deposit Account and £48473.71 in the Reserve Account making a total of £99133.57.

Donation towards Church Insurance Costs was proposed at £1750 by R Balls, seconded by V Trafford and unanimously carried.

A quotation for Churchyard tree work was discussed and it was agreed to get an alternative quote. Meanwhile it was agreed to take up the offer by the Church Warden to seek permission from the Church for the work to be carried out - Action Clerk. P Wallis suggested a Tree Surgeon who may wish to quote. Details were to be provided to the Clerk - Action P Wallis.

It was agreed for R Balls to proceed with his suggestion in respect of Village Grit Provision and once costs are known, it was agreed for the Clerk to reimburse R Balls between meetings - Action R Balls and Clerk. External Audit Report had been received and all had been approved. Budget and Precept 2019/20 was discussed and R Balls proposed a 1% increase in the Precept to residents for next year giving a Precept of £38020. This was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously carried. Members thanked the Clerk for her hard work in preparing the Accounts and Budget figures.

CEMETERY: It was agreed to pass the Memorial Tree application for the Churchyard to the Church for consideration via the Church Warden and to inform the family accordingly - Action Clerk. The Additional Inscription application was duly approved - Action Clerk to respond to the applicant. Churchyard Wall had been hit by vehicles again. It was agreed to raise a further report on-line and also to forward references to the contact at County Highways to push for the requested meeting to consider protection to the wall ahead of maintenance - Action Clerk.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: It was agreed to include an Agenda item for January regarding the Street Cleaning Priorities and to circulate the Contract again to members - Action Clerk. The War Memorial requires a clean and it was agreed to consider between meetings.

Meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 3rd December 2018

The following Decisions were advised from the Planning Authorities: -

A) Kingsbury House, 29 Swan Street - Condition 4 Fenestration had been approved.

B) Melody House, 26 Cox Hill, Boxford - Planning Permission had been granted for two storey front extension and alterations.

C) Chequers, 7 Church Street - Condition 3 - Materials and 5 - Roof Details had been approved.

D) Old School House, School Hill - Erection of cartlodge, summerhouse and brick piers to entrance driveway. Planning Permission had been Granted.

E) Chequers, 7 Church Street - Planning and Listed Building Consent for porch and conversion of outbuilding - Permission had been Granted

F) 9 Broad Street - Work can proceed to reduce trees in rear garden by up to 25-30% and prune back 2 hazel trees to previous pruning points.

The following were discussed: -

1) Clayfields Farm, Hadleigh Road - DC/18/04875 - Erection of single storey dwelling to serve agricultural business. There were No Objections.

2) Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery, Hadleigh Road - Erection of 4 detached dwellings. The following response was agreed: -

The land was previously used as a Bonsai Nursery which provided a service/facility/potential employment for the Village.

Boxford Parish Council objects to this application as it stands as there is no evidence that alternative and appropriate business uses have been explored and exhausted. Further this Council is not satisfied that the type of housing outlined meet the needs of the Village. The Village has embarked on a Neighbourhood Plan and further information is anticipated.

3) Other Planning matters - The Various information meetings were discussed during the public section of the meeting.

THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - FEBRUARY 2019



This month we will recount in some detail the lives of the last three men of our villages, who we have yet to meet, and who died as a result of the War in the service of their Country. Two were brothers from Edwardstone and the other was a young man whose name appears on the Newton war memorial and yet who quite possibly

never set foot in the village.

Our two brothers were **Private Frederick John Griggs, 18963, 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment**, who died on 9th July 1917 and **Gunner Sidney Arthur Griggs, 22116, 27th Brigade Royal Field Artillery**, who died on 25th February 1919. Frederick was not included in the remembrances at the time of the centenary of his death because the original information I relied on to identify him proved to be inaccurate.

Sidney and Frederick were two of the sons of John Peach Griggs and Elizabeth, neé Andrews. John Griggs was born in Edwardstone in 1855, his family being traceable in that village as farm labourers for several decades. His unusual middle name would appear to come from his grandfather, who is listed in the census returns as Peachy Griggs. Elizabeth was born in Cockfield in 1863 to a family of farm workers, which was similarly deeply rooted in her home village. John and Elizabeth married on November 6th 1881 in Edwardstone church. During his married life John worked on the land, but the 1871 Census finds him aged 16 working as a shoemaker.

Sidney, the first child of the marriage, was born in 1882 and was baptised in the church in Edwardstone on 26th November the same year and Frederick, the third child, was born seven years later and baptised on 15th September 1889. By 1901 the two brothers had three more brothers and three sisters and the family were living at Flushing Farm, Round Maple, Edwardstone, though at the time it is was known simply as The Flushing. Five years later, on 4th July 1906, John Peach Griggs died at home after an illness lasting 14 days. A post mortem revealed that he had an abscess on a kidney arising from a kidney stone. He must have endured much pain in those last two weeks. Elizabeth was left a widow with three children under 10. However, on 23rd December 1909 she married a Walter Whymark, a widower aged 60, who is listed in the 1911 Census as a small holder living at Mill Green. Walter was born in Lindsey in 1849 to Zacharia and Emma. I cannot be sure when Walter died, but in 1939 Elizabeth is listed as a widow again still living in Mill Green with her youngest son, James, who is described as incapacitated. It would seem she died ten years later in 1949. Returning to our soldiers, in the absence of any attestation papers for them, we would only know as much about their military service as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) records could tell us, which would be little more than the date and place of death and the place of burial or commemoration. However, for both Sydney and Frederick attestation papers survive in the National Archive. This itself is unusual, given the loss of nearly two-thirds of the Great War files through enemy action in the Second World War, but what is remarkable is that each of these young men enlisted more than once; Sydney twice and Frederick three times and possibly four if we count a spell in the militia. This needs some explanation and I will begin with Sydney who enlisted first although he died two years after his brother.

On Sunday 24th October at Bury St Edmunds, an eighteen year old farm labourer with a fresh complexion, hazel eyes and dark brown hair signed up to twelve years in the Suffolk Regiment to serve in the Dragoon Guards (a branch of the cavalry corps). He stood 5ft 8in tall and weighed 128lbs. This was Sydney Arthur, although, and this is significant later on, he only used his first name in all of the entries in his attestation. The following day he passed the medical examination and was duly accepted into the Corps of Dragoons on 31st October as Private 5399.

However, barely six months later, on 10th May 1900, Sydney was discharged from the army "having been found medically unfit for further service". By then he was serving in the 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment, and so had transferred from the cavalry to the infantry at some point in his short period of service. The form of discharge does not elaborate on what made him medically unfit, but it does tell us that during his service his conduct was very good. This, as we will see, is in stark contrast to his brother. I think it is safe to assume that this must have been a disappointment to Sydney, having made the choice to join the regular army and leave the daily round of a farm labourer's lot behind. He did not return to live at home and in April 1901 he was boarding with the Chaplin family at Corner Farm, Brent Eleigh working as a farm labourer again.

By the time of the 1911 Census Sydney, still a single man, was working for the General Post Office as a mail cart driver and was living in Ellis Street, Boxford, although then the Street lay in the parish of Hadleigh Hamlet. On the Census return he is described as the head of the household and living

under the same roof was a boarder, Thomas Skinner, who was similarly employed and, on the night of the Census, there was also a visitor, Reginald Francis, who was employed as a general labourer to a carrier. Perhaps these premises were in some way associated with the Post Office as tied accommodation.

Thereafter, in our knowledge of Sydney, there is an eight year gap and it is not until his death in 1919 that he enters any extant records available to me. The CWGC data tells me that he is buried in Edwardstone Churchyard. His headstone can be seen off to the left as you round the south east corner of the chancel on the path to the south porch. The Commission also reveals that he was serving as Gunner Arthur Griggs, 22116, 27th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Thus, we know that Sydney Arthur re-enlisted into the army, probably after the outbreak of the War, but unfortunately his second attestation papers do not exist, so we will never know when and where he joined up. However, it is, to me, significant that he used his middle name on the occasion of his second enlistment.

Army Form B.265 was the standard Short Service Attestation document used by the army at the time of the War. Short Service meant a total of 12 years service, normally split between 7 years 'with the Colours', that is actively serving in a regiment, and 5 years in the Reserve. Questions 10 and 11 require the recruit to state whether they are currently serving in a branch of the armed forces or have done so in the past. To reinforce these answers Question 12 asks "Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?" and Question 13 asks if the recruit has ever been rejected as unfit for service and, if so, on what grounds. The Attestation is made under oath, in the presence of a magistrate.

For Sydney to enlist into the Royal Field Artillery and serve in the War, he would have had to answer all these questions and it is likely that, had he revealed his former service and discharge, he would have been rejected. I think this is the most likely reason he chose to enlist and serve under his middle name and thus make it less likely his patriotic subterfuge would be uncovered.

As for Sydney's experience of the War, we have no specific information. His brigade, the 27th, was attached to the 5th Division, which was part of the original British Expeditionary Force despatched at the very outbreak of War to Flanders. It remained on the Western Front until the autumn of 1917, when it was briefly posted to Italy, but then recalled to France to support the counterattack to the German offensive of spring 1918. As such there was not a single major allied offensive in which it did not take part. But, in the absence of knowing when he enlisted, we cannot determine how much of these four long years of battle Sydney endured.

However, we can infer something of what his brigade encountered from the circumstances of his death two months after the Armistice. The informant to the registrar recorded on his death certificate was the Matron of the V.A.D. Hospital in Bridlington, which is where he died, aged 36, having been discharged from service. V.A.D. stands for Voluntary Aid Detachment, which was a scheme put into place in 1909 to recruit volunteers to provide nursing support to the military. Most of the recruitment was done through the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John. Two thirds of the staff were women, mostly from the middle and upper classes, who were keen to be able to contribute to the war effort. At the outbreak of the war there were 2,500 Detachments comprising 74,000 members. Initially there was much resistance to these untrained volunteers within the established medical units in the army, but as the numbers of casualties arising from the War increased, so the value of the V.A.D. units came to be recognised. Across the country many auxiliary hospitals were established, often in stately homes, and these were staffed almost entirely by the V.A.D, hence the description on Sydney's death certificate. The Bridlington hospital was formally known as V.A.D. Auxiliary Hospital Forrester's Orphanage. The building is still there and is now a substantial care home. Most of these hospitals provided treatment, rehabilitation and convalescent support to servicemen injured abroad.

This is precisely the sort of care that Sydney must have been receiving on the coast of East Yorkshire, but it is the cause of death which is most telling. There are two causes, ulcerative endocarditis and pulmonary oedema. Endocarditis is an infection of the inner tissues of the heart and pulmonary oedema describes the filling of the lungs with fluid. Normally the oedema follows the endocarditis, but when the lungs are severely damaged and fluid is trapped in the tiny spaces where the oxygen is transferred to the blood and the carbon dioxide released from it as one breathes, I understand that endocarditis can occur as a consequence. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that Sydney was probably gassed on the front line by inhaling chlorine gas or one of the more awful variants that were generally termed mustard gas. Severe gassing was usually fatal because the victims effectively drowned as their lungs filled with fluid in reaction to the damaged tissues. For Sydney, if my assumptions are correct, he received enough gas to cause permanent damage, but not enough to kill him straightaway, hence he would have been evacuated and returned to England for treatment. Just when he was injured and thus how long he survived remains unknown. Whatever the case, this was a cruel fate for a man who probably lied to enable him to re-enlist and serve his country. Spare his poor damaged body a thought as you walk in Edwardstone Churchyard and read his mother's words on his headstone; 'Death divides but memory clings'

By the time Elizabeth had buried her eldest child and seen to the inscription on his headstone, she had already had to face the loss of her third child, Frederick John, some eighteen months earlier in 1917. If Sydney's path to his fate was less than straightforward, Frederick's was even more so. From the two sets of attestations papers that survive for Frederick, it is apparent he was a troubled and wayward young man perhaps engendered by the loss of his father when he was still only 16 years old. Just what his reputation was in the village before he enlisted for the first time can only be guessed at, but his behaviour in His Majesty's Service gives us some clues.

Just reading the attestation itself everything seems very normal. He was a man of 20 years and nine months old, with a fresh complexion, brown hair and eyes and he stood 5ft 9in tall weighing 143lbs. He had a birth mark on his left eyebrow and he was a farm labourer by calling. He presented himself for enlistment on 9th December 1908 at Colchester and was duly accepted into the ranks as Gunner, 53863, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, Royal Field and Royal Horse Artillery on 14th December. Interestingly he states that he has previously served in the army, and the difficult to read notes beside the questions on the form indicate that this was in the Special Reserve of the 3rd Battalion Suffolk Regiment, which I would interpret as him having joined a voluntary militia. His summary military service record shows that he spent almost a year in England before being posted to India on 1st December 1909 and then he returned from India on 18th November 1911.

It is on reading the detailed record of service sheet that it becomes obvious all was not well. 10 days after enlisting he is reported as absent without leave on Christmas Day 1908. For a while after that all seems well again until he arrives in India. There then follows a series of misdemeanours of being absent without leave and being tried in detention twice in May 1909, twice in June and again in July and then once in August. At some point in his service abroad it would appear that the army had had enough and he was returned home and discharged for misconduct on 21st November. Pencilled on to this record sheet is a tantalising note which states 'Apprehended by C Powers (Civil Powers?) Committed for trial 19-7-12 see Police correspondence inside'. Regrettably, that correspondence is missing.

I am at a loss to explain as to why the civil police should communicate with the military about Frederick nor why the army should have an interest in a man they have formally discharged, unless the police were seeking some sort of character assessment prior to his trial. We shall probably never know although if the civil trial records exist then more could, no doubt, be learnt from that source.

This should have been the end of Frederick's army career, but three years after being discharged for misconduct he is to be found enlisting again but this time as Private 3/15888, 3rd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment. The attestation papers relevant to this spell of service are very heavily damaged and clearly affected by both fire and water and thus are quite difficult to read and follow. However, we know from them that he was accepted into the Regiment on 20th November 1914 in Leeds, and, although he uses his full name as before, he quite clearly states that he has never served in the armed forces before and answers yes to the question that asks "Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?". I can only assume he travelled to Yorkshire to enlist to ensure that his previous ignominious discharge is unlikely to be revealed. It is clear he was not living in Yorkshire because he gives his home address as Edwardstone. Whatever his faults Frederick was absolutely determined to serve his country in times of war.

All the same the previous pattern of misbehaviour is repeated and his service record shows that he attested on 20th November 1914, was mobilised on 21st November 1914, posted on 27th November 1914 and deserted on 17th January 1915. In the space of less than two months he is reported for being absent without leave three times, being drunk in the billet at 2.30pm, obtaining intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours and reporting sick without a cause. When he is tried in his absence not only is he charged with being absent but he is also declared deficient in his entire army kit, so it would seem he absconded with his uniform, shoes, greatcoat, and all the small articles such as a razor, knife, fork and spoon, etc. issued to him on enlistment. What happened to Frederick then we shall probably never know, but incredibly he must have managed to enlist again, this time as plain John Griggs presumably to conceal his past, and served on the Western Front as Private 18963, 7th Battalion Suffolk Regiment for it was in this theatre of the War that he met his death in July 1917. If ever a man was driven to fight for his King and Country, surely it must be Frederick John Griggs.

There are no papers relating to Frederick's third term of army service so we do not know when he entered the War, but we can tell from his Battalion where he met his death. The 7th Suffolks formed part of the 35th Brigade attached to the 12th (Eastern) Division. In the spring of 1917 this Division played a major part in the Arras Offensive, which aimed to capture an arc of high ground to the east of Arras itself. One of the key points was the village of Monchy-le-Preux, which lies a few miles just south of east of the town. It is on relatively high ground and was

strategically important thereby. The village was reached as early as the 11th April. The 12th (Eastern) Division was given the task of holding the line at this point from May until September. During this time the village was the subject of many raids and skirmishes as the German forces attempted to recover the lost ground. The ground was badly broken up by shellfire and the trench system was frequently damaged, which exposed the troops to lethal fire from the German trenches a short distance away. It was in this context that Frederick's life came to an end. He was a little short of his 28th birthday. Frederick is buried in the Monchy British Cemetery, which was started as soon as the village was secured and remained a battlefield cemetery associated very much with the Divisions tasked with holding that part of the Front Line. Frederick lies in the company of 581 other allied soldiers who died in this area, 58 of whom remain unidentified to this day.

Our final soldier to be remembered in these articles is **George Edward Peggs**. George's story is as unlikely as those of our two brothers from Edwardstone. As I said in the opening paragraph, there is nothing to suggest that George ever visited Newton and he certainly was not born or baptised there, and yet his name is on the war memorial on the Green. However, his family has its roots in the village as we shall see.

For much of the nineteenth century in Newton, Peggs was a very common surname. Between 1817 and 1895 there were no fewer than 54 children baptised with that surname in All Saints Church. In the 1841 Census there are five separate families of Peggs listed, all located at Brooks Farm on the main road. It is possible that all the heads of the families were brothers with birth years ranging from 1786 through to 1821. These families were present in the 1851 and 1861 Censuses, though now listed as living in Rectory Road. It almost goes without saying that all the menfolk were agricultural labourers. In the later Censuses it is possible to identify several of the sons of these families marrying and settling in the village. However, by 1911 there is just one family bearing the name of Peggs remaining in Newton. Of course, it is likely that many of the daughters of the families were still living there but, having married and taken their husbands' names, they are not so easily identifiable. Equally, it is also possible that many of the sons had taken work in neighbouring villages but the difference between the 1841 and the 1911 Censuses is quite remarkable.

George's grandfather, Arthur Peggs, son of John Peggs and Hannah Siggers (another common surname in the village at the time) was one young villager who moved further afield. In 1861 he was still to be found in Newton, but in 1868 he married Emma Mayes in Lambeth, South London. Emma came from Bedfordshire and was presumably in service somewhere in the area. Arthur and Emma remained in the Lambeth area for the rest of their lives and it was hereabouts that George's father, Henry John Arthur, was born in 1871. When Arthur was first in London, he was a labourer, but quite soon is listed as a stationary engine driver working in the newspaper industry, presumably tending the powerplants for the printing presses. Clearly his mechanical abilities were passed on to his sons, because three of them came to be working on printing machines as fitters or apprentices and Henry trained as an engineer.

I cannot trace Henry in the 1891 Census, but in the last quarter of that year he married Sarah Altheria Hurst, the daughter of a butcher with a business in Newton. From this we can deduce that the Peggs of Lambeth kept closely in touch with their home village. From the earliest days of Henry's and Sarah's marriage his engineering skills kept the family on the move. In 1894 he is listed in a trade directory in Dublin and it was there on 7th April 1896, at 1 St Brigid's Road, that George Edward, their third child, was born. By then the family were sufficiently well off to be employing domestic servants. 1901 finds them at 16 Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, 1903 back in London at Camberwell and by 1911 the family is at 88 Arkwright Street, Bolton in Lancashire, and George was a plumber's apprentice. Henry was absent on the night of that Census and does not appear to have been in the Country. This presages the family's next move which was to South Africa on board the Dover Castle, which slipped out of the Solent on 28th November 1913 bound for Cape Town. By then there were seven children, including George, though two more had been lost in infancy. Despite all these moves, Henry and Sarah never forgot Newton. It is telling that two of their other sons, who were also born in Dublin, were baptised in All Saint's Church, Newton.

Thus, we know that in the eight months before the outbreak of the War in Europe, George was living in Cape Town and it was to be that War which caused him to make the long journey back to the northern hemisphere. After that record of his departure from Southampton there is a long hiatus in our knowledge of his life, which is only closed by the notice of his death in Richmond, South London on 6th April 1919 as Private G.E. Peggs, 1917, 1st Regiment South African Infantry.

Despite the strong affiliation of the Boers in South Africa to Germany, the Government of the Union of South Africa took the country, as a British colony, into the War against Germany in August 1914. Whilst the Union had a relatively small armed Union Defence Force, this was prevented by law from fighting outside the Country. A new Act in early 1915 allowed for the establishment of a military force which was able to go beyond the territorial borders. Part of this new army was the South African Infantry

Brigade, which was raised over a period of six months and the 1st Regiment was recruited from the Cape area in March or April. It is very likely that George enlisted at this time or, perhaps, later on as the War took its toll and further recruits were needed, though there is no available documentary evidence in either case. The brigade embarked for Europe in late August 1915 and arrived in England for training in mid October. Initially it was proposed that they be moved straight to the Western Front, but changes of plan saw them shipped to Egypt landing in January 1916. The Brigade saw action there, but then was recalled to France arriving in April 1916.

The Brigade came under the command of the 9th Scottish Division and was engaged in the opening of the Somme Offensive in July. On the 14th July the Brigade was ordered to hold the strategic Delville Wood. This they did, but of the 3153 officers and men who had entered the wood only some 750 came to muster on being relieved four days later. Through 1917 the South African forces, which had been resupplied with new recruits, fought in the Battle of Arras in the spring and the Third Battle of Ypres, Passchendaele, in the late summer and autumn. The spring of 1918 found them established on the front line near the village of Villers Guislan about 35 kilometres south east of Arras. This placed them exactly at the point where General Ludendorff opened the first part of the German spring offensive on 21st March 1918. The Brigade fought tenaciously to hold Gauche Wood nearby but had to make a fighting retreat to Marrieres Wood near the village of Bouchavesnes some distance to the west. Here from the 24th March they held the line for several days.

I have given very specific dates for the action in March 1918 because we know to the day when George was wounded, which I am assuming led to his evacuation to the South African Military Hospital located just inside the Cambrian Gate on the western side of Richmond Park in London. His death certificate identifies one of the causes of his death as "Gun shot wound (shell) of back" and then states "One year 11 days". That gives us a date of 26th March 1918, so George was almost certainly engaged in the rearguard action at Marrieres Wood. The other cause of death on George's Certificate is "Streptococcal Meningitis" which he had suffered from for 11 days. This was clearly the immediate cause of death, but the injuries received in battle must have left him significantly weakened.

The South African military Hospital was opened in June 1916 having been funded by an influential group of South Africans living in London, who wanted to provide a place for treatment and convalescence for their fellow countrymen injured in the War. It was built as series of interlinked colonial bungalows and its wards and corridors were named after places in South Africa. It was staffed by the medical officers and men of the General Hospital which formed part of the South African Infantry Brigade. It was closed in 1921 and there is now no trace of it save an area of uneven ground.

Just when George was admitted to the hospital we do not know, but it does seem that his brother, Walter, was in the country at the time of his death because it was Walter who registered the death only eight days after the event, which is insufficient time to reach England from South Africa by sea. Perhaps it was also Walter who arranged for the funeral and his burial in Nunhead All Saints Cemetery in Southwark in London. Nunhead was opened in 1840 by the London Cemetery Company as one of the first privately run cemeteries in London. It survived many vicissitudes, including being bombed in the Second World War, but in 1969, after being taken over by the United Cemetery Company it was closed and left unsecured and uncared for. For more than two decades it suffered terrible vandalism and wanton destruction but is now owned by Southwark Council and managed by the Friends of Nunhead Cemetery. Faced with the ongoing desecration of the site the CWGC had to abandon many of the original headstones of service personnel, which they had erected, and eventually created a new screen wall near the entrance commemorating those buried within the site's 50 acres whose graves were lost. George was originally buried in Plot 25, grave 33496, which I presume is where he still lies, though it is likely to be unidentifiable, but his memorial is on the screen wall. There are 35 of his fellow countrymen among the 592 commonwealth burials from the First World War in the cemetery.

George died one day before his twenty-third birthday but in that short life he had travelled well over 17,000 miles and ended his days but five miles from where his father was born and not much more than forty miles from the home village of his mother and grandfather. Should you look on the War Memorial on Newton Green, when you catch sight of his name, reflect on this long story that caused a soldier to be commemorated in a village he probably never knew.

Sydney and Frederick will be remembered at the 9:30 service of Morning Worship at the church of St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone on Sunday February 17th. George will be remembered at the 11:00 service of Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Newton on Sunday 24th February.

Next month will be my last article in this series. In it I will attempt to gather together some facts and figures and include some further information about one or two of our soldiers that has come to light since I started this odyssey more than three years ago.

Rufus Sweetman Reepham, Norfolk

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Boxford Bottle Bank update:

Due to some exciting changes planned for The White Hart pub in the New Year, we have had to find a new home for the bottle banks within the village of Boxford.

Mr Chaytor (who owns the White Hart) along with Babergh Cllr Bryn Hurren, Boxford Parish Council, the Playing-field Committee, Babergh DC Waste Services, Indigo Waste Services and Boxford Community Council, have all been working hard behind the scenes to identify a new site for the bottle banks.

Happily, a new site has been found up at the Playing Fields car park (CO10 5PB), which can be accessed by car via Homefield, and on foot via a footpath off Broad Street roughly opposite The White Hart.

The new bottle bank site will be managed on a day-to-day basis by the Boxford Playing Fields Management Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Boxford Community Council. (boxfordcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

The new bottle bank site will be overseen by Babergh District Council Waste Services team (recycling@baberghmksuffolk.gov.uk 0300 1234 000 option 4)

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Readers Letters

Sir

I too, like Brian Tora (BRN December), am disappointed at the inability at present of the recycling sorting systems to identify black plastic correctly. I am sure, though, that this limitation will be overcome eventually. However, I would like to reassure him and all your readers that in Suffolk it does not go to landfill: anything that cannot be recycled is incinerated along with the black bin contents in the Energy From Waste plant to generate electricity. Not ideal I know because there is no reuse, but still much better than landfill.

Yours sincerely

Cllr *John Ward* Leader, Babergh District Council

Sir

I wanted to say how interesting The December Letter "ADVENT" by Margaret Lowe was. It really inspired me. The photo shows my attempt of The Advent Wreath positioned in Brent Eleigh Church. It was used in each of the five churches in the benefice, culminating with the central white candle being lit at Christmas.

Sheila Morley



Dear friends

Just a little note to thank the many kind people from the benefice who sent Rufus and me a Christmas card with very kind greetings and messages. Every card was cherished and I thought about you as I put up, and later took down, your card. I hope you will forgive me for not sending individual Christmas cards - my list is already dauntingly long! - but I hope to phone some of you over the coming weeks. Meanwhile Rufus and I send you our heartfelt best wishes for a healthy and happy 2019 and look forward to welcoming those of you intrepid enough to brave the wilds of north Norfolk!

With love and God bless.

Rev'd Judith.

Sir

I organised a BBC Children in Need Countryfile FUN Ramble for children in the UK, and Lyme Disease Awareness day on November 24th. It was a great success and I was amazed to have raised £1,725. I would like to thank all those who came and walked, and all those who could not make that date, but still donated. It was a fun day and I am truly grateful to the local shops, cafe, and to everyone who made cakes, donated walnuts, and to all my helpers, whom without their help and support, it would not have been such a success.

Many thanks

Margaret Seward



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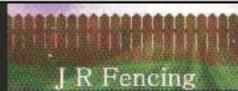
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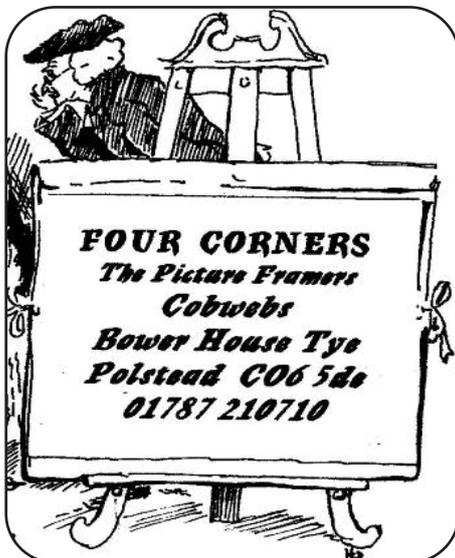
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FOOTBALL AT BOXFORD



Boxford Rovers

Boxford Rovers is all about participation, development, competition and community. From our team of committed volunteers who organise everything to make it all happen and who run the teams, to passionate parents and through to the players across all the age ranges, we love football.

We love the football, but we also believe in its power to build community, friendships, individual confidence, team working, as well it being about building footballing skills and ability.

For us that starts in either the Minis or the dedicated Girls team when 5 and 6 year olds get to find their feet with football, and that reflects what Boxford Rovers is all about - we focus on developing skills and confidence early, and in then continuing that as the players move through the age groups.

And whilst all our coaches are volunteers, doing it for the love of the game, we also look to ensure that they get their FA Level 1 coaching badge, so that they have a coaching framework to work to. Also, all coaches have undergone CRC (formerly CRB) checks, as required by the FA.

Teams at Boxford Rovers

After a player has got started with either the Minis or in the Girls team, then we're into the Boys age group teams (from Under 8's upwards) or continuing on in the Girls team. We also have a Men's team that plays in the Ipswich Sunday Football League.

Participation & respect

It's also about football for all, and not just for the best. But at the same time we're competitive and look to do well at whatever level we're playing at. We expect football to be played in the way that it should be, with respect at its core.

A history of football in Boxford

Club football in Boxford dates back to at least 1919. The original ground was Rectory Park, where houses have now been built. Rectory Park was used until the current Homefield ground was bought by the village in the late Sixties from Ipswich brewers Tolly Cobbold for £160.

Boxford Youth FC played at Homefield from 1974, started by Gordon Atkinson. Its successor, Boxford Rovers Youth FC, came into existence in 1977, with Gordon as manager, when the players wanted to play in a competitive league. The team played in the U12 section of the Suffolk and Essex Sunday Youth Football Combination.

Footballing glamour came calling in April 1979, when the team toured to the US, visiting New York and Boxford, Massachusetts for two weeks. The whole squad of 15 boys, accompanied by 4 dads, made the trip, and were looked after by families in Massapequa, Long Island and Boxford, Massachusetts. The following year, the Massapequa boys came to Boxford for a return visit. On Sunday 21st April this year the anniversary of the visit is to be celebrated with visiting teams from the USA in competition at the Boxford Playingfields.

Boxford also started to run two colts teams. In 1980 one of the teams decided to break away from the existing organisation, and that led to the creation of Boxford Rovers FC, with the youth team continuing alongside it.

The two organisations have now combined again to create the one single Boxford Rovers FC that we have today, going from the Minis all the way through to the Men's team.



Postcard of the 1922 Boxford FC Mens Team



Edwardstone Youth Football Club team photo 1932-33



Boxford Rovers YFC USA trip 1978

