

# Box River News

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## 'WEAVERS' GREEN' PLANNING APPLICATION

### Latest Developments on Catesby 'Weavers' Green' Planning Application

Following a site meeting on Wednesday 18th September, the Babergh Planning Committee will meet at Endeavour House, Ipswich at 09.30 on Wednesday 25th September to make their final decision on Catesby Estate's Outline Planning Application to build 80 houses on the site north of Sand Hill and adjacent to Station Field. Boxford will be represented by Bryn Hurren, our District Councillor, a representative for Boxford Parish Council and a representative Objector for the village. Bryn Hurren will speak for 5 minutes. Each of the others will have three minutes to make their case.

Further to the above, this letter was published on the Babergh website on April 25th. It is from Elizabeth Thomas, the Senior Policy Strategy Planner for Babergh District Council. Her advice is clear and concise. She recommends that the application is refused. With such a very strong case for refusal, how can it be that the Planning Officer responsible is recommending acceptance? What is going on here?

Dear Jack

The proposal is significantly large and disproportionate for the existing pattern and form of the settlement. Boxford is geographically situated in a rural location with poor connectivity and poor access to services and facilities. This is exacerbated by the significant lack of no established footpaths or cycle ways to services and no potential to improve pedestrian access along highway routes. There is no pedestrian footpath along Sand Hill, which is the proposed access to and from the site. Sand Hill is a narrow lane which leads on to Ellis Street, which is also a narrow road with no pedestrian footpath for some metres. The access from Sand Hill is of concern. This would need further advice from the highways authority. Boxford, is not the most sustainable settlement when considered as a geographical whole across the district for major growth. As such, the proposal would require any future occupiers to travel by private vehicle frequently to services and facilities on a day-to-day basis across rural road networks. Consequently, the quantum of the proposal would lead to intensification issues and cumulative impacts on infrastructure. Sequentially there are other locations sustainably and suitably placed to accommodate major growth of the scale proposed.

The site has and is surrounded by constraints. There are known protected species on and around the site, so ecology is a material consideration. There is a cordon sanitaire by Anglian Water directly to the south of the site, which could affect residential amenity. There is surface water flooding towards the northern part of the site. The setting of the site is quite significant because the Special Landscape Area is designated to the south/west and beyond this is the AONB to the south. Which means the southern area of the site is close to designated land and forms part of the landscape setting values.

Boxford have begun the process of preparing a Neighbourhood plan, which can be found here:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-babergh/boxford-neighbourhood-plan/>. It is also unclear how deliverable the site would actually be. The site is in outline with only access for consideration, so very speculative and there is no certainty of likely annual build out rates.

The site is unsuitable and would undermine the emerging plan-led approach to growth, which paragraph 49 a) of the NPPF (Feb 2019) does not support.

The proposal is recommended for refusal.

Regards,

Elizabeth Thomas

Senior Policy Strategy Planner

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Photo David Lamming

*Above L to R The rector, the Revd Rob Parker-McGee, The Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, The Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven Dr David Jenkins, The rural dean of Sudbury, the Revd Stephen Morley, Reader in the benefice, Christopher Kingsbury.*

Around 200 people filled St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield, on Tuesday 20th August when the Revd Robert ("Rob") Parker-McGee was formally instituted and inducted as Rector of the five churches in the Box River Benefice and, together with Sarah, Jasmine and Thomas, officially and warmly welcomed to the benefice. Among the congregation were villagers from all five parishes, members of Rob's wider family, and over 30 people from All Saints Church, Orpington where Rob had been the vicar.

The Bishop of Dunwich, the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison conducted the service and preached the sermon on 'abiding in Christ' – a theme taken from the Gospel for St Bernard of Clairvaux, whose feast day it was. Geoffrey Probert, a deputy lieutenant in the county attended on behalf of the Lord Chancellor (the presenting patron) and read the Letters Patent (printed on an A3 sheet with a large red seal!) "commanding and requiring" Robert to be instituted, inducted and invested "with all and every the rights members and appurtenances" belonging to the rectory. The bishop duly obeyed, and Robert was placed in his rector's stall in the church by the Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven Dr David Jenkins. Just prior to that Robert was given the keys of the church and rang the bell—or, rather, banged a gong, since the bells at St Lawrence's are not rung. (He did so ten times, which tradition says is an indication of the number of years the new incumbent intends to stay!) Also during the service Tim Harbord was commissioned as a lay elder in the benefice and joins the rector, Christopher Kingsbury (reader), and David Lamming (lay elder) in the benefice ministry team.

After the service everyone present was able to enjoy the feast spread out on tables in the north aisle. It was a joyous occasion for the whole benefice and (in the words of the introduction to the service) "we look forward to Rob leading us forward in new ways as, together, we seek to show the love of Christ to all in the communities of our benefice."

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# HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The Community Connector Scheme is now accessible at the Hadleigh Health Centre

## What does the scheme offer?

The Community Connector Scheme aims to do just what it says! It will support you to connect with:

- social activities, clubs and groups and like-minded individuals in this community
- the right advice and information for your local situation

The Scheme does this by offering a private face to face discussion with a "Community Connector" to explore 'what matters to you' and NOT 'what is the matter with you?'

Together with the Community Connector over up to four appointments, you will build your own personal action plan around what is important to you and be supported to put this plan into action. This may include access to:

- Debt, benefits, housing advice
- Health and fitness groups, such as walking, cycling and dance
- Peer support groups, arts, culture and history groups
- Local volunteering opportunities

## When and how can I see a Community Connector?

The first step is to see Sophie Cummins, your Community Connector, who will be holding sessions at the Hadleigh Health Centre on Wednesday and Friday mornings. An appointment can be made by calling: 01473 835477 to ensure you have personal time to explore what is important to you, to develop an action plan and review it over the next sessions, alternatively you can be referred by the Practice. Where it is not possible to get to the Health Centre, you may be able to have a home visit.

## What are the benefits of getting involved with the Connect for Health?

- Improved mental health and wellbeing
- Meeting new people and developing new friendships
- Feeling healthier and fitter
- Learning new skills
- Opportunities for volunteering and employment

## How much will this cost me?

The Community Connector Support Scheme is free; however, some of the groups and clubs that you might like to get involved in may have a

small charge. This can be discussed at your meeting with the Community Connector.

## The PPG at 'Hadleigh on Show' on Saturday, 5th October.

Members will be on hand to discuss and promote important areas in health care such as Sharing Health Records, Social Prescribing and loneliness, your appointments and contact details and they can also tell you about the PPG's activities and the part that patients can play.

We are uniquely placed to represent a collective unbiased view of patients' and the wider community's needs and priorities. During the day we will be happy to take your feedback on patients' experiences at the practice.

You will also have the opportunity to join the PPG, comment on the effectiveness of the event and contribute your ideas for future events.

For further information about the PPG, visit the new Practice website at [www.hadleighhealth.co.uk](http://www.hadleighhealth.co.uk) or

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Sonny Rollins.

"a tough personal tone and a wide emotional range that extends from ballad tenderness to gladiatorial torrents of controlled aggression at fast tempos." - Chris Lee, Inside Jazz

Benn's Fleece debut was in 2001. John & Simon are now his UK Quartet regulars.

**Friday 25 October 8 £18;00.**

## A Portrait of Cannonball

"An absolute blast, one of the most exciting gigs of the year ... a brilliant all-round package." - London Jazz News

Alex Webb Piano, Tony Kofi Alto sax, Andy Davies Trumpet, Andy Cleynert Bass, Alfonso Vitale Drums

Originally marking what would have been his 90th year in 2018, this live retrospective celebrates the music of one of the best-loved figures in post-war jazz, the legendary alto saxophonist, Julian 'Cannonball' Adderley.

A regular visitor to Fleece Jazz, Tony Kofi is a British jazz multi-instrumentalist, a player of the alto saxophone, baritone saxophone, soprano saxophone and flute. His fluent and fiery hard-bop style ensures that he is constantly in demand. He currently leads his own quartet as well as working with the 'Organisation' to perform hard-hitting blues, jazz and funk on baritone sax. Andy Davies comes from Swansea but is now based in London. He regularly performs at Ronnie Scott's jazz club and often hosts the Ronnie Scott's Late-Night Jam Session. He leads his own quartet, which is a showcase for his composing.

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

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## Catherine Lima Band

Catherine has a warm expressive tone which she uses expertly to create moods from sultry to joyous  
Catherine Lima Vocals, Paul Higgs Piano, Alex Field Guitar, Alex Keen Bass, Jason Campbell Drums

Catherine Lima is a versatile jazz singer/songwriter equally at home singing Latin jazz, Swing, Jazz, Blues, Modern jazz, Cabaret, Easy listening, Originals

Singing on the London jazz circuit since 2001, Catherine is a charismatic and entertaining performer. She has a warm expressive tone which she uses expertly to create moods from sultry to joyous drawing on influences such as Anita O'Day, Hoagy Carmichael, Peggy Lee, and Joni Mitchell. Whether performing an intimate set with a duo or trio, or Larger groups.

**Friday 18 October 8 £18.00.**

## Benn Clatworthy Quartet

"Some of the most emotive and creative jazz this side of Sonny Rollins" \* Edinburgh Evening News

Benn Clatworthy Tenor sax, John Donaldson Piano, Simon Thorpe Bass, Darren Beckett Drums

Benn was born in Hastings. He became a protégée of Ronny Scott on the London Jazz scene, and went on to study at Berkley College, Massachusetts. He settled in Los Angeles in 1980 and has remained on the Californian Jazz scene ever since. In the 80 Benn was in Horace Silver's band, and since then he has played with many greats, including Cab Calloway, Cedar Walton - and the LA Philharmonic too. Benn shows hints of 50s Coltrane and of

## THE OCTOBER LETTER BY REV ROB

*Dear Friends,*

So many things happened last month that I could report on – Flower Festivals at Groton and Little Waldingfield and Harvest Festivals all over the benefice, all of which have been a great success. We also held two Garden Parties at the Rectory for all the people who lived in our villages and I was thrilled that over 150 people were able to join us. Thank you so much for your kindness and generous support. Of course, one of the things that made the garden parties such a success was the good weather.



As I was reflecting on these beautiful late summer afternoons, it got me to thinking about the kind of weather we can usually expect in October. October is a rather unpredictable month, but one that has its own kind of beauty. If the weather is mild then the trees will continue to bloom green, but if the temperatures drop, the air will moisten and the leaves will begin turning brown, orange and red, ready for their winter slow-down. It is, of course, essential for deciduous plants to drop their leaves during cooler months in order to preserve the energy they need to survive the plummeting temperatures of Winter. But more than that, it gives them a chance to slow down after the intensity of summer; to take a breather so that they may be better placed to start all over again come spring.

At different seasons in our lives, we too need to shed some of the extra baggage, slow down and take stock, before beginning again. Sometimes our lives become so intensely cluttered with activity, that we find it impossible to see beyond the moment. So we need to offload those things that are not essential. Only then can we gaze at the horizon and once again begin to scope the endless possibilities before us, which we simply cannot even imagine, let alone see, when we are madly active.

In order to counter this tendency towards busy-ness within us, it has long been a part of Christian culture to build into one's routine large chunks of stillness. In the Bible, Jesus regularly finds a quiet place to go and pray. Likewise, in the first few centuries after Jesus' death and resurrection, small Christian communities rely heavily upon silence and stillness to help nurture and feed them amidst the pressures they are facing from the outside world. Between the 11th and 14th centuries some of the most influential material on meditation and stillness begins to be written by Christian monastics such as St John of the Cross or Theresa of Avila, even our own Julian of Norwich. In the Christian tradition stillness might take the form of contemplation, meditation or a simply guided silent prayer. In nearly all monastic traditions, silence forms a significant part of the monk's or nun's individual daily commitment. This is because the monastic tradition recognises that intense activity blocks us from seeing what is really there. Busy-ness inhibits us from thinking and reflecting upon the world around us in a detached sense. And only by being detached can we begin to see the bigger picture. Stillness provides us with the space necessary to see things through fresh eyes and helps us feel more in tune with, and understand better, the heartbeat of the earth.

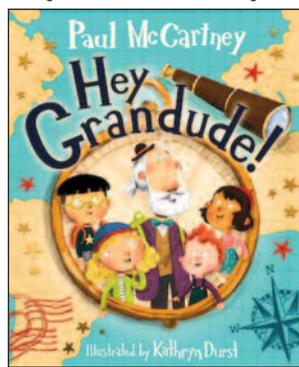
Our parish churches provide a perfect setting to find stillness. They have sat at the centre of our villages for centuries and thousands have used them as a place to encounter something beyond themselves and reflect through both silence and with words. Our churches are, and have always been, the powerhouses of prayer for our local communities. So where better to just sit and reflect on the world around us? Sometimes, one only has to step into the building to feel the power of prayer pulsating and feeding the hidden depths within us.

If we are to maintain a healthy body, mind and spirit, then finding time for space and stillness is important. There are many ways you may choose to do this. As our world becomes busier and more demanding (and there are no signs of it getting any easier), so we need to be more disciplined at finding time for stillness and reflection. Otherwise we are in danger of being swept away by the frenzy.

Over the coming months and years, our group of churches will be exploring and rediscovering new and ancient ways to reflect and find space, stillness and silence together. Why not pop in, rest a while and maybe even explore with us? With every blessing, *Rob*

## THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

**Hey Grandude!** by Paul McCartney and Kathryn Durst



An old rocker takes his bored grandkids for a ride in the former Beatle's safe second children's book

Hey Grandude!: 'you struggle to detect the imprimatur of one of the 20th-century's creative greats'

Is there a single celebrity who hasn't written a children's book? Madonna alone has published a dozen. Unwholesome curmudgeons, venal narcissists, the 1% – the Queen of Jordan is in on the act – all believe they are entitled to cobble together a motwing of a plot whose holes are

magically filled in by fairy dust. Moral high-ground natives such as Keith Richards and smiley, personable types like Bob Dylan have picture books on shelves.

Paul McCartney got in early – Hey Grandude! is not the former Beatle's first foray into young minds. A decade ago, alongside Philip Ardagh and Geoff Dunbar, he put out *High in the Clouds*. Although the title may have suggested a lysergic post-Dr Seuss romp, *High...* was an environmental parable starring Wirral the Squirrel. A film has recently been green-lit after a decade languishing in pre-production. Although Ardagh must have had some input, the book's plucky orphaned protagonist and its anti-consumerist tilt felt very McCartney.

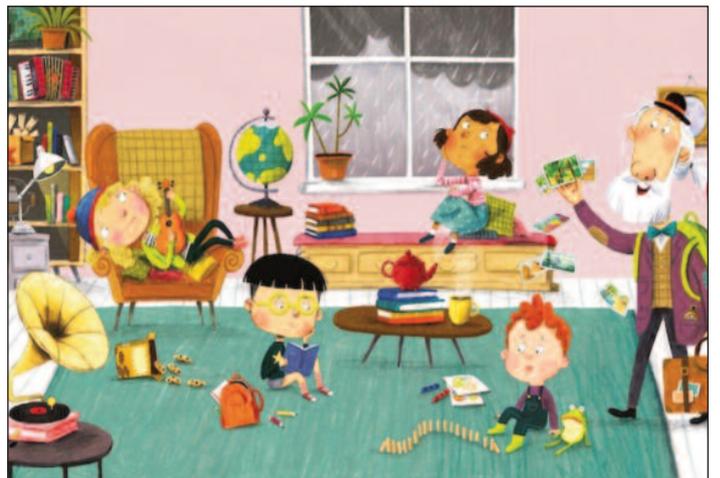
Hey Grandude! is aimed at a younger audience. Grandude's hippy ponytail and purple jacket suggest an interesting youth. Whipping out some postcards of distant climes to entertain four bored grandchildren ("chillers") on a rainy day, he neglects to explain that they are like Instagram posts that were once inexplicably sent to your house on a piece of paper. The small people "ooh". Grandude whips out his magic compass (pace, Pullman) without explaining what this obscure shiny thing might be. All are swept off to the sandy beach in the picture. Fun times riding flying fish ensue, until a crab interrupts the carefree idyll with a toe-pinch.

Even though the title rhymes with "hey Jude", and Grandude does pull out a guitar and serenade his charges, you struggle to detect the imprimatur of one of the 20th-century's creative greats here, or in the subsequent vignettes: the wild west, an alpine meadow.

The best picture books do preposterous things with language and graphics. Canadian illustrator Kathryn Durst tries her best with this limited fare, but it's a pretty vanilla visual offering. The famous seem to miss the fact that intelligence is not wasted on the young: the con trick that Julia Donaldson's mouse plays on the Gruffalo is phenomenally sophisticated.

Hey Grandude! might be endearing in its mizzly Englishness, but there is an all-round risk-averseness here that's puzzling. The book concludes with everyone safely tucked up in bed – tremendously comforting, aged four or 64. But every gleeful scenario ends badly, with Grandude and the chillers fleeing when some avalanche or stampede invariably kiboshes the thrills. Why didn't an editor ask McCartney to take this sad song and make it better?

• Hey Grandude! by Paul McCartney and Kathryn Durst is published by Puffin (£12.99). To order a copy go to [guardianbookshop.com](http://guardianbookshop.com) or call 0330 333 6846. Free UK p&p over £15, online orders only. Phone orders min p&p of £1.99



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# “BLOOMIN SHAKESPEARE. ST BARTHOLEMW’S FLOWER FESTIVAL



St. Bartholomew’s Church Flower Festival Bank Holiday Week end.  
 A HUGE Thank you to all the Flower Arrangers, Stewards, Cooks, Stall Holders and Food preparers and suppliers – Everyone gave us great support And of course to all our visitors who came and admired the flowers. The total made was £1440.00 so thank you all. Groton PCC.

*Top Left: Twelfth Night*  
*Below: Rector Rob with Rosie Watkins. Below that: The Book Stall*  
*Bottom left: Pat Kennedy Scott, , Revd Liz Law and Rev. Judith Sweetman.*  
*Top Right: Of all the flowers me thinks a rose is best.*  
*Below: The Tempest*  
*Bottom Right: St Bartholomew’s Patronal Festival – in choir*

Photo/s David Lamming



# 'A GARLAND OF SONG' LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S FLOWER FESTIVAL



As always, the centrepiece of our Flower Festival is the floral displays, and this year the colourful and inspired creations depicted 18 well-known songs, such as 'Rock around the Clock', 'Windmills of your Mind', 'Teddy Bears' Picnic', 'Red Sails in the Sunset', 'Bring me Sunshine', 'Purple Haze' and many other amazing arrangements. The weather was warm and sunny, and we had a non-stop stream of appreciative visitors and were kept very busy serving refreshments.

A big 'thank you' for all the excellent and untiring support from the village, who worked so enthusiastically and well together to help with the raffle, tombola and flower stall, and provided us with delicious homemade cakes. We have a wonderful community spirit here in Little Waldingfield.

We are very grateful to Holmes & Hills Solicitors for their generous sponsorship, and for all the private donations, and to everyone who donated prizes.

A total of over £1,856 was raised towards church funds. All in all, a very joyous and successful weekend. Fran Gregor-Smith

*Top Left: Red Sails in the Sunset*

*Centre left: Teddy Bears Picnic*

*Bottom: Tea time tease*

*Left top pic: Give Me Sunshine*

*Bottom: Nancy Roser with flower baskets for sale*



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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## Report from Boxford WI

Boxford WI met for the first time after the summer break in Boxford Village Hall on 4th September at 2.00 pm. The meeting was well attended, and we caught up with all the local events happening in the next few weeks. Our speaker was Pip Wright who gave a most interesting talk about 'Frolic, Fervour and Fornication'. Who knew the Parish Records could hold so much information about the people who lived in the area, and how many clergymen wrote poetry in the records? It was very entertaining and enjoyed by us all.

Our Dining Divas had a good meal at the King's Head in Hadleigh in the summer, and we look forward to our next trip at the end of September at the Newton Green Golf Club!

Our craft group, renamed the 'Sewcial' will begin again in Mary's House on Thursday, October 10th at 2.00 pm. It is going to be a relaxed afternoon where people can bring along a piece of work which they are doing, or indeed just come along for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee if they are not particularly good at Crafty things!

The afternoon ended with tea and delicious home made cake, brought by one of our members who had just celebrated her birthday!

Our evening group resume their meetings on Thursday 19th September when Sue Tetley will be helping us to 'Thrive with Sue'. It is held in the Playing Fields Sports Pavilion at 8.00 pm.

Our next afternoon meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October in Boxford Village Hall at 2.00 pm when we will find out about the work of Lighthouse, the Women's Refuge in Ipswich.

Annie Phillips, Secretary, Boxford WI  
(01787 211729 annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk )

## Janet Grace Edwards



On 8th August this year we welcomed Bishop David Edwards to St. Lawrence, together with his family and friends. Bishop David is the tenth Anglican Bishop of Fredericton, Canada,

He brought with him the ashes of his late wife, Janet Grace Edwards (née Claxton) who

was born on 25th May 1953, in the week of the Coronation, at University College Hospital, London.

Janet, who died on November 7th 2018 at Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, formerly lived at Enniskillen Lodge, Little Waldingfield, with her mother, Grace, and stepfather, Derek Martin, along with her brothers Michael and Paul.

Grace is buried in our churchyard and it was Bishop Edward's request that Janet's ashes be interred in her mother's grave following a short service in St. Lawrence. The photograph above shows Bishop David and Janet's brother, Michael, standing either side of her photograph

Janet taught at King Edward VI Upper School, Bury St. Edmunds, and at Great Cornard Upper School, played field hockey for Sudbury Ladies and was a schools' county hockey selector. She was also a board member of Suffolk Association for Youth.

Janet married David Edwards on 8th August 1981, hence he had decided to inter her ashes on what would have been their 38th wedding anniversary. They moved to Canada in 1998 because of David's relocation to be Principal of Taylor College of Evangelism in Saint John, New Brunswick. In Canada Janet was commissioned as a Church Army (Anglican) Officer and worked in various ministries in Saint John, the final one being in the Parish of Fundy and the Lakes. Sandra Harbord

## Polstead WI

Polstead WI had such an incredibly enjoyable "Open Meeting" the other evening. We welcomed Rachel Sloane from Radio Suffolk as our Speaker. We invited ladies from several other WI's to come along and enjoy her talk, and we had a very good turnout. Rachel was extremely articulate and told us she had been a presenter and producer at BBC Radio Suffolk and had a career in local radio spanning twenty-eight years. Rachel, however, retired from broadcasting earlier this year, and has pursued her skills in conference facilitation and public speaking plus voice-over work instead. Rachel told us various anecdotes, and was very amusing with various tales. After Rachel's talk, we served gorgeous cakes and tea and coffee which again everyone enjoyed. The whole evening was a great success.

## 3PR Stats for August 2019

In August 2019 our responders covered 244 hours (33%) and attended 24 incidents.

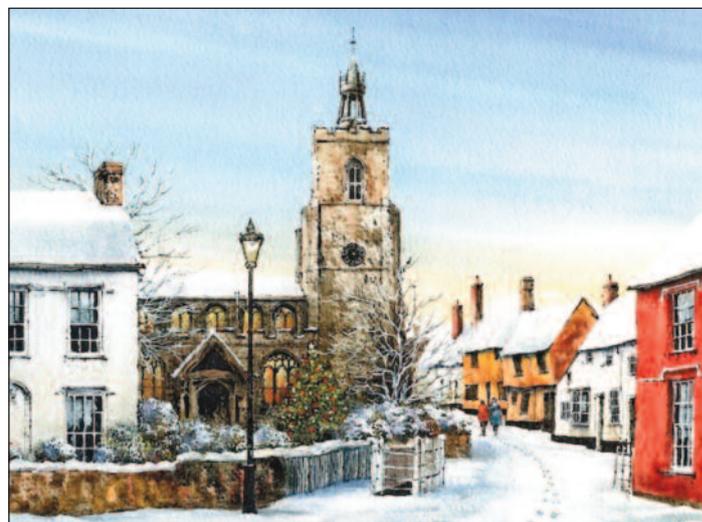
Many thanks to our amazing volunteers who give up their precious time to help our community. We are in urgent need of more responders so that we can provide better coverage for the people of the local villages. If you are interested in joining, or have any questions about responding at all, please call the group's co-ordinator, Rich Wild, on 01787 210 946.

## Boxford Christmas Card.

This year we have two cards, hopefully to suit all tastes, which will be on sale in the Post Office from 1st October. They are £4.50 for ten. Proceeds will be donated to St Elizabeth Hospice.

We were able to donate £316.00 to Boxford Primary School for our 2018 card.

Elaine and Darren Horne for Queen Bee Designs



## SHOEBOX APPEAL 2019

We will be at Mary's House on Monday 7th October from 2.00pm to wrap our shoeboxes. If you have any empty boxes please bring them along. Then we will be back on Monday 14th October at 2.00pm to fill them. Any donations of little toys or stationery will be most welcome. Unfortunately we are no longer able to include sweets or toothpaste in our boxes.

We would also like all the knitting in at this time please. Ann Porter will be happy to collect it from you if you can't get it to Mary's house.

For those who would like to fill their own boxes there will be leaflets and labels at Mary's house.

Please come along on either day if you would like to join in - you will be very welcome.

For further information please phone:

Ann Porter on 01473 824283 Shirley Watling on 210024

Jennie Lindsley on 210520

# Wot's On

## BOXFORD FIREWORKS 2019

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## 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](mailto:dancewithussuffolk@outlook.com) or ring Phil on 07909993799 Book your tickets early this is always a sell out.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

There will be a *Macmillan Coffee Morning* at Mary's House on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00am to Midday.

Please pop in for coffee/tea and cake and support this very worthwhile cause - join in the largest coffee morning ever!

See you there!

*Barbara Golding/Pauline Lamming 210360*

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

**Tutor: Hugh Black – Hawkins**

## The Sea has many Voices

An exploration of the Sea in several works of literature

- Monday 7th October. T.S. Eliot: The Dry Salvages (from Four Quartets) and Marina
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Joseph Conrad: Typhoon and The Nigger of the 'Narcissus'.
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Joseph Conrad: The Shadow Line and The Secret Sharer
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. No Class
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. William Shakespeare: Pericles
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. S.T. Coleridge: The Ancient Mariner
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Byron: Don Juan Canto the Second
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. No Class
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Virginia Woolf: To the Lighthouse.
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December: A Sea miscellany – poems and prose

Course Fee: £75 for the complete course, payable on the first or second meeting. £10 for each single class.  
Newcomers very welcome.

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



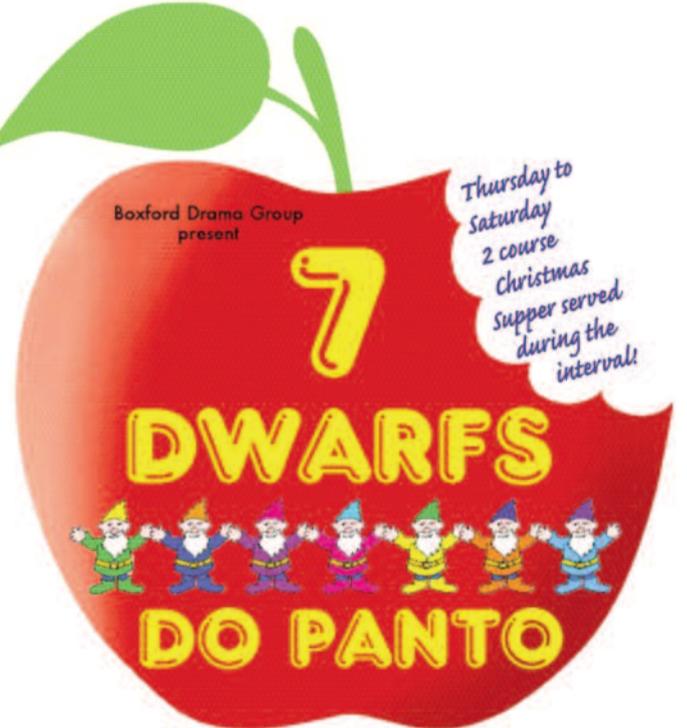
## White Tie Glitz & Glam Dance Night

Featuring big band "Swing Machine" from Suffolk  
Playing music from 1920's to 1950's  
with a special Guest appearance of Nettie Osman  
singing 2 sets of 60's songs to get the party swinging

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Tickets £17:50	The Delphi Centre Alexandra Road, Sudbury CO10 2RR	7:00pm for 7:30 til late Licensed bar BYO nibbles
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From Sudbury Tourist Office or  
[dancewithussuffolk@outlook.com](mailto:dancewithussuffolk@outlook.com)  
or phone 07909993799

A Charity fund raiser for "UPBEAT" Heart Support for West Suffolk.



Boxford Drama Group present

Thursday to Saturday 2 course Christmas supper served during the interval!

## DWARFS DO PANTO

**December 4th to 7th**

Wednesday Tickets Family Night £10 adults £5 children  
(No supper - Curtain up at 7.00pm)

Thursday - to Saturday (Christmas dinner in the interval)  
Tickets £15 Curtain up at 7.30pm  
Licensed bar and raffle all evenings.

Tickets from Boxford Post Office from October 5th 2019

# 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

## 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.

## A SIDECAR NAMED DESPAIR

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!

Following our acclaimed 2018 touring production, The Mariner, we present a Black comedy with original music by Pat Whymark & Julian Harries and starring Julian and Dick Mainwaring - reprising the characters they created for Common Ground's 2013 comedy, Stuff In The Attic ("Pat Whymark's latest play is very funny indeed" East Anglian Daily Times, "Good music and plenty of well-judged comic touches" In Suffolk, "Moments of pure farce alternate with real conflict" What's on Stage). Expect "The Odd Couple" versus the Mob!

07807 341364 / www.commongroundtc.co.uk £10/£7 (U21s)

## BOXFORD & GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford and Groton United Charities invite applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from organisations serving the above area are also invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ. Closing date for applications 22nd November.

## Groton PCC Events

Groton Church, **Annual Cheese & Wine** will be taking place on the 7th December 2019 from 7.30pm. Come and join us for this relaxing and fun evening.

Groton Church, **Quiz and Chips**, Saturday 18th January at 7.30pm Come and enjoy the Quiz with delicious Fish and Chips More details next



**Shopping Day**  
in aid of  
**Cancer Research UK**  
Monday 7 October 2019  
10.00am - 3.00pm

**THE VILLAGE HALL, LAVENHAM**  
Church Street, Lavenham, Suffolk, CO10 9QT  
Behind The Cock Horse Inn off Church St.  
**FREE PARKING**

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Everyone welcome!

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**MILDEN SINGERS**  
**THE WINTER SHOW**

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**Both performances with licensed bar, buffet and charity raffle.**  
**Tickets are £7 in aid of Mildens Pavilion available from Pearl on 01449 741876**

# 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](http://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](mailto:whiteleysa@hotmail.co.uk)

## BOXFORD CHRISTMAS FAIR

Tables available for this busy event £10.00

23rd November 12 till 4pm.

To book a table please call 01787 211529

## NSPCC Mammoth Book Fair

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October

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Boxford Village Hall

# Merry Christmas

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Crafts, Gifts, Food, Pets, Jewelry, Pottery, Refreshments, tea, coffee



Take a table at £10.00 a pop!  
Book your space now!  
Call 01787 211529

BOXFORD  
GARDENING SOCIETY

## TINA LOOSE In Search of the Finest Spring Flowers of the French Alps

Keith Wiley, who was originally booked to fill this slot has had to drop out due to serious family illness



Tuesday 1st October 7.30pm  
at Boxford Village Hall

# Wot's On

## NEWTON VILLAGE HALL

### DIARY DATES

#### REGULAR EVENTS

Monday mornings (term time only): Yoga class  
(phone Sophia on 313662 for details)

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

Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Anne on 312346)

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

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

## Race Night

**Saturday 23rd November at 7.30 Prompt**

£10 to include two course meal  
& pre dinner nibbles

Raffle

Tickets : Sue Sheppard (01787) 247980

Sheppard.susanm@gmail.com

**Please bring your own drinks**

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Lantern making is at The Spinney from 10.00 – 4.00 each day from Saturday 19th October until Thursday 24th. This year's theme is the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing. Contact 01787 211596 or BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com to book a slot.

Together with the fantastic Fireworks, this should be a terrific evening



As the school children returned for a new year with exciting learning ahead of them, so too the singers of Stowmarket Chorale began their new programme of work.

Under the skilled leadership of Tom Appleton and accompanist William Baldry, the choir will be coached, shaped and refined in the work of J S Bach's Christmas Oratorio, to produce a marvellous concert to entertain friends and families at Stowmarket's United Reformed Church on Saturday 30th November. See [www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk](http://www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk) or contact [secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stowmarketchorale.org.uk) (07901 758009) for further details.

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

Also known as John Wincoll – 209981

The charity was originally set up in 1869 to relieve "conditions of need, hardship or distress" and help in these circumstances is still our aim.

Also, if you are over sixty-five, retired and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the Christmas gift.

If you are a student or apprentice we may, also, be able to help with some of your expenses. Please apply to Sue Mitchell on 247173.

# Gainsborough Coffee House

Gt Cornard Sports Centre



*Come and enjoy a coffee*

*in a quiet atmosphere*

*All welcome!*

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*7am - 9pm*

**Tim Kliphuis Trio**

**Wednesday November 27th**

**7.30pm**

**Monks Eleigh Village Hall**

Tim Kliphuis is master of the violin and a wizard of sound using classical, gypsy jazz and folk. He has created a unique style that is making waves in concert halls across the globe.



Together with Nigel Clark on guitar and Roy Percy on double bass these skilled musicians are renowned for mixing gypsy jazz with classical and folk music.

Tickets £20 include light refreshments

These will be on sale from Monks Eleigh Village Shop or by phone on 01449741447 from Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

This is an amazing and unique opportunity to see live music from the world stage here in our village as part of the Tim Kliphuis UK Autumn tour.

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



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**Future Event : Spring course**

**'History on Film' -with James Clarke**  
10 week course from Thursday  
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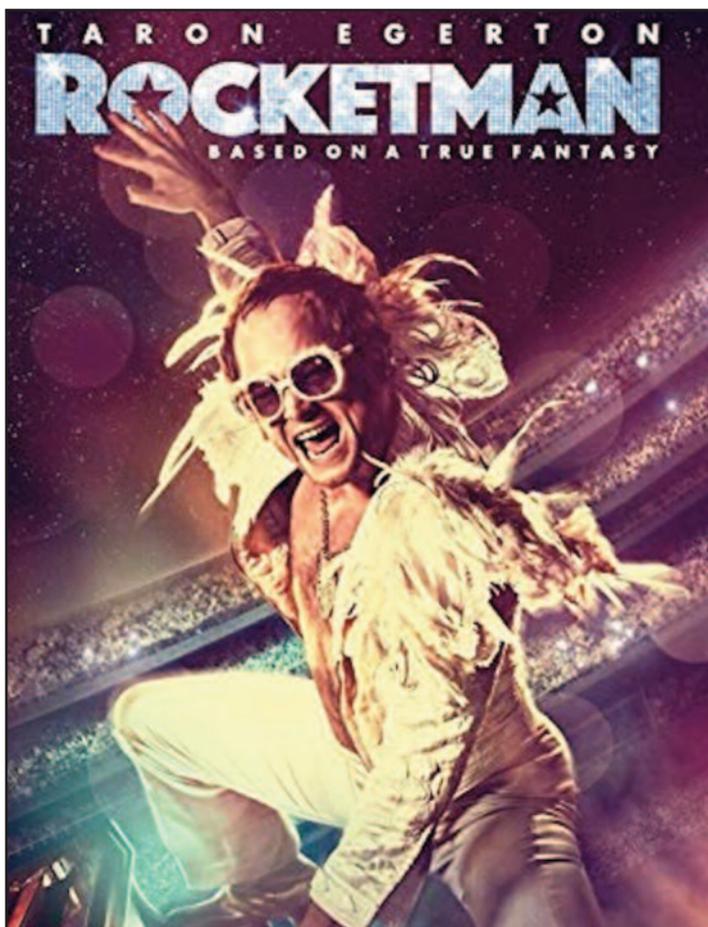
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Or you can visit my websites:

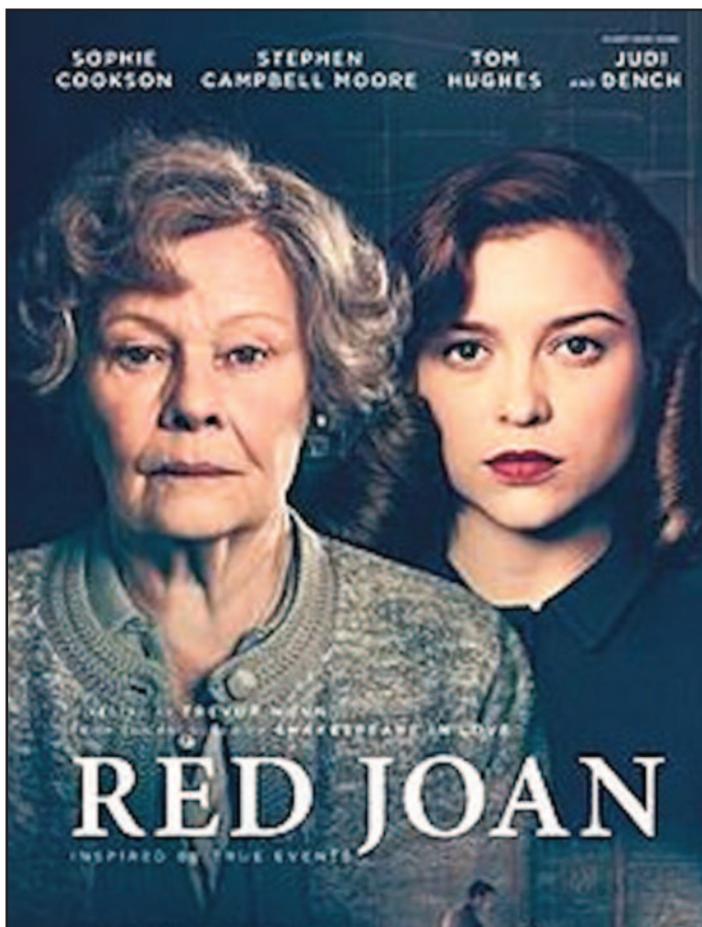
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[pippettes.co.uk](http://pippettes.co.uk)



**LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

Tickets Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266)

£3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm



**Polstead Digital Cinema Friday 25th October**

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

# Madrigalia

Sing We and Chant It

Parvati



Madrigalia is a small choir in Boxford which meets fortnightly on Thursdays. We are looking to recruit a few more good singers especially in the Alto, Tenor and Bass range.

## Interested in singing?

Call: Sue Price 01787 210913



You are invited to

## “DROP IN FOR COFFEE”

in the Church  
Little Waldingfield

**FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER**  
**10.30 – 12.00**

Join us for a coffee,  
a little music and  
friendly conversation.  
Children's area.  
All welcome!

Voluntary £1 donation to church funds

# SbN

Stoke by Nayland Hotel

## Winter Wonderland Spectacular

Come and enjoy our Christmas Party Nights and fabulous Festive Events\*  
Experience SbN's transformation into an enchanting white Wonderland.



£18.00pp

£10.00 children (under 12)

### 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.

1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December | 9.30am - 11.30am



£45.00pp

### Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

We'll be showing you how to create a festive wreath that's the envy of all your neighbours! Tea, coffee and mince pies included to keep those creative fingers well fueled!

19<sup>th</sup> November | 10am - 1pm



£39.95pp

### 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.

6<sup>th</sup> November | 11am - 3pm



£99.50pp

### New Year's Eve Gala Ball

Dress up and celebrate 2020 at our fabulous Gala Ball! You'll enjoy champagne and canapes before a delicious four course dinner and dancing to a fantastic live band.

31<sup>st</sup> December | 7pm - 1.30am

\*For details on our full range of Christmas Party Nights and all Festive Events please visit [www.stokebynayland.com/christmas](http://www.stokebynayland.com/christmas), email [sales@stokebynayland.com](mailto:sales@stokebynayland.com) or call 01206 262836.

Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath, Colchester, CO6 4PZ

**Boxford Bounty  
Winners  
Jul - Aug 2019**

The Boxford Bounty would like to thank members of the Community Council for drawing the following numbers at their meeting on 9th September 2019.

£160.00	JASMINE	LAIT	RULES YARD
£75.00	P	JOHNSON	BROOK HALL RD
£30.00	MR	M	HAMMOND
£15.00	HEATHER	HUNTER	ASH STREET

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

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PRESTON ST. MARY, CO10 9LU  
**SAT. 9 NOVEMBER 2019**

10 AM - 2 PM ADMISSION FREE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MAINTAIN THE CHURCH FABRIC REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1078991



RAFFLE & CASH BAR

Fundraising Event for Groton Croft

Hannah Louise  
at Groton Village Hall  
Live concert

Saturday 12th October  
7.00 pm

Come along and enjoy listening to well known local vocalist Hannah Louise singing covers of Amy Winehouse, Aretha Franklin, Fairground Attraction and many others and help us raise money to maintain the wonderful amenity of the Groton Croft

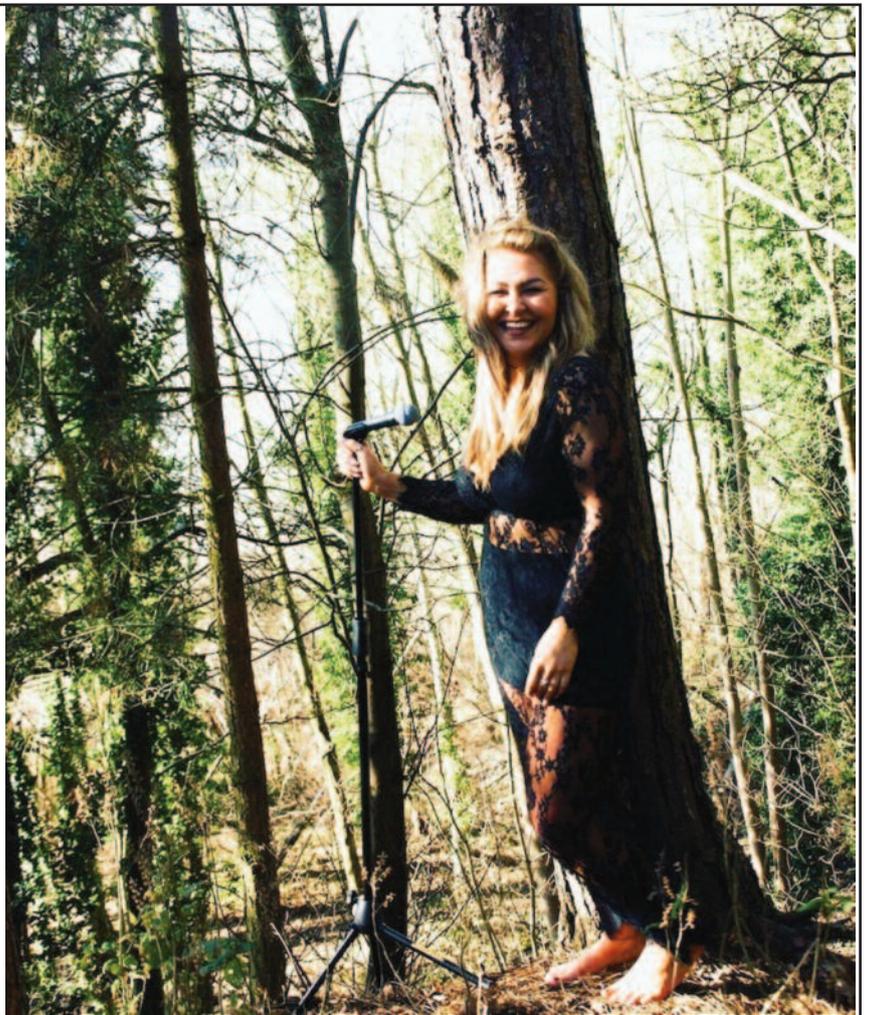
TICKETS (in advance only) to include meal £15.00

[lisa.hockley1@btinternet.com](mailto:lisa.hockley1@btinternet.com) or

Frances Mecklenburgh 01787 210374



**The amazing Hannah Louise  
is performing again  
by popular demand  
at the Boxford fleece hotel  
on Saturday 28th September  
from 21:00.  
We look forward to seeing you all  
here with us.**



## Edwardstone Cricket Club



**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**16<sup>TH</sup> 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**



**Limited Tickets cost £10 per person so book now!**  
To include ploughman's supper and prize for the winning team.  
Raffle, Pay Bar.

Tickets are available from Robert Chapman  
on 01787 210220 or robertachapman59@outlook.com

## KERSEY HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
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

### October

1 Spring flowers of the French Alps	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
4 Drop in for coffee	Little Waldingfield PCC	St Lawrence Church	10.30 till 12
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
12 Hannah Louise in concert	Groton Croft	Groton Village Hall	7.00pm
16 Little Waldingfield Hist Soc	Goldingham Hall Archaeology and Manorial Records Parish Room		7.30pm
19/24 Lantern Making	Boxford Community Council	The Spinney	10-4pm daily
26 Boxford Fireworks	Boxford Community Council	Start Broad street	

### November

15/16 Milden Singers	Milden Pavilion	Friday 7.30pm Saturday 2.00pm	
16 Quiz Night	Edwardstone Cricket Club	Edwardstone Village Hall	7.00pm
23 Race Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm
23 Boxfords Traditional Christmas Fair	Boxford Village Hall mgt Committee	Boxford Village Hall	12 noon till 4pm

### December

4/7 The Seven Dwarfs do Panto	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
7 Cheese and Wine party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm

### January

18 Quiz and Chips	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
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First Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

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

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

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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On Sunday 6th October at 11.00 we are holding a Pets Blessing Service in Café Church. Please do bring your (well-behaved) pets to the service. All are welcome to this informal service where we serve good coffee, pastries & children's craft activities too.



All are welcome to the Harvest Festival Service at St.Mary's Boxford at 11.00 am on Sunday 13th October. Please do kindly bring food items which we can give to a local food bank- eg tinned food ( no beans & soup), breakfast cereals, dried pasta, +toothpaste & shower gels etc etc – all within date please! We have already taken 19 large boxes of foodstuffs to the foodbank this year. Thank you to all who donate so generously.



The Bible Study Group meets at Russets, 47 Swan Street on 2nd & 4th Mondays each month by kind permission of Margaret & Peter Holden.



Boxford Calendar 2020- Look out for the 2020 calendar which will be on sale in the post office soon. Many thanks to those who have sent photos.

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

**Please, NO LATER THAN 12th October**  
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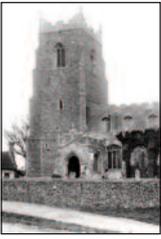
### MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

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 LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

### Churchwardens

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### Rotas

#### Sidesmen

6 Oct Mrs. Eddington and Mrs. Martin  
13 Oct No service  
20 Oct No service  
27 Oct No service

#### Flowers

Flower Team (Harvest Festival)  
Mrs. Eddington  
Mrs. Gregor-Smith  
Mrs. Squirrel

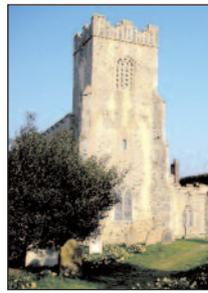
On 1 September the Revd. Robert Parker-McGee began his ministry in our church by celebrating Holy Communion with us. As always, friends from other churches in the Benefice joined us. We all enjoyed his service and the time he was able to spend with us over refreshments.

On 7 and 8 September we held our Flower Festival. We were blessed with good weather, and enjoyed welcoming many visitors to our church. They were very complimentary about our floral arrangements, our refreshments and the floral baskets we had on sale.

The village supported us as they always do, so generously donating for the raffle, tombola and delicious cakes, scones and sausage rolls, which disappeared at a remarkable rate! We made the record sum of over £1,800. Our thanks go to all who helped to make this event so successful.

At 6.30pm Revd. Robert led us in Evening Prayer, which made a beautiful end to two lovely days.

Our next 'Drop in for Coffee' will be on *Friday 4 October from 10.30am to 12.00pm.*



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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### ROTAS FOR OCTOBER

#### Sidesman

Mrs Pat Kennedy Scott

#### Flowers

Mrs Rosie Watkins

#### Cleaning

Mrs Rosie Watkins

**FLOWER FESTIVAL 23-26 August 2019:** See the report with photographs in the general news pages of this edition.

**RE-ORDERING UPDATE:** The kitchen/servery and the toilet are complete and were well used during the Flower Festival weekend. A few 'glitches' exposed over the weekend are being resolved. By the time this issue of the BRN is published, the new noticeboards should be in place on the north wall (opposite the main door) and a new ladder installed to facilitate access to the tower when required. (This will be locked to prevent unauthorised access.) It's been a long road getting to where we now are, but we are immensely grateful to the late Mary Every, whose generous legacy in 1999 has financed the project, to Rob Wilks, whose family construction firm has carried out the work, and to our architect, Philip Orchard, who has overseen the works, with regular inspection visits. The next – happily minor – project for the PCC is to redecorate the vestry, now that it has dried out following the roof repairs in 2018. We will then reinstate the sound amplification system in the church.

### Diocesan News:

**DIOCESAN SYNOD:** The autumn meeting of the Diocesan Synod is on *Saturday 12th October 2019, 9.30 am* at Trinity Park, Ipswich. The agenda will include a presentation by the Revd Jutta Brueck (Bishop Martin's wife) on their recent visit to our link diocese of Kagera in Tanzania. Synod will also be asked to approve an amendment to the diocesan budget for 2020 to make provision for the extra 8 curates it is proposed to fund for the three years 2020-2022. It is encouraging that these future curates (currently ordinands in training sponsored by other dioceses) are looking to serve their curacies in Suffolk – a sign that our diocese is increasingly attractive as a place to minister as we seek to 'grow in God' in number, depth, influence and younger. The extra cost (likely to be £260,000 a year for the three years) seems large, but if the 18,000 people on the electoral rolls of the diocese each contributed an extra 30p a week (£15.60 a year), this would be more than covered.

#### Diocesan E-News

A reminder that the diocese produces a regular round-up of news, information and forthcoming events, sent directly to your inbox. Subscribers will also receive e-mails from Bishop Martin. To subscribe, just send an e-mail to [communications@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:communications@cofesuffolk.org).

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

#### CHURCHES TOGETHER AGM

The AGM is on *Monday 7 October 2019, 7.00 pm* at St Catherine's Church, 7 St Catherine's Road, Long Melford CO10 9JU.

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

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**19th** All Saints' Church Hall, Sudbury  
**26th** St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury

For other CTiS&D dates and news, visit the website:  
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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

Vacant

Flowers for the month, Jo Powell

Cleaning for the month, Sally Hoskyns,

*Sunday 20 October, 9.30 Holy Communion*

Sidesman,

Maureen Cooling

Coffee

Frances East



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Vacant

August and September were very busy months at All Saints Church and we would like to thank everybody who helped to make the events so successful.

On Sunday 25th we were fortunate enough to host Reverend Robert's first morning service. It was lovely to see lots of new faces both from our parish and the rest of the benefice. The service was well received, as were the fantastic cakes and refreshments and the opportunity to chat with friends new and old.

The Keld Ensemble performed in the church on Friday 6th September. As the sun set through the windows the church was bathed in fabulous light and amazing music. Candles lit the latter part of the evening and the atmosphere was amazing. We look forward to a return visit from the musicians in the new year.

The following day was the Autumn Show which has been held in the church for the last few years. Another successful event.

### NOTICES

**22nd September 11.00 Harvest Festival Service**

**3.00 Harvest Afternoon Tea** in the village hall

**19th October**

**Fundraising Quiz** in the Village Hall. More details from Paul on 379204



## The Box River Benefice October Services

### Daily Prayer

Morning and Evening Prayer is said around the five churches of the Benefice most days. Please do join us.

**Monday:** 8.30 Little 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.

There may be occasions when, due to other commitments, Rob (the Rector) will not be able to attend, but please don't let that put you off: the people and churches of our benefice will still benefit from your prayer.

The Rector's Sabbath (Rest Day) is a Friday, please try to avoid contacting him about church business on this day.

### SPECIAL SERVICES THIS MONTH

\*\*\* Harvest Festivals at Little Waldingfield and Boxford \*\*\*

\*\*\* Pets Blessing Service at Boxford \*\*\*

### Wednesday 2nd

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
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### Sunday 6th

		<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	08.00	Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Lt Waldingfield	09.30	Harvest Festival + Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00	Pets Blessing Service at Café Church	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

### Wednesday 9th

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
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### Sunday 13th

		<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Groton	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00	Harvest Festival + Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee

### Wednesday 16th

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
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### Sunday 20th

		<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Edwardstone	09.30	Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
Boxford	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee

### Wednesday 23rd

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Rob Parker-McGee
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### Sunday 27th

		<b>19th Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>(G)</b>
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Rob Parker-McGee

### Wednesday 30th

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

From time to time I share with you the pieces I record for Sudbury Newstalk's audio magazine for the visually impaired. Last month we were asked to reflect upon how sounds, smells or sights could bring back memories. This made me think about that great radio programme, Desert Island Discs, which is imperative listening in our household. This is what I wrote.

The house in the village outside Sudbury in which my wife and I live has been our home for over 34 years. And it is full! Half a lifetime of accumulating things means that there are unhung pictures, more ornaments than you could poke a stick at and enough glasses to fit out a decent sized pub. For us decluttering isn't just necessary – it has become a way of life. Not that we are very good at it. "You can't get rid of that", my wife will say as I put an unused toast rack into the box for the charity shop, "it was a present from my mother". And as for my collection of vinyl, cassette tapes and CDs, well, they might be worth something one day.

And they contain so many memories. Not that I play them that often, but when I do, some of the tunes are truly evocative of a person, a place or a time in my life. Mind you, I'm the type of nerd that keeps a mental record of the eight discs I would take with me to a desert island, not that I ever expect to be asked to share them with a radio 4 audience. I did live opposite Roy Plumley once, though, in Putney in south west London and we used to see him strolling near the river Thames. He had a Chinese wife as I recall, but let's return to the wonderful programme he devised and which is still attributed to him whenever broadcast.

Music can bring memories flooding back in a way that other means of stimulating your memory cannot always achieve. My first record on Desert Island Discs would undoubtedly be one of Dvorak's Slavonic Dances. Whenever I hear them, my mother hoves into view, probably wielding a duster or vacuum cleaner as she hummed around our house performing her seemingly endless task of keeping it clean. She had a fine singing voice and was a great fan of Richard Tauber, though I'm afraid the Merry Widow didn't make it into my final eight.

The opening bars of Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements might seem an unlikely choice for my second record, but it was the signature tune to a Children's Hour play called, I believe, Master Spy. While I was probably listening to this programme quite legitimately on the radiogram

(do you remember those magnificent beasts?), for some reason hearing this particular piece of music always reminds me of nights spent tuned into my crystal set, listening beneath the eiderdown in bed. Duvets had yet to be introduced to East London.

Pop music is just as evocative. Paul McCartney's Wings record, C Moon, always reminds me of a brief sojourn in a flat in Notting Hill in my mid-twenties, which is why it would be banished from my Desert Island collection. On the other hand, America by Simon and Garfunkel remains an instant choice, despite not being attached to any single event, place or person. It simply reminds me of life in the 1970s when my personal world was in turmoil, but eventually emerged into sunlight.

Strangely, music has become less of a feature in my later years. I enjoy listening to music, attend concerts and for many years ran a music quiz which covered a wide range of styles and genres. But there is no one tune or piece of music that makes me think immediately of life here in Suffolk. I have my favourites which would be essential listening on a desert island, but memory recall pieces are now in short supply. Perhaps it is because some are too painful to listen to. I can think of one – perhaps two – that fall into that category. Maybe I have become less sensitive as time goes on. Whatever, music is a joy that can transport us back to times past. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Brian Tora



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# GARDENING IN OCTOBER INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Lift and store gladioli corms to protect them from frost. If left in the ground too long they may be damaged by slugs and other pests. Clean off excess soil and place the corms in a cool airy place to dry, then dust with sulphur powder.

Tuberous begonias which have been used for bedding should also be lifted and have their stems cut back to about four or five inches then laid on the greenhouse bench. Those in pots should be laid on their side to rest. Do not give any water and the stems will drop off after a few weeks, then clean the soil from the tubers and dust with sulphur. Store in dry sand or peat in a cool dry frost free place for the winter. Clear beds of summer bedding plants where you intend to plant wallflowers, forget-me-nots, etc. for a spring display. Plant now while the soil is still warm and they can become well rooted before the hard weather sets in. If planted too late they will almost certainly suffer from long periods of severe frost or cold east winds, because they have not made sufficient roots to enable them to take up enough moisture to withstand these conditions.

Do not manure beds for spring flowering plants, it will only encourage soft growth and make them more susceptible to frost damage.

Remove fallen leaves and weeds from rock plants. If weeds are allowed to be too thickly over these small plants, they can cause rot and kill them. A net placed over the plants and emptied every two days is one way of keeping them clear. The same applies to a pool, a net will stop leaves falling into the water and causing poisonous gasses to form as they rot.

Lift and pot up pelargoniums and bring them indoors. They need a dry atmosphere to survive the winter, a spare room in the house is ideal. Dampness is the main enemy of pelargoniums, the sort of conditions you get in a cold or partially heated green house during the months of November, December, and January.

If the weather is mild and sunny, watch out for greenfly on winter pansies. These can ruin the plants if not checked in time. About the middle of the month sweet peas can be sown in pots in a cold frame or greenhouse to produce strong plants for planting outside in March. Sow up to ten seeds to a five inch pot filled with John Innes seed compost or ordinary garden soil with no added fertiliser. Water moderately after sowing and from then on only water when absolutely necessary. Give

plenty of ventilation on warm days and protect from slugs and mice.

Attend to greenhouses, stores, sheds. The shading must now be removed from glass - blinds rolled up, sun-excluding outside "paint" scrubbed off by main force. Broken panes need replacing, as do slipped tiles on shed roofs; and all outbuildings need checking for leaks and draughts. Dreary job - but necessary, if your winter stores are to survive. Set out more lettuce seed and cauliflower seedlings, in unheated frames. Watch over indoor bulbs in bowls.

Start Digging any beds that are now clear of vegetables, annuals, etc. Should this be the first time you have ever dug (and there has to be a first time) either read up how to do it, in a good general gardening book; or, far better, get an experienced gardener to show you how. There's a proper way to handle the "one-spit" or "two-spit" deep methods - and if you don't use it, a very Bad Back can ensue. Or you could hire a mechanical digger to break up difficult soil - the "Merry-Tiller" is an excellent example of what is available.

Give yourself a present of a day off, just to go and look at the countryside (and, particularly, the forests and woods) nearby, from late September, are spreading gold and umber and russet, and carpeted with copper bracken, all brilliant in the Autumn sunshine - everybody's Gold Rush. Keep your grass tidy. The cleaner your lawn is now, the less disastrously hairy it will be come a wet spring when you may not be able to cut it.

## Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing roses
- 8 Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- 10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

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# Parish Council Matters

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday 5th August 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

**PRESENT:** J Fincham-Jacques, P Wallis, A Sargeant, S Mattocks, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr) and 1 member of the public. A Sargeant Chaired the first part of the Meeting.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** P Wallis proposed Julian Fincham-Jacques as Chairman. This was seconded by S Mattocks. J Fincham-Jacques confirmed his willingness to take on this role at least until the Council is up to full strength and the new Councillors are gaining experience. This was unanimously carried.

**DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** The form was duly completed by J Fincham-Jacques as Chairman and the Clerk as proper officer.

**APOLOGIES:** were received from J Finch.

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

**MINUTES OF 1ST JULY 2019:** Accepted as correct.

**CONSIDER REMOVAL OF STANDING ORDER 82:** Removal of this Standing Order which limits the number of years a Chairman can stay in the role was proposed by P Wallis, seconded by S Mattocks and unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** A resident attended to confirm he had been in correspondence with the Planning Authority about the highways assessments in respect of the Sand Hill Development. Members confirmed they had seen his emails. He asked if the Parish Council would consider making a representation to the Planning Authority as he didn't feel the study reflected local vehicle travel patterns. Members agreed to consider his request later in the meeting.

**REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC:** All matters were in hand.

**COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:** County Cllr J Finch had sent his apologies.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** District Cllr B Hurren attended and discussed on-going matters in the Parish.

**Agenda items** were agreed for September including a Highways item of

the "No Parking request for in front of the Bus Shelter" and the "Local Plan Consultation" - Action Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

**Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council** at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 5th August 2019

The following applications were discussed: -

- 1) DC/19/03307 – Application for works to protected oak trees at 1 Rectory Park. No Objections.
- 2) DC/19/03114 - Application for garage conversion and side and rear extensions at 7 Gunary Close. No Objections
- 3) DC/19/03386 - Application for two storey cart lodge with external staircase at Pro Tem, Calais Street. No Objections
- 4) DC/19/03468 - Notification of work to trees in Conservation Area at 14 Cox Hill. No Objections
- 5) Any other urgent Planning items - S Mattocks agreed to draft a further representation to the Planning Authority regarding the Highways/Footpath aspects of Sand Hill development ahead of the September Meeting - Action S Mattocks.

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Following the interest in the "one to one" drop in sessions locally during the year, we are now planning further ones throughout the coming year. The third group have been booked for early evenings, but if you would like to attend at a different time, then please email [matthew.boyle@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.boyle@suffolk.gov.uk)

The Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 19.30 – 21.30

Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford – Thursday 17th October, 19.30 – 21.30

The Garrad Room, Bures Community Centre – Tuesday 29th October, 19.30 – 21.30



## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ **Schools in Suffolk see improvement in results across a range of subjects at GCSE level** Self-reported results from Suffolk schools, released on 22 August, indicate an increase in students achieving higher grades. This includes a 4% increase in pupils achieving at least a grade 5 in all elements of the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and a 7% increase in the number of students achieving a grade 4, when compared with the previous year.

The English Baccalaureate constitutes GCSEs in English and Maths plus GCSEs from the Sciences, Humanities and Languages. This is seen by the government as an important academic foundation for all pupils. These figures also show an increase in the number of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 4 in English and Maths. There has also been a 2-point increase in the attainment 8 figure for disadvantage pupils, which is likely to see disadvantaged students exceed the national average when provisional results are released in October. Attainment 8 takes into account a pupil's overall results across a range of GCSEs.

More than 6,500 pupils in Suffolk were entered for GCSE exams, according to self-reported results collated from around 70% of schools.

➤ **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. Award winners can be found here: <http://www.greensuffolk.org/news/greener-county-winners-announced/>. 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.

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

➤ **Keeping Suffolk's villages safe with Lorry Watch**

On 13 August, it was reported that two new Lorry Watch schemes have launched. The schemes are aimed at reducing the number of HGV drivers ignoring weight restrictions on the county's roads.

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➤ **Chairman of Suffolk County Council "walking" for Suffolk Mind** I have now already walked six legs of my sponsored walk along the Stour Valley Path. All are welcome.

Dates and stages remaining:-

➤ **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 on the Suffolk Mind Website by searching for "Chairman's Charity Suffolk Mind. You will all be welcome to join me on any of these during the rest of the autumn.

## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Much of my time this month has been spent in addressing the issues arising from the Catesby application to build 80 homes on the edge of Boxford, this application, if successful would have a terrible detrimental impact on our village and our already strained facilities, stretched and mainly non-existent infrastructure. While I and the village have in the past been very supportive of minor growth and village homes for village people this massive application is several steps too far and has been constantly resisted and objected to. I shall be speaking on the village's behalf against this application at the planning meeting where this is to be decided on 25th September and I hope as many village residents as possible will attend to support us, I will be joined by a representative from our Parish Council as well as an objector to represent the village view.

As many of you will have seen from the local press the changes to the County Council school transport policy are still hurting and confusing the very people who it should be helping to get our young people to their place of education easily, efficiently and cheaply. This horror policy which is dividing villages into different catchment areas even if the pupils live on different sides of the same street is also causing mayhem amongst local communities and even families where siblings are being funded to go to different schools from their brothers and sisters. This policy will not save a single penny as anyone with the tiniest bit of common sense can see that the best way to handle this matter is to allocate all the people from one village to one school and send one bus to pick them up, rather than try to send some of the outlying ones to a different school on an extra bus. Come on County Council stop being so arrogant, stop ignoring people and listen to common sense, this horror show has gone on quite long enough. The only outcome of this will be more buses on our roads and loads of stressed parents who will be victims of this policy driving their children to their allocated school to continue their education.

Rant over and I hope to see as many people as possible during the Autumn round of P.C. meetings. If you have any issues please let me know at [bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk)

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# Readers Letters

*Sir*

It appears that the school holidays has once again brought out the vandals. On Sunday 18th August persons unknown decided it would be fun to remove all the padlocks to our storage and activity buildings by means of bolt crops or similar. Strangely apart from cutting all the bicycle chains in half on the bikes in the bike store nothing appears to have been taken. Luckily as I was on site on the Monday I was able to purchase new locks and fit them before the vandals returned to possibly remove contents. A not inconsiderable cost of £150. The police have been notified but obviously without firm evidence they can only record the event. I would ask all parents (assuming the miscreants have some are juveniles) to be aware of their offsprings activities and to discourage them from unauthorised entry to the Spinney.

Like many other voluntary bodies the Spinney Management Committee and in particular the Site Warden need help. I have looked after the Spinney for 39yrs now and seen it develop into a very popular activity centre used not only by the local Scouts and Guides but by Schools, Scouts and Guides from all over East Anglia. The proceeds from hiring out the site enable us to maintain the grounds and the HQ to a good standard. There has been a change of personnel in the administration in that Mark Miller has taken over as Treasurer from Mike Hammond who has carried out that task superbly for the last 9 yrs. There is a great need now for new blood on the maintenance 'team', indeed we need a team to help with cutting grass, clearing and pruning trees, checking equipment and repairing as necessary. Anyone with hands on abilities will be welcome. I am now 75 yrs old and cannot carry on single handedly I would like to have some 'buddies' to work with me to learn the requirements and let me ease out gently. If I don't get this I may have to drop out totally.

The Spinney has been dear to me but is becoming a stone round my neck, I would be heartbroken to see it deteriorate due to lack of interest.

Gordon Edgar  
Spinney Warden & Chairman

*Sir*

I want to say a huge thank you to the First Responders in our Village. I hadn't dial 999 for the first time in over 80 years, quite daunting! Within minutes Vince from Boxford was beside me so reassuring and caring, they really are an incredible group, we are so lucky to have them. It was a Sunday lunch time and he had already had several calls before me.

Again thank you  
Diana (Groton)

*Sir*

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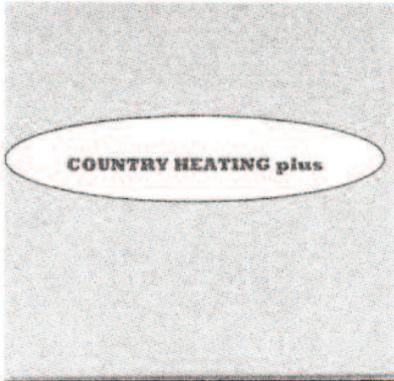
Turn right off the A1071 to go west to Polstead and White Street Green and you will see the gradual but steady devastation of our rural villages (the Amazon Rain forest Slash & Burn right here in CO10): where once there were green front gardens with old hedgerows, trees and birdsong there is now concrete. Front gardens have become car parks with nothing but hard-standing with the odd turf thrown in and back/side gardens given over to building plots.

White Street Green is fast becoming an urban suburb. - just drive along slowly and look at the sterile, tidy in-fill that has been allowed by our Planners and now at the western-most end an entire hedgerow has been dragged out and what was a front garden now all uprooted, no doubt to make room for a massive boundary-to-boundary dwelling. There remains an Oak Tree flanking the road - is that about to go too ?!

Is there no one in authority monitoring this madness ? We need nature on our side and it is arrogant and very short-sighted to keep tearing it out. I thought, naively, that we were only too well aware of the consequences of this dreadful carnage.

Maureen Cooling  
White Street Green aka Billericay





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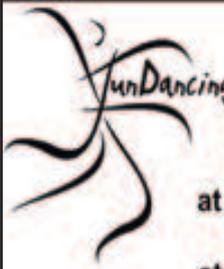
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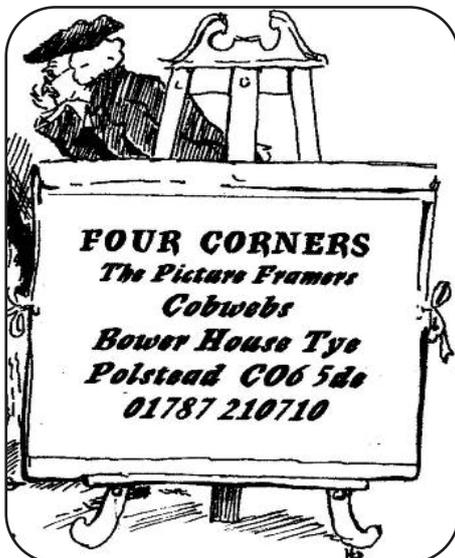
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# MILDEN V TWINSTEAD



*Twinstead captain S Murtaza bowling*



*On his knee! Solid defence from the rector, Rob Parker-McGee, making his debut appearance for Milden.*

The last home game of the season on 8 September 2019, Milden v Twinstead Milden lost this game – this time by 10 wickets! Milden 107 for 8 from 40 overs; Twinstead 108 for 0. This was Twinstead’s last game and they end the 2019 season as Hunts County Bats Suffolk League Division 3 champions, having won every game they played.



Chris Phillips batting for Milden

Photo's David Lamming



Rob Parker-McGee hitting out



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