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## THE REV ROBERT PARKER-MCGEE RECTOR OF THE BOX RIVER BENEFICE



Above: L to R: Jasmine, Rob, Sarah and Thomas

The Rev Robert Parker-McGee is to be the next rector of the Box River Benefice. Robert is presently the Vicar of All Saints Parish Church, Orpington, in the Diocese of Rochester. He will be instituted (by the Bishop of Dunwich) and inducted (by the Archdeacon of Sudbury) as rector of the Box River Benefice at a service on Tuesday 20 August 2019 at 7.30 pm at St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield

Together with his wife, Sarah, and their two teenage children, Jasmine and Thomas, he will be moving into Boxford rectory in July.

Robert was ordained deacon in 2010 (and priest in 2011) in the Diocese of Worcester. He grew up in a market town in the Fens and at college studied science and sports studies. Prior to ordination Rob worked as a risk adviser a fitness instructor and also worked as a bar manager, an assistant chef and animal feed mill manager. He trained for the ministry at the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield, West Yorkshire, and obtained a first-class degree in Theology and

Pastoral Studies from the University of Leeds. Rob served his curacy in a large team on the outskirts of Wolverhampton and Dudley and, prior to his present post, he was the priest-in-charge of two rural parishes in the Diocese of Peterborough. He has a passion for sport and (when he has time) plays football, cricket, golf and racket sports. He is a life-long Arsenal supporter.

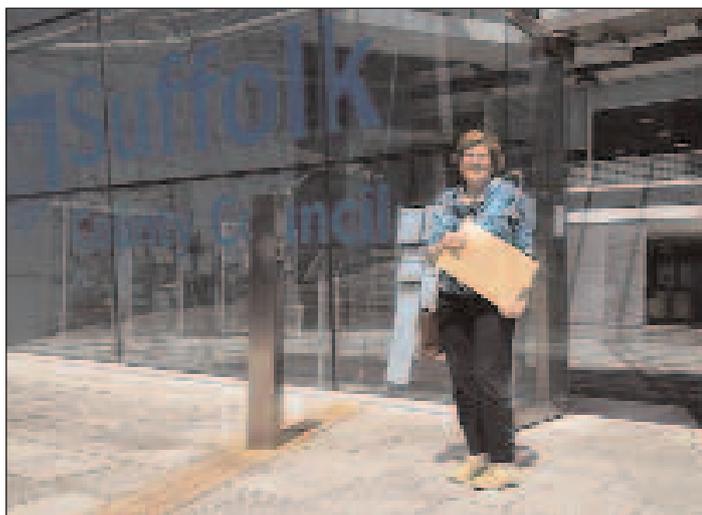
He takes up the post left vacant by the retirement last year of the Rev Judith Sweetman, who was our priest-in-charge of the Box River Benefice for almost eight years. Judith and Rufus, have moved to live at Reepham in Norfolk.

Writing last year on the

website of All Saints' Church in Orpington, Kent, where he is presently vicar, Robert said: "I grew up in a market town called Soham in the fens of East Anglia. I lived there for 28 years. "I was a troublesome teenager and it was only through a combination of good fortune and my infrequent jaunts into church that stopped me from getting into serious trouble."

He said: "I realise now that I had experienced a call to the priesthood from a very young age. "I am just an average person being asked to do a complex, yet wonderful job."

"It is a real privilege to have been asked to be the next Rector of the Box River Benefice. I lived for 29 years half-way between Newmarket and Ely on the border of Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, before being called away to training and ministry in other places. My family and I are really looking forward to returning to God's rich country of Suffolk. I have heard so many good things about the communities and the churches of the Benefice and it will be good getting to know everyone and serving with you all over the coming years.



### PETITION AGAINST CATESBY ESTATES PLANNING APPLICATION

Boxford Petition against Catesby Estates Planning Application Lynn Sargeant presents the Boxford Petition against Catesby Estates Planning Application to Babergh District Council (See inside).

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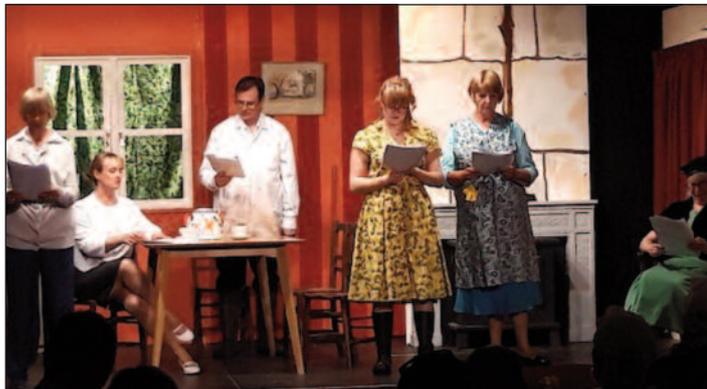
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## WHO KILLED THE FARMER ???



Who killed the farmer was a fun evening out on May 18th. Despite only a couple of read throughs and only one rehearsal the BDG put on a very professional performance of this whodunit. Even the actors did not know who was guilty ( she is sitting at the table below). Great evening.



## JAMES FINCH CHAIRMAN OF SCC



James Finch has been elected chairman of Suffolk County Council Every year Suffolk County Council elects a councillor to become Chairman for the following year. The role has a range of responsibilities including chairing the meetings of the county council, attending civic and ceremonial events as well as providing an opportunity for them to champion a charity for their year in office. At its Annual General Meeting, held on 23 May 2019, Suffolk County Council elected our local councillor James Finch to be its Chairman.

James said:

"It's a great honour to have been elected Chairman by my fellow councillors. I am especially looking forward to championing Suffolk Mind as my chosen charity. Mental health, especially for those in the agricultural and business community, is a subject very close to my heart. During my year I am determined to help Suffolk Mind in their mission, to make Suffolk the best place in the world to talk about and take care of mental health."

James has already arranged a series of events to support Suffolk Mind. These include ten sponsored walks along the Stour Valley Path, which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary as an unbroken walk this year. Working with schools across Suffolk to create a new Suffolk Youth Choir, to perform alongside the Suffolk Youth Orchestra at the internationally recognised Snape Maltings and a civic service of choral evensong to give thanks for what Suffolk residents do "beyond the call of duty" at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds.

James continued;

"I really hope that everyone will support me in making this year's Chairman's Charity a great success. If you would like to get involved and take part, please visit [www.suffolkmind.org.uk/chairmanscharity](http://www.suffolkmind.org.uk/chairmanscharity) for more information and how to donate.

intonation coupled with great musicianship make quite a singer.

**Friday 26 July 8 £20.00.**

### Hexagonal

Hexagonal play high energy music with African and Jazz influences John Donaldson Piano, Greg Heath Tenor Sax, Jason Yarde Alto Sax, Graeme Flowers Trumpet/Flugel, Simon Thorpe Bass, Tristan Banks Drums

The Hastings based Hexagonal collective was formed late in 2016, to feature the music of the composer/pianists McCoy Tyler and Bheki Mseleku. The group has performed at major festivals and clubs. Its first album, "McCoy and Mseleku" was released in September.

"The band is impressively hip, with the collective chops to glide through complex rhythms and gentle Latin grooves! - Peter Jones, London Jazz News

**Friday 9 August 8 £18;00.**

### John Etheridge "Blue Spirits

Blue Spirits Trio came about through John's love of the perennially attractive combination of Electric Guitar and Organ John Etheridge Guitars, Pete Whittaker Organ, George Double Drums. Londoner John was inspired by Joe Pass, Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Wes Montgomery, and Django Reinhardt. He has toured with Stephan Grappelli. Other he has gigged with include Nigel Kennedy, Keith Tippett, and John Williams as well as jazz greats. Blyth Spirits came about through John's love of the perennially attractive combination of Electric Guitar and Organ . You will find elements of swing, with soulful ballads and fiery Funk

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### Art Themen Trio

One of the most important saxophonists in the UK scene, a living legend

Art Themen Sax, Pete Whittaker Organ, George Double Drums  
Art started playing Jazz when reading medicine at Cambridge. In the 1960s London he was playing blues, with Alexis Korner. In the early 70s he was in interactive group of London musicians that included Don Rendell, Ian Carr, Michael Garrick, and Norma Winston. Art toured and recorded with Stan Tracy for 20 years, including with Don Weller, Peter King, and Henry Lowther. At the 2018 London Jazz fest he formed a quintet with younger generation trumpeter Laura Jurd.

**Friday 12 July 8 £18.00.**

### Joanna Eden's "Sondheim and Me"

"Bloody marvellous" Dame Cleo Laine; "The UK's answer to Diana Krall" Time Out; "Seek her out!" Sir Michael Parkinson; \*Brilliant\* Jamie Cullum; \*melody, mystery and bite\* Mojo Magazine  
Joanna Eden Vocals/Piano, Gerry Hunt Reeds, Russell Swift Bass, George Double Drums

Joanna Eden approaches the songs of Stephen Sondheim from a jazz- influenced perspective, backed by the George Double Trio. Acclaimed singer and mentor to Oscar and Grammy winner Sam Smith, Joanna Eden approaches the songs of Stephen Sondheim from her own, jazz-influenced and heart-filled perspective. Joanna has graced the Fleece Jazz stage with evenings of the work of Ella Fitzgerald, Jazz at the Movies. A beautiful voice and perfect

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

As I write, on a cool and showery mid-June day (we seem to be paying the price this year for last year's summer heatwave!), the result of the first round of voting for the Conservative party leadership – and our next Prime Minister – has been announced. Three aspiring PMs have been eliminated and seven remain. By 20th June (if not before) we shall know which two candidates will be on the ballot paper for a final vote by the paid-up members of the Conservative party, 56% of whom are said to be over 55 years of age and 38% over 66.

Whoever is elected will face the challenge of implementing the outcome of the 2016 Brexit referendum: not an enviable task. Whatever our individual views on Brexit, or how we voted in 2016, this issue has dominated our political landscape now for the past three years and there is an urgent need to move on and for the Government to address the other important issues facing the nation. We must hope (and should pray) that whoever is elected to be Prime Minister later in July will be able to find a way of resolving the Brexit conundrum and uniting the nation, while maintaining our vital connections with our brother and sisters on the continent of Europe. This will not be easy (or Parliament would have agreed the EU exit terms before now) and the 52%-48% vote in the referendum showed how the electorate is roughly evenly divided, but as Christians we are urged “that prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” (1 Timothy 2, verses 1-2.)

For us, the Box River Benefice will also see a new beginning this summer as the Revd Robert ('Rob') Parker-McGee is instituted and inducted as our new rector (on 20th August at Little Waldingfield) and starts his ministry among us. After a year's 'vacancy' ("interregnum" in old 'money') since the Revd Judith retired on 31 July 2018, this is an exciting time for all of us. Rob, his wife Sarah, and their two children Jasmine and Thomas, will move into the rectory in Boxford later this month and we look forward to welcoming them among us. We look forward, too, to Rob's leadership, while thanking all those clergy from across the Sudbury deanery (and elsewhere) who, to use colloquial language, have “kept the show on the road” during the vacancy. At the same time, we can look back and thank Judith for her pastoral care for the people in all our parishes: a legacy she has left for Rob to build on.

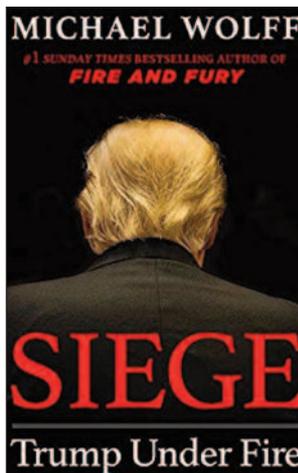
Last Sunday, 9th June, Pentecost ('Whit Sunday' as it used to be called), was the celebration of a 'new beginning' for the church at large. At Pentecost the church celebrates the day when (as promised by Jesus before his ascension) the Holy Spirit came to the apostles and inspired them to preach to the crowd in Jerusalem “in other tongues as the spirit enabled them”. We read in Acts that the crowd who heard them “were utterly amazed.” Some people accused the apostles of having had too much wine – an accusation that Peter rebutted, saying that they were not drunk as it was “only nine in the morning.”

The Holy Spirit empowered those first disciples to preach the good news of Jesus Christ with boldness and the book of Acts goes on to describe how they spread the gospel across the middle east and eastern Mediterranean. Here in Suffolk, our over 450, mostly mediaeval, church buildings are witness to the later spread of Christianity in this country. The message of Christ's sacrificial love, reconciling us to God is as important today as it was to those early followers of Christ nearly 2,000 years ago. So, as we prepare to welcome Rob among us, let us remember that this is a message for us all and pray that, as a benefice, in the coming weeks and months we may help to share it among our friends and neighbours.

David Lamming

**THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ**

**Siege: Michael Wolff's Trump tale is Fire and Fury II**



Michael Wolff is back and not with a whimper. The latest installment of his Trump chronicles picks up where *Fire and Fury* ended. Once again, it leaves the president bruised and readers shaking their heads.

As Wolff describes it, Donald Trump calls Kushner “a girl”. As for his vice-president, he's a “religious nut”. “Why does he look at me like that?” Trump asks about Pence's beatific gaze. As for Pence's wife, Karen? “She really gives me the creeps.”

Wolff's tale is credible enough to be taken seriously and salacious enough to entertain. If you have doubts about Wolff's credibility, and many do, the latest blowup over the USS John S McCain is one more reminder that in the Age of Trump, truth is weirder than fiction. Much weirder.

Beyond that, by early 2018 Wolff had captured the centrality of Robert Mueller in Trump's life, and nailed Trump's and Kushner's insatiable cravings for cash. *Fire and Fury* records Bannon as saying: “This is all about money laundering ... It goes through Deutsche Bank and Kushner and all that shit.” Talk about getting the big picture right.

This time, Wolff finds himself pitted against the special counsel's office, as to whether Mueller's team drew up or had drawn up a three-count indictment against the president in March 2018. Team Mueller has issued something other than a categorical denial: “The documents that you've described do not exist.” Let us parse.

Note the expression “documents that you've described”. Note the use of the present tense. As an impeached former president said: “It depends on what the meaning of the word 'is' is.”

Regardless, Wolff's guide, the major-domo of Trump's 2016 campaign who became a White House adviser until he wasn't, enjoys tweaking his former boss. Bannon volunteers that he helped concoct the story that the Mueller investigation was the demon spawn of the “deep state”, and says there was never much substance to it.

As Wolff tells it, “among the nimblest conspiracy provocateurs of the Trump age, Bannon spelled out the narrative in powerful detail”. But then Bannon's voice pierces his own self-generated din: “You do realize that none of this is true.” Allow that one to sink in.

Wolff also has Bannon calling the Trump Organization a criminal enterprise and predicting its downfall: “This is where it isn't a witch-hunt – even for the hardcore, this is where he turns into just a crooked business guy. Not the billionaire he said he was, just another scumbag.” Allow that to sink in, too.

More broadly, Wolff injects that “Trump measured loyalty, that significant currency of his business and walk-on-the-wild-side lifestyle, by who was so dependent on him, and as clearly exposed as he was, that they would of course lie for him”. Said differently, there are ample reasons as to why Mueller refused to give Trump anything approaching a clean bill of health on the issue of obstruction of justice.

The author reports a Trump fantasy concerning Allen Weisselberg, an Orthodox Jew and the Trump Organization's chief financial officer. Weisselberg has reportedly cooperated with law enforcement. In turn, Wolff writes, Trump has “developed a riff on the horrors that an Orthodox Jew would probably encounter in jail, one that sketched a vivid picture of a tattooed Nazi cellmate”.

Catholics come in for their share of distrust and scrutiny, too. After Trump nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the supreme court, in Wolff's telling the president became sensitized to the absence of a lifelong Protestant on the highest court. According to Wolff, Trump began to suspect that he was being played by McGahn, his lawyer, and by Leonard Leo of the Federalist Society who was purportedly a member of Opus Dei, a traditionalist Catholic group. Specifically, Wolff writes, Trump started to ask whether Kavanaugh was the end product of a Catholic plot to abolish abortion. Trump is not so pro-life. Who'd have guessed?

Wolff's Trump also blamed his nominee's weepy persona on the church. “He seems weak,” the president is quoted as saying. “Not strong. He was probably molested by a priest.”

**A single unstable individual'**

Wolff's *Siege* guns are also turned on Kushner. The author goes into granular detail about business deals and foreign partners. Trump and Kushner come in for scathing criticism for conflating America's national interest with personal financial needs. “L'état c'est moi”, indeed.



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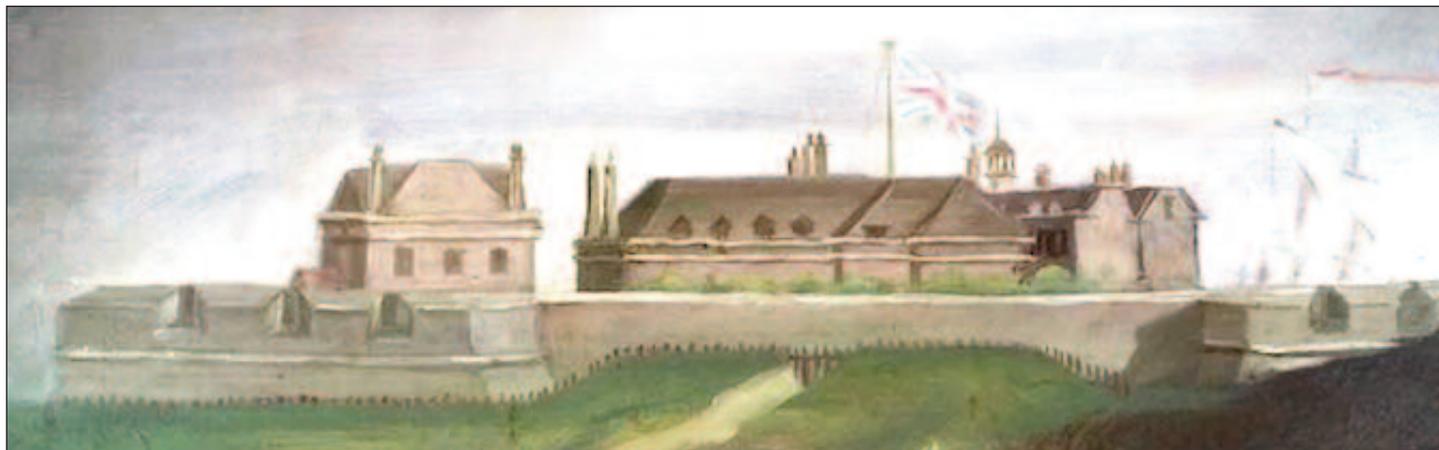
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# THE HISTORY OF LANDGUARD FORT- A TALK BY DAVID WOOD



Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome David to the Parish Room to share his extensive knowledge of the history of Felixstowe's Landguard Fort, based on his many years serving as a volunteer, and the more than 30 guests were impressed with the depth of his knowledge.

David began by showing us an image of the fort and of the estuary beyond, telling us that Harwich was the last deep water port between the Thames and the Humber, where the waters of the Stour and the Orwell flow into the sea. This gave Harwich such significance that it was defended from the Tudor and Stuart eras and beyond, by two major forts: Landguard Fort on the Point and Beacon Hill Battery across the water in Harwich. Reinforcing this point, Landguard was the site of the last sea borne invasion of England and the first land battle of the Royal Marines. It was also heavily modified since then in order to defend Harwich Haven right up to and including the Second World War, with David noting that the Germans didn't try to invade the point during either of the world wars.

Fortifications on Landguard Point began with Henry VIII's coastal defence programme of 1539 when Harwich port was considered a strategic location needing protection, because the only defences at the time were the town's medieval walls. Five earthwork bulwarks were constructed, three on the west side and two on the east - The Dooley. These were circular structures protected by a ditch, capable of supporting a number of artillery pieces and a couple of blockhouses, though these rapidly deteriorated. When the invasion fears passed without incident, in 1552 the guns were returned to the Tower of London, but the Spanish War of the late 1580s saw the construction of a stone blockhouse on Landguard Point, capable of supporting 46 guns.

Development proper began in 1625 when construction of a new fort on Landguard Point was started, in conjunction with a new battery at Harwich. This was a square earthwork fort with 4 bastions, or projecting fortifications built at an angle (to allow defensive fire in several directions) and a ditch. The fort had 62 guns and could accommodate a garrison of several hundred men. It was again not maintained so erosion took its toll on the ramparts, which were only revetted (or faced) with timber; however, it was still garrisoned and the Parliamentarians held it during the Civil War.

In 1652 England entered into a series of naval wars with the Netherlands, placing Harwich on the front line so a dockyard was established in the 1650s, even though the Fort itself remained dilapidated. During the Second Anglo-Dutch War (4 March 1665 to 31 July 1667), England suffered a number of defeats, and in early 1667 there were real fears for the safety of the east coast.

Sir Bernard de Gomme (a Dutch military engineer) was sent to Harwich on an urgent mission to survey the defences and to make improvements. Finding Landguard Fort much-decayed, he ordered work to strengthen the fort as soon as possible. This consisted of enlarging the bastions and restoring the slumped earthwork ramparts (defensive walls having a broad top with a walkway and typically a stone parapet), along with construction of a false bray (a second lower level rampart to increase flanking firepower) at the foot of the rampart all round the fort. The ditch and the false bray were then revetted in brick.

This activity was justified in July 1667 when the Dutch, having burned the English fleet at Chatham, landed a force of some 1,500 marines with small canons and attacked the Fort from the landward side in an attempt to sack Harwich. If successful, they would then have gone on to burn the ships in harbour prior to a full-blown attack on the country. Recently strengthened, the fort and its garrison of 200 Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot (\*), commanded by Captain Nathaniel Darell, repelled repeated assaults by the Dutch, who were forced to retreat, so saving Harwich, and perhaps the country, from certain disaster.

(\*). This regiment later went on to become the Royal Marines

Despite this success, the fort was again not well maintained, and when the War of the Spanish Succession broke out in 1701, it was no longer defensible. Considering the fort not worth repairing, a new fort was constructed between 1717 and 1720 just to the south, compact in design with a triangular seaward battery defended on the landward side by two demi-bastions (half bastions consisting of one face and one flank) and surrounded by a dry ditch. Situated on the west side of the point, the majority of its guns faced over the harbour entrance rather than out to sea.

When later plans to improve Harwich defences were cancelled, Landguard fort was upgraded, between 1730 and 1733, with enlarged 3 storey barracks to accommodate a larger garrison, and with heavier guns in the main battery. In 1744 work began to incorporate the fort into a much larger fort with five bastions, designed John Peter Desmaretz, The two main faces of the 1717 fort formed the west and south-west curtains of the new pentagonal fort, which was built between 1744 and 1750. This had a dry ditch and a strong covered way; existing barracks were enlarged and a new governor's residence built on the north side of the parade ground. In 1753 a new battery (Beauclerk's Battery) was built on the covered way in the southwest, to increase firepower across the harbour entrance. Napoleonic Wars then saw major new fortifications constructed at Harwich, leaving Landguard relatively untouched apart from replacement of the out dated guns in Beauclerk's Battery with new 42-pounders.

David now told us about Captain Philip Thicknesse, an infamous Lieutenant Governor of the fort from 1753 to 1766, a larger than life character loved by his men, because he opposed corporal punishment, but who made an enemy of virtually everyone in authority.

Thicknesse emigrated to America when just 16, living a Robinson Crusoe life alone in a wooden cabin on an island. He married three times in 20 years after returning to England, prompting his first mother-in-law to commit suicide by hurling herself out of a window onto iron railings on the very spot where Thicknesse had, quite literally, abducted her daughter. On May 10 1749 he married Lady Elizabeth Tuchet, having a son who later became 19th Baron Audley. She then died in childbirth in 1762 and he wasted no time marrying his late wife's companion, Anne Ford, before the year was out.

In 1753, he used a sizeable portion of the dowry from his second marriage to purchase the lieutenant governorship of Landguard Fort, and once installed then engaged his favourite hobby of goading rival authority figures, buying a printing press with the sole aim of publishing material to sabotage Lord Orwell's election in Ipswich. He was tried for libel in 1763 and imprisoned for three months, though surprisingly allowed to resume command of Landguard Fort once he had served his sentence. Wasting no time bringing ridiculous charges against the officer in charge during his absence, he was sentenced to a public reprimand in 1765 and judged unfit for command in 1766.

In the late 1770's, Sir Thomas Hyde Page, a decorated military engineer and cartographer, became the commanding royal engineer of the eastern coastal district, supervising refurbishment of defences at Dover, Chatham, Tilbury, Gravesend, Sheerness and Landguard Fort. This also involved sinking wells for fresh water, but in the case of Landguard, being so near to the shingle beach, the water soon became contaminated with salt water and became unusable. He was painted by James Northcote holding a plan of the fort with the fort showing in the background.

In 1863, responding to the development of rifled artillery, a new battery of 14 guns was built at Shotley, on the west side of the harbour, though it was not until the 1870s that Landguard was modified to match these advances in artillery. Modifications were large scale, demolishing the south-west and west curtains and the west bastion, to be replaced by a

curved face fronted by a caponier (a protected path leading across the ditch to an outwork, itself protected by a bomb-proof quarter sphere nose) at the southern apex, in place of the demolished bastion. The new curved battery had an upper floor of 7 casemates, each containing a huge rifled muzzle-loading (RML) gun, whilst on the ground floor were the magazines, with hoists to lift shells directly to the guns above. According to David, each gun, which weighed about 38 tons, required 17 men to operate and could achieve a firing rate of about one round every five minutes. The rope matting was tied round the gun muzzle and hung from the walls to provide some protection to the men from incoming splinters from the walls.

New gun emplacements were added on the tops of the four remaining 18th century bastions, which were also reinforced with concrete. The two southern bastions were each armed with a large RML gun, along with another on the curtain between them, and the two northern bastions mounted smaller calibre RML guns in open emplacements.

In the rear of the curved battery was a curved range of officers' quarters and soldiers' barracks, with a parade ground between the barrack buildings and the casemates. The new battery and barracks together formed an inner keep for the fort, achieved by making the outer side of the barracks defensible, with all passages between the keep and the rest of the fort sealable. If an enemy attacked from the landward side and penetrated the 18th century walls, defenders could retreat into the Victorian keep and hold off the enemy by closing armoured doors and using loopholes to keep attackers at bay, while the fort's main battery could still continue firing to prevent the enemy gaining control of the harbour entrance.

In 1870 the Southwest portion of the fort - the two flanks originally part of the 1717 battery - were demolished and were replaced with an armoured casemated battery - see photo above. The internal barracks, also part of the earlier structure, were replaced with a circular Keep, completed by 1890. In 1878, a submarine mining establishment was constructed by excavating a test room within the thick walls of the Fort, building an observation room and adding a main building on the east side of the Fort - known as the Ravelin Block. Stores and barracks were later demolished and are now underneath Landguard Terminal (part of the Port of Felixstowe).

The anti-ship mines were operated by a special naval section of the Royal Engineers who dressed in naval uniform. The mines were strategically placed in the estuary and could be fired remotely by electricity from the observation point. After manufacture, mines were pushed out to special mine laying boats on narrow gauge tramway trucks.

In 1901, because the existing armament of the Fort became obsolete, new batteries were built in front of the Fort facing the sea and river, named Left, Right and Darell's Batteries, which were armed with new breech loading (BL) guns. Improvements continued into the 20th century with the arrival of two quick firing guns, installed on the west side of the fort in Darell's Battery (named after the fort's captain during the Dutch attack in 1667) in 1901. Searchlights and control towers were also built for the new guns in the early 20th century, and more guns installed on the far side of the harbour mouth at Beacon Hill.

Landguard Fort was manned throughout the First and Second World Wars, although the only action the fort saw was in its anti-aircraft role. That said, for WW2, it had a number of quick firing twin barrel six pounder guns that could fire at 72 rounds per minute, ideal for tackling fast moving motor torpedo or motor gun boats. After the war, the fort lost its significance and the coastal artillery was disbanded in 1956. The fort remained in military hands until the 1960s, when it was abandoned until restoration began in the 1990s.

The effectiveness of mines was sadly brought home when HMS Gipsy, a G Class Destroyer, was sunk by a German magnetic mine dropped in the channel by aircraft, resulting in 31 fatalities with 115 crew subsequently rescued from the sea.

By the 1950's, the fort was again becoming obsolete; in 1956 the Coastal Artillery was disbanded and Landguard Fort no longer had a national military purpose. After 10 years of military neglect, the Fort was sealed up and left to quietly disintegrate, until the 1980's when local interest was aroused.

In 1997/8 the Fort was structurally consolidated by English Heritage, into whose care it had been placed, and it is now maintained and opened to the public on their behalf by the Landguard Fort Trust

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

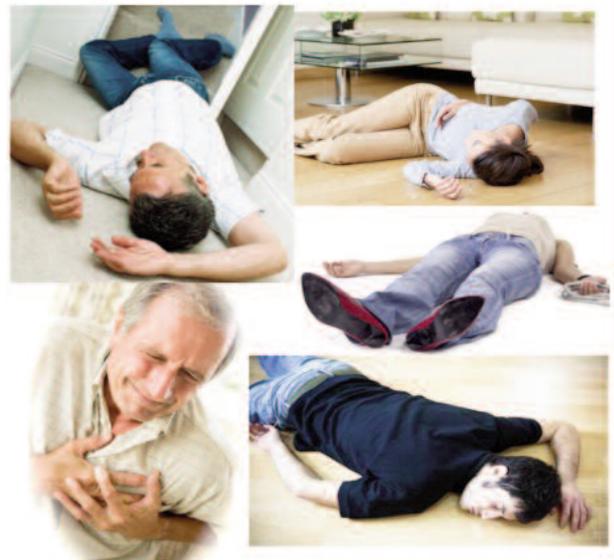
**19th June:** Sudden Deaths in Early C19th Suffolk, by Geoffrey Robinson. Fireside hearths, pantries, village ponds and brewing rooms were dangerous places when death was never far away. Sudden deaths & their inquests were the lifeblood of columnists, whose reports fascinated readers with tales of misery and misfortune. Come along for a shockingly good treat.

**Whilst the first event of our 2019/20 season will be on:**

**18th September:** St Audrey's Workhouse and Mental Hospital, by David Phelan. It was believed that people were born to be poor or fell on hard times through their own neglect; whole families entered the workhouse or faced starvation. This is their story, which promises to be both fascinating and probably quite shocking to the 21st century listeners. 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. Andy Sheppard



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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### ➤ Suffolk's County Council's Annual General Meeting 23rd May 2019

A new programme using council land to create much-needed homes and a plan to cut carbon emissions are among the priorities outlined by the Leader of Suffolk County Council on 23rd May. In a speech to the council's Annual General Meeting, Councillor Matthew Hicks confirmed the authority's commitment to continuing work to protect vulnerable adults and children, improve Suffolk's roads, and raise educational standards. He also outlined five new policy priorities to address in the coming twelve months. These include:-

1. Proposals to start using council-owned land to create more homes in Suffolk,
2. Plans to cut carbon emissions, starting with a major policy review involving a cross-party group of councillors.
3. Working more collaboratively with district and borough councils, other public sector partners, businesses and residents to find the best ways of delivering services to the people that need them most.
4. Work in partnership with businesses and residents to develop a long-term vision for Suffolk to renew the council's approach to growing Suffolk's economy .
5. And for the council to act and operate even more commercially.

At the beginning of the meeting he nominated me to be Chairman of the Council for the coming year and the leader of the opposition seconded me. I was honoured that this was unanimously carried by all the councillors. I am pleased to announce that my Chairman's Charity will be in aid of Suffolk Mind. For more details, see the Suffolk Mind Website - [www.suffolkmind.org.uk/product/suffolk-county-council-chairmans-charity/](http://www.suffolkmind.org.uk/product/suffolk-county-council-chairmans-charity/)

➤ **Ofsted confirms that Suffolk County Council's Children's Services are 'Outstanding'** On 21 May, it was announced that Ofsted inspectors have awarded Children's Services at Suffolk County Council the top grade of 'Outstanding' following their visit in April 2019. Only eight other Local Authorities, out of 152, have been judged to be 'Outstanding' overall.

Ofsted's inspection report of children's social care services said: "Services for children are of an exceptionally high standard. They are child-focused and make a positive difference to children's lives".

Inspectors were impressed with improvements made across the service since it was rated 'Good' in 2015. The report states that, "stable and aspirational leadership and strong political and financial support have created conditions that are conducive to continuous improvement and the development of sustainable, high-quality services. Senior leaders have addressed the recommendations of the previous inspection. They have continued to attract new opportunities, develop practice and strengthen partnerships"

Inspectors praised the ethos within the council's children's services, saying "the local authority consistently demonstrates, through its range of help and protection services, its commitment to supporting parents to bring up their children safely and successfully".

➤ **New Highways Self Help scheme empowers Suffolk people to do more in their community** 'Highways Community Self Help' is designed to support and empower town and parish councils in Suffolk to carry out minor maintenance tasks in their area.

The much-anticipated scheme has been developed in partnership with towns and parishes across Suffolk after it was recognised that many of these councils were willing to carry out additional works to maintain and improve the look of their communities, such as sign cleaning, hedge cutting, and fingerpost painting.

Highways has committed £100k to the scheme in its first year, taken from the £9.67million additional funding allocated to Suffolk Highways by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, in the Budget last October. The investment will help fund training; personal protective gear such as gloves, hi-viz and safety glasses; and any necessary tools.

The types of works that town and parish councils are keen to undertake include:

- Sign cleaning • Fingerpost cleaning/painting/repair
- Tree pruning/branch removal • Hedge cutting/pruning
- Siding out of footways, or paths (widen to original/full width)
- Grass verge cutting • Weed killing/weed removal.

Towns and parishes across Suffolk will be able to carry out these tasks and more through one or more of the following four options:

- Buying in services from contractors
- Using their own trained employee(s)
- Using volunteers to undertake work
- Buying additional services from Suffolk Highways.
- More Fostering and Adoption "Drop In" Sessions in the Stour Valley

## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

The first month at the new council has certainly been full on with training for new members and old alike. There has very thankfully been a renewed impetus to get the joint local plan finished and out to consultation with the public at the earliest opportunity, this is a great relief to those who realise the importance of this document to the wellbeing of Babergh.

Since the election a new non political administration and cabinet has been formed consisting of 4 Conservative, three independents and one Lid Dem councillor.

With now only 32 councillors to fill all committees and positions it is a stretch to cover everything that needs attention and commitment and some of us have had to double up while new councillors learn the ropes and get up to speed. I will continue to be chair of the Pin Mill C.I.C. along with the rep on the Ipswich C.A.B. and also the new chair of the Audit and Standards Committee. This is in addition to attending and working as a full member of the council and being the councillor that looks after and promotes the six villages that now make up the new Box Vale Ward of Babergh.

I was very proud to have been elected as your councillor, especially as this area of Suffolk has so much to offer, we have almost everything to offer in Box Vale, including 5 public houses ( congratulations and good luck to the newly opened Boxford Fleece and all its staff) a lovely local Surgery, health and beauty clinic, 2 post offices that can now be used as banks, 3 shops to buy food and general provisions, a brilliant butcher, hairdresser, a garage and service station, a restaurant, gift shop and visitor centre all at Monks Eleigh, a plant centre and nursery at Brent Eleigh and umpteen more individual businesses that mean that we can all pretty much live and die in this area without ever having to leave, and why would we want to with such diversity.

The very important thing now is to use and support all these local businesses as without them our area will be poorer and villages without shops and facilities are just not the same as those that have active shops and pubs with employment in them and other business's. While I realise it may cost a little more to shop locally we can and should I feel save a portion of our spend for the local economy as it is difficult for it to survive and to be profitable without our local support. If we do not use it we will surely lose it.

By the time you read this I will have attended all the local parish meetings at least once and have as always been very well received. These meetings are where local democracy starts and issues are debated that effect these local villages along with their parishioners, the parish councillors are all unpaid volunteers who give up a lot of their own time to try to help their communities so please give them respect and a little time to sort out problems and hopefully this will be reciprocated. Whichever of the six villages is your home if we all work together we can improve it for the next generation and for the good of all who live there.

Have a great summer, enjoy your gardens and summer days off and catch up soon.

Bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk tel 01787 210854 mob 07771 508348.

As part of the Children's services campaign to recruit more Foster Parents and Adopters, we have now run 6 sessions this year in the Stour Valley locally. The team tell me that they have been very worthwhile. We will be running more as from September onwards in the Stour Valley. Watch this space for the dates. But for enquiries in the meantime please email [emma.whitten@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:emma.whitten@suffolk.gov.uk) or ring the above telephone number.

### My Priorities

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## CATESBY ESTATES PLANNING APPLICATION REJECTED BY VILLAGERS



### Boxford Petition against Catesby Estates Planning Application delivered to Babergh District Council.

A petition against the Planning Application to build 80 new houses on the site east of Sand Hill and signed by 146 local villagers, was delivered to Babergh District Council at Endeavour House by Lynn Sargeant of Boxford on June 6th. Following the village meeting on 23rd May to discuss the plans and at which strong feelings against it were expressed by the very large audience, it was decided to submit the petition which asks the Planning Committees at BDC to reject this application for new homes in a "locally important, rolling valley farmland area with poor access to Boxford village." In addition to the petition, 62 formal letters of objection have been submitted to the BDC to date. Lynn Sargeant said that such a plan, outside the village envelope, with dangerous, sub-standard access and a large impact on traffic flows and the village infrastructure, would transform Boxford village into a small town, something which most of the local community wholeheartedly rejects. The decision by the Planning Committee is expected mid-July



*Top: pics of a meeting held to consider the Catesby Estates Development proposals which were resoundingly rejected by villagers  
Below: Lynn Sargeant presents a petition to Babergh District Council*

## BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN 2ND JUNE



It was a gloriously sunny day for the 22nd Boxford Open Gardens event on the 2nd June. The village and gardens all looked fantastic and it was especially busy with the FOBS sale trail happening on the same day.

We had over 300 visitors to the 30 Gardens who so kindly opened for the day in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton and we raised a magnificent £3047.00 for St Mary Church Boxford

Our thanks go to those gardeners that make the event possible. Committing to open the gardens way back in February when everything looked so dismal is brave and the amount of effort put in to get the gardens ready was, I think, rewarded on the day in beautiful sunshine when all the hard work paid off. We have an incredible variety of gardens on show, something unique in each garden and feedback from the gardeners is that they really enjoyed the day too – chatting to the admiring visitors from all over the county and tourists to the area. We opened 5 new gardens this year which further added to the diversity especially for repeat visitors to the event.

With 3 art studios open, two gardens offering tea and cakes to visitors, the Madrigalia choir singing in the church and from a garden in Brook Hall Road raising money with a busking hat, there was plenty for our visitors to enjoy.

A big thank you to those running catering and cake stall – both add a significant sum of money to the total we raised. Thank you to Veronica Hobbs, Shirley, Sandra and Michael, Frances, Joan, Jackie and Audrey and to David and Lenny for manning the ticket desk



# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## 3PR Stats for May 2018

In May 2019 our responders covered 244 hours (33%) and attended 11 incidents.

Many thanks to our amazing volunteers who give up their precious time to help our community. 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.

## Appeal for War-time Memories

Can anyone help? I am researching for a book to illustrate the impacts of the Second World War on the people of Suffolk. Did you or a relative serve in the Armed Forces or in Emergency Services like A.R.P, Fire Watching, the Land Army, Home Guard, Nursing or Munitions? Were you an evacuee in Suffolk? Do you remember the thousands of American GI's or PoW camps? If you have a story to tell or letters, photographs or documents illustrating war-time life in Suffolk – please call me.

Call Mr Christopher Pattle on 01359 233217 or email; [chrispattle18@gmail.com](mailto:chrispattle18@gmail.com)

## The Boxford Scout Group's AGM

The Boxford Scout Group's AGM will take place on Wednesday 26th June at 7.30pm at the Fleece.

We are always looking for people to join the Group Executive Committee, who will be re-elected at the AGM. This friendly bunch of people meet approximately 4-6 times a year to assist with all the behind the scenes administration, ensuring that the Group continues to run as smoothly as possible. If you would like to know more about what this entails, how you can help, or would like any other details or information, please do get in touch so that we can chat with you about this before the AGM. Email [lauraleeder.pa@gmail.com](mailto:lauraleeder.pa@gmail.com) for more information.

## BOXFORD BOUNTY

The Boxford Bounty is a local lottery for Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. Through the Community Council, the Bounty provides financial support for many local groups and interests. The following groups have benefited from direct grants in the past few years:

1st Boxford Brownies      Boxford Guides      Boxford Fireworks  
 Carpet Bowls Club      Boxford Village Hall      Breast Cancer Care  
 Boxford Bowls Club      Over Sixties Club      Boxford Tennis Club  
 Boxford Spinney      Edwardstone Mill Green Trust  
 Friends of Boxford School      Sunflower Playgroup      BoxRiver Club  
 Boxford Bridge Club      Boxford Playingfields      Boxford Rovers  
 Boxford United Charities      Boxford Scouts      Boxford Cycle Club

Tickets are available at a cost of £10.00 per year, which guarantees entry to six draws.

### The prizes for each draw are:

1st Prize £160 2nd Prize £ 75 3rd Prize £30 4th Prize £ 15

If you would like to buy a ticket for the Boxford Bounty and have not been visited by a collector please apply directly by sending a cheque made payable to BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL to the following address: Boxford Bounty, 39, Daking Ave, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5QA Or ring Mark Miller on 01787 211596 e-mail [mark.miller@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.miller@talktalk.net) and we will arrange a call from your local collector. The Boxford Bounty is organised on behalf of Boxford Community Council *registered charity No 304862*

## GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet on Thursday 5th September, 2019 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford at 4.30pm to consider applications for aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the 'AREA OF BENEFIT' as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Anthea Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263

Applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

We hope that newcomers to the area will be made aware of this charity by long time residents of Groton and Boxford who have themselves benefited from grants in previous years. Completed applications must be received by the Clerk by 29th August, 2019

## Boxford Bounty Winners May - Jun 2019

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank members of the Boxford Open Gardens for drawing the following numbers at the Open Gardens Previewing on 1st June 2019.

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If you would like tickets for the Boxford Bounty call Mark Miller 01787 211596



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Sir

Dougie Powell

Felicity Gardiner and family would like to say how grateful they were to receive so many kind and caring messages of sympathy on the death of Dougie Powell, a much loved partner and family member. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

**Boxford Study Centre Literature Group**  
An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 4.30-6.30pm  
Meeting in Groton Village Hall, CO10 5EL  
Starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Tutor: Hugh Black – Hawkins**

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An exploration of the Sea in several works of literature

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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Joseph Conrad: The Shadow Line and The Secret Sharer  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. No Class  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. William Shakespeare: Pericles  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. S.T. Coleridge: The Ancient Mariner  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Byron: Don Juan Canto the Second  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. No Class  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Virginia Woolf: To the Lighthouse.  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December: A Sea miscellany – poems and prose  
Course Fee: £75 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting.  
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E: nic@niccarterpt.co.uk

## Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents its Annual Day School at Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall

**Saturday, 6th July 2019 at 10 am Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich**

Talk and guided tour by Erica Burrows, Friends of the Ipswich Museums  
The main body of the talk will be about Christchurch Mansion and of the three families who lived in it from 1549 until it became a museum in 1894. We shall be shown a number of portraits and hear some fascinating stories. There will be brief accounts of the Priory that preceded Christchurch Mansion on this site and of the early origins of the Ipswich Museum and Ipswich Art School. Erica will end by showing us important items in the collections, many of which have been funded by the Friends, and picking out her favourites.

Join us for what should be a fascinating day.

Total cost is £20 for coffee on arrival, morning lecture, buffet lunch and afternoon coach trip to Ipswich. The afternoon guided tour of Christchurch Mansion will cost £4 — please bring along your payment in cash.

There is also a cafe at the Mansion where people can buy their own tea and biscuits after the tour.

Places on the coach are limited so early booking is recommended.

For details of booking please contact Sue Whiteley on 01787 210945 or email whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk.

## Stowmarket Choral

Stowmarket Choral performed their Summer Concert Shakespeare meets Jazz at the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket in June. It was a refreshing blend of songs and sonnets by Shakespeare, set for 4-part voices and performed in a jazz style with Samuel Hollis playing double bass and Thomas Hawkes on piano. Various passages from works by Shakespeare were read and recited by Henry Stanford and Jamie Glasse from Earl Stonham Theatre Guild.

For something completely different, we are hosting a Dog Show at Rattlesden Pavilion on Saturday 27 July, 10.00 am - 4.00pm. There are many classes, and the day is aimed to be a fun day out for you and your pet. For further details contact Lucy at lucy@luphen.co.uk (01359 240676).

The Choral is having a break during the summer and will return for rehearsals to Combs Ford Primary School, Glemsford Road, Stowmarket, IP14 2PN on Wednesday 18th September, meeting at 7.30pm. Contact: secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk (07901 758009) for further details.

## Drop in for Coffee in Little Waldingfield Church 10.30 - 12.00

We invite you to join us on the first Friday of each month during the Summer. We'll be there to welcome you with coffee, friendly company and a little music, on Friday 5 July, 2 August and 6 September.

## Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

**7 & 8 September, 10am - 6pm**

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# Wot's On

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If you wish to sell, either from your home or from the hall, please contact Sue Sheppard on 247980, at the School House or email sheppard.susanm@gmail.com. There is a £5.00 charge to cover advertising, signs, maps and a donation to Parish Room funds. Donations to the tombola will also be gratefully received.

## Sudbury 1940's Vintage Revival Event

Come along and be a part of our Vintage Revival day on Saturday 22nd June from 10:00am till 5:00pm at The Delphi Centre Sudbury to raise funds for "Upbeat" Heart Support and The Delphi Centre refurbishment fund. This year is the 75th Anniversary of the 486 Bomb group USAAF which was based at Acton during the war. There will be a display of twenty 1940 military vehicles and pre-1960 vintage cars including American. Live music from event singer Sarah Mai singing songs of the 40's and 50's and Swing Jive dancers dancing to "Chocs away for Dancing" with John Farr. Find something different on one of the 20 Vintage Stalls selling clothes, jewellery, memorabilia, herbs, toys, sweets and accessories. Ladies why not have your hair styled to the 1940's and makeup done on the day, just pop into the Marquee and see the professional hair stylist. Why not dress up in clothes of the era, there is a great prize for Miss/Mrs Vintage and Mr Vintage. A memorabilia display from 8th Army and 486 Bomb Group together with the Women's Land Army (WLA) and the Sudbury Ephemera Society. Vintage Amusements for all ages and food will be available throughout the day, including a licenced bar and vintage tea room. Entry at the gate £4 Adults children under 16 free.

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**Join us for what should be a fascinating day.** Total cost is £20 for coffee on arrival, morning lecture, buffet lunch and afternoon coach trip to Ipswich. The afternoon guided tour of Christchurch Mansion will cost £4 — please bring along your payment in cash. There is also a cafe at the Mansion where people can buy their own tea and biscuits after the tour. Places on the coach are limited so early booking is recommended. For details of booking please contact Sue Whiteley on 01787 210945 or email [whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk).

The Autumn Term course will start on Thursday 19th September 2018. The subject will be 'Revolutionary Britannia - Britain in the Age of the French Revolution 1788-1832' by Simon Doney

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## Forthcoming Events Diary

### June

29 Phoebe Austin	Boxford Fleece	9.00pm - 12.00
29 The Disraeli Band	Little Waldingfield Playing Fields	8.00 till late
29 Covent Garden Buskers	Edwardston PCC	Edwardstone St Mary's 7.30pm

### July

2 Boxford Gardenong Society	How to plant a sensory garden	Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
5 Drop in for Coffee morning	ltl W PCC	St Lawrences Church 10.30-12noon
5 Boxford WI	Suffolk cheese tasting	Village Hall 2pm
13 Little Waldingfield Sale Trail		10am till 1.00pm
18 Boxford WI	All about Bees and honey	Pavilion 2pm

### September

7/8 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival	Ltl W PCC	St Lawrences Church 10am-6pm
18 Little W Hist Soc	St Audry's Workhouse and Mental Hospital -	
	Victorian attitudes Examined	The Parish Room 7.30pm

### October

7/9 December Boxford Study Centre	The Sea has many Voices	Groton Village Hall 4.30pm
16 Little Waldingfield Hist Soc	Goldingham Hall Archaeology and Manorial Records	Parish Room 7.30pm
26 Boxford Fireworks	Boxford Community Council	

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

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Tel: 01787 227407; e-mail: [steve.morley@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.morley@btinternet.com)

**Reader:** Christopher Kingsbury, Rose Cottage, Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone CO10 5PD

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**Lay Elder:** David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU

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

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

For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

Box River Benefice

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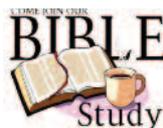
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**Boxford Open Gardens 2019:** We are most grateful for all the hard work by organiser Sarah Williams & the very many village gardeners who opened their gardens to public view on Boxford Open Gardens Day Sunday June 2nd. The hot weather brought out scores of visitors to admire the beautiful gardens. The gardens were in excellent condition & refreshments were available in the village hall & some gardens too. Over £3000.00 was raised to support St. Mary's Church, Boxford

**Food Bank Collections:** We now have regular collections of food items at St. Mary's Church Boxford, which we take to the Storehouse Food Bank, Sudbury. Please kindly bring items to church services where a collection point will be available. (items well in date please!) Tinned vegetables are needed & less beans & soup! We have so far taken 11 large boxes of food to the foodbank this year.

**HELP NEEDED:** St. Mary's Boxford urgently needs people willing to join the church cleaning rota. If you can spare some time helping with keeping our church looking at its best we would be most grateful. Please contact Shirley Bloomfield with offers of help.



**The Bible Study Group** meets at the home of Peter & Margaret Holden, 47 Swan Street on 2nd & 4th Mondays each month at 7.30pm.



**Café Church:** Sunday July 7th: at 11.00- An informal service with lots of good coffee & pastries. Craft activities for children & adults too! Everyone is welcome.



**Boxford Calendar 2020.** We are considering producing a calendar for 2020. Please take lots of photos of Boxford & its surroundings, & look up those in your collection & send them to [ChrisKingsC@aol.com](mailto:ChrisKingsC@aol.com), or on a memory stick or CD

### 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.)

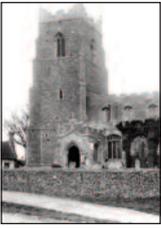
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For inquiries about new bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 01787 210360. Please contact one of them before making any booking

### Copy Date for Church News in the August Box River News:

**Please, NO LATER THAN 12th July  
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**Thank you. Eddie Kench 01787 211507  
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## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

### Churchwardens

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### Rotas

#### Sidesmen

**7 July** Mrs. Nicholls and Mr. Duffy  
**14 July** No service  
**21 July** No service  
**28 July** No service

#### Flowers

Mrs Eddington  
Mrs Roser  
Mrs Gregor-Smith  
Mrs Squirell

On 2 June our communion service was led by the Rev. Richard Titford, making a welcome return to our church.

He also officiated at Dougie Powell's funeral on 7 June. Dougie was a great friend, loved and respected by all who knew him. Rev. Titford gave a beautiful service, the church being full of family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go to Felicity Gardiner in her bereavement. Her many friends in the village will wish to help and comfort her.

Our first 'Drop in for Coffee' was enjoyable, and we shall repeat it every first Friday in the month throughout the Summer. The next date is **Friday 5 July at 10.30am.**

Advance notice of our **Flower Festival, on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September.**



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Vacant

Two services took place in June at All Saints, Newton. On the 23rd Tim Harbord very kindly led our service and it was good to see some new faces in our congregation. The following week the Rev. Gerald Drew led the Benefice Five Parishes service at Newton supported by readers from the different churches. After the service, refreshments were provided and understandably, there were lots of conversations about our new Rector Robert Parker-McGee.

Our service in July takes place on the 28th starting at 11.00 and we look forward to seeing you all then.

On the 5th June we held our Gift Aid Coffee morning and we are very grateful to all those villagers who supported us and gave so generously. If you still wish to donate to the Church, please make cheques out to PCC of Newton and send to our Treasurer Paul Presland. Redwoods. Church Road. Newton Green. CO100QR.

### Benefice News

**INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION OF OUR NEW RECTOR:** As reported on the front page of this issue, the new rector of the Box River Benefice is to be the Revd Robert Parker McGee, currently Vicar of All Saints' Church, Orpington, in the Diocese of Rochester. Robert will be instituted and inducted as rector by the Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, and the Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven Dr David Jenkins, at a service at St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 20 August 2019. All from across the benefice are welcome to this service, when Robert is formally commissioned for his new ministry among us.

Robert and his family will be moving into the rectory in Boxford in July, but his ministry does not start until the service on 20 August. Please respect this, and give time for Rob, Sarah, Jasmine and Thomas to settle in before, I am sure, he will (to use the hackneyed phrase) 'hit the ground running.'

### General Church News

**GENERAL SYNOD:** The Synod meets in York for its summer group of sessions over five days from Friday 5 July to Tuesday 9 July. The York meeting is a residential meeting, with members accommodated on the University campus so, as I've previously commented, it has a very different 'feel' from the February meeting in London. On the Sunday morning, we walk or bus into the city and swell the congregation at the Minster for their morning Eucharist. This will be the last such service for the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, as he is due to retire on 7 June 2020.

As I said in this space last year, shorts, rather than suits, are de rigueur (though perhaps not if the current spell of cool wet weather continues!) This will be my fourth York synod, and over the last three years I've been pleased to get to know synod members from other dioceses, whether over a meal or chatting long into the evening over a drink on the terrace facing the lake.

The timetable for the synod was published in May and the full agenda (with supporting papers) should be circulated to synod members and published on the Church of England website in the next few days.

Safeguarding has been a regular item on the Synod's agenda and we will return to it at York on the Sunday afternoon. The IICSA (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) Report, published in May, following hearings last year into historic safeguarding issues in the Diocese of Chichester, made uncomfortable reading. A further hearing over two weeks in July (regrettably, spanning the Synod hearing in York) will examine how some of these issues relate to the Church of England generally. Clearly, their recommendations are likely to dominate the business of Synod in 2020.

Please get in touch with me if you would like further information. A full report of the Synod meeting will be in the Church Times on 12th or 19th July.

David Lamming.



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

Vacant

### Rotas for July

**Sidesman** Bill Dastur  
**Coffee** Sally Hoskyns  
**Cleaning** Alex Neville  
**Flowers** Frances East

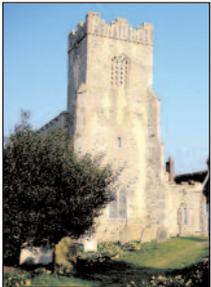
## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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### ROTAS FOR JULY

**Sidesman** Stephen and Rosie Watkins  
**Flowers** Mrs Jayne Foster  
**Cleaning** Mrs Jo Marchant

**RE-ORDERING UPDATE:** There have been some unavoidable delays in progressing the construction of the WC building, but all should be complete by the end of July, and certainly in time for the Flower Festival planned for the August bank holiday weekend, 23rd-25th August. 24th August is St Bartholomew's Day, so it is appropriate to hold the festival over this weekend, which is also the first weekend of Revd Robert Parker McGee's ministry as our new rector. More details in next month's BRN.

## July 2019

## Church Services in the Box River Benefice

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion at Mary's House Revd Stephen Morley

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Boxford 12.30 Wedding of Jack Griffin & Madeleine O'Brien Revd Tricia Box

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	TBA
Boxford	11.00 Café Church	Revd Liz Law
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	David Lamming
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	TBA
Edwardstone	14.30 Christening of Hermione Thea Copeland	Revd Stephen Morley

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Boxford 10.30 Informal Holy Communion at Mary's House Revd Stephen Morley

<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Henry Heath
Boxford	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury and Revd Henry Heath

<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Liz Law



PHOTO'S David Lamming

## Soap Box

Thinking back to last month's topic, the good news is that work has at last started on Little Waldingfield's last remaining pub. I say last remaining, even though it is the only pub in the village that I have known in the 34 years I have been living here. True, there were once two pubs, but the other one was converted into a private house some four decades ago. Indeed, Greene King tried to close the Swan around 30 years ago, but a spirited effort by villagers thwarted their plans, though they did sell the premises as a free house.

But enough about pubs, which is not to say I am not looking forward to its reopening. Villages need somewhere to congregate and pubs often fill that role quite nicely. Once upon a time it would have been the church that sat at the core of each settlement, but the increasingly secular society in which we now live means that the reach of this particular part of our community has diminished significantly. While this is something of a shame, it is nevertheless a fact of modern-day life.

As it happens the interregnum that resulted from the retirement of the Reverend Judith last year is coming to an end. Our new rector, Robert Parker-McGee, takes up residence here in July and will be inducted into the benefice in August. He will be the fourth priest in charge of the benefice since I came to live here, though in those early days we were just a three parish responsibility for the Church's man. The addition of Boxford and Newton Green adds quite a lot to the workload.

In the Algarve there are just two churches that operate under the auspices of the Anglican Communion. It means that the congregations for both tend to draw from a wide area. In our local church, which is conveniently situated just a few hundred yards from our house, people come to the two Sunday services from many miles away, plus there is always a good sprinkling of holidaymakers to boost numbers.

Our local church is much more of a community core in Portugal than it is back in Suffolk. I don't mean that unkindly. Rather, it is because there are sufficient people from other countries that live in the area full time and are comfortable with an Anglican service in English plus, of course, all the part-timers like my wife and myself, to ensure a good regular attendance. In turn this leads to plenty of social events, sometimes for fund raising purposes and others just for fun. For example, there is a regular lunch club that meets after the Sunday service in local restaurants.

Perhaps another reason the Church acts as such a catalyst for the community is that it is a single institution with just one building (admittedly, on loan from the local Roman Catholics), while the alternatives are more fragmented. There are no fewer than five golf courses, with attendant club facilities, within a fifteen minute drive, while the choice of bars locally is positively staggering. For locals wishing to get together, the Church is far simpler solution.

I do not know if our incoming rector has any plans for creating a community hub within the benefice. From my brief meeting with him at St Lawrence's when both candidates were being introduced to parishioners, I gained the impression that his previous church in Orpington was quite active socially. The Box River benefice is likely to be more challenging, though, with five churches, each with their own loyal supporters, even if in some cases the numbers are dwindling. I wish him well and trust that we will be seeing a revival of community assets, both in the form of pubs and the church, in the months and years ahead.  
Brian Tora

## Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

7 & 8 September, 10am - 6pm

"A Garland of Song" is our theme this year, which gives our talented flower arrangers plenty of scope to show their creativity. Mark the date in your diary, and come along to see all the inspired floral creations!

We will also be serving our usual delicious refreshments in the church, and there will be stalls, a tombola and a raffle with superb prizes.

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD SALE TRAIL

After the outstanding success of last year's event, there will be a sale trail around the village on Saturday 13th July, between 10 am and 1 pm; all are invited to come along and hunt out those bargains. Maps, refreshments, tombola and further stalls will be available in the Parish Room in Church Road.

If you wish to sell, either from your home or from the hall, please contact Sue Sheppard on 247980, at the School House or email sheppard.susanm@gmail.com. There is a £5.00 charge to cover advertising, signs, maps and a donation to Parish Room funds. Donations to the tombola will also be gratefully received.

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# GARDENING IN JULY INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

The sun is the most effective weed killer you can get so make good use of any hot dry weather by regular hoeing with a Dutch hoe. Most weeds will die in a few hours and even the more persistent perennial weeds will not stand continual hoeing in dry weather.

Although at the moment every thing in the garden is in need of water, it is essential to avoid the every day little and often watering. This does more harm than good as it puts the plants under stress by encouraging the roots near the surface where they are prone to drying out in the hot sun. Plants which appear to be coping with the dry weather and are not under any stress are best left alone.

Dahlias need water and feeding this month to make good strong plants. Some dis-budding is necessary to obtain long clean stems and good flowers otherwise stems will be too short to cut for floral arrangements. Remove the two small buds below each main bud leaving the terminal bud to develop into a flower. Dig up and divide Iris that have been undisturbed for more than three years. Replant new single rhizomes from the old clumps in soil which has been cleaned of all weeds and enriched with old manure and compost, together with bone meal or a general fertiliser. Plant with the tops of the rhizomes above ground level and firm the roots in the soil below. Cut the top half off the leaves to prevent evaporation and wind rock. Planting distance should be 6 - 10 inches depending on the height of the variety.

Summer pruning of roses should consist of cutting blooms for indoor use and removing faded blooms. This procedure encourages new, strong shoots to assist in the development of the next crop of blooms. The leaves produce the food for strong healthy growth do not remove more than is necessary. Ideally cut only one third of the flowering stem produced this year. Keep up the fortnightly spraying against mildew, rust and black spot.

In the vegetable garden there is still time to make sowings of French Beans, carrots, lettuce, red beet and turnips. After harvesting peas and broad beans, cut off the stems leaving the roots in the soil as these have valuable nitrogen nodules which will be of benefit to the following crop, which can be sprouting broccoli or spring cabbage.

Half ripe cuttings of many shrubs can be taken now and rooted in a cold frame. Pull offshoots with a heel of wood attached, trim the heel and remove lower leaves. Insert the cuttings round the edge of a pot and cover

with a polythene bag to conserve moisture. Hydrangea cuttings are best rooted individually in 3.5" pots. Take 3 inch long cuttings of well ripened non-flowering shoots severing them immediately below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves.

Arrange with friends to swap garden chores if you are going to be away; in your absence, they pick (and eat) the salads and vegetables and do the watering in your garden and you do the same for them when they are absent. Do likewise even if you are just a 'house plant' gardener, they need baby sitters too.

This is often one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- 2 Care for houseplant while on holiday
- 3 Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- 4 Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure c
- 5 Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- 6 Treat apple scab
- 7 Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
- 8 Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- 9 Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
- 10 Harvest apricots, peaches and nectarines

**Lawns:** Keep mowing regularly, except during drought. In hot weather, set the mower at a slightly higher level than normal for early summer. This can prevent the lawn drying in hot weather. Last time to apply a liquid summer lawn fertiliser, especially if a spring feed was not given. A soluble feed and weed product may be useful if there are weeds present in the lawn. Don't worry unduly about brown patches on the lawn - they will recover quickly when the autumn rains arrive. If a completely green lawn is necessary, then use a sprinkler once a week.

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## SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING 2019



**BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING**  
 Another very successful summer outing on Wednesday 12 June, despite the rather damp weather. Our Mystery Tour took us through country lanes and rolling hills down to The Five Bells pub at Colne Engaine (highly recommended). There we enjoyed a very tasty two course meal served excellently by the staff, together with drinks, tea and coffee. This was followed by the Free Raffle and a good singing session enjoyed by all. A very sociable and enjoyable occasion for our local community. Many thanks to all our committee and organisers, the drivers and to all those who came. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Ward Baker Chairman

*Sir,*

I felt that I should express mine and my Wife's thanks to Boxford Community Council committee members and the volunteer drivers and helpers for this years Senior Citizens outing (Wednesday 12th. June). It was a most enjoyable evening and the end location at The Five Bells, Colne Engaine was excellent, just what a pub should be, good staff, clean and good food.

The trip through the countryside was great, despite the weather.

Once again many thanks, Boxford Community Council.

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**Boxford Bottle Bank update:**

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

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

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

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

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

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## BY THE WAY NS BRISTOW

I like circular walks because starting and finishing at the same place is easy to organise. A linear walk, perhaps finishing some considerable way from the start requires the use of public transport or the help of friends. Using buses is one solution and two cars is another. Some years ago, we walked the Essex Way from Ongar to Harwich, over a number of Sundays, spread across several summers. When we started, the two families children were small, and were back packed or buggied. We walked shorter stretches, of course. By the time we got to Harwich, some years later, most of the children were approaching their teens and we were walking around 5 miles or so. The routine was well established: two cars to the start, the drivers drop everyone off and go on to the destination where a car is left. Both drivers back to the start and then the walk begins....

This walk at 6.5 miles might be a tad too long for some to walk with children or turn into a circular although it is possible using the roads between Boxford and Great Waldingfield church. Public transport, picking up the Chambers Sudbury bound bus in Great Waldingfield and the Beestons 91 Ipswich bus in Sudbury could be considered, but long waits may be involved, so walking with friends and sharing transport may be preferred. If a car is preferable, you have a choice of parking near Great or Little Waldingfield churches as the destination for your walk. Taking the road back, on foot, doubles the length but is easy along lightly trafficked roads.

Why Boxford to Great Waldingfield? Well, the walk parallels the Box River and the way is close to its source near Little Waldingfield. The destinations, like the walk itself, are peaceful and picturesque, though sadly lacking in the opportunity for refreshment.

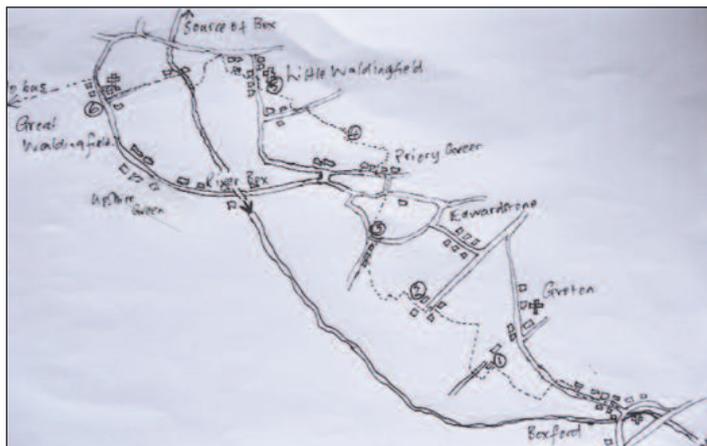
Leave Boxford by walking up Swan Street and follow the right pavement on to a path which leads to a field path. Turn left through a hedge gap just half way along the field and cross a road to join another field path where half way along you turn right and cross a field to pass through a hedge. Follow the path up to the top and at a T junction turn left (1) with farm buildings on your right. Turn right down steps, through the hedge and on to a short grassy track to reach a drive: cross the drive to a path ahead which crosses a field diagonally through crops. Cross this to a hedge and bridge where you turn left to houses and a road. (2) Turn left on the road and after 150m turn right on to a footpath walking with a plantation on your right. Just before the path turns right at a corner, turn left and follow the path down the field edge. At the bottom take another path off to the right down some steps, cross a meadow, turn left by a broken way post and then follow the path along field edges and then rear gardens of buildings until you get to a road.

At the road turn left, then right at the junction (3) to walk along to a footpath sign pointing across a field. Cross the field and then walk along the road directly ahead of you to turn left at a corner in front of a farm. Turn right onto a foot path after 200m and then follow this through a narrow path to reach fields where you the walk around edges or sides (keeping them on the right) until soon after crossing a small bridge (4) you turn right through a hedge and continue with hedges on your left. When you reach a lane, turn left progress 300m or so and then turn right on to a footpath which you follow through and around fields aiming for Little Waldingfield church in the distance.

When you reach a road, walk up to, and just past, the church where, if you are going to Great Waldingfield church, you turn left down a narrow footpath between fences opposite the Parish Room. (5) When you reach this road you can also turn left and return to Boxford by road using the map(not to scale) to get you to point (3) and the footpath.

Follow this path between fences and hedges and after several turns arrive at a gate beside a road. Turn left away from the road and follow the path to an opening in a hedge into a field where you turn left along the field hedge following the path as it swings right and down to a bridge over a stream. This is the Box and its source is less than a mile upstream from here. Cross the bridge and turn right, walking beside the stream until you reach a track: turn left here, climbing up through woodland past some cottages onto a more permanent way to reach a hamlet with Great Waldingfield church. This can be seen on the right from the red phone box at the junction (6). The road to your left, if you follow the signs, leads back to Boxford via the footpath at point (3).

Those of you who have researched the Chambers and Beestons timetables and think it possible to get back to Boxford, walk just past the church to access a footpath which you follow, without leaving, to join a road at a bend where you immediately turn right to walk through a housing estate to a crossroads. Go directly across the crossroad and 200m on the right is the Sudbury bound Chambers bus stop.



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# Parish Council Matters

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.**

**PRESENT:** J Fincham-Jacques was only present for the start of the meeting due to other commitments, A Sargeant, V Trafford, H Phillips, P Wallis, S Mattocks, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr) and 6 members of the public.

Ahead of the Meeting the members from the uncontested election signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** H Phillips was elected Chairman and it was agreed to include as an Agenda item for the June Meeting also - Action Clerk.

It was agreed to consider the position regarding our Standing Orders in relation to potentially re-electing J Fincham-Jacques - Action Clerk.

**DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** H Phillips completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form as Chairman.

**COOPTION OF MEMBER:** M Wooderson had indicated his willingness to be co-opted, however, could not sustain the level of commitment he has shown previously. Members were pleased to co-opt M Wooderson on this basis, so he was duly co-opted.

**APOLOGIES:** were received from M Wooderson and County Cllr J Finch.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** W Baker formally asked for a joint venture again this year for the Firework display. This was agreed. The Parish Council will pay for the fireworks and be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Event. Residents had attended to share their objections to the proposed development on Sand Hill. Issues mentioned included the scale, impact on facilities and reduction in parking outside nearby properties. Various other objections had been received and circulated to members between meetings. Others appeared on the Planning website. Other matters raised included that work had been scheduled to clear the drain at the bottom of the croft. The Bus Shelter is still obstructed by ivy and tree branches. There was an enquiry about the start date for the new Street Cleaners and a report of some potential noise and fumes disturbance caused by the Garage.

**REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC:** It was agreed to hold a public meeting on the subject of the proposed development on Sand Hill on 23rd May in the School Hall starting at 8.00 p.m. H Phillips will Chair the Meeting and S Mattocks and P Wallis will work on a flyer. The Clerk will book the School Hall and confirm - Action Clerk. The new Cleaning contract had started.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** This will form an Agenda item at the June Meeting - Action Clerk.

**NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** V Trafford will take over from R Balls as Village Hall Representative. The Church representative will form an Agenda item at the June Meeting and may be delayed until the Parish Council is back to full strength - Action Clerk. A Sargeant will represent the Parish Council at Boxford Society, H Phillips on Neighbourhood Planning and P Wallis on the Community Council.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS:** Nothing was declared.

**MINUTES OF 1st APRIL 2019:** Accepted as correct.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** It was agreed for the Clerk to check with our Cemetery Grounds Maintenance contractor whether he has time to clear the ivy and tree branches from the Bus Shelter. If not, someone else would need to be found to undertake the work - Action Clerk.

**COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:** County Cllr J Finch had sent his apologies and there was no report this time.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** District Cllr B Hurren attended and was congratulated on his re-election as our District Councillor. He explained the District Council has no overall control and completion of the Local Plan was a priority. He was positive about the District Council being able to support the electorate without political influence. On local matters, the meeting about the Boxwood Plans was being scheduled, he has also checked the Cygnet Court build with the Enforcement team. The Broad Street sign had been restored. The Fleece was due to re-open shortly. The land along the croft where a post was being considered is owned by flagship. It was agreed to seek a site meeting with K Verlander, Suffolk County Council Right of Way. B Hurren will attend together with representation from the Parish Council - Action Clerk.

**GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:** The Parish Council declared they meet the criteria as 6 members stood for election and the Clerk is qualified. They can now operate with the General Power of Competence.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The correspondence report was issued to members ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The circulation envelope was started.

**FINANCE:** The Bank balances as at 2nd May were £37417.90 in the Community Account, £13344.07 in the Deposit Account and £46282.51 in the Reserve Account making a total of £97044.48.

The End of Year Accounts for year ending 31st March 2019 was duly approved. This was proposed by H Phillips, seconded by P Wallis and unanimously carried. The internal audit is scheduled for early July and the Audit forms will come before the June Meeting - Action Clerk.

The cost of the HGV signage for Sand Hill/Cox Hill junction issues was discussed. Unfortunately our County Councillor had not delivered on his

suggestion that he could contribute towards the majority of the cost. The Parish Council were not in a position to proceed without the promised contribution from the County Council.

A contribution towards the Village Hall Roof was discussed. V Trafford agreed to attend the next Village Hall Meeting and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting. An agenda item was agreed for our June Meeting - Action Clerk. It was delegated for Clerk to pay the Village Hall by funds transfer between meetings for hire upon receipt of the requested invoices - Action Clerk.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING:** Whilst a useful meeting was held on 8th April, the numbers have been reducing now to about a dozen. Whilst a Secretary has been appointed, a full Committee is yet to be formed. Further volunteers are needed. It was agreed to include this subject at the Public Meeting about the Sand Hill plans - Action H Phillips, S Mattocks and P Wallis.

**CEMETERY:** A sketch was required of the trees requiring work in the Churchyard and A Sargeant agreed to provide one and deliver it to the Clerk's address - Action A Sargeant \*\* received the same week and followed up with Babergh Planning.

**REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS:** V Trafford updated the meeting about the schedule for fibre broadband which should be fully working in Boxford by the end of May. H Phillips had been researching new Councillor courses at SALC and agreed to circulate the details to the new members - Action H Phillips. The Clerk confirmed that these will be funded from our training budget.

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

**Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Tuesday 7th May 2019**

**The following decisions were advised from the Planning Authority:** -

a) Planning Permission had been granted for external alterations to roof, finishes to walls and roof and alterations to windows and doors at The Paddock, School Hill, Boxford.

b) Planning Permission had been granted for a replacement dwelling at The Bereley, Cox Hill, Boxford.

**The following applications were discussed:** -

1) Application to extend with glazed linkway to home office and creation of flat roof at Silver Birch, Hadleigh Road - No Objections.

2) Erection of up to 80 residential dwellings including vehicular access on land to the East of, Sand Hill, Boxford. A public meeting would be scheduled for 23rd May in the School Hall. The application was discussed and it was agreed to object to the plans. V Trafford will work with M Wooderson to draft a suitable response from the Parish Council to be sent before the end of May - Action V Trafford and M Wooderson.

3) Notification of works to protected trees at 27 Brook Hall Road - No Objections.

4) Any other urgent Planning items - Nothing was raised.

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Thanks are due to the talented performers who entertained so well, and deservedly received such enthusiastic applause. Also to those who donated the super raffle prizes, especially our most local businesses. The Angel Inn, The Crown Hotel, and L.S.Eaves.

Many thanks also to the busy cooks who provided such a variety of scrumptious cakes for tea, which were so popular that any 'left-overs' were quickly bought; and not forgetting the Tea ladies for the smooth operation during the interval catering for so many eager people.

Last but not least to the wonderful audience.

Considering that it was such a lovely sunny day we really appreciated that there were so many of you that we had to find extra chairs!

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# Parish Council Matters

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 13 May 2019 at 7.45pm.**

**Present:** P Baker, S Norman, P Clarke, D Williams, M Gibson, R Jones (Clerk) Election of Chairman of the Council – P Baker was elected as Chairman Co-Option of Councillors – D Williams and M Gibson were co-opted to the Council. Election of Vice-Chairman – D Williams was elected as Vice-Chairman.

**The Minutes** of the Meeting of 18 March 2019 were agreed.

**Planning Matters** Planning applications received:

Quicks Barn - Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. Representations were made from members of the public and after discussion, the Council resolved to support this application with the proviso that BDC gives reassurances as to the proposed use of the area marked in red on the plans and to the safe disposal of what appeared to be asbestos contained in the current building. Clerk to write to BDC accordingly.

Land East of Mill Green – Erection of 1 dwelling. The Council resolved to support this application.

Mill Green House. Installation of bi-fold, tri-fold windows, 2 rooflights and internal alterations to listed building. The Council resolved to support this application.

**Highway and Footpath Matters** The Clerk reported that SCC had confirmed that they would still be carrying out repairs and replacement of Waymark signs but such work was afforded low priority. Hole in Bridge previously reported had still not been repaired and the hole was getting bigger. Also still waiting for the broken stile to be replaced by a gate on the same footpath. Councillor Baker had not yet spoken to the landowner regarding the broken tree collars in the wood on footpath 9. It was agreed that Cllr Baker would write to the landowner on behalf of the Council.

The issue of the 'Bull in Field' sign had been passed to SCC to respond directly to the correspondent. D Williams advised that he would attempt to find out the legal position regarding such signs.

Beech House Overgrown area of land obstructing footpath. Property currently empty. Clerk to ask SCC Highways to write to persons responsible for maintaining property.

**The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments** was approved and the cheques signed.

Business Savings Account as at 30 April 2019	£2,524.50
Business Current Account as at 30 April 2019	£6,791.91
Total	£9,316.41

The PC approved the end of year accounts. The PC approved the internal audit report prepared by R Norman, who was thanked for his assistance. The Clerk explained the criteria for certifying exemption from a limited assurance review. As the PC met the criteria, the PC resolved to do so, and the certificate was signed. The PC resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement (s1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) having previously reviewed internal controls and the Statement was signed. The PC resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statements (s2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) and the statement was signed. The Clerk advised that Zurich were no longer providing 3- or 5-year long term agreements for premiums under £500. However, the premium proposed by Zurich for 2018-19 was only £3 higher than the previous year. The PC resolved to accept the quotation (£325.96).

**Future Agenda items** Planning Update (Quicks Barn), Defibrillator Training, Councillor vacancies.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 15 July at 7.30pm.

A full version of these minutes is available to view at [edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/](http://edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/)

## STOKE BY NAYLAND HOTEL TAKE THE CROWN



*Tamara Unwin, Susanna Rendall and Robert Rendall, family directors at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, receive their award from Esther Wood (left) of sponsors Goodman Jones.*

**STOKE BY NAYLAND TAKE HOTEL AND LEISURE CROWN**

Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf, Spa & Country Lodges triumphs as Hotel & Leisure Family Business of the Year 2019 at the national Family Business Awards hosted at London's May Fair Hotel last week.

Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa resort is part of The Boxford Group, a 100% family owned business on the Suffolk/Essex border which started back in 1938 as a 120 acre apple farm. Recognising a business opportunity back in 1972 when a shortage of golf courses was identified, Bill and Devora Peake diversified by creating one, and then a second championship golf course on their own undulating, arable farmland on the Suffolk/Essex border.

The entrepreneurial second generation of the family continued to invest in the golf club business since 2000 and today the multi-award winning resort includes an excellent 80 bedroom hotel, five luxurious country lodges, a spa and fitness club, extensive conference centre, restaurants, golf and gift shop – and much more besides. During the past few years the Peake family has also invested over £5 million in the installation of green energy sources including an AD plant, biomass boilers and solar panels, which has resulted in the hotel and areas of the fruit farm being almost totally self-sustainable.

An additional accolade for the family during the awards evening was the achievement of Runners Up position for The Boxford Group in the overall Family Business of the Year Award for the East and East Anglian region.

Sister directors Tamara Unwin and Susanna Rendall, and 3rd generation director, Robert Rendall received their award from Esther Wood, Partner at sponsors Goodman Jones, who commented; "Strong family involvement and a team of over 600 staff in the Peake family's Boxford Group of companies helps them to do what they do in a business that has significantly evolved over time to encompass an excellent range of first class facilities. This is very much an innovative family that is always pushing the boundaries and is a great ambassador for the hotel and leisure sector."

Susanna Rendall, Group Managing Director said, "We are absolutely thrilled and honoured to have received this award. As a third generation family business we are delighted to have been recognised in this way, and we are particularly grateful to our team of 600 staff, who are our greatest asset, for all their hard work and dedication over many years."

The Family Business of the Year Awards, organised by Family Business United, celebrate the vital contribution that family businesses of all sizes play in the UK economy. Innovation, investment, passion and pride are evident in family businesses across the UK confirming that the family business has much to celebrate.

With around 5 million family firms in the UK providing around 12 million jobs and generating a significant contribution to GDP, these national awards certainly help to put the family business sector on the map and give them the recognition they deserve.

Paul Andrews, Founder and Managing Director of Family Business United explained: "Stoke by Nayland are worthy winners demonstrating great governance, family values and a steely determination that has seen them flourish over the years too. It's a privilege to organise these awards and to find out more about the fantastic people behind the family firms that are the backbone of the UK economy. Stoke by Nayland is one such firm - a great family business and worthy recipients of the Hotel & Leisure Family Business of the Year Award 2019."

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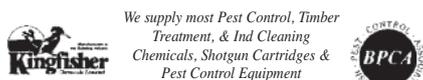


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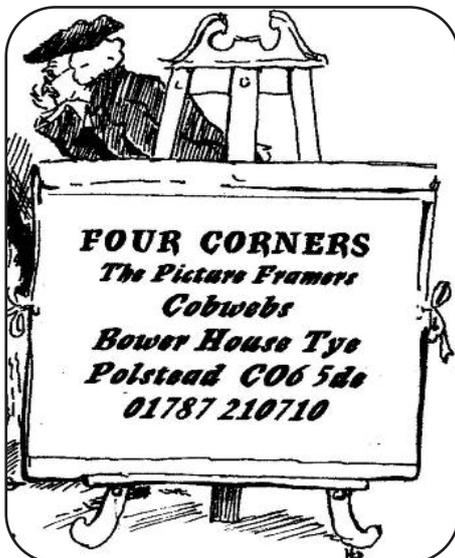
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