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THE AMERICAN TREE



Photo's Trudi Wild

During World War 2, when I was a young boy of ten living in Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone. I would watch in awe the enemy aircraft going on to attack London and other destinations and our RAF fighters intercepting them above our heads.

At the same time RAF bombers were attacking targets all over Europe. Many of these raids were carried out at night. Amongst the crews manning the aircraft on these raids were airmen from countries that had been occupied by the enemy.

In 1943 things changed when the Americans joined the war. Many airfields were constructed all over Britain, many of them in Suffolk which was fondly known as 'little America'.

One of these was built near Sudbury and was known as 'Station 174 USAAF'. On certain days the aircraft from here would take off and fly at about 500 feet to join hundreds of other aircraft from all over East Anglia as they flew over Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton Croft on their way to bomb Germany.

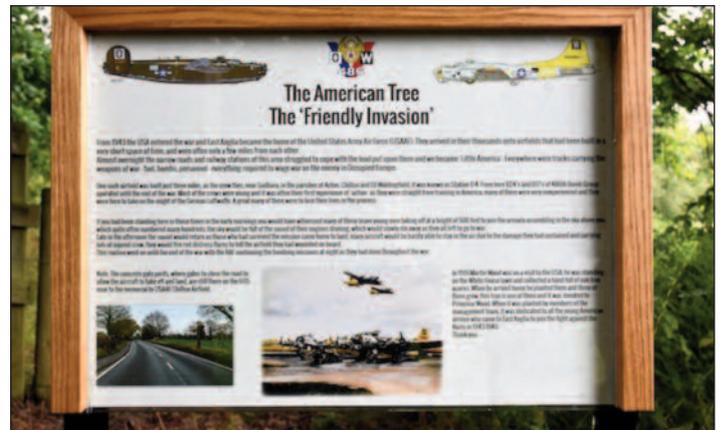
In the mid 1990s a group of villagers from Boxford, visited Boxford, Mass, USA. On a visit to the White House, Martin Wood of Groton, who was then the Clerk to the Boxford Parish Council, collected 8 acorns from the White House lawns, brought them home to the UK and planted them. Four took successfully.

When we started Primrose Wood Martin donated one of the young Oak trees early in the new millennium.

When the American Ambassador visited Groton he planted another of the young Oaks on the Croft at Groton where John Winthrop's family had lived until they sailed to America with the Pilgrim Fathers. On the same day we, the management team, planted 'the American Tree' in Primrose Wood.

On that day I asked the members of the management team if I could use the tree to show our gratitude to all those airmen who had lost their lives during that war. A visit to the American Cemetery near Cambridge makes you realise how many men and women died at that time.

Two years ago our small group decided to build a small memorial under 'the American tree'. We arrived to find that the tree had been shaded by



the taller trees growing around it. These were removed.

This year when we returned the tree was recovering and we started to build the small memorial. This is now installed and we are very pleased with it.

In the process of digging the post holes the children of Trudi Wild who was there to take photographs, found a young oak with its acorn still attached. They took it home and it is now in a flower pot ready to grow on. Just think, in a few years time it will grow into another splendid Oak tree.

I would like to thank all my friends for their help:

Roger Lane for the donation of his wonderful painting of Acton Airfield with aircraft being serviced for the next mission.

Ian Drake Design for designing and printing the whole display.

Peter Bendal. A wonderful craftsman who fitted the display into its oak frame and *Michael Norman* for doing anything asked of him, digging holes, cutting down trees and for being a lovely friend.

Vic Rice



Beckett and Orla Wild

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BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY SPUD DAY

Each member of Boxford Gardening Society in March was given one potato (a Maris Peer) to grow in a builder's bucket and on Saturday 20th July were invited to bring the bucket along to the garden of members Stephen and Rosie Watkins to have the resultant produce weighed. Great interest was taken as even half an ounce made all the difference! The winner was Fiona Bonny with a bucketful weighing 2lb 14oz. Margaret Seward's potatoes weighed over 3lb but all agreed could not be considered the winner as she had the wrong larger size of bucket! Many thanks were given to our hosts for such an enjoyable afternoon and delicious tea in their lovely garden.



A delicious spread for afternoon tea



At the weigh in

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 30 August 8 £20;00.
Dave Lewis's 10P Band

About the "Under the Same Sun" album: "Kinda jazzy, kinda bluesy, kinda souly – lots of influences – great singing, great playing ..." - Paul Long, BBC producer
 Dave Lewis Tenor Sax, Lizzie Dean Vocals, Al Cherry Guitar, Robin Aspland Piano, Neville Malcolm Bass, Rod Youngs Drums
 We were blessed with Dave Lewis's playing in March. He is one amazing player. Dave leads 'WUP' with raw, lyrical emotion and a horn full of funk. His sound is steeped in the Blues – his St. Louis roots come through. Amongst others, Dave has performed, recorded or toured with John Martyn, Lamont Dozier, Bryan Ferry, Joan Armatrading, John Mayall and Eric Clapton & The Blockheads.

Friday 13 September 8 £18,00.
Bonsai (previously known as Jam Experience)

Bonsai are an award-winning band presenting engaging jazz with an explosive rock energy. Rory Ingham Trombone, Dominic Ingham Violin/Vocals, Toby Comeau Piano/Keyboard, Joe Lee Bass, Jonny Mansfield Drums. Chosen in the Shape of Jazz to Come in 2018 in Jazzwise, Bonsai (formerly known as Jam Experiment) are an award winning band that are based in London, UK. Formed in 2014, they have appeared on BBC Radio 3 and Jazz FM numerous times, and played at leading jazz festivals and venues across the UK including London Jazz Festival, Love Supreme Festival, Cheltenham Jazz Festival, and Ronnie Scott's. They released their irresistible debut album "Jam Experiment" in 2017 followed by a 40 date UK Tour! In the Summer of 2018 they

embarked upon a European tour, including appearances in Rome, Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest.

Friday 20 September 8 £18;00.
Tammy Weis Quartet

"With a grand slam triple threat of sexy smooth vocals, great songwriting and a knockout band with stellar musicianship, a performance with Tammy Weis is unforgettable." - Randy Bachman
 Tammy Weis Vocals, Al Cherry Guitar, Julie Walkington Bass. Dave Ohm Drums
 Tammy Weis has the ability to transport you to those great places of emotion. She is a star with true Jazz integrity reminding us of a time of high standards and individuality. With a luscious sound full of feeling she brings a personal identity to a song and is a master of the ballad. Beautiful and sensual it's a voice you could just bathe in. Tammy Weis has the magic of a great and great is what she is." - Julian Joseph.
 "Not many people reduce me to tears, but Tammy's song about her mother was the most touching I've ever heard, and her voice is beautiful." - Jenni Murray, BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour.

Friday 27 September 8 £18;00.
Renato d'Aiello plays the music of Cedar Walton

"... a beautiful sense of time and pacing and a technique which effortlessly projects his brilliantly flowing ideas." - Ian Carr
 Renato d'Aiello Tenor sax, Roberto Rossi Trombone, Matyas Gayer Piano. Nicola Muresu Bass, Alfonso Vitale Drums

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THE SEPTEMBER LETTER BY REV ROB

Dear Friends,

It has been a real delight to sit and observe our beautiful countryside changing, as summer moves on and autumn approaches. Watching the fields being cut as the crops are brought in and the bailers out collecting the straw and hay, is a mesmerising sight. The cycles of the seasons have a profound impact upon our lives and church-life too. September and early October are Harvest season in church, a time when we begin to reflect on, and give thanks for, the good gifts of the earth and for those



who have toiled in order to bring in the harvest.

But we can't reflect on Harvest for too long before our minds begin to ponder wider associations. When we celebrate Harvest, we are also drawn to marvel at the miraculous way in which our world is created – all things interconnected. Life on earth is a remarkable

gift, one which cannot be simply explained away as an accident of matter and force. When we look at life, whether it be the life of a plant, an insect, an animal or a human being, we see something at work that is far beyond human ability to explain or fully understand. Huge questions ring around our minds, such as; what is life and in what way are all things connected? In recent years, scientific thought, which tended for so long to disregard spiritual wisdom, has once again begun to consider that there are certain aspects to 'life' that are not explainable simply through investigations into physical matter; that spiritual wellbeing has a part to play in physical and mental health, for instance. It is also increasingly clear that spiritual wisdom can help us understand better how all things are interconnected and how we may better care for the earth. The Bible has much wisdom about the way we relate with the natural world and many Early Church writings encouraged a life of simplicity where one's 'footprint' might be least destructive. One of the central practices of the Church, the Holy Eucharist (also called Holy Communion or Mass) involves simply taking bread and wine and recognising that these are symbols of 'what the earth has given and human hands have made'. As we share them equally they become 'the bread and cup of life'. There is then, at the core of Christian spirituality, a recognition that we are all equal and dependent upon the 'gifts of the earth'.

Standing late evening, gazing across Suffolk fields, it isn't long before one's gaze is lifted towards the beautiful skyline and the moon with its ethereal glow. Science has taught us so many things. We learn, for instance, that the chief building block of all things is carbon. It is humbling and freeing to realise that at our core we are made of the same element as the rock of the moon! Equally, as we stare at the trees which line the fields, note that we breathe in what the trees breathe out and they breathe in what we breathe out. We cannot fail to be overwhelmed by the beauty of God's design; a beauty that can never be outdone by human agency or ingenuity, only ever copied at best.



We never actually own those things we like to think we possess. We are only ever custodians of the things entrusted to us: money, property, food, the earth... Even the wisdom we acquire in life is not ours alone, but shared with others; wisdom and knowledge already exist, we just come to recognise them through a combination of experience, thoughtfulness and the reflections of others.

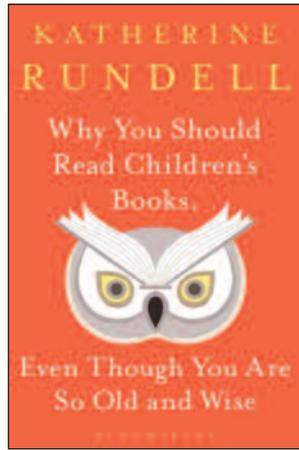
And so, how we treat each other and the natural world matters. What we put in, we get out. As Jane Goodall is quoted as saying, 'I cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around me. What I do makes a difference, and I have to decide what kind of difference I want to make'.

Do join us for one of our Harvest services or any other service you can manage this September. It would be a real joy to share with you as we give thanks for the gifts of the natural world around us.

With every blessing, Rob

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Why You Should Read Children's Books, Even Though You Are So Old and Wise by Katherine Rundell –



Products sold at the till are by their nature impulse buys, appealing to our baser instincts, which sneak out when we aren't concentrating. In supermarkets, it's where they display sweets, trashy magazines and the Daily Mail. In bookshops, the tills used to be the domain of the novelty read – Don'ts for Husbands, Barry Trotter and A Simple Life – to name some of the most egregious. In recent years, though, we've seen a more serious brand of author perched on the tills of our bookshops. There's been The Embassy of Cambodia by Zadie Smith, Lyra's Oxford by Philip Pullman, The Gifts of Reading by Robert Macfarlane and We

Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. These books all tend to be short, around a fiver, presented in handy A6 format and yet are handsome, giftable hardbacks. They sell, as a rule, by the boatload.

Joining this august lineup is Katherine Rundell, with a 50-page essay: *Why You Should Read Children's Books, Even Though You Are So Old and Wise*. Her thesis is clear and familiar – she finds that when she tells people she's an author of children's books, she's greeted with "roughly the same smile I'd expect had I told them I made miniature bathroom furniture out of matchboxes, for the elves". This is another chapter in the genre wars, where writers of what Amitav Ghosh calls the "generic outhouses" – sci-fi, crime, thriller, YA and children's literature – complain that their work is not held in the regard reserved for literary fiction. Most of the arguments in this realm are axiomatic to the point of meaninglessness – all but the most fanatical literary hardliners accept that such generic boundaries are endlessly porous and that there are as many great genre novels as there are terrible works of literary fiction published each year.

Rundell's argument is both more subtle and more interesting, though. There's something particular about children's fiction, she says, that can open up new perspectives for adults. The best children's fiction "helps us re-find things we may not even know we have lost", taking us back to a time when "new discoveries came daily and when the world was colossal, before the imagination was trimmed and neatened..." There's also something instructive in reading books that, as Rundell points out, are "specifically written to be read by a section of society without political or economic power". In an age whose political ructions are the result of widespread frustration at the powerlessness of the many in the face of the few, this recognition of how emboldening and subversive children's books can be feels important.

Rundell notes that the best children's novels operate on two planes, one of which caters to the traditional expectations of plot and jeopardy that young readers bring to books, another, reflecting the adult writer's consciousness at play in the novel, brings something darker: "acknowledgments of fear, love, failure; of the rat that lives in the human heart". It reminds us of WH Auden's assertion that "there are good books which are only for adults, because their comprehension presupposes adult experiences, but there are no good books which are only for children."

Our Children of an age – 11 and nine – when they have long set off on their own literary journeys, encouraged by friends, teachers and librarians. Once a week, though, we read to them aloud, partly because I think it's the best thing a family can do together, partly (mostly, and selfishly) because it allows me both to revisit old favourites – *The Weirdstone of Brisingamen*, *The Dark Is Rising*, *A Wizard of Earthsea* and *A Wrinkle in Time*. More recently, though, our children have been recommending their own books for us to read. After my son devoured Rundell's *The Wolf Wilder*, we read *The Explorer and Rooftoppers* together and we were blown away. Rundell is the real deal, a writer of boundless gifts and extraordinary imaginative power whose novels will be read, cherished and reread long after most so-called "serious" novels are forgotten. *Why You Should Read Children's Books...* is an entertaining enough window into the mind of a great writer, but you'd do better to turn to her novels. We're halfway through her latest, *The Good Thieves*, and my kids declare it her best yet. Quite old and sporadically wise though I am, I agree.

Why You Should Read Children's Books, Even Though You Are So Old and Wise by Katherine Rundell is published by Bloomsbury (£5).

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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY DAY TRIP TO HISTORIC HARWICH

For our third outing this year we pushed the boat out, hiring a large coach from Felix so that many history lovers could arrive in Harwich for 10.00. We had arranged to be guided around the historic centre, with its more than 200 listed buildings, by David Whittle, a member of the Harwich Society, whose knowledge of the buildings and of historic events in Harwich was simply incredible. The tour then returned us to the Ha'penny pier for lunch, followed by afternoon visits to Beacon Hill Fort and the Harwich Redoubt. The tour was organised by LWS member Ian Davidson, to whom we are very grateful, whilst our driver, who it turned out was son in law of village resident Mick Pease, did a superb job ferrying us around.

There is an incredible amount to see in the historic centre, as the map of the heritage trail clearly indicates, see below, whilst next year Harwich celebrates 400 years since the sailing of the Mayflower, the ship that transported the first English Puritans (now known as Pilgrims) to the new world. In truth we really just scratched the surface, so another visit next year, which is the 400th anniversary year of the sailing, could well be on the cards, particularly as the Harwich home of the ship's Captain, Christopher Jones, will by then be open to the public as a museum.

The Ha'penny Pier was opened on the 2nd of July 1853, getting its name from the ½d toll charged. Originally the pier was twice as long as the present one but sadly one half burnt down in 1927. It was a popular departure point for paddle steamers until after the First World War. The ticket office now houses the Ha'penny Pier Visitor Centre (run by the Harwich Society) and open daily from May 1st until the 2nd weekend in September. We also had an 'official welcome' by the Harwich Town Crier, James Cole, which set things off very nicely.

A small museum on the pier houses an exhibition on Harwich and The New World, featuring Christopher Jones and the Mayflower in 1620. Models of the ship, which was around 100 foot long with a maximum beam of 25 feet, showed just how small she was, particularly as she set sail with around 130 people on board, 102 passengers and between 25 and 30 officers and crew.

Conditions on board were extremely cramped and uncomfortable during the more than two month long passage (from 6th September to 9th November); huge waves constantly crashed against the ship's topside deck, fracturing a key structural support timber. Passengers had already suffered agonizing delays, shortages of food, and other shortages, and were now called upon to provide assistance to the ship's carpenter to repair a fractured main support beam. Repairs were made using a jackscrew, essentially a very big car screw jack, which was on board to help with construction of settler homes.

The tour began in earnest when we left the pier, with our first stop at the 'Navyard Wharf', now operated by the Harwich Dock Company with Roll on/Roll off ships sailing to ports in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Belgium. Previously this was the site of a naval shipyard and before that of a small 12th Century castle.

A large number of warships were built in Harwich between 1660 and 1827, see photo below, with perhaps the most famous being HMS Conqueror which was built in 1801, the fourth ship to bear this illustrious name. She was a 74 gun 3rd rate ship of the line with two gun decks, which from experience were found to embody the best compromise of sailing ability, firepower and cost - possibly the optimal configuration. She fought at Trafalgar under the command of Captain Israel Pellew, whose captain of marines took the surrender of the overall commander of the combined French and Spanish fleet, Admiral Villeneuve, aboard the French ship Bucentaure (80 guns). The old shipyard bell was cast by John Darby, bell founder of Ipswich in 1666; this was originally housed in a tower in the middle of the Old Yard, being rung daily to summon people to work.

Next we came to the site of the first Harwich School, founded in 1724 by Sir Humphrey Parsons, Alderman of London and MP for Harwich, for 32 boys aged 8 to 14, with its inscription above the door - for those that read Latin, the inscription reads as follows:

‘IVVENTVTI HERVICENSIS

Boni moribus & litteris

Et Religions Sanctiffimae rudimentis

Secunduni instituta ECCLESIAE ANGLICANAE

Imbuendae

Has AEdes Sacrarum voluit

Sumptibusq; suis extrui curavit

HUMPHRIDVS PARSONS ARMOR.

Civic & Aldermannus Londinensis

Et

Ad Comitum Palrlamentaria ab hoc Burgo delegatus

A.D. 1724.

Te DEUS OPTIME MAXIME

Patrons vult Fundator

Tu largitoris eximij munif entiae

Felices des eventus

Te Favente Honori Succedant Tuo

Et Juventus & AEdes

Nulla peritura die.’

We then passed the headquarters of The Harwich Society at 5 Church Street - a house known as Foresters, and perhaps the oldest house in Harwich;



previously it was the Foresters Arms, though known locally as the Drum and Monkey until the Luftwaffe effectively closed the pub in 1941.

The reasons behind the nickname are uncertain, but definitely involved both a monkey and a drum. One story says a monkey was trained to bang a drum to warn the licensee when a customer came in, and another has the monkey taking the drum around to collect fines for bad language; as our guide David said, both stories could easily be true.

Foresters was subsequently purchased by Winifred Cooper, who lovingly restored it and lived in it for 46 years, bequeathing the building to The Harwich Society, of which she had been President.

A little further on we came to St Nicholas, a large brick church dedicated on 20th July 1822, built on the site of an earlier church occupying the site since 1177. For centuries Harwich has been a port and ship building town, with St Nicholas the Patron Saint of sailors. Christopher Jones was married in the former church.

The gallery is surmounted by the organ designed for it and built in 1822 by Flight & Robson of London; at either side are additional galleries against the south and north walls, and at very high level, two additional galleries known locally as 'the cages', which were originally used by schoolchildren. It is not known whether these were Charity Children, but it is recorded that they sat under the eagle eye of the Beadle, who kept order.

We then passed the Hanover Inn, which has incorporated into its rear wall, viewable from the churchyard, part of the ancient Harwich town wall, of which very little now remains.

On the way to view Government House, we were shown one of the narrowest houses ever, built on the entrance to the stables of the house next door. A series of lovely looking houses then continue the delightful street, with its views over a small green to the water beyond, to the dwelling of the Harwich Recorder, in Government House, which is now converted into flats.

We were now off to see the famous Harwich Treadwheel crane, built in 1667 on the site of the Naval Yard and moved to Harwich Green around 1932. It was operated by men walking inside the two tread-wheels, which together produced a balanced action. Each wheel is 16ft diameter, 3ft 10 ins wide, made of oak and spaced 4ft apart on a common axle 13½ ins diameter; the jib has a projection of 17ft 10ins. Described as a House Crane in official records, to distinguish it from the unenclosed type, it originally had a boarded roof, with pantiles.

A conspicuous omission was any form of brake, making this type of crane somewhat dangerous, so a spar was kept handy for levering against the outer edge of the wheel in case of accident; that said, were the load to take command, the men in the wheels would be revolved backwards with disastrous results.

The earliest known reference to this type of crane was by the Romans in 25 B.C. and by the Middle Ages they were common in Britain; by the end of the C17th / beginning of the C18th such cranes had just one drum, with power supplied by a donkey. As far as is known, Harwich has the only British example of a two-wheel man operated tread-wheel crane.

We were now on Harwich Green, with good views of both the High and the Low lighthouses, to hear their story. The two lighthouses are 150 yards apart and worked as a pair - they were leading lights, so when one light was positioned directly above the other, as seen from the sea, the vessel was on the correct course to enter the harbor through the navigable deep-water channel.

They were built in 1818 under the supervision of John Rennie Senior, to replace earlier wooden ones, and belonged to General Rebow, who became very rich by charging 1d per ton light duties on all cargoes coming into the port. In 1836 Trinity House acquired the Lights from General Rebow, for £31,730 (about £3.5 million today), there being 12 years and 5 days remaining of his lease. It is suspected that Rebow was aware of the changing course of the channel, and the lighthouses became redundant in 1863 for just that reason; two new cast iron lighthouses were erected at Dovercourt, operating in the same way to guide vessels through the new channel into Harwich.

The High Lighthouse was sold for £75, without restriction, and was used as a private residence; it is now managed by The Harwich Society, as a museum

of local interest.

On our way to the Guildhall, we saw a private residence that used to be the Three Cups public house. Occupying a prominent position next to the church, the Three Cups was an ancient hostelry with a rich history opened in the C16th. The building was frequently called an Elizabethan mansion in the C17th, and was regularly used as an interim council chamber during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

It is a late medieval house of some quality, with C17th and C18th improvements, including a Georgian facade and an archway at the rear, and was remodeled again in 1949 when the top story and archway were removed. There has long been a claim that Lord Nelson came to the pub, to meet his lover Lady Hamilton, though there is no documentary evidence. After his famous visit to Harwich by sea in 1801, the room where he allegedly stayed with Emma was turned into a museum, and the postcard, see image below, is one of five different known to feature The Nelson Room, distributed for sale throughout England.

The highlight of the tour had now arrived, with the Mayor of Harwich inviting us into his place of work, the beautiful grade I listed Harwich Guildhall. Originally the site of an inn called The Bear, it was purchased by the council in 1673 and rebuilt in 1769.

In 1974 The Guildhall became the home of Harwich Town Council, who restored it; this revealed a medieval wall painting and boarded walls covered with engravings of C18th ships and houses, carved into the woodwork and subsequently been plastered over. The engravings were most likely created by prisoners from the US war of independence, because this room was part of the lock-up when the Police Station was contained within the Guildhall. We were off to see the three most important rooms in the Guildhall.

The Council Chamber

The Chamber is a beautiful, oak panelled room, with walls adorned with large portraits and a window including a stained glass depiction of the town crest. The chamber also houses the regalia showcase, containing the seventeenth century mace and the mayor's chain of office.

The Mayor's Parlour

The parlour remains the personal domain of the mayor of the day, housing gifts to the town and many other items of great local significance. Amongst its treasures are the Imperial brass yard and a portrait of Charles II, painted in 1675.

The Carvings Room

A unique feature of the Guildhall is the Carvings Room, once used to hold prisoners waiting to be tried or sentenced. Etched into the bare wooden walls of the room are elaborate carvings of ships, galleons and symbols to ward off evil spirits, all of which date from the late C18th. One carving is of a ship flying the Stars and Stripes, dating from the time of the American War of Independence, and another shows a hot air balloon dated at the time of the Montgolfier brothers.

On the way out we were shown a number of interesting objects on various walls of the Guildhall, including a copy of their Royal Charter, awarded by King James I, and a ships bell from the TSS (twin screw steamship) Brussels, a Great Eastern passenger ferry on the Harwich to Hook of Holland route. During the First World War, in March 1915 on the high seas, Captain Fryatt evaded a German U-boat, for which he was awarded a gold watch. Later that month he was ordered to stop by U-33, but instead he attempted to ram the submarine, which was forced to crash dive, for which he was awarded another gold watch, as also were the First Officer and Chief Engineer.

Later that year, in June, the Brussels was captured by German torpedo boats G101 and G102 and interned at Zeebrugge, where Captain Fryatt was arrested, after engravings on his watches revealed his previous actions. Unbelievably he was tried and then executed, on 27th July 1916, and the Brussels was taken over by the Kaiserliche Marine and renamed Brugge, serving as a depot ship at Zeebrugge.

In 1919 Fryatt's body was exhumed and returned to the UK for burial, his coffin being landed at Dover and then transported in the South Eastern and Chatham Railway PMV (Parcels and Miscellaneous Van) to London; his funeral was held at St Paul's Cathedral on 8th July that year. He is therefore one of just three bodies returned home from the First World War, the others being the Unknown Warrior and the nurse Edith Cavell, both of whom were also transported in PMV 132.

Just down the road we came to the Stingray public house, which dates to 1921 when it was built as a replacement for the London Tavern public house; this was a pub owned by trustees of John Patrick in 1870, but later purchased by the Co-operative Society - their first ever pub acquisition.

The Co-op thought the London Tavern was enough of a success to plan a new building, and in 1919 they closed the old London Tavern to convert it into a shop. Their new building was much more than a pub - it also featured a tea and reading room, and accommodation - it was named the Wheatshaf, though people called it the Co-op Tavern or the New London Tavern.

The pub was built in the mock-Tudor style and was very well-appointed with beer served from beer engines with beautiful Wedgwood pump handles; customers also got their divvy, which many local people saved up to buy their bottles at Christmas. In 1976 the Co-op sold the pub and it was renamed the Stingray. Our guide David mentioned that Harwich used to have over 50 public houses, and was keen to point out dead pubs as he took us around the

historic centre. In its heyday Harwich was an important port, dockyard and garrison town, so was well supplied with Inns and Public Houses.

The number of pubs grew because of the presence of so many varied occupations and visitors to the town. Harwich was a famous and important sea-crossing and rich people would come with a retinue of servants looking for a place to stay, so nearly every public house or the house next door had accommodation. Also present in the town were Coastguards, the Royal Navy, Merchant Seamen, Fishermen and Army Regiments, as well as local folk, all of whom wanted beer.

Many of the old pubs have disappeared, and of those that remain most have been changed beyond recognition, often becoming private houses or shops. To recognise this important passage of their history, Harwich have created a Historic Pub Trail to guide you round the town.

Christopher Jones, who captained the Mayflower when it took the pilgrims to America in 1620, lived with his mother and father at the King's Head Street home; his first wife, Sara Twitt, lived in the house opposite, which is now the Alma Inn. She and their only child died within ten years of their marriage, and Jones went on to marry Josian Gray, herself a widow, and had eight children, four of which were born while they lived in Harwich.

That concluded our comprehensive and most interesting morning guided wander around the old centre of Harwich, so it was now back to the Ha'penny Pier for lunch.

After lunch Beacon Hill Fort was our next port of call; sometimes called the Beacon Hill Battery, it is a ruined military fort built to defend Harwich, and now a scheduled ancient monument.

The first fortification built was a blockhouse, constructed in 1534 during the reign of Henry VIII, though abandoned within ten years. After Henry's death the site was rearmed, but by 1625 it had again fallen into disrepair, with Harwich considered defenceless.

The site accommodated most of the Harwich army and militia during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars era, as well as a naval signal station. In the C19th, prior to the building of the Breakwater, sea erosion had swept away much of the site, so by the 1880s the fort was considered outdated; in 1889 work began on a totally new fort, completed in 1892.

After World War I the fort was disarmed and sold, but in 1940 it was brought back into service with a twin 6 Pounder gun position and director tower built. It was now known as the Cornwallis Battery and included the two 6 inch guns of Beacon Hill Battery, both being manned by men of the 515th Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery.

The hexagonal brick radar tower adjacent to the site dates from 1941; together with the electrical firing stations at the breakwater corner and at Landguard Point, this controlled defensive mines in the harbour entrance. It didn't control the fire of the gun as new radar at Landguard arrived for this purpose in 1944. The site also housed anti-aircraft guns and torpedo tubes from time to time. It was finally decommissioned in 1956 on the dissolution of coast artillery in the United Kingdom.

The site now belongs to Paul Valentine and Barry Sharp, who with the help of volunteers have dug out huge volumes of earth and debris to uncover what is visible today, though a large amount of further such work remains to be done.

Not originally on our itinerary, we managed to squeeze in a quick visit to the Harwich Redoubt, which was built between 1808 and 1810 to protect Harwich against the threat of Napoleonic invasion. It was part of the scheme that included construction of 29 Martello Towers on the East Anglian coast.

It is of circular shape, approximately 200 ft in diameter, with a central parade ground of 85 ft diameter. Hoists lifted shells from the lower level to the gun emplacements above, similar in design to earlier redoubts at Dymchurch and Eastbourne.

When built the Redoubt was on a hilltop with free views in all directions, though it is now surrounded by houses and allotments. Originally armed with ten 24-pounder cannon, the Redoubt was remodelled to accommodate increasingly heavy guns, as technology and perceived threats changed.

In 1861/2, work was carried out to accommodate 68-pounder cannon, and the emplacements were strengthened by adding granite facing, to withstand improved enemy artillery; a decade later three of the emplacements were altered to take the enormous 12 ton rifled muzzle loading (RML) guns. In 1903, three emplacements received 12 pounder quick firing (QF) guns.

The Redoubt never fired a shot in anger, though it was briefly taken back into military service during World War II, when it served as a detention centre for British troops awaiting trial. Following the war it was used by the British Civil Defence organisation, until they were disbanded.

Thus ended a most enjoyable and action packed day we will all remember for a very long time, and the Harwich Society are to be much congratulated. Much was said about a return visit next year, when the Christopher Jones house and museum will be open, as part of the 400th anniversary celebrations, and trustees will consider this over the coming months. Combined with a longer visit to the Redoubt this would make for a great visit.

Postscript: The name Samuel Pepys, Chief Secretary to the Admiralty and one time MP for Harwich, frequently cropped up during our visit but I could not really find a place here to detail what he did for the town; perhaps this could be rectified with another visit.

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ **£750,000 improvement scheme at St Peter's Wharf, Ipswich completes early**

On 19 July, it was announced that the scheme which began in early January 2019 is now complete. The scheme delivers an enhanced, more welcoming area for residents and visitors enjoying the Ipswich Waterfront

The scheme also set out to accommodate the high number of pedestrians and cyclists that use the area and to support local businesses by improving access for large vehicles visiting the Port. The works were completed under budget and two weeks ahead of schedule.

➤ **Winners of Suffolk's Creating the Greenest County awards announced**

An ethical fashion brand, a primary school and a hotel were amongst the winners as Suffolk's most environmentally minded people were celebrated.

Thirteen winners were announced at the Creating the Greenest County awards ceremony, in categories ranging from Green Hero to Local Food and Drink. The carbon-neutral event was held at Snape Maltings on Wednesday 17 July. Jason Alexander received two awards. His Rubbish Walks social enterprise received the Waste Reduction and Recycling award and he was named as the Green Hero winner.

With over 130 nominations for the awards, it is clear that many of Suffolk's communities and businesses are serious about addressing their impact on the environment. Whether this is achieved by community litter picks or businesses moving to electric vehicles, everyone can do something to make a change. I was delighted that there was a local winner for the "Carbon Charter Outstanding Achievement Award". Congratulations to Strawberry grower, Mr Andrew Sturgeon, Suffolk Fresh, Lindsey Lodge Farm, Kersey Road, Lindsey.

➤ **Sudbury care home crowned Olympics champions**

On 15 July it was reported that Red House Residential Home in Sudbury has been crowned 2019 Suffolk Care Home Olympics champions. They beat 38 other care homes from across the county to win the title.

The annual competition, now in its third year, aims to give care home residents a fun and enjoyable experience of sport, whilst highlighting the importance of physical activity within social care settings.

428 residents in 39 care settings across Suffolk competed in three sports (Boccia, fishing and curling) for a total of 239 hours over the winter and spring months with the top three homes then competing in a 'super-final' to decide the outright champions.

The Suffolk Care Home Olympics is delivered by social enterprise Elatus Sports in partnership with the Suffolk County Council led "Most Active County Partnership".

➤ **Chairman of Suffolk County Council "walking" for Suffolk Mind**

I have now already walked five legs of my sponsored walk along the Stour Valley Path. All are welcome.

Dates and stages remaining:-

- Saturday 31st August, Long Melford to Great Henny, 7 miles
- Friday 13th September, Great Henny to Wormingford, 6 miles
- Friday 27th September, Wormingford to Stoke-by-Nayland, 6.5 miles
- Saturday 12th October, Stoke-by-Nayland to Stratford St Mary, 5.2 miles
- Friday 25th October, Stratford St Mary to Cattawade, 4.5 miles

More details of sponsorship can be found by searching for "Chairman's Charity Suffolk Mind". All are welcome to join me in some of these during the rest of the summer.

My Priorities

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley -

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James Finch County, Councillor Stour Valley Division

FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Although August is traditionally the month for holidays the work of the Council and councillors goes on unabated with planning, environmental, enforcement, heritage and waste collection functions and duties going on as normal.

With regard to our refuse collection service there has been some major changes to our collection rounds to even up collection loads and mileage travelled by each lorry due to size of villages and to take account of the impact on growth mainly in our urban areas. This has resulted in some areas having a change of collection day and some areas being put onto different rounds. These changes have in the main gone well but as always there have been some hiccups, mainly where groups of houses have been put into a different round and a new driver has gone sailing past without realising where the houses are, even though we thought they were clearly marked on the new rounds. Hopefully we seem to have got all the rounds serviced properly now and where bins were missed a separate small lorry with driver was sent to pick up refuse and recycle as required. My sincere apologies if you were a household that was affected adversely by these changes.

Another big issue is the County Council's new School transport policy which although not a district function has not done local government as a whole any favours at all. Although it was always promised that there would be local solutions for local problems, with three weeks to go before the start of the new school year this is not proving to be the case with some parents still not certain of how they will get their children to the school to which they have been allocated a school place. While councils as a whole are duty bound to try to save money and not waste precious resources, this scheme fails on all counts and splits communities and even individual families as well: the scenario of a bus coming to pick up a child in our rural community and a younger sibling being unable to get on the same bus to the same allocated school without having to pay £750.00 per year is quite frankly disgraceful and heartless. Although this situation is not a District matter I am trying to bring this dreadful situation to the attention of those responsible and have contacted our M.P. also to try to bring about a sensible solution to a self inflicted problem.

The third matter which is becoming a very big issue in our towns and villages is the poor and inconsiderate parking which in some cases has no relation to the highway code which we were all taught at the time we passed our driving test. Although this issue was always a police duty to enforce, it seems they no longer see this issue as a priority due to cuts in funding and lack of resources, with this being the case the government has decided that parking enforcement will become a district council duty but have apparently been to busy doing other things to issue the orders to us. In view of the dreadful and dangerous parking that I see in my ward I feel this action cannot come soon enough and will push to see that it is carried out fairly and competently.

Please all keep safe and well and enjoy the better weather when it comes, I will be attending all of my six Parish Councils in September and look forward to meeting anyone who has a complaint. Concern or query at those meetings. All Best Wishes Bryn. 07771 508348.

Boxford and Hadleigh Community Car Scheme

We are looking for more volunteer drivers to take people to local medical appointments.

No regular commitment is required - just help out with a left when you are able - fuel expenses paid.

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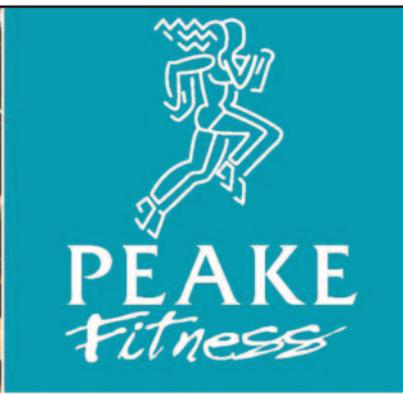
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LUKE WHITWELL TAKES ON NEVELLI

Luke Whitwell of local Plumbing and Heating Company, Whitwell Services, proudly re-introduces Nevelli Designer Home Heating & Interiors

In May 2018 I made the decision to take on Nevelli. After several meetings with previous owner Bev Neville, I could see what a great brand she had created. I had a vision to run Nevelli alongside our existing business Whitwell Services, generating a platform to inspire our clients. Whitwell Services was established in 1979 by my father John as a family run Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Company. I joined him in 1999 and the business has continued to evolve over the years. In recent years we have managed and been involved in a host of high-end building projects. We encourage a bespoke approach ensuring each job is unique to what the client requires.

Nevelli, is situated on the High Street in Hadleigh with a fully refitted Designer Radiator Showroom, and the installation of a second area is nearing completion. Here we are showcasing a range of designs for bathrooms and kitchens. Clients will be able to see the quality of what we can offer. We have a skilled team of individuals from plumbers, joiners, tilers, carpenters, electrical technicians and decorators who all pride themselves in using traditional methods to produce the ultimate finished project.

We can offer a service from Design and Supply to Installation, understanding that an interior renovation can be an overwhelming process, therefore our aim is to remove the stress from our clients and instill the confidence that is needed to complete the project with as little disruption as possible. Our team are committed to continued growth with a core local focus. Our Primary aim is the care of our clients by providing a professional, competitive and reliable service. 2019 marks a milestone year for us; not only is Nevelli in its 10th year, but Whitwell Services Celebrates 40 years of business and the 20th anniversary of my Dad and I working side by side. We have some exciting times ahead and the team are looking forward to Nevelli's Official re-launch in the Autumn.

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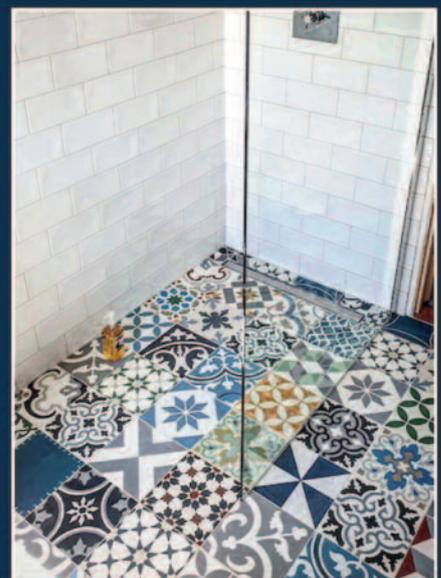
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019

Please come to Mary's house on Saturday 14th September from 9.00am where we will have our annual cake stall and coffee morning.

We plan to do the village shoeboxes again this year but sadly it will be the last one. The warehouse at Halstead will close after Christmas and larger warehouses will take over which we feel will take away the fun and enjoyment we have had in the village for so many years. If there is another local outlet then please let us know.

We will put a notice in Mary's House window with the dates for wrapping and filling the boxes as usual. Any donations of empty boxes and fillers will be very welcome either at Mary's House or can be collected from you by us.

We hope to make our final year a great success with lovely memories of the fun we have had and the joy we have brought to so many needy children.

For further information please phone:

Ann Porter on 01473 824283 Shirley Watling on 210024 Jennie Lindsey 210520

Hadleigh & Boxford Patient Participation Group The new look Practice website

If you've visited the Practice website recently, you will have seen that it's had a complete makeover! The partners hope you like it as much as they do; it was time to refresh the existing site and the new version includes more information on the full range of services for patients.

After a couple of months planning, the Practice is delighted to announce the launch of the site and hopes that the fresh new look and the improved navigation will allow you to find the information you need more quickly and easily. The new website has been designed to make it easy for patients to get answers to their questions and quickly access the right help and advice for their needs.

The site provides all the information you need to help you make best use of the services on offer, as well as health tips and advice on healthy living. The goal has been to provide you, the patient, with an easier way to learn about the Practice's services.

Regular updates to the website will provide further useful information and news regarding the practice, so please do check back for updates.

Your opinion is valued so feel free to submit any suggestions for new information or topics and provide feedback via the website <https://www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/>

Health and Art in Practice

The old pharmacy area in the Hadleigh Health Centre has been transformed into a mini art gallery.

This is the result of an initiative between Hadleigh Boxford Patient Participation Group (PPG) and the Hadleigh Boxford Group Practice to enhance the waiting room area for patients. The project was born from an idea by PPG member Jan Devey who, along with PPG member Mike Turley, set about giving the room a makeover.

Studies have shown that seeing artwork in a care environment can aid recovery. Art can brighten up spaces, reduce anxiety and stress for patients and provides positive distraction.

The first local artist to be featured is Hadleigh resident, 95 year old Margaret Laws, and her work will be on show for the next three months. The work of other artists from the community will follow at three month intervals.

A brief biography of the featured artist, together with details of the art on show, is also displayed. The artworks will be on sale and 10% of the marked price will go to the Hadleigh Boxford Medical Practice Charitable Trust which helps to improve healthcare in the community.

3PR Stats for July 2019

In July 2019 our responders covered 379 hours (51%) and attended 30 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.

Report from Boxford WI

Boxford WI has had a busy summer so far. Our afternoon meetings in June and July were well attended, with some new members added to our numbers! The meeting in June was an entertaining Music Quiz led by Sally Wolrund. She played her accordion with great aplomb, asking questions about the tunes as she went along. As always we had tea, Raffle and chat afterwards.



If our June meeting stimulated our sense of hearing, the July meeting tickled our taste buds with a fascinating talk from the creator of Suffolk Cheeses, Jason Salisbury. He and his wife, Katharine, founded Suffolk Cheeses in 2004. The company is family owned and run and it has state of the art milking equipment to let the Guernsey cows go to be milked whenever they require. The result is the delicious Suffolk Gold, Suffolk Brie, Suffolk Blue and

Suffolk Blue Brie, which can be found at any good farm shop and farmers markets in East Anglia. We were lucky enough to be allowed to taste and buy the excellent cheeses at the meeting!

Our Evening Meetings have also been extremely popular, with some of our members taking advantage of the flexibility having two meetings on offer and going to both. The topics covered have included a practical session, learning how to weave a willow basket, meeting a Hearing Dog and finding out about his training and discovering how the goats from the Fulbroch Herd in Bures have helped servicemen and women to recover from life changing injuries.



We are always happy to welcome new people to our meetings, which happen on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm in Boxford Village Hall, and on the third Thursday of each month in the Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion at 8.00 pm. We are having a short break during the month of August, although our Dining Divas continue to enjoy meals out in the surrounding area throughout the year!

Our first afternoon meeting is on Wednesday, 4th September at 2.00 pm when Pip Wright will tell us about 'Frolic, Fervour and Fornication'. Our evening meeting on Thursday 19th September at 8.00 pm will meet Sue Tetley, who will tell us about 'Thrive with Sue'. We look forward to seeing you there!

Annie Phillips Secretary, Boxford WI

(01787 211729 annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk)

Wot's On

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY COACH TRIP COACH TRIP TO BRESSINGHAM THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

All Welcome £22 per person

(incl. coach fare and entrance to The Dell Garden and Foggy Bottom, the famous garden of Adrian Bloom which is seldom open to the public) There is a restaurant or you may prefer to take a picnic. Available also are steam train rides (not included in your ticket)

Coach departs from The White Hart, Boxford 9.15am and leaves Bressingham at 4.00pm. To book a place, please send a cheque to:

Sally Hephner, Woodpeckers, Church Road, Frating, Colchester, CO7 7HG (made out to Boxford Gardening Society please)

For further details tel: Sally 01206 251970 or

Maggie Thorpe 01787 211346

This outing has been organized by Boxford Gardening Society but you need not be a member. You would be most welcome.

BOXFORD FIREWORKS 2019

This year's Firework Display is on Saturday 26th October. The Lantern Parade will be led by from the village by The Glenmoriston Pipe Band, who will also play at the Playing Field. As well as the Pipers, there will be a display of Fire Dancing and Eating by FireFlow at the Field.

Together with the fantastic Fireworks, this should be a terrific evening. Lanterns can be made from Saturday to Thursday the week before in The Spinney. Tickets will be available in September.

Big Band Dance night Saturday 28th December:

White Tie Glitz & Glam big band night at The Delphi Centre Sudbury CO10 2RR with "Swing Machine" a 17 piece band playing music to dance to from the 1920's to 1950's including local professional singer Nettie Osman with two sets of 60's songs to make it a great party night for the year end. This evening will be in support of "UPBEAT" the West Suffolk Heart Charity. Tickets £17.50 from Sudbury Tourist Office and direct from dancewithussuffolk@outlook.com or ring Phil on 07909993799 Book your tickets early this is always a sell out.

EAGG GARDEN HOLIDAY

EAGG GARDEN HOLIDAY 26 -28 SEPTEMBER 2019

VISITING – COTON MANOR, HODNET HALL, WOLLERTON OLD HALL AND ASHWOOD NURSERIES, WITH JOHN'S GARDEN

We will be departing from Lavenham at 9.30 am, and from Bury St. Edmunds at 10 am. Our first stop is Coton Manor, in Northampton, 10 acres, comprising a series of smaller gardens, recognised as one of the finest gardens in the East Midlands. (www.cotonmanor.co.uk) We will have lunch here before continuing to our hotel to settle in.

On the 27th, we will leave the hotel at 10.30 am, giving ample time for breakfast, to arrive at Hodnet Hall for 11 am. Tea/coffee and cake are included here. Hodnet is sheltered by ancient woodland and has a superb collection of semi-woodland plants which overlook a string of pools and wild flower meadows. There are drifts of perennials, stately herbaceous borders and a kitchen garden. (hodnethallgardens.org). We will leave for Wollerton Old Hall at 1.30, where we will have lunch on arrival. This is a garden in the classic English style, with 4 acres of beautifully planted garden rooms. (wollertonoldhallgarden.com). We will leave at 5pm for our hotel.

On the 28th, we check out of the hotel at 9.30 am and depart for John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries. This is a wonderful 3 acre private garden created by John Massey, with informal borders, island beds, woodland dells and a wildlife meadow, we will have lunch here and visit the nursery afterwards before returning home. (ashwoodnurseries.com) Please note, Ashwood nurseries is cash only. We are hoping to arrange for talks from the head gardeners or owners of the gardens we visit.

We will be staying for two nights half board, at the Holiday Inn, Telford. The price is £270, per person sharing a twin/double room, with a single room supplement of £34. Transport will be with Kings Luxury Coaches, who are organising the holiday for us, and booking is through their office. The coach is equipped with air conditioning, toilet, reclining seats and cool boxes with water for sale. Please note, lunches and teas are not included in the price, unless otherwise stated. Holiday Insurance, if required is available through Kings, for £27 per person.

To book, please contact erica.bolam@sky.com and I will email the booking form and insurance documents, terms and conditions to you, or contact andrew@kings-coaches.co.uk It's going to be a lovely trip!!

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 7th October 2019

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Monday 7th October. T.S. Eliot: The Dry Salvages (from Four Quartets) and Marina

Monday 14th October. Joseph Conrad: Typhoon and The Nigger of the 'Narcissus'.

Monday 21st October. Joseph Conrad: The Shadow Line and The Secret Sharer

Monday 28th October. No Class

Monday 4th November. William Shakespeare: Pericles

Monday 11th November. S.T. Coleridge: The Ancient Mariner

Monday 18th November. Byron: Don Juan Canto the Second

Monday 25th November. No Class

Monday 2nd December. Virginia Woolf: To the Lighthouse.

Monday 9th 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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Newcomers very welcome.

Please contact Mrs Etain Todds for further information and if you are interested in attending. Telephone 01787 210344

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Wot's On

Keep Fit For All Abilities in Little Waldingfield

Little Waldingfield Keep Fit will take a break during August, whilst the Parish Room is being re-decorated, but it will be back on Tuesday evenings, from 18:30 to 19:30, commencing on 3rd September

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.

Stoke by Nayland Bridge Club

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

Boxford Society AGM and Talk

Illustrated Talk "A Brief History of the Suffolk Landscape" followed by short AGM, at Boxford Village Hall, Saturday 5th October 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Mark Mitchels is a very popular speaker. Sadly he is retiring in September but he has agreed to give us one last illustrated talk before our AGM. This will be very interesting and entertaining as always, and you will not want to miss it. It would be helpful to have a large turnout for the 2019 AGM which is members' first opportunity to meet the new officers and members of the Executive Committee and to vote to confirm them formally into their posts in accordance with the Constitution.

Visitors are welcome to the talk (£2 entrance fee), but should not stay for the AGM, which will be short as usual.

MILDEN SINGERS – Winter Show

Friday 15th Nov 7pm for 7.30pm and Saturday 16th Nov 1.30pm for 2pm

Enjoy The Mildens Singers Winter Show whilst they sing a mix of Songs from Ed Sheeran, Adele and Elton John, to name a few, along with comedy sketches and poems too.

Both performances with licenced bar, buffet and charity raffle.

Tickets are £7 and in aid of Mildens Pavilion and Playingfield.

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

Polstead Village Hall Saturday 12th October, 7.30pm

Dick's quiet suburban life is shattered when his brother Julian returns suddenly from The States, for "health" reasons. But his shady American "associates" have unfinished business with him, putting both their health at risk. Their dad's old motorbike and sidecar, which Dick has been restoring, might come in handy as their getaway vehicle!

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2pm



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Wot's On

REVOLUTIONARY BRITANNIA BRITAIN IN THE AGE OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION c.1788-1832 - by Simon Doney

Stoke-by-Nayland WEA presents a series of 10 weekly lectures starting on Thursday 19th September 2019 in Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Study the political and cultural impact of the French Revolution on Britain, focussing on the political and popular response to the revolution, the defence of Britain against Napoleon and the struggles of post-war Britain.

Simon Doney is a local lecturer in Further and Higher Education and has taught classes for the WEA over a number of years.

Fees: Adult £58.

Enrolment for the course should be done directly with the WEA either online at www.wea.org.uk or by telephone at 0300 303 3464. Course Reference: C2226720 Fee payment can be made with a credit/debit card. Advance booking for the course is recommended but you can enrol after the first, free 'taster' session on 19th September if preferred.

For further information you may contact Sue Whiteley on: 01787 210945 or email: whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding present a Talk on Plant Propagation by Marc McHearne from Beth Chatto Gardens. Thursday 26th September 2019 at Polstead Village Hall, CO6 5AN. 7-7.30pm. Light refreshments. Raffle. Tickets £10.00 from Chris Southgate at 58aldham@gmail.com. All proceeds go to The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding, Registered Charity No. 1113636



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SEPTEMBER 2019

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Tuesday 3rd 2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Talk on Birds
Wednesday 4th 7.30 pm	Village Hall committee
Tuesday 10th 7.30 pm	Newton Green Trust meeting
Wednesday 11th 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 14th 10.30 am	Newton Neighbourhood Plan briefing meeting
Tuesday 17th 2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Talk re Arger Fen
Sunday 22nd tba	Harvest Tea
Tuesday 23rd 2.00 pm	Fireside Club – Strawberry Tea
Wednesday 24th 3.00 pm	Rural Housing Assn. – Public Consultation
Tuesday 30th 7.00 pm	Fit Villages
Saturday 28th 10.00 am	McMillan coffee morning

REGULAR EVENTS

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(phone Sophia on 313662 for details)
Monday and Thursday evenings: Western Partner Dance Club
(call Chris 371006)
Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Anne on 312346)
Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club
(call Brian on 312160)

POLSTEAD WI

OPEN MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 2019 AT 7.30pm

Please come and join Polstead WI listening to our Speaker, Rachel Sloane, who was with BBC Radio Suffolk for 17 years, and has had a career in local radio spanning 28 years. Rachel is giving a talk titled "Secrets Behind the Scene in Local Radio". £3.50 per person entrance fee which includes refreshments. Everyone welcome, we look forward to seeing you.



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Voluntary £1 donation to church funds

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Quiz Night

Saturday 21st September at 7.30 Prompt

£10 to include two course meal

& pre dinner nibbles

Raffle

Max 5 persons per team

Tickets : Sue Sheppard (01787) 247980

Sheppard.susanm@gmail.com

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Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Race Night

Saturday 23rd November at 7.30 Prompt

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& pre dinner nibbles

Raffle

Tickets : Sue Sheppard (01787) 247980

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Please bring your own drinks

Tim Kliphuis Trio

Wednesday November 27th

7.30pm

Monks Eleigh Village Hall

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Autumn Series of 10 Lectures
Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall
Thursday 19th September 2019,
7.30 pm



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Course Reference: **C2226720**

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All Saints Church
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SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019

11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.

- ☀ Barbeque
- ☀ Bric-a-Brac
- ☀ Refreshments
- ☀ Tombola
- ☀ Produce & Cakes
- ☀ Games
- ☀ Jigsaw Puzzles
- ☀ Books

***** Spinning Demonstration *****

***** Fun Dog Show *****

*All Saints Church, Kington Hill,
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** Miguel Olivares as Freddie Mercury | 6th December
Lee Hutton sings Bubl  | 20th December



Brunch with Santa

A real pre-Christmas treat for parents and tots! Enjoy a delicious buffet brunch before meeting Santa and receiving a special gift.

£18.00pp²

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1st & 15th December | 9.30am - 11.30am



Christmas Cooking Masterclass

Learn to cook a last-minute Christmas pudding with our award-winning Executive Head Chef, followed by a Q&A session and a delectable 2 course festive lunch.

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MILDEN CC V FRESTON CC



Photo's David Lamming

A Freston and Milden duo: Freston bowler S Linge and Milden batsman,



Milden opening batsman, Andrew Simmons, prepares to face a ball in the match at Risby on 11 August

On 4 August Milden beat Freston in a tense finish, with Freston falling short of the Milden total of 191 for 6 by just 7 runs. Phillips (70) top-scored for Milden, while the two Milden Gregs (Hayton and Wilson) helped secure the Milden win by their miserly opening spells of bowling. A week later at Risby, the weather was the winner when abandonment of the game at 7.50 pm due to bad light and a third downpour enabled Milden to avoid defeat.

Scores:

4 August: Milden 191 for 6; Freston 184 for 4; Milden won by 7 runs.

11 August: Risby 310 for 5; Milden 117 for 7; match abandoned.

Remember

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Just go to <http://www.boxfordsuffolk.com/box-river-news> and scroll down to the latest BRN icon. The Newsletter is usually available about one day after the published press date.

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Edwardstone Cricket Club



QUIZ NIGHT

16TH November 2019

at

Edwardstone Village Hall

Test your knowledge against our Quiz Master

The evening starts at 7pm

We would like to invite teams of 6 people to take part



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KERSEY HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 12TH AND SUNDAY 13TH
OCTOBER 2019
10.00AM TO 5.00PM

Over the weekend St Mary's Church will host Kersey's flower festival, arranged to coincide with harvest time.

St Mary's is a Grade 1 listed Parish Church, entrenched in history and set in medieval surroundings.

Come and be amazed by this historic village and church adorned in floral tributes worthy of its beauty.

ADMISSION FREE, DONATIONS WELCOME.

Refreshments and light lunches can be purchased in the church.



Proceeds to Friends of St Mary's Kersey and Kersey Projects.

Forthcoming Events Diary

August			
24/25/26 Bloomin Shakespeare Flower Festival	Groton PCC	St Bartholemew's Church	10.00am to 5.00pm
September			
1 Fun Dog Show	Newton Green Village Hall		10.30 - 12.00
3 Boxford Gardening Society	Gladioli at Chelsea	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Autumn Concert	All Saints Church, Newton		7.30pm
7/8 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival	Ltl W PCC	St Lawrence's Church	10am-6pm
12 Trip to Bressingham	Boxford Gardening Society	White Hart	9.15am
13 Drop in for Coffee	Little Waldingfield	St. Lawrence's Church	10.30 - 12.00
18 Little W Hist Soc	St Audry's Workhouse and Mental Hospital -		
	Victorian attitudes Examined	The Parish Room	7.30pm
21 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
22 Boxford Fun Dog Show	Boxford Playing Field Mgt Committee	Boxford Playing Field	1.00pm
October			
5 Boxford Society AGM and talk		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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		
November			
15/16 Mildens Singers	Mildens Pavilian	Friday 7,30pm	Saturday 2.00pm
23 Race Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
First Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford			7.30pm

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Tim Harbord, 2 Rush Lane, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9TH
Tel 01787 311707; e-mail: t.harbord@btinternet.com

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

Benefice house: Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.
For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at www.achurchnearyou.com.

Box River Benefice

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Boxford Church
Sunday 1st September
11.00 am

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**Copy Date for Church News in the
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**Please, NO LATER THAN 12th
September**

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

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

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of EVERY booking (including regular church and PCC bookings), as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking. (Not everyone is complying with this requirement.)

Please note that the suggested donation is £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings.

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



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

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boxford.warden@btinternet.com

Lennie Southgate Tel: 01787 210942

Karen Whymark Tel: 01787 210414

The Suffolk Villages Festival are holding a concert at St.Mary's Church Boxford on **Sunday 25th August at 6.30 pm** THE CLASSICAL CLARINET by Ensemble DeNOTE, Jane Booth Clarinet, John Irving forte piano. Tickets tel: 01206 366603

or email: box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com

**CLASSICAL "CHILL CONCERT" SERIES CONCERT AT
ST.MARY'S BOXFORD**

Saturday 14th September at 7.30 pm East Anglian violinist Noel Vine presents a Classical Chill concert which are 30 minute concerts showcasing the most relaxing and calming music in the violin repertoire. Presenting music from Bach, Arvo Part, Vivaldi, Philip Glass, Vaughan Williams, Einaudi and others.

Bringing some calm into busy lives, these concerts are designed to de-stress and unwind the audience. The concerts are accompanied by piano and beautiful mood lighting to enhance the experience and have been quoted as 'a new dawn of classical performance. Noel also communicates with the audience, breaking down the barrier between performer and listener in his own natural and infectious style. He is known to people all over East Anglia, as for the last 4 years he has presented on Heart FM, his show being rated #1 across Norfolk and Suffolk. Tickets will be a very accessible £8.00 including a glass of wine or soft drink plus other refreshments.

Available soon from the Post Office or PCC members

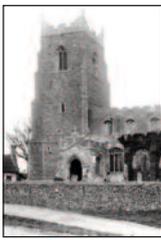
Food Bank Collections: We now have regular collections of food items (plus useful things such as toothpaste, deodorants etc) at St.Mary's Church Boxford, which we take to the Storehouse Food Bank, Sudbury. Please kindly bring these gifts to our church services where a collection point will be available. (items well in date please!) Tinned vegetables are needed & less beans & soup! We've already taken 16 very full boxes to the food bank so far this year.

The next **Cafe Church Service** is on **Sunday 1st September at 11.00** in St.Mary's Boxford. All are welcome to this informal service with good coffee, pastries & children's craft activities

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride 2019 will be on **Saturday 14th September 9.00 am- 5.00pm**. The Annual Sponsored Ride & Stride is a National event and every second Saturday in September cyclists all round the country are out making money for their local county Churches Trust. (Here the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust) The idea started in Suffolk, and consistently Suffolk has headed the table of funds raised. The Ride & Stride is the main source of income to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to enable it to make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs. Visit shct.org.uk for more information, or for sponsorship forms which will soon be available in church contact local organiser

Michael Gray boxford.warden@btinternet.com

Boxford Calendar 2020-We are hoping to produce a calendar for 2020. We need lots of photos of Boxford & surroundings. Please do send to ChrisKingsC@aol.com or on a memory stick by mid September. All proceeds to St. Mary's Parish Church.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

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

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Rotas	Sidesmen	Flowers
1 Sept	Mrs. Nicholls and Mr. Duffy	Mrs. Squirrel
8 Sept	Songs of Praise at 6.30 pm Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Harbord	
15 Sept	No service	Mrs. Eddington
22 Sept	No service	Mrs. Gregor-Smith
29 Sept	No service	Mrs. Duffy

If these duties are inconvenient please let Tricia know on 247932 so that replacements can be organised.

On 4 August the Revd. Richard Titford celebrated Holy Communion for us. Our new rector, the Revd. Rob Parker-McGee and his family joined us and took coffee and refreshments with us. We look forward to his Induction Service in Little Waldingfield Church.

Our **Flower Festival** is on **Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September**. Come and see what our Flower Team has created this year. Refreshments will be served all day from 10am.

Our **Drop in for Coffee** morning this month is on **Friday 13 September**. We hope to see you there.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Vacant

The Reverend Liz Law took our service on July 28th and her sermon focused on the importance and significance of prayer. As we come to the end of the Benefice interregnum, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz for spending so much time at All Saints and for delivering such thought provoking services. We wish her the very best for the future and hope it is not too long before she visits us again.

Our Autumn clean took place on the 17th August and we are very grateful to those villagers who gave up their time to help make our church look so cared for.

On the 25th August Robert Parker McGee takes his first service at Newton and further details will be published in the September newsletter.

Forthcoming church events in September.

The **Keld ensemble** will perform in the church on **Friday 6th**.

Newton Autumn Show takes place in the church on **Saturday 7th**.

The **historic churches cycle ride** takes place on **Saturday 14th**.

Our **harvest festival service** takes place on the **Sunday 22nd** followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall.

Benefice News

JOINT MEETING OF BENEFICE PCCs.

A joint meeting of the five benefice parochial church councils is to be held on **Wednesday 18 September 2019, 7.00 pm** at Groton Village Hall. This is the first of what is hoped will be quarterly such meetings, when issues relating to the whole benefice can be discussed and decisions made jointly. As well as promoting our desire to work together better as a benefice, the intention is to reduce administrative burdens. Obviously, there will continue to be some matters requiring discussion or decision specific to a particular parish, and the meeting can split into individual PCCs to deal with that business. Local PCCs will also meet as necessary between the quarterly joint meetings,

General Church News



'CHURCHES TOGETHER' PRAYER BREAKFASTS: SATURDAYS 8.00 AM TO 9.30 AM.

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

7th	Lavenham Parish Church
14th	Glemsford Methodist Church
21st	St Gregory's Church, Sudbury
28th	TBA



KETTLE & FISH

'Kettle & Fish' at St Peter's Church, Sudbury, is a Christian presence in the centre of the town, open on most Thursdays from 9.45 am to 2.00 pm (to coincide with market day) where you can find spiritual and physical refreshment. Coffee, tea, soup, quiches filled rolls and cakes are available, together with a Fairtrade stall, a Christian bookstall and a prayer corner. 'Listeners' are available to talk to – or just come and talk with friends over a coffee etc. Dates in September 2019 are the 12th, 19th and 26th.

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website:
www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk



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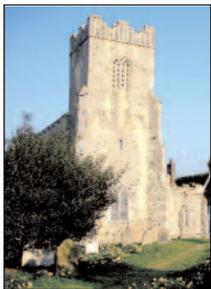
Churchwarden:
Vacant

Sunday 15 September, Harvest Festival - Sidesman and Coffee duties TBA

Decorating the church with flowers and produce will be done by various and many Edwardstone residents and, no doubt, will look as beautiful as ever.

Cleaning duties for the month will be done by Justine and Jane Walters.

Sunday 22 September, Holy Communion 9.30 am - Sidesman and coffee duties TBA.



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ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sidesman	Mrs Sheila Gooderham
Flowers	Mrs Lesley Gill
Cleaning	Mrs Lesley Gill

PCC MEETING: Wednesday 18 September 2019, 7.00 pm at Groton Village Hall. This is a joint meeting of all five benefice PCCs: see note below under 'Benefice News'. Any Groton-specific items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail djlamming@hotmail.com) by Sunday 8th September.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: "Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join, with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love."

Groton's Harvest Festival service, when we give thanks to God for the harvest, is at **6.30 pm on Sunday 29th September 2019**.

"Come, ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home! All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our make doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple come; raise the song of harvest home!"

Box River Benefice – September Services

Daily Prayers

Each week, Morning and Evening Prayer is said around the five churches of the Benefice.

Monday: 8.30 Lt Waldingfield, 17:00 Boxford;

Tuesday: 8.30 Edwardstone, 17:00 Boxford;

Wednesday: 8.30 Groton, 17:00 Boxford;

Thursday 8.30 Newton, 17:00 Boxford.

Do join us! Please let Rob know of any people or situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on Tel. 01787 210434 or emailed to: rparkermcgee@gmail.com.

Inevitably there will be occasions when commitments in the Benefice or Diocese may mean that Rob will not be able to attend, but please don't let that put you off saying prayer in his absence: the people and churches of our benefice need our prayers!

Sunday 1st	11th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00 Café Church	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	18:30 Evensong	Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Wednesday 4th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Sunday 8th	12th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Groton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Lt Waldingfield	18.30 <i>Flower Festival Songs of Praise</i>	Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Wednesday 11th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Sunday 15th	13th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	09.30 <i>Harvest Festival</i>	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Wednesday 18th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Sunday 22nd	14th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Edwardstone	09.30 Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Newton	11:00 <i>Harvest Festival</i>	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00 Morning Worship	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 25th

Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Sunday 29th	15th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	10.00 Five Villages Service of Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Groton	18.30 <i>Harvest Festival</i>	Revd Rob Parker-McGee

Sunday 6th Oct	16th Sunday after Trinity	(G)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Lt Waldingfield	09.30 <i>Harvest Festival</i>	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00 <i>Pet Blessing Service and Café Church</i>	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	18:30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Boxford have their Harvest Festival booked for 13th October at 11 am

Soap Box

I have written before about the insidious way technology is infiltrating our society. I am not a technophobe (honestly!), but it concerns me that our behavior and the way in which we interact with each other is being changed by the creeping sophistication of the technology giants that increasingly dictate how we go about our daily lives. Some aspects of this behavioural take over is clearly evident and generally avoidable. The frequent requests made by Google to rate a shop or restaurant recently visited is as best an irritation, at worst a confirmation that Big Brother really does exist.

But you don't have to respond. I don't, despite exhortations that I will be aiding others in their choice of where to shop or to eat. I've even been asked to rate the vet we use in Portugal. He is a brilliant guy, but not universally liked, so what I say may not match the expectations of others. Anyway, why should I encourage other pet owners to use him? It might lead to a diminution in the service I receive. Selfish? Perhaps, but so often service is a matter of opinion and cannot be fitted into a score sheet – as Google would like.

Then there is the monthly summary of where I've been. I'm far from clear how this helps me, unless I've severe short-term memory loss. Why not turn off the ability of Google to track my movements, I hear you say? Fair point, but then one of the pluses of current technology would be denied to me. The ability to find places you wish – or even need – to visit by using the Satnav capability of a smart phone can be most useful. And the experience of a friend of mine in Portugal is also relevant. She left her phone somewhere in Lisbon, but Google found it instantly and had it returned to her in short order.

Still, reliance on these devices and the technology that supports them is not without its consequences. For example, I still keep a road atlas in my car, just in case the navigation system that is now de rigeur for the modern driver fails to deliver to expectations. I was confirmed in this approach when my car broke down near Stansted Airport whilst we were en route to a friend's birthday party down in London. This was when I discovered that the breakdown service to which we had subscribed for the previous 40 years would either take us home, or to a garage – but not both.

We opted for home, duly missing the birthday party, but then we could ask the garage to collect the car as it couldn't be driven. Sitting next to the driver in his breakdown truck, having given him our post code for the return journey, I became increasingly concerned that the distance to our destination (home) appeared considerably shorter than the distance I knew would be needed to complete the journey. I persuaded the driver – eventually – to turn off his Satnav and rely on my more basic navigational skills. And so we arrived at the correct destination.

Much more worrying, though, was a recent experience across the border into Essex. We were returning from a funeral in Kent and had stopped at a pub near Chelmsford for a comfort break. Talking to the barman, a pleasant young man in his early twenties, we told him we were on our way back home to Suffolk. "Where's that" he responded. We were flabbergasted. "Do you not know where Suffolk is?" we replied. No, he said, but it didn't matter as he could always find it on his smart phone. Well, if that is how so-called millennials organise their lives, the best of luck to them.

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GARDENING IN SEPTEMBER INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

A ring of yellow-brown mushroom like growths at the base of a tree or shrub, together with wilting leaves and dead branches indicates that the tree is attacked by *Armillaria Mella* more commonly known as honey fungus. This is a soil borne disease which attacks the roots of trees and shrubs and spreads along them to the trunk. There is a pronounced mushroom smell and the bark at the base of the tree can often be pulled off by hand to reveal a white thread like mould. There is no cure once a tree is attacked, so dig it out with as much root as possible to prevent the fungus feeding on them and spreading to other trees. It can spread rapidly along a hedge where the roots are in close proximity. Attacks are most likely to occur where there are rolling tree stumps. Herbaceous perennials can also be affected. After digging out all affected wood, drench the whole area with Armillatox.

House plants in need of pruning or re-potting should be done now before the growth slows up for the winter. Reduce watering and feeding slightly as the weather cools. Cacti should be stood where they will get as much sunshine as possible with the water gradually reduced. Examine all plants for signs of pests especially red spider which is encouraged by a dry atmosphere. Red spider are invisible to the naked eye but signs of an attack are yellow and bronze colouring of the leaves and by the presence of a very fine web, which is also difficult to see. Red spider is a difficult pest to eliminate once an infection has taken hold. This is in part due to the fact that they have several generations in the same infestation, and some chemicals will only kill certain stages of the life cycle. Also, Red Spider Mites are capable of building up immunity to most chemicals available. So! Prevention is obviously a major asset in the control of this troublesome pest. They do not like damp, humid conditions, together with which regular misting or spraying will actually suppress their ability to reproduce! (Similar to a cold shower?)

Regular spraying with fine mist of water, in greenhouse and also in hot conditions outdoors is a good form of defence, indoor plants perhaps best taken outdoors for this form of defence, though fine misting on a regular basis will certainly help to prevent a serious attack. Together with this, any form of increasing humidity levels around the house plant - other than for the general well being of houseplants - will help to reduce red spider infestation.

A cure is difficult! but, sprays of bifenthrin has proved successful. A single spray will not solve the problem, for reasons stated above ie only certain age groups within the population are affected. Bifenthrin is found in brand names such as 'Sprayday', 'Bug Clear Gun'. Provado Ultimate Bug Killer is also good - as are insecticides containing fatty Acids.

Now is a good time to treat lawns with a 2oz. per square yard of a good preparatory autumn fertiliser. Autumn fertilisers are high in phosphates and potash, containing only a small amount of nitrogen, excess of which is liable to render the turf susceptible to attacks of fungus diseases.

Keep up the spraying of roses right up until the leaf fall. A handful of sulphate of potash around each bush will, assist in the ripening of new wood and will stand hard winter frosts.

White and purple sprouting broccoli, winter hardy cauliflower headed broccoli and winter cabbage will also benefit from 2oz. per square yard of sulphate of potash.

Wall trained pyracanthas, cydonia japonica and wisteria should have lateral growths pruned back to two buds from the main branch. Check dahlia stakes and ties, as autumn gale's can cause damage. Feed every two weeks to produce good blooms and build up strong tubers.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 2 Pick autumn raspberries
- 3 Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- 4 Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- 5 Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- 6 Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
- 7 Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
- 8 Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
- 9 Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
- 10 Plant spring flowering bulbs

September is generally a cooler, gustier month than August and the days are noticeably shorter. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest.

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Many of you will know The Croft in Groton, either from walking your dog along the footpaths, watching the barn owls, attending a village event or looking at the Winthrop Mulberry Tree. What you may not know is the Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust was set up in 1994 to buy The Croft and maintain it as open space for the enjoyment of all. Since then it has been used for various village entertainments and visited by members of the Winthrop family tracing their roots.

The Trustees give their time voluntarily and although the Countryside Commission originally provided a small grant to help with the maintenance of the land and trees, this is now unfortunately unavailable.

Fundraising events are now being organised to help with the rising running costs and we hope these will be well supported.

If those who enjoy this facility would like to make a donation it would be greatly appreciated by the Trustees.

The Trust is also looking for somebody to take on the role of secretary – if you felt it is something you would like to be involved with or you would like to make a donation please contact Gerald Becker on 01787 211219.

Readers Letters

Sir

I don't know if anyone has noticed that the Bus Shelter (former Boxford Gaol) has been decorated and I would like to thank Barry Rule and his helper(s) for their efforts.

Now all we have to ask is that people do not park right up close to the Bus Shelter so that elderly people and those with infirmities can access the building and sit down and wait for the bus.

Once again many thanks Barry.

Yours faithfully, David House

Dear All

Diamond Wedding

Eddie and Janet Kench wish to thank all their friends and relatives who helped them celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in July and many thanks for all the cards and gifts we received (despite saying no gifts please) with an apology for not replying individually.

Unfortunately there was so much that had to be carried home after the event in Groton that cards became detached from the gifts and many could not be put together again.

Special thanks to all those who helped set up the hall and tidied it up afterwards, to the caterers who produced such a splendid spread, Carol Cornish for her spoof edition of the BRN and John for his speech.

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BY THE WAY NS BRISTOW

This month's walk can be walked as an extension to last month's Winthrop walk as it is a further exploration of the footpaths to the North and to the North East of Boxford and largely in the parish of Groton. Missed the Winthrop walk? Thanks to Trudi Wild, all the walks detailed in By the Way.. in recent editions of The Box River News are available on boxfordsuffolk.com website under Discover Boxford and then Favourite Walks.

Although we are beginning the walk in Broad Street, Boxford, we have a little way to go before we reach the point where we begin the continuation. Some may want to walk last month's walk first (or again) and then continue to make the complete walk which is perfectly possible and is a total of 8+ miles. The complete route has, in any case, plenty of opportunities to take short cuts: most roads you cross, if you turn right on to them, will take you back to Boxford.

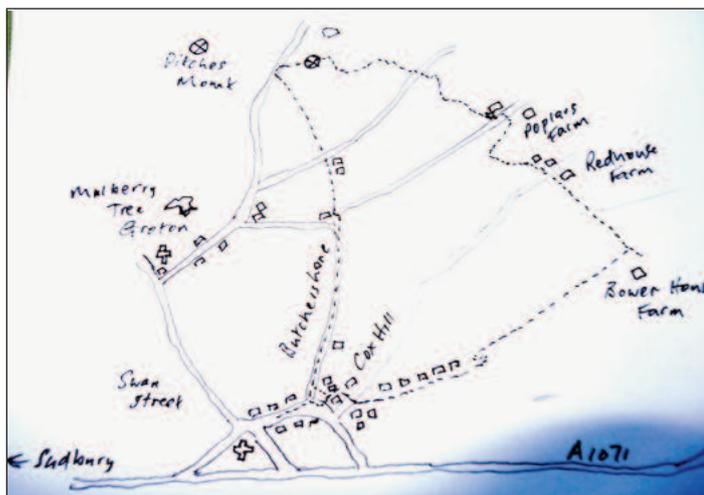
Those of you who are heading out of Boxford to do the continuation only, walk past the Fleece on your left and at the corner turn left into Butchers Lane. (I don't like road walking but Butchers Lane is pleasant with little traffic). Continue walking ahead, ignoring another lane entering from the left and past houses on the left, until you reach a footpath on the left at a corner where the lane bears right and starts to rise. Follow the footpath through bushes and turn right onto a broad field path, through a hedgerow, as soon as you leave the bushes at a field corner. Keep along this path, hedge and ditch on your right, past houses, over a road until you get to a road where you turn right. Across the road a footpath comes in from Edwardstone and you may recognise it if you did the Winthrop walk. This is identified as point (1) on the website's Winthrop Walk.

We now turn right on the road and then right again, within a few meters, to follow a footpath sign (set back somewhat from the road) to climb up through trees and a gate and then up some steps. Walk on to an easily crossed stile and then cross a well tended open space with a distant house on your left to another accessible stile. Once over the stile you will approach Pitchers Mount which can you research on the internet and which was once, together with parish churches, amongst the largest man made objects in the local environment. Not many villages can boast such a labour intensive yet discreet monument to political power and there must be a story there somewhere. Even its location I find puzzling. Perhaps its proximity to Milden and Lindsey castles, together with a scattering of moated houses around the area, are testaments to troubled times. Is it prioritising defence over production? No doubt, it's presence is an indicator of a population surplus in the local labour force that can be coerced or persuaded to contribute their labour to a non essential (that is non food producing) activity.

Back on the ground, walk around to the left of the mount until a short stretch of footpath on the left leads to a field. Entering the field turn right and follow the path, with a hedge on your right, past some defunct equestrian jumps, down to the field corner where you join a footpath on the right to pass through a hedge to walk on.

Follow this broad path to reach a road which you cross to a short stretch of footpath ahead. At the field corner turn left and then immediately right to follow this footpath up out of the valley joining a road at the top. Turn left onto the road and then, after approximately 100m, turn right onto a footpath, opposite the farmyard, which you follow, hedge on your left. Where the hedge ends you cross 200m of field to a gap and sign post nearly directly opposite in the hedge. Go through the gap, turn left and walk hedge on your left, until the path passes through a gap (with no footpath sign at the moment) to join a vehicle track. Turn right, and in 150 meters you will reach a road to cross to a path diagonally opposite which is part of a concreted drive.

Proceed until a path comes in from the right between a fenced field and a mature hedge. Walk down this path until at the bottom corner you briefly turn back on yourself to then turn right onto a path which takes you back to Boxford. Following the path, you will pass through a short patch, always wet in winter, to reach a road, which you cross diagonally to a footpath, that will weave its way to a point where you can either walk back briefly down Butchers Lane or pass the beginning of the lane on your way to the start.





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Parish Council Matters

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: H Phillips, A Sargeant, J Fincham-Jacques, S Mattocks, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: were received from V Stafford and P Wallis.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 3RD JUNE 2019: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: J Finch agreed to chase the work to the blocked drain at the bottom of the croft. It was agreed to report the car being driven along the RUPP to the Police, to also write to the car owner and copy to the County Right of Way Officer - Action Clerk. The schedule of planned river clearance work by the Environment Agency had been circulated between meetings. The Chairman agreed to clear some mud potentially blocking the flow in the vicinity as an interim step - Action Chairman.

PUBLIC FORUM: Neighbouring Residents and the Applicant for the application for a new dwelling at 30 Stone Street shared their views. The Applicant spoke of wanting her family to have a home suitable for their changing needs. She spoke of their desire to stay in the location but they have outgrown their existing property. She confirmed the feedback from the last application had been taken on board and explained the history of the properties at that location in that 2 properties had been knocked into one. Nearby residents were concerned about the Planning Consultation process, vehicle access including obscuring by a high hedge, highways safety and the proximity to Listed Buildings among other things. The Chairman explained the Parish Council has listened and were also glad the applicant and neighbours were talking. He urged everyone to put their views in writing to the Planning Authority. The Parish Council were to agree their response later in the meeting.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: There was nothing to add.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch attended and reported on new electric vehicle charging points to be installed in Suffolk, subsidy is to be removed from 23 bus routes in Suffolk, applications are open for a museum trainee program and Suffolk's Health and Wellbeing Board are committing more to tackling poor mental health. J Finch is getting into his role of Chairman of Suffolk County Council attending various events and having walked a leg of the sponsored walk of the Stour Valley Path. He advised comments from Highways in relation to the application discussed during the public forum. Whilst Highways did not object, their approval was subject to 4 points being adhered to. He confirmed his ambition for a Suffolk Youth Choir and finally he has asked for costings on signs for Sand Hill similar to Stone Street. These would be easier and less costly to install. A contribution would be sought from the Parish Council.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr B Hurren attended and reported that the Local Plan was due to be out to Consultation and he suggested the Parish Council has an Agenda item at the next full Meeting. The District has high housing targets over the coming years which are included in the Local Plan. The Parking Enforcement powers are in the process of moving from the Police to the District Council. School transport changes are meaning children are being offered transportation to the nearest School which may not be the traditional catchment school. This is leading to inconsistent arrangements over the village as a whole and also siblings not necessarily being offered the same school for travel arrangements. B Hurren is taking this up. The outcome of the Boxwood Hall plans was disappointing and was fully discussed at a meeting involving our Chairman. Our new Footpath Warden is wanting to create a circular walk and B Hurren is liaising with him in this regard. The much needed refurbishment to the Homefield flats is nearing completion. Wash Lane has been swept, however, residents at the Meeting suggested further work is needed as the drains need clearing and trees are down. A resident has offered to paint the bus shelter during the School Holidays and B Hurren was liaising with him.

GRIT BINS AND REPLENISHMENT: This item was deferred.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES: It was agreed to advertise to attempt to fill the Vacancies.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: We have a potential Chairman for the Neighbourhood Planning Group. H Phillips is happy to have a role on the Committee also. A secretary is in place. Other volunteers have come forward to assist. H Phillips will call a further meeting. Discussions with Babergh District Council continues.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 3rd June were £39041.30 in the Community Account, £13377.37 in the Deposit Account and £50643.84 in the Reserve Account making a total of £103062.51. The following payments were approved: -

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence was discussed in matters arising and the circulation envelope was started.

CEMETERY: The Clerk explained various enquiries have been answered during the month about interment of ashes. The main part of this Agenda item was deferred in view of the lateness and duration of meeting.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: H Phillips resigned from the Parish Council confirming various things led to his considered decision. He feels his energies will be better spent helping with the Neighbourhood Planning Group. He identified a number of areas including the Churchyard, Street Lights, financial planning, the Parish Councils responsibilities as employer where he would have to gain knowledge to fulfil his responsibilities and he was concerned about the lack of influence a Parish Council has towards

planning and highways etc. He did not feel the role was for him as he was hoping to retire at some stage. A new Chairman will need to be elected as first item at the brief Meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 10.01 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 1st July 2019

The following decisions were advised from the Planning Authority: -

a) Consent had been granted to reduce and shape protected walnut tree at Causeway House, The Causeway, Boxford -

b) Work can proceed to trees in Conservation Area at Old School House, School Hill -

c) Work can proceed to our planned tree work in the Church yard including sycamore, holly and elder bush -

The following applications were discussed: -

1) DC/19/02690/91 - Planning and Listed Building for rear extension at The Old Forge, Church Street. There were No Objections.

2) DC/19/02642 - Planning application for conversion of woodstore to ancillary annex accommodation at 33 Swan Street. There were No Objections.

3) DC/19/02781 - Proposed new dwelling at 30 Stone Street. A number of concerns were raised and following a vote, it was agreed to Object to the Plans based on those concerns. The response agreed was as follows: -

Boxford Parish Council Objects to this application due to the following:

- Proposed additional vehicle access where there are already highways safety concerns in the vicinity

- the potential loss of trees due to the build

- the proximity to Listed Buildings which would need to be reviewed by the Heritage Officer

4) Any other urgent Planning items - An approach has been made on behalf of the owner of the Goodlands Farm site to try to determine what would be acceptable in development terms following the refusal of Goodlands phase 2. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council Objects in principle to development on that site due to traffic issues on Swan Street which is why Goodlands phase 2 was turned down. It was agreed to thank the enquirer for approaching the Parish Council and explain our views - Action Clerk.



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A bouquet of flowers and a garden token were presented to the Revd Liz Law by Annabel Brown at St Mary's Church, Boxford, on 4 August as a 'thank you' for leading Café Church over the last year.

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An International green energy award has been won by family farming business Boxford (Suffolk) Farms

There was fierce competition at the International Anaerobic Digestion (AD) and Biogas Awards at the AD & Biogas Industry Awards Ceremony 2019 in Birmingham on 3rd July to celebrate those worldwide organisations and individuals who demonstrated outstanding commitment to innovation and excellence in support of this game-changing sector over the past year.

Jointly organised by the UK Anaerobic Digestion and Bioresources Association (ADBA) and the World Biogas Association (WBA), the 2019 Awards competition recognised companies from around the world across 14 categories. Over 400 guests attended the glittering black-tie gala dinner hosted by BBC Reporter and Eco-adventurer Andy Pag, who revealed the Winners and Highly-Commended entries.

Boxford (Suffolk) Farms Ltd, is a third-generation family fruit farming business which was established in 1938, employs 250 staff and produces over 6200 tonnes of apples, cherries, soft fruit, and maize, from 200 hectares in the Dedham Vale AONB. The company was announced winner of the Best Biogas Plant Award – Sponsored by Pentair. It competed with 7 other international companies, including London's Severn Trent Green Power.

Boxford Farms were also delighted to be "Highly Commended" for the Most Circular City Award, for the most innovative approach to the integration of energy systems. The winner was Technical Bioenergy, Crete.

Robert England, Boxford (Suffolk) Farms Director said: "For over 80 years, the Peake family's long-term strategy has been to operate as a sustainable green business and we are really pleased that our achievements have been recognised by these prestigious awards. Our AD Biogas Plant was developed, utilising local resources and by-products from fruit-growing, packing and Copella Juice enterprises, and is producing renewable, green electricity and heat sources for Copella, BSF and our sister company, Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa to lower input costs, reduce our carbon footprint, benefit local communities and the environment".

Boxford (Suffolk) Farms have also used their AD heat by-product to dry woodchip for biomass boilers to heat their soft fruit glasshouses, and the dried digestate provides rich organic fertiliser for their crops and orchards – a perfect circular economy, and a role-model of innovation to other horticulture businesses demonstrating a greener way forward.

In terms of their fruit production, Boxford (Suffolk) Farms also lead the way in the UK with their excellent fruit quality and innovative growing techniques, winning both the Top Fruit Grower of the Year Award in 2015 and Soft Fruit Grower of the Year Award last year.

WBA President David Newman commented: "Today we launched a major report on the global potential of biogas in addressing the environmental crisis and supporting the development of a sustainable circular economy. The people recognised tonight are at the forefront of our efforts to realise that potential. Congratulations to our worthy winners in leading the way."

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We would like to send a huge thank you to all the lovely people who attended, helped or donated items for the annual SESA Open Day and Fun Dog Show in July. A massive £4000 was raised which will help us look after the rescued animals at SESA. Our next Suffolk event is the Christmas Fair at the Old School, Long Melford on Sunday 17th November. Tables are available for outside stallholders, to book please visit www.sesaw.co.uk or call 07912 007617.

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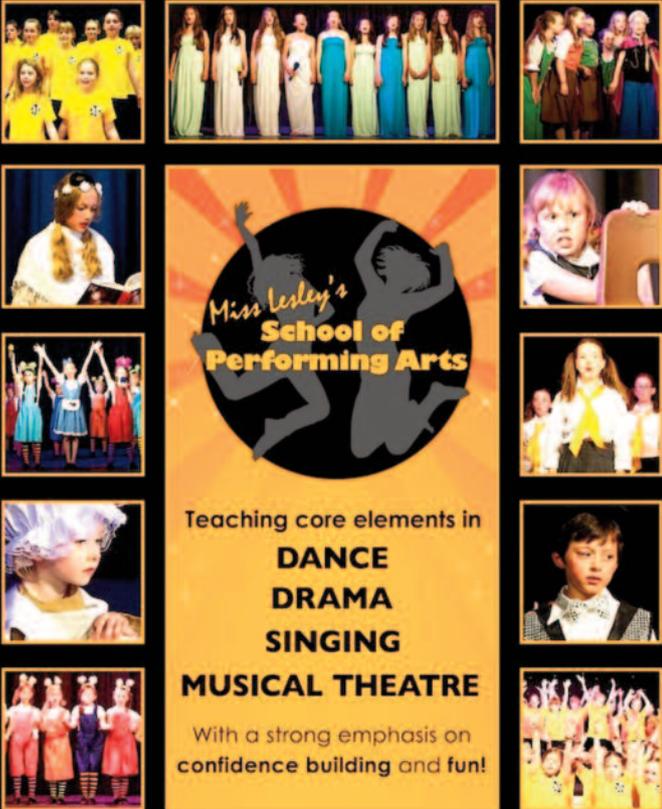
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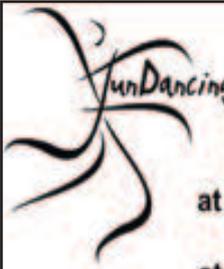
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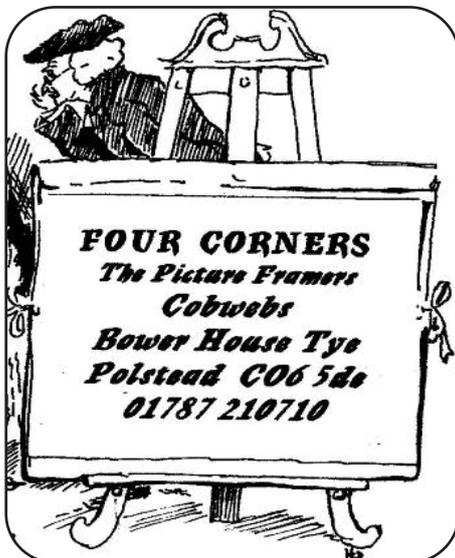
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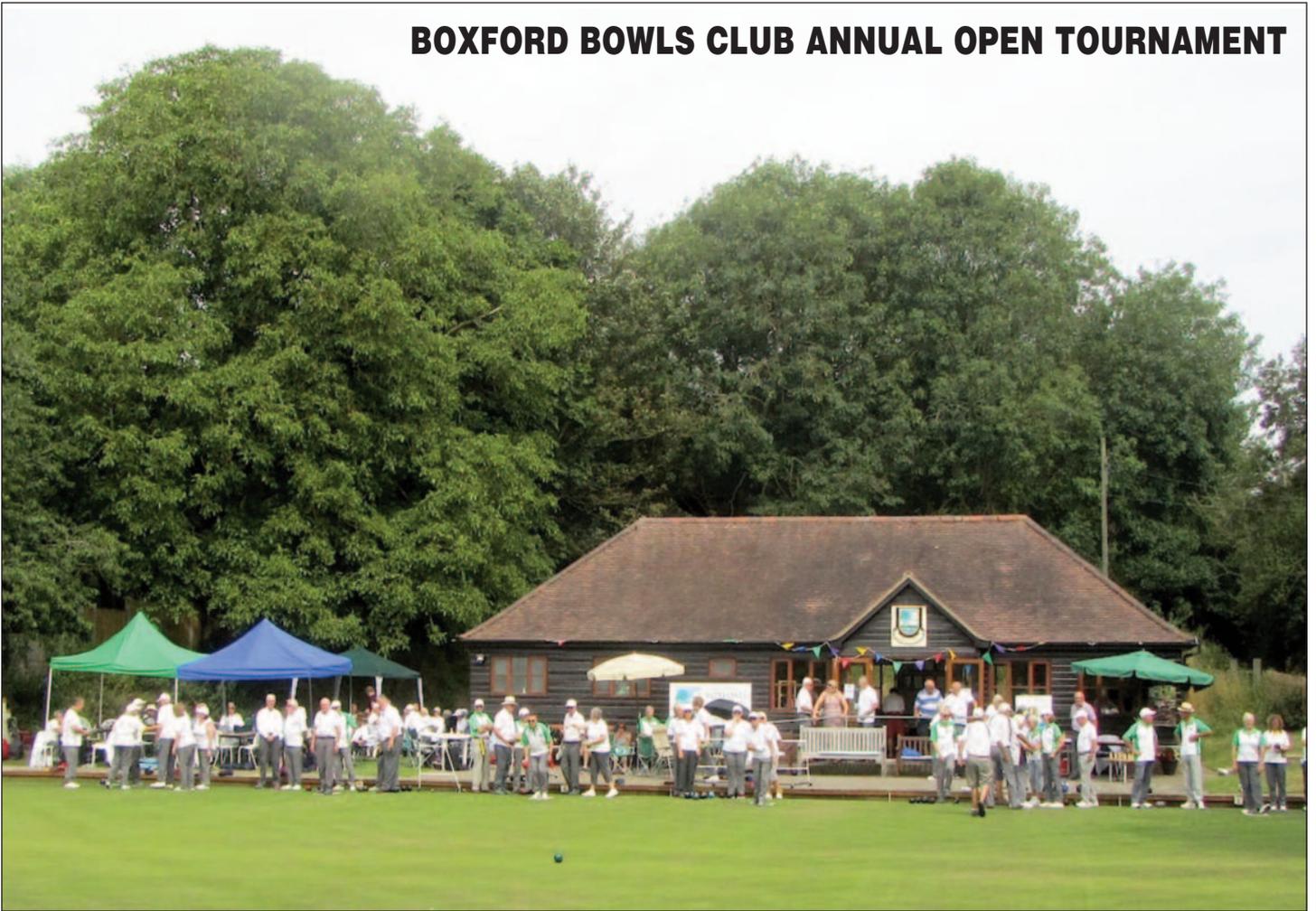
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Close to 120 people were at the club, including spectators and helpers, on a beautiful summer's day to watch the games which started at 10am and finished at 7pm and to enjoy the delicious lunch and tea provided by a number of the Boxford ladies.

A 'spider' competition was held after the qualifying rounds and before the semi-finals when over 100 people present paid £1.00 each to bowl for a bottle of

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The runners up on the day was a team from Capel St Mary captained by John Wright with Elaine Wright, Richard McCullum and Marion McCullum. The winners, as last year, was a team from Boxford captained by Graham Skillen with Glen Loe, Gary Whiteman and Lea Blackham.

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Above: Looking back to the clubhouse as the first round started

Below: The winners from Boxford, l to r Graham Skillen, Lea Blackham, Gary Whiteman and Glen Loe

Below left: The runners-up from Capel St Mary, l to r Richard McCullum, Elaine Wright, Marion McCullum and John Wright.

