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BOXFORD ROVERS YOUTH FC IN THE USA



Football has been played at Boxford Playing Fields for over 100 years. This Easter Sunday 21st April we are celebrating the wonderful game with an afternoon's football plus refreshment and entertainment stalls for all the family to create a Boxford event.

40 years ago this Easter, 15 boys and 4 adults representing Boxford Junior Football spent two weeks in the USA playing the sport and having the trip of a lifetime. We visited New York; staying with families there and also visited and stayed with families in Boxford Massachusetts.

An amazing highlight was visiting the New York Cosmos stadium, going on the pitch and seeing their superstar players after they had trained. Soccer was really kicking off in the USA at that time. The group also went up the Empire State Building and the Twin Towers in New York City, plus had a day in the local high school which the kids we stayed with attended.

Out of courtesy to our hosts we lost every game to the American teams.

To be fair most of the players were older than us and some got in their cars after the game and drove their wife and kids home. (Much like playing any team from Haverhill back in the day)

Gordon Atkinson; who is still resident in the village, was the originator of the team in the 70's; training us on a Saturday morning at the Playing Fields and raising funds for the first kit. Once we had enough players of the age group to enter the Suffolk and Essex Youth League he handed over the baton to my late father Peter Haining, which meant I was either subbed or sub every game.

With the aid of the committee including Brian Porter (the chairman) and John Kent (who are also still resident locally) funds were raised for the American trip, our kit and of course ferrying the team all around East Anglia. We also had Mickey Cook the Colchester footballer attend our training sessions in the gym at the then Stoke by Nayland Middle School which we all attended.

As the photo in this issue shows, on the day prior to the trip to the USA trip we had a training session and our Tour Tracksuits presented to us by Tony Woodcock the England striker. He was with Nottingham Forest at the time and he brought the League Cup they had recently won along with him.

Cue loads of photos with over excited lads in front of the local press including Steve Ryder – not that any of us knew who he was then.

Boxford Youth continued up to Under 15's then the younger ones of us joined forces with Nayland Eagles.

To commemorate 100 years of football in Boxford, Boxford Rovers and the USA trip we are playing some football and having a get together of the boys from the trip and families. We are playing Nayland Eagles including players we went to school with and competed against and with. Ex Boxford players are coming from far and wide for a catch up and refreshment!

When we played at Boxford 40 years ago there were no proper changing rooms and only one pitch - full size. We stone picked

the field next to it (they were originally divided by a big hedge) and turned it into the current 11 aside pitch past the allotments.

The original pitch where the cricket pitch is now used to have a crater just outside the goal area at the North end into which every wet season water would gather. The puddle was a feature of any Boxford winter game and no game was ever called off due to its presence; you just played round it. or; as we got older, deliberately into it! The aim being then to kick as much water over each other (and the opposition) whilst retrieving it.

There was an age group below ours formed and from that year group the Boxford Rovers original junior team was formed.

This Easter we celebrate the history of the beautiful game in Boxford with junior games taking place including the Boxford Girl's team. There was no girl's football in our less enlightened era although it had started in the USA.

Fabulous progress has been made and Boxford Rovers is a hugely popular well run organisation. The Pavilion too is looking resplendent with new windows and cladding. Join us this Easter Sunday 21st April from 12 noon and see a bit of history (!) plus celebrate the hard work the Playing Fields, Community Council and Boxford Rovers committee's volunteers put in. All proceeds will go to the village so please support Boxford.

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BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE NEWS



Many will have seen the radically improved exterior of the pavilion at the playing fields which the Playing Fields Committee has long hoped to achieve. The Treasurer, Hugh Phillips, is to be thanked for some detailed planning and project management which allowed the work to be completed before the end of February. I would also like to thank our District Councillor Bryn Hurren for his support throughout and in helping to facilitate Babergh funds amounting to one third of the project cost which was enhanced by valuable grants from Boxford Parish Council, Edwardstone and Groton Parish Councils, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Community Foundation, Groton United Charities and our own Community Council, set up in 1968 to acquire the playing fields for the village, a visionary act for which we should all be grateful. We also used a proportion of the Committee's funds and a surplus from the Dog Show organised by Yvonne Woodfield, the latest of her many contributions over many years of voluntary service.

The work is far from over and improvements to the interior are planned, largely to be achieved by self-help. If you think you would like to join in this work, or indeed to join our voluntary committee, dedicated to sustaining the enviable recreational facilities including the playing fields and its pavilion, playground, tennis courts and allotments, please come forward. We are especially looking for a secretary to take over from the hard working Anne Wise, to whom I also give a personal thank you for her splendid contribution since I have been Chairman.

Dogs—the show was an indication of the enjoyment residents get from

owning and exercising a dog. If we are to continue to allow use of the land for canine the occasional unsightly, unpleasant and dangerous failure to clean up after dogs must cease. It is incumbent on all to report these incidents and seek prosecution for the thoughtless owners. I am aware that it is visitors that are the major problem, I have witnessed the tailgate of vehicles being opened at night and the dog released while the driver lights a cigarette and attends to a mobile phone. At night a dog must be on the lead and with a torch in hand and poo bag at the ready. Litter—generally speaking the area is clean and tidy, especially after the litter picks that the committee undertake, most recently on Saturday 2nd March. Please bin your own litter and pick up after others' thoughtless actions of casting bottles and crisp packets to the four winds. And please remember that the table and benches in the playground were not provided as a smokers' haven!

We have a great village facility; please join us in maintaining it for the village. Volunteers care for it, its funds, its governance and hopefully, its enduring future. It is not publicly owned, committee members hold it in trust for all to enjoy. Thank you *David Burden* Chairman

BOXFORD BIKE CLUB CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT



"Saturday 23rd of February saw a packed village hall enjoying the first Boxford Bike Club Charity Quiz Night. A fish and chip supper was provided as was a raffle and auction of an Audi for the weekend. In excess of £1400 was raised for the bike club's charity of the year. This year's nominated charity is "Children With Cancer". A big thanks to all who attended and made the evening a great success"

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 5 April 8 £20.00.

Fletcher's Brew

"Mark Fletcher's ensemble playing is filled with drama, it is never static." - Adam Garrie

Mark Fletcher drums, Jim Hunt tenor sax, Jim Watson keyboards, Laurence Cottle bass

Like the great master drummers of African music, Mark Fletcher's styles have linear narrative. This sense of purpose makes him the ultimate ensemble player. Not to mention how much fun he is.

Musical prodigy Jim Hunt's career has taken in an extraordinary breadth of artists. As arranger, saxophonist and horn section leader he has toured and recorded with Primal Scream, Richard Ashcroft, Paloma Faith and Noel Gallagher to name a few. Amy's horn section was a key part of her sound and having the best in the business leading it was essential.

Friday 12 April 8 £18.00

Sara Oschlag Quartet

A unique and individual voice making interesting material effortlessly her own. A singer with a natural musician's ear and a beautiful sense of swing.

Sara Oschlag vocals, Tony Kofi sax, Jason Henson guitar, Dan Shepperd bass

We are hugely looking forward to "the arrival of the exciting young singer Sara Oschlag. Since the Danish-born singer relocated to Brighton she has lit up the local scene and been warmly welcomed by its musicians. She displays a maturity beyond her years in her

song selection as well as her interpretation and whether swinging hard or caressing a ballad, Sara takes the listener on a journey, breathing new life into the old standards. I urge fans to catch one of Sara's gigs and, in the meantime, check out her dazzling album: 'My Little Boat' which whets the appetite for the future of this great young singer." - Jim Mullen

Friday 19 April 8 £20.00.

Ant Law Quintet

Described as "An innovator" and "A gamechanger" by The Guardian, British guitarist Ant lives in London and leads his quintet, dubbed "An exciting band to hear live" by John Fordham.

Ant Law – guitar, Michael Chillingworth – sax Ivo Neame – piano, Tom Farmer – bass, James Maddren drums

Ant law was born in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. From a young age he was exposed to early blues and rock 'n' roll and Arabic music. He began playing piano and guitar around the age of 8. Ant has played in Tim Garland's band with Jason Rebello & Asaf Sirkis and won the Jazzwise Best Album award. He is a member of Trio HLK touring with Dame Evelyn Glennie.

Friday 26 April 8 £18.00.

Christian Brewer Quartet

"Brewer...never missed a trick, his playing is crackling" - Guardian, Jim Mullen Christian Brewer saxophone, Leon Greening piano, Adam King bass, Matt Skelton drums Christian Brewer is one of the most lyrical and soulful alto players to have emerged from the UK in recent years. Loved for his melodic playing and pure tone, he has risen to prominence on the British jazz scene.

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THE APRIL LETTER BY TIMOTHY HARBORD

Whilst recently on holiday with Sandra, capturing some winter sun, I took the opportunity to relax with a volume of 'The Nation's Favourite Poems'. One poem, in particular, struck a chord with me at a time when there is a need as a nation and a benefice for us to remember Jesus's command to his disciples on the night before he died, to love one another. We should love one another as he loves us, a message delivered not just in words, but by the action of his sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus taught that we should love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. The poem written by Leigh Hunt in 1834 tells us that love for our fellow human beings is as important as love for God, a message that is timeless and very relevant in today's troubled world where religious and communal intolerance is rife. The poem reads as follows:-

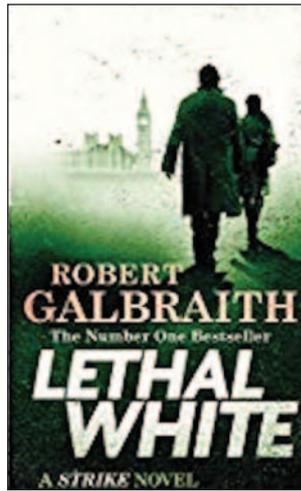
About Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said About. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. About spoke more low,
But cheerly still; and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

So honouring the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on the cross is not just about worshipping God in church on a Sunday. This Easter let us all ask ourselves where we might currently rank in the Angel's book of gold and what more we could, or rather will do, to improve when it comes to demonstrating love for our neighbours. Simple love for God is not enough, it needs to be put into action by showing love towards our fellow human beings. This can be exemplified in several ways, but take for example where we might disagree on the other person's views about Brexit, or locally about how to move forward as a benefice. In such a situation love can be exemplified by listening to, understanding and respecting one another's different views and ideas. This will provide a positive foundation for setting aside differences, healing divisions and achieving a positive way forward.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter.

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Lethal White by Robert Galbraith



JK Rowling's fourth outing as Robert Galbraith, takes place in 2012, when Britain was basking in the glory of the Olympics and Paralympics.

But it's clearly a novel suffused with tensions of now – there is little of that heady summer on the page. Instead, there are corrupt government officials who abuse their power, far-left antisemitic characters and troubled relationships everywhere you turn.

Lethal White picks up where Career of Evil, the last Galbraith novel, ended – at Robin Ellacott's wedding to Matthew Cunliffe. The action

then sprints forward a year – Cormoran Strike's detective agency is doing well and Robin is back at work, but she and Strike are tiptoeing around each other. Into this comes Billy, a troubled young man who thinks he witnessed a murder as a child, and a government minister seeking information on people who are blackmailing him.

With this novel, Rowling begins to display signs of following a pattern – it was at the same point in her Harry Potter series that her novels became huge, and at 647 pages (around 150 pages longer than Career of Evil), huge is one word to describe Lethal White. Another is bloated. The central murder of the novel doesn't occur until page 281, and up until then the book meanders between a myriad of side plots and details that as a reader you know will come together, but that are taking too long to do so.

Rowling has always been good at details – she vividly creates a London inhabited by Strike, his informants and his clients. But occasionally, Rowling stumbles into such gratuitous overwriting that one can't help but laugh. After being asked if she believes in redemption, we are told that "the question caught Robin by surprise. It had a kind of gravity and beauty, like the gleaming jewel of the chapel at the foot of a winding stair."

Galbraith's novels have always been strongest when Robin and Strike are interacting, navigating their complicated feelings for each other while on a case. Unfortunately, for much of the novel they are kept apart. It's Robin who comes out worse because of this, often seeming a pale (sometimes literally) imitation of the plucky temp-turned-detective from the previous three novels. Here, she is drawn as naive in her marriage, and you can't help but think that the Robin of the previous books would have dumped the pathetic Matthew by now.

But once she and Strike are properly reunited – questioning family members of the murder victim at a country house in Oxfordshire, tramping through woods together in darkest night, tracking down clues – they become the Strike and Robin we love, and the novel takes on the intrigue and urgency it's missing for much of the first half. It proves that it's the characters, not the mystery, that make the Galbraith novels worth reading.

Lethal White is full of twists and turns, and when its many threads come together, it's exciting and engaging reading. But with a bit of editing, it could have been brilliant reading.

Lethal White by Robert Galbraith is published by Sphere, £20

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SIMPLY SUFFOLK – A TOUR OF SUFFOLK PUB SIGNS by John Goodhand

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome John Goodhand to the Parish Room, to share his extensive collection of and knowledge about Suffolk pub signs past and present; sadly all too many pubs have closed during this time and some of his photos may be all that now remains. Thirty five members and non members alike thoroughly enjoyed his witty repartee throughout the showing of hundreds of photographs from his collection, which now dates back some years.

This review is a little different to usual because it was simply impossible for me to make notes during the quick fire presentation accompanying each photo, other of the pub/inn name, its location and perhaps some of the interesting facts mentioned. Many of the signs shown were of great beauty, though John did bemoan the modern trend for printing computer images onto plastic (or other materials – see below) which is then stuck onto the backing board; in his experience, traditional hand painted signs should easily last 20 years whereas the stick on plastic variety he often sees begin to peel off within 5 years.

According to the Suffolk Real Ale Guide there are 552 real ale pubs in the county, which sounds a lot until you see their total of closed pubs at 2,367, which is nothing short of astonishing; something Little Waldingfield fully appreciates with the current closure of The Swan, our last remaining pub, and the Old White Horse which is now a private residence.

Before we get to the main event, some of those glorious pub signs, it is helpful to gain an understanding of where they came from, to which I am indebted to the Inn Sign Society, from where the following material has been taken:

Sign Language

Along their roads the Romans constructed 'tabernae' – taverns – originally shops that mainly sold wine, where travellers could obtain food and overnight lodging. The Romans decreed that all taverns should be identifiable by branches of evergreens fixed to the outside of the building to symbolise Bacchus, the Greek god of wine, and which eventually gave rise to one of the earliest pub names – **The Bush**.

Behind the present-day idyllic image of the English country pub lie centuries of tradition going back to medieval times. The well-to-do would usually stay in local manor houses or perhaps castles, but commoners, who rarely left their home village, slept where they could in barns or under hedgerows. Then, an inn was a place offering ordinary travellers shelter for the night plus something to eat and drink, and many were established by hospitable monks who first set up hospices or hostels.

In 1393 King Richard II decreed that pubs must have signs "Whoever shall brew ale in the town for the intention of selling it, must hang out a sign, otherwise he shall forfeit his ale."

Following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1538, many hospices became inns run by lay brothers, who were the first innkeepers. Before Henry VIII ordered the breakaway from Rome, The Popes Head (now extinct) was a common name. To stay on the right side of the king, astute innkeepers quickly changed the name to The Kings Head (ubiquitous) which explains why the Tudor monarch's face is still to be seen on so many pub signs today. Henry's daughter, Elizabeth, by his second wife Anne Boleyn is also much in evidence on signs of The Queens Head.

As villages grew, the function of the inn changed, to become a social centre for the community as well as a lodging place for travellers. Despite rutted roads and the constant threat posed by highwaymen, the comparative luxury of the stage coach provided speedier travel for those able to afford the fare, and many inns, particularly in towns, became coaching inns. The Coach & Horses is a popular, present-day reminder of this heritage. Today, many such inns are recognisable by a large archway leading to a rear courtyard. As coaching days gave way to railways, we now have signs such as The Railway or The Station throughout the land.

Modern signs cover a huge range of subjects; Famous people and places, local stories and interest, many humorous, cartoon, or fashionably stylised.

Types of Signs & Frames

For many observers, the image on the inn sign is what catches the eye and holds the interest. Should you not share that view, pause next time you pass a sign on your way into the pub, but take a new look at the whole sign; you might well be surprised by the amount of detail that is included.

In times past, most signs were hand-painted and made of wood or metal. Today, signs are increasingly produced by computer-generated graphics on lightweight materials such as aluminium, fibreglass, perspex or similar, whilst other materials used may include sandstone and stained glass.

Styles of Sign

Hanging signs are normally fixed to the building and hang from a bracket.

Gallows, or beam signs, stretch the width of the road or pavement, though many signs that once spanned the highway have been removed due to the increased size of vehicles. Watch out for the one over the main A140 road to Norwich.

Pillory signs are freestanding and often situated away from the pub, often in the car park like our own Swan Inn.

Banged-up is a term coined for signs fitted or mounted directly onto the wall of the pub building.

Types of Frames

Like paintings, images may be enhanced by the choice of decorative frame; modern frames tend to be made of wood or metal and most are plain, utilitarian and functional – in other words not particularly attractive. Some subjects are however suitable for intricate wrought-iron work, with many such frames in the past being made by the local blacksmith.

Sudbury & Surrounding Area

The first local pub is the Cock & Bell in Long Melford, and three generations of pub sign are shown covering a remarkably short space of time. Note that the oldest appears to show three eggs inside the bell, but the golden coloured one is actually the bell clapper. John believes the name possibly came from the merger of two previous pubs.

The Grover & Allen shows how pubs can change when under new management, particularly nationwide chains such as Wetherspoons. This chain tends to divide opinion but personally I am in favour, because it keeps a pub and provides really great value; however, John advised that they don't always keep the pub sign.

John particularly mentioned the Half Moon sign because it does represent what it says, apparently many such named pub signs simply show a crescent moon.

The Three Horseshoes in Bures shows a nice blacksmith type creation, in this case made mostly from horseshoes, which is a nice touch. The sign itself is a symbolic reference back to St Dunstan and one of his meetings with the devil – two shoes for the devil's cloven hooves and one above your front door to keep the devil away (i.e. to bring good luck to the household).

Ipswich & Surrounding Area

The Gardeners Arms is seemingly unusual in actually showing a pair of arms rather than a man leaning on a spade or fork, and is now sadly closed.

The Maypole was on the old Norwich Road, also now gone; John mentioned that it was a particularly nice image.

The Mermaid seems to be one of John's favourite establishments – "A superb carvery with two for a tenner". Unusually she is seen "swimming and wearing a bra", rather than half naked on a rock.

The Compasses shows a compass resting on a map, not just any old map, but that taken from the novel Treasure island.

The Great White Horse hotel in Ipswich was made famous by Dickens in his novel 'The Pickwick Papers'. In 1834, he stayed in Ipswich for the first time, at the Great White Horse Hotel in Tavern Street, mentioning the hotel in his novel: "In the main street of Ipswich, on the left-hand side of the way, a short distance after you have passed through the open space fronting the Town Hall, stands an inn known far and wide by the appellation of The Great White Horse, rendered the more conspicuous by a stone statue of some rampacious animal with flowing mane and tail, distantly resembling an insane cart-horse, which is elevated above the principal door. The Great White Horse is famous in the neighbourhood, in the same degree as a prize ox, or county paper-chronicled turnip, or unwieldy pig – for its enormous size. Never were such labyrinths of uncarpeted passages, such clusters of mouldy, ill-lighted rooms, such huge numbers of small dens for eating or sleeping in, beneath any one roof, as are collected together between the four walls of the Great White Horse at Ipswich."

In the story Mr Pickwick inadvertently strays into a lady's bedroom and, having extricated himself from an awkward situation, gets disorientated in the maze of the hotel's dimly lit corridors. He has to rely on his servant, Sam Weller, to guide him back to his own room.

The Shannon was a 38-gun Leda-class frigate of the Royal Navy launched in 1806 which served in the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812. She won a noteworthy naval victory on 1 June 1813 when she captured the American Navy's USS Chesapeake in a singularly bloody battle.

Felixstowe & Surrounding Area

The Three Mariners has undergone a number of recent incarnations, beginning with a superb image of three vessels surrounded by sea serpents and accompanied by Neptune. The pub then became the Mariners Inn, before becoming Mariners Free House (third image).

I cannot track down an image of The Shipwreck pub sign, so have instead shown their sign upon a beached buoy.

According to John, the sign for the Hand in Hand is most unusual, with a farmer and a sailor shaking hands.

John believes the word Dooley is a reference to a hospital in India, which I believe is nearly right. An airline volunteer programme was conceived in 1961 by Dooley Intermed', ten president and founder in support of humanitarian projects in Asia, including India, with Pan Am providing transport to and from the volunteer sites. There may also be a reference to 'doolally', an unkind word for someone a bit mad.

Felsto appears to be a shorthand for Felixstowe, so perhaps they should have had a larger pub sign.

Aldeburgh & Surrounding Area

The Froize has an interesting image of a pair of ducks, with the pub possibly built on land once belonging to the now ruined Butley Priory. Froize itself is a term for a kind of savoury pancake.

The Vulcan Arms is perhaps my favourite sign, and is a winner of the Inn Sign Society's 'sign of the year, competition per John. It depicts Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, along with the famous tv/cinema Vulcan Spock, and my favourite ever military aircraft the Vulcan Vee bomber.

Southwold & Surrounding Area

John noted that parrots feature quite often on pub signs, but that the Parrot & Punchbowl was a curious, and colourful, combination. John also suggested a possible reason, being that Whigs generally drank punch and Tories wine, hence the images of grapes alongside the punchbowl.

The Sole Bay Inn commemorates the famous battle between the British and the Dutch off Sole Bay.

John noted that Dunwich under the sea was a 'rotten borough', like Old Sarum, though this is not apparent in the pub sign for The Ship.

Lowestoft & Surrounding Area

The landlord of The Royal Oak in Laxfield was previously at the Fox and Hounds in Chelsea, which John surmises is the reason for the change of their sign to incorporate a Chelsea Pensioner alongside King Charles.

A reasonable likeness of the explorer David Livingstone adorns the sign at Livingstones

Woodbridge & Surrounding Area

John told us that the Green Man reference is very old, and associated with signs referencing the Wild Man, Jack in the Green and Puk. There is a Wild Man pub at Sproughton, but the photo is too poor to include here unfortunately.

The sign for the Red Lion at Martlesham is that of a ship's figure head attached to an external wall, and most striking it is too.

The image for The Oyster Inn is most striking, complete with fishing boats, an oyster and an oyster catcher.

The Chequers is a very common name per John, and is a reference back to the chequer or checker tree – one of Europe's most valuable hardwoods, being fine grained, dense and with good bending strength. The fruits, called "chequers", are eaten by many birds and a few mammals, making the tree ecologically important; they are also edible to humans, apparently tasting similar to dates though now rarely collected for food. Before the introduction of hops, the fruit was used to flavour beer, which may be related to the ancient symbol of pubs being called the chequer board; the name "chequers" may also have been derived from the spotted pattern of the fruit, or possibly from the pattern of the bark on old trees.

The Elephant and Castle refers to the animal and its Howdah, the carriage on its back for carrying goods or people; interestingly Claudius the Roman Emperor brought at least one elephant into the country as part of his invasion of Britain.

Stowmarket & Surrounding Area

The sign for the Magpie, formerly the Pie Inn, straddles the main road between a pair of gallows supports for the beam across the road. According to John this type of pub sign was very popular, until that is when one sadly collapsed and killed a person.

The Pickerell surname is derived from the Middle English word "pykerell", meaning "young pike", and thought to have evolved from a nickname for a sharp and aggressive person, or possibly as an occupational name for someone who caught or sold these fish. They certainly make for interesting images.

Bury St Edmunds & Surrounding Area

The Crown and Castle is a most interesting sign as it references the Suffolk Regiment who are based at the Gibraltar Barracks in the town, hence the mention of Gibraltar and the image of a castle gate and its keys.

There are many pubs called the Black Boy, which usually depict a chimney sweep; the later sign shows Charles II, who was known as the black boy because of his swarthy complexion, though presumably never to his face.

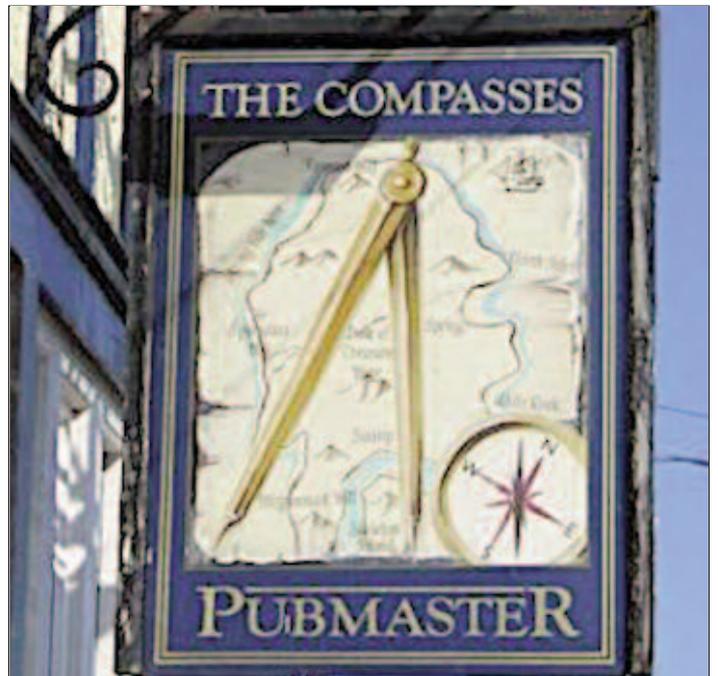
The signs for the Five Bells and the Six Bells interestingly depict different types of bells, being hand bells and church bells respectively.

The Pykkerell depicts the middle English word for young pike, as noted above. To conclude this review, John brought great passion, humour and warmth to a subject on which most people have probably given little thought to; his talk was a hop, skip and a jump through English pub history, much enjoyed by everyone present, who left with the words "Look Up when next passing a pub" ringing in their ears

Our next events will be at 7.30 in The Parish Room on:
20th March: To relieve need and distress by Sarah Doig
The fascinating story of East Anglian almshouses.

7th April: The Amazing Story of Rev'd. John Heigham Steggall, the Suffolk Gypsy. Around 1800 this son of a parson ran away to live with gypsies. In a remarkable life, he was a surgeon, sailor, soldier and parish priest at Great Ashfield.

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



FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ Suffolk County Council 2019/20 budget approved

On 14 February, Suffolk County Council concluded its budget setting process for this coming financial year (2019/2020). From 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, Suffolk County Council will spend almost £10 million a week across all its services following approval of this budget of £519.3 million.

Over the period 2011-12 to 2018-19 the Council has made over £260 million of savings in response to reductions in funding from Central Government and increasing demand for services. For 2019/20 the Council has proposed a range of savings totalling around £13 million. These savings are required to help balance the budget - something that the Council must do by law.

Recognising the unrelenting rise in demand and the complexity of support required by vulnerable children and adults in Suffolk, the Council are significantly increasing spending in these two top priority areas. The net budget for Adult and Community Services (ACS) will rise to £243m and the net budget for Health, Wellbeing and Children's Services (HWCS) will rise to £147m. This is an increase of just over £14 million for ACS and HWCS. ACS and HWCS will account for 75% of the total spend in 2019/2020 - three in every four pounds the Council spends.

General council tax will rise by 2.99% this year. The Council are also applying the final 1% of the six per cent Social Care precept allowed over the years 2017/18 to 2019/20. The overall increase in council tax is one per cent less than for 2018/19. The four-year investment in surface-dressing our roads continues into its third year and the Council will treat 1,000 miles of Suffolk's roads by the end of 2020 as promised. The Council has also maintained Suffolk Fire and Rescue's budget and protected Suffolk's Library services.

The Council is looking to maximise the financial contribution from its medium-term programmes, which focus on transforming how the Council delivers its services and works with other authorities and public sector partners. The Council's transformation programmes have saved over £12 million in 2018/19 and £12-£13 million of savings are planned for 2019/20.

➤ Funding agreed for Citizens Advice in Suffolk

On 11 February, it was reported that Citizens Advice in Suffolk will no longer see any difference in their funding for 2019/20. This is due to a collaboration between Suffolk County Council, NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, Suffolk County Council proposes to reduce the funding given to Citizens Advice by 50% (£187k), in 2019/20. Under the joint agreement now in place with the CCGs, a total of £187k will be provided by NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk and NHS West Suffolk CCGs. So, funding for Citizens Advice in 2019/20 will remain the same as the previous year (£374k).

➤ Important Information: Suffolk School Travel Changes from September 2019

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is implementing changes to its School Travel Policy from September 2019. The Council has already written to all schools and Town and Parish Councils with information about the policy changes and how they may affect families in their area.

Statutory School Age School Travel Policy

Children living in Suffolk who will be starting at a new school in September 2019 will be eligible for SCC funded school travel when they are over 2 miles (under 8 years old) or 3 miles (aged 8 or over) walking distance from their nearest suitable school that would have had a place available for them. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school. Full details about SCC funded school travel, including additional arrangements for low income families and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel

New pupils

In the first year of change the new school travel policy will only impact on those starting or moving school with effect from September 2019.

- For those starting at secondary/upper schools, parents will be informed if their child is eligible by 30 April 2019.
- For those starting at primary/middle schools in September 2019, parents will be informed if their child is eligible for SCC funded travel by 14 May 2019.
- If parents do not hear from the Council by the date shown above and believe their child is eligible for SCC funded school travel, they should contact the Customer Service Team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk. Information about those who are eligible to SCC funded travel will be provided to the child's current and receiving school.

Returning pupils

The new policy is being phased in. This means that children who receive SCC funded school travel in the 2018/2019 school year will continue to receive this whilst they continue to attend the same school, unless they turn 8 years of age and live between 2 and 3 miles from their current school, or move house - at which time eligibility would be reassessed.

To opt-in (apply) for SCC funded school travel

For transport in September 2019 and all future years, families whose child/ren are eligible for SCC funded school travel will need to opt-in to receive their transport. This is a change from previous years. The opt-in process for those pupils who are eligible for SCC funded school travel for the 2019/2020 school year opens on 1 March 2019 with a deadline of 31 May 2019. SCC will be using various communications channels to cascade the opt-in message to parents/families.

This important change means that parents whose children are eligible will have to opt-in by 31 May each year for school travel to be provided in the following school year as this will no longer be provided automatically.

This includes:

- Those currently eligible and who have SCC funded school travel under the old policy arrangements because they will be in Year 1 to Year 6, or Year 8 to Year 11

FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

First of all can I please remind everyone that we have District Elections across every ward in Babergh on May 2nd. Also that to vote we all need to be registered to do so.

I am reminding everyone of this so that you can check if you are unsure at elections@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or call 0300 1234 000 or mobile/text 07827 842833.

Sometimes we overlook a young person in our houses or someone who has just moved in to our village or in the next door house or street.

I will once again be a candidate in these elections and will campaign hard for the right to represent all in the newly formed six village Box Vale ward. While I am a member of a political party and will campaign under their colours I will as always put people before politics, what is happening nationally will not be happening here. The campaigning issues for me will be good representation at a local level for all and a championing of local issues and support for whatever problems and ideas that you have.

High on my list will be the protection of our villages from the mass development that is beginning to scour our villages while supporting small local needs development for local families. To make sure that your hard earned cash that you contribute through your Council Taxes is used to support vital services and not on vanity projects and self-promoting propaganda leaflets.

I was deeply shocked recently to receive the "Your Council" leaflet through my door with it's carefully scripted and massaged claims, maybe the front page should have featured our ever increasingly deteriorating and now quite dilapidated former H.Q. at Corks lane with it's ever increasing security costs rather than the smiling young couple happily cycling through Kersey St.

Although the cost of this was claimed to be only 32p for each household, this did not include any officer time or the expenses of the Cabinet members who contributed, we certainly need a rethink on how we present ourselves and maybe some deployment of resources into more worthwhile projects.

There has to be a cutting down of money spent on consultations and overlapping of services through a genuine attempt to work towards Unitary Councils and more clarity in Local Govt.

The environment and what we are doing in and to our planet has to take greater priority for the sake of our children who will inherit what we leave behind.

I will if elected strive to support financially through grants the local C.A.B.s that do so much to actively help the less well off and those who need some extra support in difficult times.

There will be of course a hundred other topics highlighted on the doorsteps across the district and I will attempt to listen to them all and represent all your views. I look forward to meeting all friends old and new during the oncoming campaign. Have a great spring and although some things seem grim nationally we must continue to build up our own area and our local network and hopeful health and prosperity.

Kind Regards *Bryn*. bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk tel 01787 210854.

in September 2019 (and have not moved address) or

- are eligible under the new travel policy.

Recent research has shown that some families, although eligible to SCC funded school travel, do not use their seat(s). Suffolk County Council consequently is funding seats which are unused and therefore, SCC are asking families to opt-in.

Post-16 Travel Policy Statement for September 2019:

The Post-16 Policy has not changed other than agreed increases to the cost of a seat until the charge equals the average cost. For September 2019/2020 school year the charge will be £750 per annum.

The financial contribution for students with SEND for 2019/2020 school year will be £690.

Suffolk Brokerage Service:

If any school or local community would like to access capacity building support to assist them in running travel arrangements themselves, they can contact customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk.

For more information on how Town and Parish Councils can get involved see the Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy at www.suffolkonboard.com/smot

Finally

A sincere thank you to all those who came to find out more about fostering and adoption services in Suffolk. It is very much appreciated by us and of course those children seeking extra care. The next drop in will be in June. (date tbc)

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TRIP OF A LIFETIME

Forty years ago excitement was growing in the Boxford Youth Football team of 12 and 13 year-olds in anticipation of what was in those days to be a trip of a lifetime to America and to play football there. It all began in May of 1978 when the club chairman, Brian Porter had been visiting the Head Office of Bankers Trust Company in New York for whom he worked in the London Office. In a meeting, quite by chance, football (or soccer as the Americans called it) was mentioned and one of Brian's New York colleagues, Bill Munch, said his son played for a club on Long Island. As Brian's son played for Boxford the two fathers thought it would be great if a visit could be made by Boxford and to develop new friendships as soccer was becoming very popular in the United States. The chance conversation led to many transatlantic phone calls, letters and committee and parent meetings and in October the Massapequa Soccer Club on Long Island agreed to host our boys for a two week trip over Easter in 1979. Without their very generous offer the trip could not have taken place as the cost of accommodation elsewhere would have made it impossible. The Massapequas' hospitality was exceptional and some of the friendships made have continued to this day.

A special meeting was held on the 8th November 1978 at which the parents confirmed that 14 boys could go. One other boy was undecided. Four parents, Brian Porter, the late Peter Haining, John Kent and the late Brian Havis would accompany the boys.

At this time it was agreed that a programme of fund-raising would take place with the boys' families also contributing £150 per boy. The four parents going would cover their own costs. Our secretary, Brian Havis, did a wonderful job applying for donations and many fund-raising events were organised. Donations ranged from 50p to £250 variously from local individuals to large international businesses. Fund-raising events included a Grand Draw, dances and discos, carol singing, lunches, dinners and stag nights. As it became apparent that we would not raise enough money in time for the trip to take place, parents were asked to loan funds to cover the remaining cost and they would be repaid from further fund-raising after the boys returned.

Permission had to be obtained from the Football League and all the boys needed to have passports and visas. These were duly obtained in good time but with only a week to go the previously undecided boy said he wanted to join the trip. Fortunately between Bankers Trust Company and the American Embassy we managed to get a visa for him in just two days. Each boy was allowed to take £25 for pocket money and each of the four parents going were to be responsible for either three or four boys for the whole trip which would include a visit to Boxford in Massachusetts to continue the ties that already existed between the two Boxfords.

Another parent, Mike Collins, arranged for Tony Woodcock of Nottingham Forest and England to come and give the boys some last minute training on the day before we set off. He also brought the League Cup with him which Forest had just won and he presented all of the boys and officials with tracksuits sponsored by Gainsborough Fabrics. (Whilst in New York at one match one American parent was heard to shout 'come on you fabrics'). The sports presenter, Steve Rider, was also at the Boxford Playing Field and there were interviews shown on both BBC and ITV local TV programmes the night before we went.

The following day we were off flying to New York with TWA who set up a special check-in for us and we had a special photo taken in front of the plane. Going through security the Chairman was asked to open his briefcase. Finding fifteen different passports in the case caused a little bit of a shock to the official on duty but fortunately he accepted the Chairman's explanation!!

On arrival in New York there was to be one phone call to one of the boy's mother that we had arrived safely and she was to let all the other parents know. (A bit different from now when everyone (almost) has their own mobile phone).

When sightseeing in Manhattan the Boxford boys and officials were joined by some of the Massapequa families. The Americans had a good numbering system so that we could regularly check that nobody was missing. We visited the Cosmos Stadium and met the great Franz Beckenbauer. We also went to the Wall Street Head Office of Bankers Trust Company which included lunch and games on computers (again very different from today's devices). We also went to the top of the Empire State Building and the ill-fated World Trade Centre buildings. The boys played a number of football matches during the fortnight which were all played in a good spirit even though some of the referees' interpretation of some of the rules and linesman's duties differed from ours.

Whilst on a trip to a roller-skating rink Brian Havis fell and sustained a very badly broken leg which meant he was unable to make the trip to the Massachusetts Boxford. We drove by road from Manhattan to Massachusetts in two large station wagons and I don't know to this day how we got fifteen boys and three adults into those two vehicles but we did get everybody safely there and back again!! When we arrived there Boxford families took our boys to their homes and then we would all meet up the following day at the football match. Peter Haining and I were housed with a doctor and when we got to his house he said 'I expect you city slickers could do with some fresh air after your long journey' and took us through a wood to the edge of a large lake where a canoe was moored. I was put in the front with Peter in the middle and we had to do the

padding while the doctor sat at the back and steered. Peter got rather wet! After dinner we were sent to bed at nine o'clock and were woken at 6a.m. to the sound of piano and violin. Apparently it was the only time that doctor and daughter could practise together!!

We returned to Long Island for the rest of our trip and then flew back to the U.K. and our fund-raising continued finally repaying the last of the parent loans by the end of October. The final cost per boy was only £50 as the fund-raising had been so successful. The final balance sheet was as follows:

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Donations.	£880.25.	Air fares & Insurance.	£2207.10
Fund-raising events	£1146.61.	Expenses in U.S.A.	£569.76
Parents contributions.	£750.00	Parent loans repaid.	£900.00
Loans from parents.	£900.00		
TOTALS.	£3676.86.		£3676.86

It was a great success and it is very gratifying that those who went still talk about the trip even though it was 40 years ago and we look forward to the reunion on the Boxford Playing Field this coming Easter Sunday. We hope to see you there. Brian Porter



Easter Sunday 21st April afternoon 2019

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There will be a game between the Boxford and Nayland old boys including
The over 50s who went to the USA and Nayland Eagles players we went
to school with and played against and later with!
Should also include Walking Football with ex Colchester player and coach
Micky Cook as referee
There will also be a Boxford Rovers Old Boys game on the big pitch
An afternoon of fun and meeting up with old friends
There will be a display in the pavilion of memorabilia of the USA trip and
When Tony Woodcock ex Forest Arsenal and England striker came to the
Boxford Playing Fields and presented the lads with their tracksuits prior to the
America visit the following day
The Local papers and TV are sending reporters to commemorate a great story
All are welcome bring the family and have a drink and a something to eat
All proceeds to the village!



CLASS OF 1979 MEET TONY WOODCOCK AT BOXFORD PLAYING FIELDS

PREPARE TO MEET THY TOMB



All photo's Trudi Wild

mansion and asking too many questions for comfort. Sure enough, one by one they fall victim to violent deaths by devious techniques — no secret panel is unoccupied, no cup of tea untouched, and nobody is who they appear to be. This combination of spoof and baffling murder mystery, over-the-top characters and shocking plot twists made for an exciting if not confusing evening's entertainment

Each one of the cast managed to give their characters good definition and there was a nice mix of seasoned actors with the addition of some more recent faces who all made positive contributions to the on stage action with some good interaction between them.

The setting of Ancient Home, lighting and sound all served their purpose. The audience was treated to an interesting evening trying to follow the twists and turns in the plot which did hold the attention throughout - a light hearted night of intrigue and mystery.

Prepare To Meet Thy Tomb follows Tomb With A View and Tiptoe Through the Tombstones to complete the trilogy of plays from Norman Robbins about the family that play together and slay together: The murderous Tombs.

This comedy-thriller by was set in the home of the deadly Tomb family, Monument House. It proved to be both entertaining and engaging trying to work out who was doing what to whom and who would turn out to be the villain of the piece. With a fairly large cast of disparate characters there were plenty of likely miscreants.

As night falls and fog descends on Monument House family home, Hecuba Tomb (Elaine Carpenter) and her niece Drusilla (Beth Molloy) receive a series of unexpected visitors. First to arrive was the self-important Sir Beverley Comstock (James Tolputt), threatening blackmail and bringing his rather timid and downtrodden PA Anthony Strickland (Peter Korabik) with him. Novelist Philippa (Monica Murphy) and her assistant Daphne (Margaret Clapp) arrived next seeking refuge from a mysterious follower they fear may be the notorious "Norfolk Strangler". Hot on their heels came TV historian Quentin Danesworth (Mike Keith) and honeymooners Robert (Michael Munn) and Miranda (Francis Korabik). Finally the family solicitor Cicely Venner (Angela Tolputt) came to warn the Tombs that the TV presenter was going to unmask the secret passages and rooms within the Ancient House. The uninvited guests are soon snooping around the secret passages of the creepy old



Top Left: LtoR Daphne, Miranda, Robert, Sir Hubert, Anthony and Cicely.

Above: Hecuba Tomb and Miranda contemplate the death of recently shot Drusilla Tomb

Left: LtoR Drusilla Tomb, Philippa Collins (The only eventual survivor), Hecuba Tomb (seated), Quentin Dainsworth and Daphnie Summers.



Miranda finds the gun

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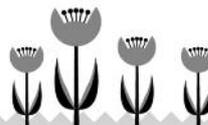
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for January 2018

In February 2019 our responders covered 406 hours (61%) and attended 10 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

A Banner for Boxford

Boxford WI members decided that they would like a banner to hang at meetings and for other occasions. As I am a member of this WI I and a "stitcher" I was happy to volunteer to make one.

After some initial discussion it was decided to use the Village sign with its various symbols and lettering as a source of inspiration. I put a few ideas on paper and talked them through with the committee. As with all these things once I began to play with the ideas new ideas began to emerge. I thought that the WI logo, which includes the phrase, "inspiring women", should be incorporated together with the name of the group.



As the design phase continued I made a paper mock up which included lettering and some printed apples. Boxford is famous for growing apples at the Copella factory and they feature on the village logo, so it seemed logical to use apples as a feature of the banner. Using lettering in textile art is quite popular but it is something I had not done before. This was an opportunity to try something new for me too.

Having got the go-ahead from the committee I progressed to the making phase and used some techniques that I have used before and thought would fit the bill. I stamped lettering onto Egyptian cotton and onto crystal sheer. I printed fabric using my gelliplate. This is a method of transferring a design or surface to fabric or paper. The gelliplate is a fairly thick printing surface which you cover with acrylic paint, lay stencils and other mark making objects on to create a design and then lay your fabric or paper on top to make a print. No two prints will ever be the same so, this can be both an exciting and, at times, frustrating process. This fabric was used to cut lettering and apple shapes from. The cotton backing and sheer were layered with a thin wadding, the lettering and apples appliqued in position and the whole piece was machine quilted and stitched. I printed some more fabric to make the binding to finish the banner.

I really enjoyed this project and am glad to be able to make a contribution to our thriving, friendly WI. The finished banner was presented at our February meeting
Marie Paddon

Boxford WI Review

Our Speaker Amanda Sutherland gave us a fascinating insight into her creative journey. After attending the London college of Fashion, Amanda started her working career as a Buyer at London's Royal Opera house; following this she became wardrobe mistress at the Lyceum engaged in numerous productions including Jesus Christ Superstar. Amanda continued her love of design by working on film and television dramas as well as with high end fashion designers. Success in bridal wear followed and in 2002 Amanda launched her accessories label making bespoke pieces including fascinators, snoods and jewellery. Amanda now gives creative workshops at her studio and gives talks to groups. We are so pleased that she came along to Boxford WI and brought along some of the beautiful things she has made for us to admire and try on. What a very talented Lady with a great skill.

Hadleigh Boxford Patient Participation Group (PPG) Active Wellbeing Service, Inactive2Active Update

Well, it's been five months since the launch of the Inactive2Active Service based at Hadleigh Boxford surgery and during this time it appears to be a great success! Over 50 patients have now met with me to discuss their physical activity needs and goals for activity in the future. The majority have become more mindful of living less sedentary lifestyles and the feedback indicates that many have tried a new activity such as chair based classes, swimming, Zumba Gold, Exercise on Referral, low impact aerobics and yoga to name but a few. Many have also increased their walking and have taken part in some of the many free health walks available locally.

This service is aimed at patients who are currently not achieving more than 30 minutes of moderate activity a week, but who would like to understand the wider health benefits of being active and receive encouragement and ideas on how to move more in their everyday lives. The service also supports those wanting to find and access an appropriate, more structured activity, in order to increase activity levels. It's not my role to deliver physical activity, more to help others understand what would be appropriate and to make an informed choice. Here is just some of the feedback from those that I have helped find what they were looking for:

"I saw your advert and decided to phone and meet with you. You were understanding, helpful and encouraging without being pushy, the whole ethos has been so helpful. I was so afraid I was losing the ability to walk but after just a few classes I can feel a difference I so want to keep this up. It has given me confidence so much so that I am taking an extra class, making two a week. I know you are available should I need advice. Thank you so much for giving me hope."

"I attended the recommended fitness class yesterday and thoroughly enjoyed it, just right for me and at the right tempo."

"The initial meeting with Janet and subsequent follow up and ongoing tailor-made support have been second to none. I have found suggestions to integrate self-help and physical activities into my daily life, motivating."

"What a great programme that actually tries to help people stay healthy instead of just trying to fix them when they are ill."

I am passionate that any form of movement is important and should be celebrated without reflecting on 'what I used to be able to do' or 'I'm too old to worry about that'. In my time here at Hadleigh and Boxford I have seen that there is a fantastic range of activities, providing something for everyone. Abbeycroft Leisure offers a particularly good range of activities which can be found by visiting www.ssleisure.co.uk.

Often people become less active due to a change in health circumstances, moving home, losing a loved one and/or retiring from work. If you feel that you would like some help in making a positive first step to being more active, then you can either contact the surgery or contact me to arrange an appointment. The one-to-one appointments are up to 30 minutes and are based at Hadleigh Medical Centre on a Tuesday, where we will discuss how you can achieve your goals.





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Hadleigh Choral Society

Hadleigh Choral Society is pleased to announce the details of their upcoming spring concert: St. John Passion by J.S. Bach. This choral work will be performed in the original German text at St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh on Saturday 6th April at 7:30 pm, and will feature professional soloists along with the Colchester Symphony Orchestra, John Cooper on harpsichord and David Butcher on organ. Christopher Phelps will conduct this musical retelling of the story of Christ's arrest, trial and crucifixion, in what promises to be a memorable evening full of wonderful music-making.

Tickets are £14 (free admission for under 25s) and will be available on line through www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk, members of the choir, or The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh. For more information contact 01473 823 791.

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA is holding its AGM on Thursday 11th April 2019 in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This will be followed by a presentation entitled

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Sunday 2nd June 2019

Calling all Gardeners, allotment owners, artists and craftspeople - please open your gardens and studios for one day to the public on the 2nd June.

Whatever the type of garden, wild or tamed, large or small, vegetable patch or kids garden

Whatever art you create in your studios, paintings, sculptures or crafts

We ask you to share it with your community and take part in an enjoyable and rewarding day.

All proceeds to St Marys Church, Boxford.

Please get in touch with me for further details or if you have any bright ideas for us to add to the day Sarah : 01787 210276 M: 07879 997640

Sarah.williams@rmcurtis.co.uk

Boxford & District Bowls Club - Green Opening

The green will be opened for the 2019 season on Sunday 21st April at 2.30pm by the President, George Bullett. All members are invited to attend.

MARY'S HOUSE – after school

While Mary's House (5 Swan Street) continues to open 3 mornings a week for coffee and chat, some of us still think on the possibility of it being open for young people, maybe as a quieter space for homework (we have WiFi) or for friends to meet after school.

To aid our thinking, would you contact me if either this is a facility you might use, or help with? We were thinking of exploring being open after the bus brings upper school children back to Boxford – maybe from 3.45 – 6.30 pm - to start from September. There would be a nominal small charge, but we could offer a drink and a round of toast!

These are all tentative thoughts, and will depend on demand and help – please get in touch with any thoughts or ideas.

Pauline Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU. Tel:210360

The Polstead Big Village Lunch -

A Lunch for all Seasons

"The Village lunch" in Polstead Village hall is having a revival.

We aim to have 4 per year, 1 for each season, starting with Spring.

So please join us for a healthy lunch and some good company.

No age too young or too old.....

Come and meet new people and make new friends.

Our Spring Lunch will be on Friday 26th April @ 1pm .

£6 per person (a slight increase in cost but we're sure you won't be disappointed) (Menu to be displayed very soon so please keep a lookout)

Ticket and menu details will be in the Village Shop but please

sign up by 18th April to guarantee your place.

We are also looking to recruit a few more people to join our team of helpers.If you would like to volunteer for cooking or kitchen duties please contact Anne MacWilson macwilla@aol.com / 01787 210335 / 0775482711.

The Boxford Tornado 2019 - 28th April 2019

New route, spaces still available!



The ever popular Boxford Tornado cycling sportive will be taking place on Sunday 28th April 2019. The HQ for the event will again be the Boxford playfields pavilion, with the playingfields being used for parking. The club have devised a new route for this year which takes the 450 riders right out of Homefields towards the Fox and Hounds instead of cycling through the village centre. The 40 and 60 miles routes then use the varied lanes and roads surrounding Boxford and return using the same route past the Fox and Hounds and left into Homefields. If you are interested in entering there are still a few places available via the British Cycling website. Again we thank the residents of Boxford in advance for accommodating the riders this year. If you want further details please contact the club: boxfordbikeclub@gmail.com

KEEP FIT

A one hour circuit style Keep Fit class every Tuesday in Little Waldingfield Parish Room, Church Road.

Includes a range of Keep Fit exercises to enable you to keep active at your pace, with stretch and flex incorporated into the session to support a range of motion in your muscles and to aid in their recovery.

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

E: nic@niccarterpt.co.uk

Little Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz Night

Saturday May 11th at 7.30 Prompt

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Sheppard.susanm@gmail.com

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Easter Sunday Carvery 21st April
Bank Holiday Special Breakfast Menu 22nd April

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Saturday 11th May 2019
12.00 – 4.00pm

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Wot's On

Wormingford Annual Flower Festival

At St Andrew's Church which takes place over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, May 25th, 26th and 27th this year. Our subject this year is 'Once upon a time' (Fairytales and Pantomime) which gives our team of flower arrangers lots of scope!

Our lovely Church in Wormingford is always transformed for this occasion, which is our main fund raising event of the year. Just across the road from the Church in the Wormingford Community Centre which occupies the old school buildings, we have lovely teas and cakes and other refreshments and our usual Bric-a-Brac sale, so there is really something for the whole family to enjoy

Sudbury water meadows:

History and Conservation on the Sudbury Riverside – an illustrated talk.

We have this unique gem on our doorstep and rather take it for granted. On Saturday March 30th at 7.30 pm in Boxford Village Hall there will be an illustrated talk by Adrian Walters who has been a Ranger there for many years. He will tell us about the unusual history of these Sudbury "Common Lands" and share his intimate knowledge of the flora and fauna and how to conserve this habitat whilst welcoming the public.

Entrance £2, or free for Boxford Society members. Do come and bring your friends. This talk will inspire you to enjoy and make more use of this beautiful asset so near to Boxford.



Boxford Community Council Senior Citizens Outing Wednesday 12th June 2019

Once again this year we will be holding our Senior Citizens Mystery Outing which is on Wednesday 12th June. We will be setting off from the village centre at 5.30 and having a leisurely drive to our destination.

We will be providing refreshments this year, so would ask you not to have your meal before you arrive in the village.

If you would like to join us please put your name and address down on the list which will be put up in the Post Office, or telephone Ward on 210129 or Stephanie on 210444 to reserve your place. If you need picking up please indicate or tell us that also.

For any of you who are willing to drive would you please let Ward or Stephanie know; if you have driven in previous years please still let us know if you are available this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone again this year plus any new faces. The Community Council Committee plus volunteer drivers are running this event, so please come along and meet them, plus some familiar faces from previous years.

Ward Baker
Chairman Community Council

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGM

Monday 29th April 2019

7.00 for a 7.30 Meeting

At The Pavilion

Come and join us for some nibbles and drinks. Hear what we and the other clubs and organisations in the villages have been up to this year, and our plans for the future.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of our events, come along and see what it would involve.

We raise a lot of money for village organisations each year through public events such as the Fireworks, Fun & Games Night etc.

If you have any questions, please email us at BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Invites you to a talk "A Year Teaching English in China"

by Tom Kirkham

at 6pm Wednesday 10th April in Groton Village Hall

Not to be missed, a fascinating experience.

AGM AND TALK
Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall
Thursday 11th April 2019 7.30 pm

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All past, present and future members welcome to this **free** lecture and complimentary coffee

For further details please contact:
Gus Whiteley - 01709 210940
E: gwhiteley52@hotmail.co.uk

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Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm
at Boxford Village Hall

Wot's On

MILDEN SINGERS SPRING CONCERTS

Friday 17th May 7pm for 7.30pm and

Saturday 18th May 1.30pm for 2pm in the Pavilion

Enjoy a selection of songs from the 1960's along with hits from the blockbuster films Bohemian Rhapsody, A Star is Born and The Greatest Showman!

Both performances with licenced bar, buffet and charity raffle.

Tickets are £6 and in aid of Milden Pavilion and Playingfield.

If you wish to join Milden Singers they meet on Monday Evenings at Milden Pavilion please phone Pearl on 01449 741876 for more information and tickets.

'Lavenham Airfield Walks'

Interested in the US Army Air Force's presence in East Anglia in WWII? Then spend a morning walking in the steps of the Mighty Eighth's 487th Bomb Group on Lavenham Airfield, Suffolk. You will be accompanied by guides who will take you to areas not usually accessible to the public, whilst painting a picture of operational life on the base in WWII and how the airfield will forever be associated with the creation of the film 'Twelve O'Clock High'. The walks take place on the second Sunday of May, July and September from 10.00 – 1.30. Places are limited so booking is essential. Adult tickets cost £10, under 16s £5 (sorry no dogs) and can be booked in person at Lavenham Blue Vintage Tea Rooms in Lavenham or by telephone on 01787-248295.

All proceeds go towards the construction of a memorial to those 487th Bomb Group personnel who lost their lives whilst serving at Lavenham Airfield.

Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden

by Dr. Ian Bedford

Many plants have properties that can either attract or repel bugs. This talk explains some of them and how they can be used in our gardens to create a natural balance system for attracting nature and keeping the pests under control. Members Free, non-members are welcome (£5, which includes a glass of wine and nibbles)

Note : there will be a repeat of the February talk by Frances Mount on Cedric Morris on 9th May at 6.30pm. Please contact us to book a place : gardeningclubpolstead@yahoo.com

Great Acton Book Sale

Great Acton Book Sale, Saturday 27th April in All Saints Church, Acton, near Sudbury. CO10 0BA 10.00 – 2.00, Thousands of books. Free Entry. Refreshments available. All profits to the church.

Nayland Village Players

Nayland Village Players are staging a hilarious farce called Cash on Delivery by Michael Cooney

Nayland Village Hall

Thursday 4th April 6.30pm, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th 8.00pm

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THE MILDEN SINGERS SPRING CONCERTS

Friday 17th & Saturday 18th May

Performing hit songs from blockbuster films A Star is Born, Bohemian Rhapsody and The Greatest Showman plus enjoy a selection of songs from the 1960's

Friday 17th May from 7pm for 7.30pm

Saturday 18th May from 1.30pm for 2pm

Both performances with licensed bar, buffet and charity raffle.

Tickets are £6 in aid of Milden Pavilion available from Pearl on 01449 741876



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Friday 29th MARCH

Doors open 7:30pm - Starting 8:00pm

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BINGO - RAFFLE - CAKE STALL

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Raising funds for student Midwife Jenny Primrose's elective placement in India.

Funds will help to train Indian women in Hyderabad to become midwives and help cover elective placement fees.

** If anyone wishes to donate a raffle prize or a cake please contact Veronica Hobbs or Jenny: 07725025029



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)

APRIL 2019

Tuesday 2nd 2.30 pm	Fireside Club – Tea at Assington (own cars)
Wednesday 3rd 7.30 pm	Village Hall AGM & Committee Meeting
Wednesday 10th 7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 16th 2.00 pm	Fireside Club – board games
Tuesday 16th 7.30 pm	Newton Neighbourhood Plan meeting
Wednesday 24th 7.30 pm	Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting
Friday 26th 10.00 am	Fireside Club outing – Christchurch Museum
Saturday 27th 10.00 am	Fireside coffee morning
Tuesday 30th 2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Bingo and Quiz

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TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019 AT 7.30pm

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GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



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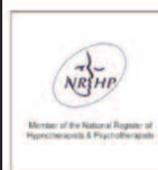
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Forthcoming Events Diary

April

2 The Dell Garden	Boxford Gardening Society	BVH	7.30pm
3 Boxford WI	Life of a Racehorse	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
10 A year teaching English in China	Groton Educational Foundation	Groton Village Hall	6pm
12 Quiz and Currey Evening	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
17 Ltl W Hist Soc Pip Wright	The Amazing Story of Rev'd. John Heigham	Steggall Parish Room	7.30pm
18 Boxford WI	Weave yoàur own pillow	The Pavilion	8.00pm
21 Boxford Youth Football Team	Anniversary of the trip to USA	Boxford Playing Fields	TBA
21 Boxford Bowls Club	Greens Open	Bowls Club	2.30pm
28 Boxford Toránado	Boxford Bike Club	Playing Fields	TBA
29 Boxford Community Council	AGM	Pavilion	7 for 7.30pm

May

1 Boxford WI	AGM and resolution meeting	BVH	2.00pm
11 Quiz Night	Parish Rooms	Parish Rooms	7.30pm
16 Boxford WI	Resolution Meeting	Pavilion	8.00pm
17 /18 Milden Singers		Milden Pavilion	7.30pm & 1.30pm
22 Ltl W Hist Soc David Wood	ãThe History of Landguard Fort	The Parish Room	7.30pm

June

2 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford PCC		
8 Boxford Wi	Whats that tune?	BVH	2.00pm
12 Senior Citizens Outing	Boxford Community Council		
19 Little W Hist Soc	Sudden deaths in 19th century Suffolk	The Parish Room	7.30pm
20 Boxford WI	Hearing for the deaf	Pavilion	8.00pm
29 Covent Garden Buskers	Edwardston PCC	Edwardstone St Mary's	7.30pm

October

26 Boxford Fireworks	Boxford Community Council		
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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.

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

Peter Patrick

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Michael Gray 07931043926

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Café Church will be on *Sunday 7th April at 11.00 am*

An informal service with good coffee, pastries & craft for the children to enjoy. All Welcome



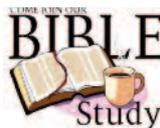
As the Lenten season ends in Easter rejoicing, Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death. God re-creates and redeems all life from dead, dry and destroyed bones. We are released from whatever would steal us away the radical freedom of God-with-us. Our lives in what is most holy and creative, the new thing God is continually doing in our midst. Practicing vulnerability toward the need and hunger of others around us, we will cultivate compassionate hearts. The wonder of the resurrection is upon us once more. May we embrace God's ever-new life with every cell of our being, every yearning of our soul, and every muscle of our will. Christ is risen, death is vanquished, humanity is restored to holy and creative relationship with God's ongoing and eternal liveliness. Praise God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and newness out of the stale/. Alleluia! Christ is risen!



Good Friday, April 19th – A Service of readings & reflections for Good Friday at **2.00pm** in church- all welcome

Easter Day, Sunday April 21st A service of Holy Communion for everyone.

The **Annual Parish and Annual Parochial Church Meetings** at St.Mary's, Boxford, will be held at **12.15 pm on Sunday 7th April**, following Café Church. This meeting is for the election of churchwardens for the coming year and to receive reports on church activities for the past year. Please do come & support your church.



The **Bible Study Group** meets at Russets, 47 Swan Street on 2nd & 4th Monday each month by kind invitation of Margaret & Peter Holden. We are presently looking at St. Mark's gospel. All are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

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

Please, NO LATER THAN 12th April
Failure to meet the date will mean your
copy may not be included

Thank you. Eddie Kench 01787 211507
email address: ed.kench@btinternet.com



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Palm Sunday, 14th April: Family Service with Holy Communion at 10.00 am, led by Bishop Mike Harrison. The procession with palms and hopefully with a donkey will start at the Temple Bar at 9.50 am and proceed along the Chestnut drive to the church. All are welcome.

Sidesman, Jan Paul

Coffee duties, Ineke Morris and Marlene Clarke.

Easter Day, 21st April: Holy Communion at 9.30 am.

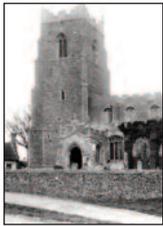
Sidesman, Maureen Cooling

Coffee duties - Edwardstone resident

Cleaning in April, Frances East

Flowers, everyone.

The Edwardstone PCC APCM is on **Tuesday the 30th of April at 6.30** in Mary's house, Boxford.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

*Sandra Harbord and Timothy Harbord
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Tel: 01787 311707*

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	Sidesmen	Flowers
April 7th	Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Pettit	Lent – no flowers
April 19th	Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Eddington	Lent – no flowers
April 21st	Mrs. Nicholls and Mr. Duffy	

Flower team to decorate for Easter

3rd March Holy Communion was given by Revd. Dr. Simon Gill. It was his last service in our church before he leaves our Deanery and begins a new ministry in Cambridgeshire. He has been so helpful to all the parishes during the vacancy. His good humour, good advice and unfailing understanding of all our problems will be sadly missed. We wish him well and hope he will enjoy his new post.

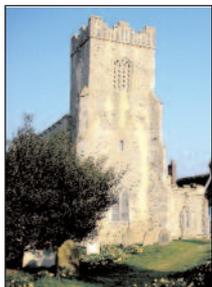
The walls of the church are now decorated to window sill level and new wall heaters will soon be installed. Our next project is to tackle the many things outside the church which need repair. We have had a meeting with representatives from Historic England and hope they may be able to add to our remaining resources with a grant.

The cremated remains area in the churchyard has been fully restored and extended. It now looks well cared for and Mrs. Sue Mitchell has kindly volunteered to keep an eye on it so that it remains tidy and pleasant to look at. The PCC is very grateful to her.

3rd April Lent lunch this year will be held at the Parish Room from **12 noon until 2pm**. Please support if possible as the money raised will be sent to Macmillan Nurses.

9th April The church **AGM** will take place at **7.15** in the church. All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend.

19th April Good Friday at 9.30am. There will be a Family Service given by Tim Harbord. This will be followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee at the Parish Room. All are welcome – please join us.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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Vacant

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ROTAS FOR APRIL

Sidesman:	Mrs Anthea Scriven
Flowers:	Easter flowers (various flower arrangers)
Cleaning:	Mrs Sheila Gooderham

EASTER DAY SERVICE: This year we welcome the Revd Henry Heath (from Long Melford) to preside at our Easter Day service of Holy Communion as, once again, we celebrate Christ's resurrection after the desolation of Good Friday: **9.30 am on Sunday 21 April 2019**.

"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them...the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

ANNUAL MEETINGS: This year's **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (to elect churchwardens) is on **Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.30 pm** in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at 7.40 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM"). This is the meeting that receives the PCC's report and accounts for 2018 and elects members of the PCC for the coming year. Anyone whose name is on the [new] church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote. Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say (wine and nibbles will be served!).

PCC MEETING: Tuesday 9th April 2019 in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and to elect the standing committee for 2019-2020).

TOILET AND KITCHEN: PROGRESS REPORT
as at 15 March 2019

The kitchen units have been delivered and will be fitted shortly. It is hoped that this part of the project will be completed by Easter. After a somewhat fraught hiatus, a date (1 April) has now been agreed for UK Power Networks to move the main electricity supply cable and for Smart Meter Services to relocate the meter in the new cabinet by the south boundary of the churchyard. Following this work, construction of the building to house the toilet can commence. (Note: for health and safety and security reasons, the church may be locked while the work in the church is completed.)



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Vacant

24th February : Our Service of Holy Communion was led by Revd. David Stranack making a return visit . At the beginning of the service the history of the last fallen soldier Private George Peggs was read. Although he only had a tenuous connection to Newton and thought not to have lived here, his mother had lived in Newton -- being the daughter of a butcher in the village. Having moved with his parents to South Africa he joined the Army there and ended being wounded in 1917 on the Western Front aged a day before his 23 rd birthday. He was evacuated to London and whilst in hospital died of meningitis and is buried in Southwark about 40 miles from his mother's home in Newton He is one of ninety two men who died in our Benefice . A sobering thought . The historical information on all these men has been carried out meticulously by Rufus, Revd. Judith's husband and we owe him a debt of gratitude for all his work.

We were delighted that Revd. Stranack's wife joined us and she had such an amazing singing voice and with Nancy Roser playing the organ -- we had a great sound . Thank you to both . Also thank you all who came and to anyone who took part , before, during and after the service. Refreshments offered a time for so many people to chat in a relaxed atmosphere.

We wish all A HAPPY EASTER

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2019 diary in Mary's House for making bookings. When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of EVERY booking (including regular church and PCC bookings), as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking. (Not everyone is complying with this requirement.) Please note that the suggested donation is £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about new bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 01787 210360. Please contact one of them before making any booking

April 2019

Church Services in the Box River Benefice

Sunday 7th	Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday	(P)
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	Very Revd Joe Hawes
Boxford	11.00 Café Church	Revd Liz Law

Sunday 14th	Palm Sunday	(R)
Edwardstone	10.00 Family Service with Holy Communion with palm procession from Temple Bar at 09.50	Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison

Wednesday 17th
Boxford
Wednesday of Holy Week
10.30 Informal Holy Communion at Mary's House
Revd Dr Simon Gill

Thursday 18th
Groton
Maundy Thursday
19.30 Reflective Service with Holy Communion
TBA

Friday 19th
Lt Waldingfield
Boxford
Good Friday
09.30 Family Service with Hot Cross Buns
14.00 Reflective Service at the Foot of the Cross
Tim Harbord
Christopher Kingsbury

Sunday 21st	EASTER SUNDAY	(W)
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	TBA
Groton	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Henry Heath
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Morning Worship	Tim Harbord
Boxford	11.00 Family Communion	Revd Henry Heath
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Gerald Drew

Sunday 28th	Second Sunday of Easter	(W)
Boxford	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	TBA

Benefice News

WELCOME This month we welcome two senior members of the diocesan clergy to lead services in the benefice. First, on Sunday 7 April, the Very Revd Joe Hawes (our Cathedral Dean) will be presiding at the 9.30 am service of Holy Communion at St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield. Then, the following Sunday, 14 April, the Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt Revd Mike Harrison, will lead our Palm Sunday 'five villages' service at St Mary's Church, Edwardstone, starting with a 'palm procession' from Temple Bar at 9.50 am. Do join us!

UPDATE ON THE PROCESS TO FIND A NEW RECTOR

Two applicants are to be interviewed on 27 March 2019. The appointment process must remain confidential, but if either applicant is invited to become our next rector, it is hoped that an announcement can be made before Easter.

LENT LUNCHESES

A reminder of the Lent lunches in April:
Wednesday 3 April at the Parish Room, Church Road, Little Waldingfield
Wednesday 10 April at Primrose Cottage, Groton (Diana McCorkell's home)
The lunches are from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm: just drop in for a simple lunch of soup, rolls and cheese. Each lunch will support a different charity.

General Church News

DEANERY SYNOD: The synod met on Tuesday 12 March 2019 in St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard. The main item on the agenda was a presentation on 'Children and Families Ministry' by Helen Woodroffe and Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell from the Discovery Centre at St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

NEW RURAL DEAN: Following the resignation of Simon Gill as rural dean of Sudbury (see the March BRN), the Revd Stephen Morley has been appointed as his successor. Steve will be licensed as rural dean by the Archdeacon of Sudbury in a short service at St Mary's Church, Bures, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 4 April 2019, to which all are welcome.

DIOCESAN SYNOD: The synod met at the Salvation Army Hall in Stowmarket on Saturday 16th March 2019. As the meeting was held after this issue of the Box River News went to press, a report on the highlights will be included next month.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

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

Soap Box

I am writing this as my wife and I journey back to the UK from Portugal to attend our son's wedding. As we should have been crossing the Bay of Biscay, the House of Commons took its vote on whether Prime Minister May's deal on leaving the European Union can go forward. For the second time MPs rejected her, now amended, efforts. Before we learned the result, we had reached the ferry port to discover that the craft that was to take us home to a divided Conservative party, Parliament and nation had been cancelled due to bad weather in the Bay of Biscay. Life is never straightforward, as Teresa May is doubtless thinking even now.

Anyway, the wedding is much more important. Of our tortuous journey to ensure we arrived on time, more anon. Certainly, missing this great occasion was not in our plans at all. Tom will be 40 years of age shortly after his troth is spliced and, not only is this his first marriage (I regret admitting that I had been married and divorced twice by the time I reached his age now), he has not to the best of my knowledge been in a serious relationship before. Yet he has made no secret of his desire to settle down with the right woman and raise a family. Clearly he has been determined to find the "right girl". He thinks he now has. We believe he has made a sound choice.

Two interesting aspects of modern society emerge from thinking about the circumstances behind this wedding. First, people today are more likely to delay getting married until later in life when they are more certain that the relationship into which they are entering was likely to endure. I freely confess that getting engaged at 19 to be married at 22 was far too early. By the time I had reached my mid-20s I had become a very different person to the callow youth that had asked his childhood sweetheart to be his bride. Divorce rates appear to have peaked. I hope this is because of the more mature approach of today's newlyweds rather than an acknowledgment that marriage is losing its appeal.

The second aspect is more financial than social, but it does represent a major change to how life was when I first started out on the marital stakes. A young couple setting out on their journey together will struggle to afford a home that might mirror what their parents had enjoyed when they first got together. We read constantly about the gap between what property now costs and what first time buyers can afford, but that is because it is a real problem. In the late 1960s when I bought my first home, the ratio of house value to annual salary was around three to one.

Today it is double that – more in London and the home counties.

Tom and his new wife are planning to live in one of the more expensive parts of the South East. They are fortunate in that they have supportive parents, but I have little doubt that life will be much less easy than when I first started out on the property ladder. I wish them both well and hope all works out well for them. Still, I can't help but wonder if they have any idea of the complications that developed as we endeavoured to make our way back to England from Portugal to attend the nuptials.

Because we travel with our dog, Boris the Jack Russell, we drive as flying is not an easy option. Fortunately there are two ferry ports in the north of Spain that provide services to Portsmouth. Even so, it is a drive of between 650 and 700 miles from our house in the Algarve, depending on whether we are travelling from Santander or Bilbao. Fortunately on this occasion we were booked from the nearer port of Santander and, as we had an early morning sailing (the crossing takes 24 hours or more), we had booked a hotel near the ferry port for the night before we left for England.

On our arrival at the hotel we were alerted to the fact that our ferry crossing the following day had been cancelled. Resisting the immediate urge to get back in the car to drive to Calais (we were both exhausted from the drive that day), I booked a crossing from Caen the day we had been due to arrive home, along with a bed and breakfast stay in the Loire valley. The internet is a wonderful tool at times.

After a (relatively) relaxing stay in the most pleasant port city of Santander, we set off early in the morning to undertake a gargantuan drive through France to stay not too far from our new ferry terminal. Fortunately the driving rain had receded when we finally reached our destination at dusk – not that finding it happened easily. Luckily a local taxi driver took us to our destination – a well-appointed gite on the outskirts of a village, but completely deserted, though unlocked and with heating. (Hurrah!).

Finding the owners – our hosts for the night – was complex and, at times, worrying – but we got there. The rest, as they say, is history, and we arrived home, very much later than intended and extremely tired, but with time to pack our bags for our next adventure – the first marriage of either of my two boys. We now look forward to the occasion with great anticipation and not a small amount of relief, given our difficult journey to attend.

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GARDENING IN APRIL INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Although it may be bitterly cold outside on sunny days, the temperature in the greenhouse can soon build up into the eighties. Plants will not grow satisfactorily in an overheated atmosphere so keep the house well ventilated. Young seedlings and newly potted plants should be shaded. Increase the water supply to established plants and feed once or twice a week.

Half - hardy annuals can be sown in the greenhouse and should germinate without artificial heat especially if the greenhouse is insulated with bubble polythene. Don't be too early with tomatoes, the last week in the month is soon enough for planting in an unheated greenhouse. There is little to be gained by planting earlier as the soil is still cold and root growth will be slow. One of the commonest causes of failure in an unheated greenhouse is incorrect watering, by giving too much water in the early stages, the soil will be kept cold and the plants will not grow. Courgette seeds and the ridge cucumber (burpless) should be sown about the second week in the month to produce good plants for planting outside at the end of May, either in growing bags - two to a bag - on the patio or in the open ground. Small amounts of sweet basil and coriander can be sown every three or four weeks to keep up a regular supply through the season.

As well as sweet peas, there are several other annual climbers which will provide a good splash of colour through the summer months. Some good ones are Eccremocarpus Acabe (Chilean glory vine) which is herbaceous and easy to raise from seed. Others are Black-eyed Susan, Morning Glory, Mina Labata, Rhodochiton and Trapaeolum (canary creeper). All can be raised from seed and most can be obtained at good garden centres during May. House plants will now begin to respond to the longer hours of daylight and now is the time to prepare them for good growth during the summer. Examine each plant for signs of pest and remove any dead leaves. Small plants can be taken to the sink and sprayed with tepid water. Large plants with large leaves can be washed gently with a sponge. There are proprietary liquids for adding shine to the leaves and these are quite effective. Never use milk, or any other oil substance to give the leaves a shine, these will only clog the pores. Slightly increase the water as the

days lengthen and get warmer and feed with a good liquid house plant fertiliser. Re-pot any that are pot bound in a one inch size up larger pot. Now is a good time to propagate from house plants by cuttings, layering, from offsets and by division. Silver and grey foliage plants should be pruned hard now to keep them neat and in good shape. These include sage, rue santalino, curry plant and senecio. If not pruned regularly every year they will become woody and sprawling in habit, eventually needing to be replaced. Apply a spring fertiliser to all established lawns if this has not been done already. Now that the weather is warming up, continue to mow little and often. A light mowing twice a week is better than a hard cut once a week. A light rolling of new lawns may be necessary to firm the surface of the turf but over use of the roller tends to compact the soil and keep out air and water.

Although gardens are not short of moisture at the moment, care should be taken in April to ensure that newly planted trees, shrubs, heathers and herbaceous plants do not suffer from lack of moisture. Plants will be bursting into growth and moisture will be lost through transpiration. Newly planted subjects will not have made sufficient root system to cope with this moisture loss, so unless water is given many will die.

Now is a good time while the soil is moist to apply a thick mulch to conserve moisture and keep down weeds. Old newspapers are useful for this. Give a dressing of good general fertiliser and then spread a thick layer of old newspaper and cover with bark or compost. Any spear grass that does find its way through the mulch can be carefully treated with round up. Taintweed, another troublesome weed can be effectively controlled by treating with a hormone weed killer.

Prepare the ground now for sowing of hardy annuals like Godetia, Clarkia, annual chrysanthemums, Agrostemma and cornflower. Rake the ground down to a fine tilth and sow the seed in shallow drills about six inches apart in regular shaped groups. Seed should be lightly covered with fine soil or sand.

In the herb garden sow small amounts of Fennel, Dill, Hyssop, Coriander, using the same method as for hardy annuals. Sow seed of Basil in pots. Overcrowded clumps of chives should be lifted and divided.

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Parish Council Matters

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques, M Wooderson, V Strafford, R Balls, A Sargeant, H Phillips, P Wallis, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES & CO-OPTION OF MEMBER: No apologies were received. The Chairman, following a unanimous resolution, invited Sara Mattocks to be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a result of her application between meetings. Sara accepted and completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Sara then joined the meeting as a member.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 7th JANUARY 2019: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Items raised by the public included:-

- publicising the forthcoming elections (which was already in hand),
- tidying the noticeboard,
- a potential tidy Boxford Campaign,
- deterioration of the Broad Street sign,
- vegetation clearance at Ash Street by volunteers
- the drain at the bottom of the Croft
- need for road markings to discourage parking too close to the Bus Shelter
- the state outside the Fleece
- issues from some social housing tenants located at Boxford
- reports of money being paid back to developers potentially due to the management by the District and County Councils

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: B Hurren agreed to report the Broad Street sign (Babergh District Council responsibility). J Finch will chase the markings outside the Bus Shelter as it was scheduled for when the marking team have other jobs in the vicinity. He will also chase the drain issue at the bottom of the Croft (Both Suffolk Council Council). V Strafford agreed to forward the article to J Finch in relation to the money paid back to developers - Action V Strafford.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch attended and reported that demand is growing for specialist education placements in Suffolk and recommendations are made for 3 new schools and 36 units attached to mainstream schools. Funding is being sought. Suffolk Highways has invested in new technology for repairing road surfaces which is proving successful. Suffolk Trading Standards continue to give out No Cold Calling Stickers which make it an offence for traders to ignore. Grants have been issued to Norfolk and Suffolk businesses to make them more energy efficient. Finally J Finch reminded about the drop in Foster Care sessions arranged in the vicinity. J Finch agreed to investigate the restoration of Daking Avenue following the increased heavy vehicle use during the Goodlands build.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed parking enforcement is moving from the Police to the District and County Councils. Following the Boundary Review there were some changes to the Polling Stations which didn't affect our Parish. He encouraged full use of blue bin recycling to cut down on refuse tax. The new location for the bottle bank seems to be well used. B Hurren was asked if he could help stop the car driven along the croft, as the vehicle is being driven across Babergh Council land. B Hurren agreed to take forward. A question was raised regarding the access to Primrose Wood under the original Goodlands planning. B Hurren will research.

COMMUNITY WARDEN'S SERVICES: The Supervisor of the Community Wardens based in Sudbury Town Hall had attended to discuss the services they offer. These included litter picking, low level anti-social behaviour, traffic event management, unblocking drains, installing bins, graffiti removal, jet washing equipment and many other things. Members were keen to pursue a contract with them which can be negotiated with the Town Clerk. It was agreed for V Strafford to draw up a draft specification for members to approve ahead of negotiations at the Town Hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: V Strafford confirmed the analysis of the survey has been completed and will be made available on-line and also some hard laminated copies in the Village. V Strafford was invited to the school to hear about their swimming pool and digital media hub projects. V Strafford will continue to liaise 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.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 4th February 2019 were £33501.92 in the Community Account, £13364.04 in the Deposit Account and £49079.71 in the Reserve Account making a total of £95945.67.

In respect of the Village Hall Roof Repairs project, the promised email had not been received. The Clerk agreed to follow up - Action Clerk.

Playing Field Sports Pavilion Refurbishment was explained to the Parish Council. It was found to be structurally sound and a program of extensive improvements to extend the facilities was devised. H Phillips out-lined the

costs and funding so far. The overall project was costing around £21,000. The Chairman of the Playing Field Committee was present. The Parish Council Chairman out-lined concerns about the worsening car parking situation. Whilst members were supportive of this project, they also urged action to be taken to improve parking. R Balls proposed £4000 of the 106 monies be allocated. The Chairman proposed an amendment still proposing the £4000 from 106 monies but on the understanding that the Community Council contributes £2000 in addition. (Members were conscious that potential parking solution investigation and future upkeep of the improved facilities will be costly, so they wanted to ensure sufficient funds were allocated). This amended proposal was seconded by S Mattocks and unanimously carried. B Hurren agreed to take forward the 106 application following agreement from the Community Council to contribute £2000 - Action B Hurren.

CEMETERY: There was nothing to report.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING/ELECTIONS: The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was set at 26th March 2019 and it was also agreed to reserve the Village Hall for a further Neighbourhood Planning Meeting on Monday 8th April 2019.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: V Strafford reported on the progress towards enabling Boxford full fibre optic coverage. M Wooderson was attending the Boxford Society Meeting. He reported that The Boxford Society was in need of further support due to pending retirements.

Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 4th February 2019

The following Decisions were advised from the Planning Authorities: -

A) 9 Stone Street Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - fell a multi-stemmed purple pruned to ground level at Chante Claire, 9 Stone Street. The Planning Authority does not wish to object.

B) White Hart, Broad Street Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent has been Granted for rear extension and external stair and associated work.

The following were discussed: -

1) Other Planning matters - The Catesby event had caused some concern and the Parish Council was pressing for further information ahead of a formal application by them.



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BY THE WAY

One of the great delights, and assets, of the English countryside are the footpaths, which thread their way through our landscape joining up different communities and providing a reminder of an essential, and ancient, piece of rural infrastructure. I hope to explore those around Boxford and the Box Valley in this and future editions. My intention is to make all readers of the BRN aware of the walks along the Box River valley. For each walk I will give some (approximate) indication of time taken, difficulty and length of walk. A basic level of fitness will be necessary but I will try to provide something for all levels of ability. On this walk if you leave the route at (2) you will still face the stiffest climb of the walk.

This first walk begins in central Boxford.

Boxford is rich in accessible footpaths and where possible alternative, or shorter, routes will be mentioned. There are four numbered places where you can tailor this walk to suit you.

This route is to the South West and goes out to Assington and back and is about 5.5 miles. It is largely flat but there are two or three climbs involved. There are no stiles on this route. The printed numbered map refers to this walk and the OS map is Explorer 196.

To start, go up School Hill and turn right on to the A1071. After about 150m cross over to your left onto a path beside a house. Follow the path up steps and along a hedgerow until you get to number (1) on the map where you can turn left down to Stone Street and return to Boxford if you wish.

Turning right, walk on to a field corner where you go through a hedge and turn left. Follow the path down and to the right along the valley floor until you get to (2), another field corner. Here you can turn left through a (usually muddy) gap in the hedge to climb to Firs Farm. We, though, turn right here and climb up looking for a gap in the hedge on our left opening on to a grassy track leading to a farm in the distance.

Turn left before the farm, walk along a grassy track and between a large pond and a cottage on your right (3) is a footpath leading to fields which you cross diagonally aiming for a coppice. At the coppice follow the path to the right past another coppice and then left to the A134. Just before the road, turn right, walk beside a garage towards a nearby house where you cross the road to a gate.

At (3) you also have the choice of ignoring the footpath and, instead, continuing along the lane until you can turn left at a footpath which takes you back to Firs farm.

If you've crossed the A134, however, continue through the gate, walk along an avenue of trees then bear left onto a drive in front of some houses. Take the drive down to the road which you reach at (4). Here you have a choice of going down the street for just over quarter of a mile for refreshments or turning back. Whichever choice, take care, as the road has bends and no pavement.

Returning to Boxford from (4) walk up the road to the A134 with Assington Church on your left: just before the main road, on the bend, leave the Assington road, and walk

on a short stretch of old road on the right, next to the field corner, going direction Colchester. Carefully cross over the A134, when you can, and continue a few meters, Colchester direction, to enter a lane which passes Glebe House on your right.

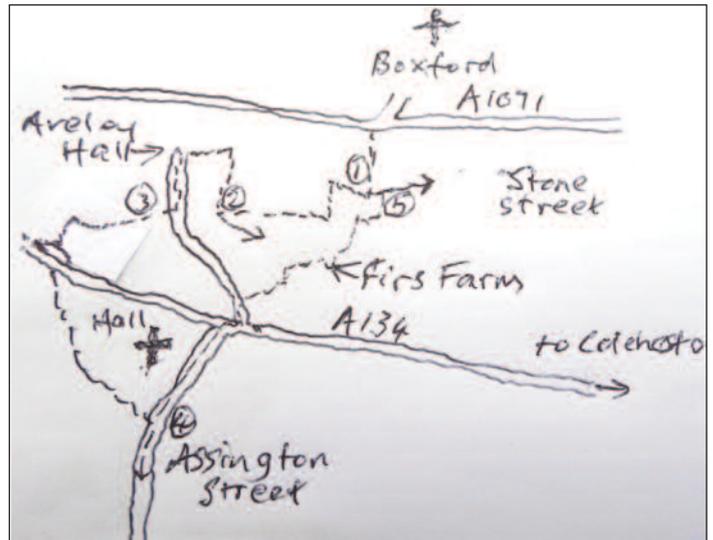
Walk down the lane and turn right at the footpath sign (this is the footpath those who left at (3) are looking for). Follow the path, until at a gateway you turn left and follow the path round to the right, until you can enter a well used vehicle track, on the left, leading through Firs Farm..

After 300 meters you will pass through a farmyard and join at a T junction a path leading to the right (this is where walkers turning left at (2) rejoin the route). Walk 200m along the path to join a footpath on the left beside a pair cottages, Follow this path until it enters a field where you turn right and follow the hedge on your right until at the field corner you turn left. You now follow the path down and up a valley, keeping the hedge on your right until another T junction at the top of the incline offers the choice of returning via Stone Street when turning right or walking left for a few meters to (1) and then turning tight to return directly to Boxford.

By the way, on the walk, there are some fine views, including Groton church, a patch of Bluebells during the season and (being Suffolk) some big skies. On a windy day plenty of fresh air too. In addition there are some sunken tracks and some fine, and to me, unique, farm buildings to see.

Enjoy.

Nicholas Bristow



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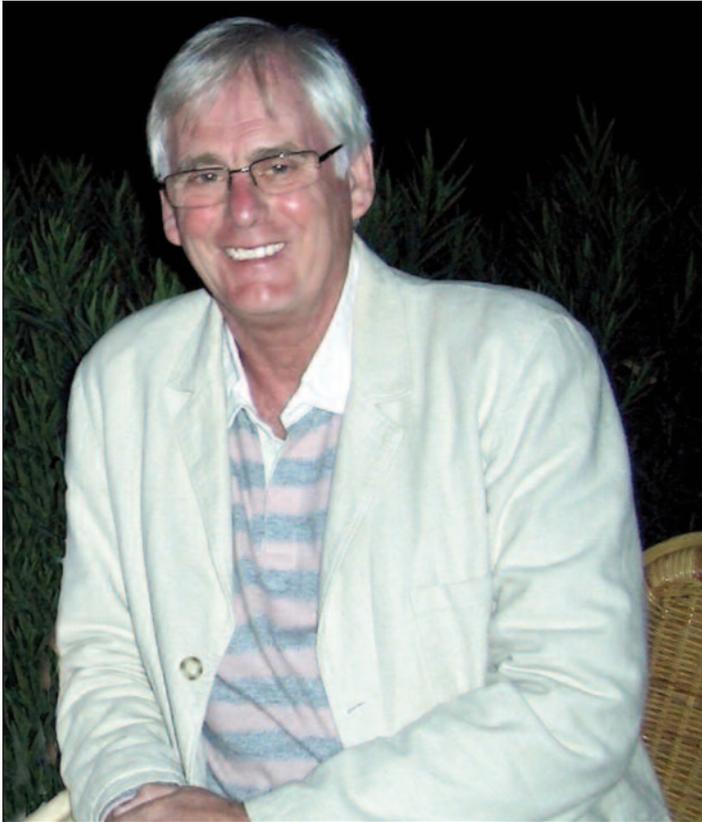
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BILL HORNE 1944-2019



It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Arthur William Horne, known to all as Bill. He died peacefully at home on February 21st, surrounded by his family, after a three year battle with cancer, a battle fought with courage, dignity and humour.

Bill was born on 29th March 1944 in Dalston, and was known for the first seventeen years of his life as Artie Horne, a name he resolutely rejected when at eighteen he joined the Grenadier Guards as his father had before him. Bill served as a Sergeant in Germany and Cyprus for the U.N Peace Keeping Force, before returning to England in 1965 to perform public duties, including changing the guard at Buckingham Palace.

While stationed at Chelsea Barracks, Bill met and later married Elaine; he left the army, become a salesman, and in 1974 they moved to Boxford with their two young boys, Darren and Daniel. In 1977 tragedy struck when Daniel died in an accident at just four and a half. Bill and Elaine showed the world brave faces, but they were broken hearted.

In 1978 Bill and Elaine were blessed with their third son Alistair, and when Alistair later showed an interest in football, Bill enquired at the Boxford Rovers if there was a team for his age group, there wasn't, and so Bill started a 'Minis Team'. He threw himself into coaching, managing and fundraising for the club, volunteering with the local Cub Scouts too, and for the next thirteen years, made a real difference in the lives of local boys:

Bill was also a founder member and volunteer for the Three Parishes Response Group, working tirelessly to establish and promote it in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. He was also on the Boxford Village Hall Committee and was instrumental in their "Raise the Roof" campaign, which raised £5,000 and put a new roof on the Village Hall. To raise yet more funds for the village, Bill designed and produced an annual village Christmas card at his own expense, and for many years Bill helped set up the fireworks on bonfire night and was on the board of Governors for Boxford School; he even found himself on the back of a milk float dressed as Father Christmas one year! Bill was honoured to receive his Community Achievement Award in 2011, recognition of his tireless efforts in our community over the past 45 years.

Bill did all this whilst being a devoted husband, Father, Grandfather and director of his own successful publishing company, and somehow he still found the time for his other great love; The Boxford Drama Group. He first joined the group to keep Elaine company, but was soon involved in every part of the process from the lighting and sets to the writing and directing of pantomimes, musicals and a recently a very moving play about WW1. During his treatment last year Bill wrote and planned to produce another musical.

"His death is a terrible loss to his wife Elaine, his sons Darren and Alistair, and to their six grandchildren, family and friends, but the loss of Bill Horne will be felt throughout our community.

Extract from the Box River News March 2011

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BILL HORNE. BOXFORD AND EDWARDSTONE

Bill Horne has been naively involved in the Boxford community for the last 30 years and given his time willingly to a number of organisations across a wide range of activities. He was involved in the setting up of the annual Boxford Firework Night which ran for over 30 years and also undertook the running and organisation of the Boxford Rovers football team for 11 years and became its Chairman. He spent time with the local Cub Scouts helping them work towards and achieve their orienteering badges and was a founder member and volunteer for the Three Parishes Response group working tirelessly to help the group get started and spreading the word around the three villages of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton.

To raise funds he designs and produces Christmas cards, at his own expense, the proceeds of which are donated to village organisations. He is also an active member of the Boxford Drama Group including writing and directing two of the annual pantomimes, operating the lights and even making the occasional appearance on stage! More recently he has become an active member of the Boxford Village Hall Committee and has been involved in setting up the Village Hall's new website which will help promote it as an attractive venue for the community. He was also instrumental in helping to raise money for the new Village Hall roof by pioneering the "Raise the Roof" campaign which raised £5,000 in donations from the village.

The many supporting letters that have been received all pay tribute to Bill's community work and one comments: "Bill is someone who I have the utmost respect for. I am extremely grateful for his efforts with Boxford Rovers. His drive, determination and steadfastness underpinned the ethos of the Club. Many people would say they owe a little of their character to him.

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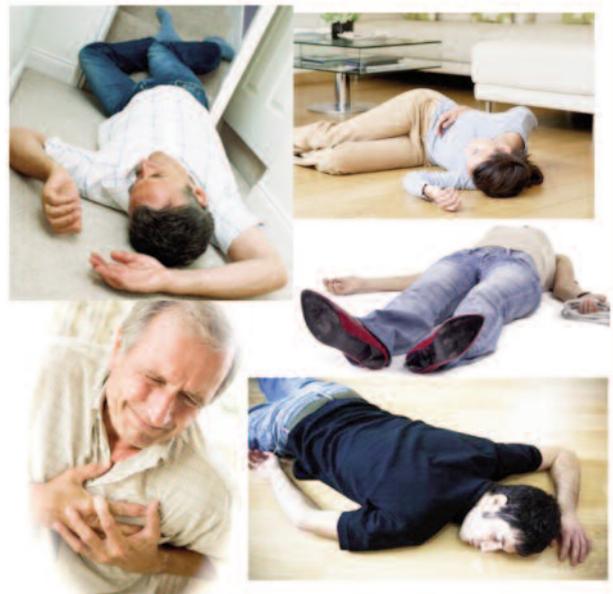
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BOXFORD SOCIETY LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

At a special Open Meeting of the Boxford Society on February 7th 2019 there was full discussion of the future of the Society and its management (see Box River News February 2019 front page for details). Fortunately there was a good attendance, including a number of well-wishers who had not been involved before. This ensured a free ranging discussion and a positive outcome. We are most grateful to all those who gave up their time to attend.

The meeting was introduced by Andrew Good, Vice Chairman, and Roger Loose then explained its purpose. When the Boxford Society was founded 45 years ago its focus was village heritage and the protection and conservation of the historic built environment. Planning issues formed the main part of its work, as the village was then expanding rapidly and the by-pass had not been built. We are once again in a similar situation as a designated "Core Village" with at least three possible major housing developments on the horizon and significant traffic and parking problems in the village centre and Swan Street. Fortunately two younger members of the Parish Council are working hard to involve the village in making a Neighbourhood Plan which, when completed, would be ratified by Babergh D.C. and could help to guide further appropriate housing development into the most suitable locations. The Society should be taking a major role in this process.

In recent years the Society has widened its role to include local history, social and cultural matters, particularly through the Community Council, organising lectures, exhibitions and visits of local historical interest. It has also undertaken detailed recording of our village history and built an archive. (Fortunately a volunteer is willing to take over this responsibility in due course.) The Society has been heavily involved in the "green" environment including the oversight of Primrose Wood, our Community Woodland. Government funding and housing policies, the revised National Planning Policy Framework and the Babergh Joint Local Plan now impact directly on village development and will continue to do so. These challenges for the Society call for fresh ideas and energetic leadership.

It was explained that the three chief officers of the Society, (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) are standing down at the next AGM and will not lead the Society into this challenging future. The Chairman, Tina Loose, and Treasurer, Roger Loose, have been in post for 15 years and they were thanked for their long service to the Society, as was Joan Cull the Secretary. It was understood and accepted that the Vice Chairman already has massive and very important voluntary commitments elsewhere and could not take over the Chair.

The Executive Committee has found it difficult fill vacancies for some years. Most of the 100 plus members of the Society are of a certain age and there is no pool of younger members. Discussion showed that the meeting was clearly keen that the Society should continue and that it should look as widely as possible for leaders and committee members. It was agreed an orderly handover is necessary to ensure the Society's future and a wide range of suggestions were made by those present which have now been followed up.

As a result sufficient volunteers came forward during and after the meeting to form a full Executive Committee which met for the first time recently. Considerable time was spent productively on current planning issues including Catesby, Konings and individual current applications.

The Committee is "provisional" until ratified by an AGM which will now be held on the 5th October 2019 to give time for the committee and officers to settle in. The Chairman Elect is Jen Eastwood and Trudi Wild is the new Secretary. They will be supported by Tina Loose until the AGM. There will be the usual programme of events which will be advertised in the Box River News and on posters around the village. We always welcome visitors and new members to our events.

Unfortunately we still do not have a new Treasurer and this is becoming urgent. Roger Loose will continue to cover whilst one is found. Please get in touch with him (210538) if you would like to know more about this role before offering to take it on.

The new Provisional Executive Committee members are Andrew Sargeant, Fred Topham, Carol Platt, Veronica Hobbs, Frances Munro, Eric Benton, Brian Howe and Andrew Cross. They will be supported by the existing members Tina Loose, Roger Loose, Andrew Good (Vice Chair), Alf Ott, and Matthew Wooderson, our Parish Council Representative. With such new and existing talent, the Society is now equipped for a bright future.

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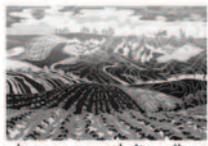
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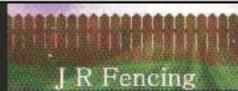
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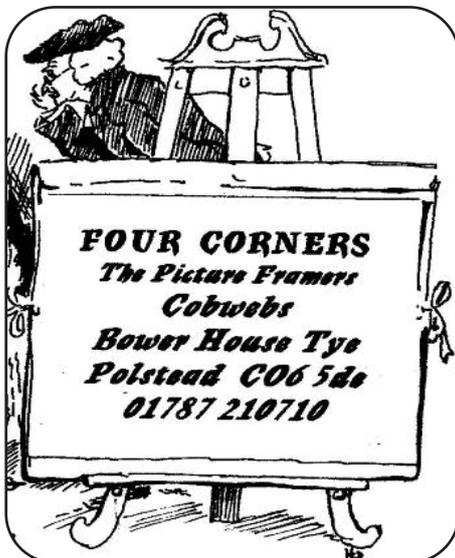
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Cycling slots ranged between a leisurely 15-minute ride to a long 2-hour uphill cycle, with volunteers covering a total distance of 742.54km in 24-hours – equivalent to cycling from Stoke by Nayland to Inverness in Scotland!

Throughout the day staff from Peake Fitness, the resort's on-site gym and fitness centre, collected donations and also educated passers-by on the importance of physical activity in supporting mental health.

Chris Grimwood, Leisure Club Manager at Peake Fitness, commented: 'We're so proud of our team for getting on board with this fantastic cause! We have over 250 staff here at SbN and nearly all of them got behind this challenge, whether by taking part, making a donation or simply coming along on the day to cheer on their colleagues.'

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'Suffolk Mind aims to make Suffolk the best place in the world for talking about and taking care of mental wellbeing, and the team at SbN are certainly contributing to make that happen. Thank you so much to all involved.'

Your chance to get involved and have your say!

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BOXFORD BOWLS CLUB IS A VERY FRIENDLY CLUB WITH THE CLUBHOUSE HAVING CHANGING ROOMS, KITCHEN & A BAR.

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