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3PR ANNUAL AWARDS



Photo Richard Wild

Above: L-R: Trudi Wild, Alistair Horne, Elaine Carpenter, Vic Rice Founder and Life President, and Vince Stafford.

At the packed annual Box River News and Boxford Community Council social evening on Thursday 16th January presentations were made to 3PR responders who had completed more than 500 hours on duty during the year 2019.

The recipients were:

Elaine Carpenter who is the longest serving member of 3PR and the only remaining founder member since the team was established after the appeal in the February 2002 Box River News. Elaine was on duty for 640 hours in 2019.

Trudi Wild (whose husband Richard is the 3PR co-ordinator) has two smashing children to look after, maintains the Boxford website, is a member of numerous other village organisations and still managed to squeeze in 1150 hours on duty and keep on smiling!

Last and far from least was **Vince Stafford** who, despite the pressures of work and doing a great job restoring the old grammar school, managed an incredible 1940 hours.

The presentations were kindly made by Father Rob, Rector of the Box River Benefice.

Over the whole of 2019 the team attended 187 incidents in and around the 3 parishes - an average of 1 call-out every 2 days with only 3 active responders! Of those call-outs they attended 12 cardiac arrests, providing critical emergency treatment in those crucial first minutes between a 999 call and the paramedics arriving.

Reinforcements are on the horizon – currently they have 3 new recruits. Two of them, Alex Dawson and Jake Cairns are currently undergoing training and

assessment with the Ambulance Service whilst Alistair Horne from Groton has just become fully qualified and has joined the team. Well done Al!

The group are still in need of more responders so that they can provide even better coverage for the people of the local villages. You do not have to put in 500+ hours, even just one small shift of a couple of hours a week would be a great help.

The ambulance service provide full training (an official qualification) and whatever you learn is going to be of enormous help to the villages as well as yourselves.

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.

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GOLF HOTEL WEDDING VENUE OF THE YEAR 2020.



Above: The team from Stoke by Nayland receive their award: l to r Paul Ross (Host), Peter Osborne, Jeff Hunt, Rachael Lowe, Tamara Unwin, Simone Casley, Matt Manning and Linda Grant (Host)

It was truly a night to remember as the cream of the county's wedding suppliers came together on 27th November to celebrate the Essex Wedding Awards 2020. Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf, Spa & Lodges, situated on the Suffolk/Essex border, was one of the finalists and the team from the family-owned resort were delighted to be awarded the Golf Hotel Wedding Venue of the Year 2020.

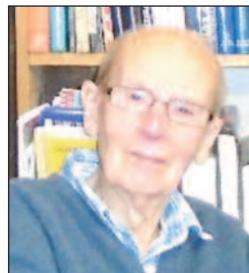
At a glittering black-tie gala ball held at Orsett Hall Hotel over 300 people from every sector of wedding planning - from dresses to cakes, venues to photography - were welcomed by host Paul Ross and the team from the Essex Wedding Awards & Main Event and Wedding Shows Ltd, led by Directors Linda Grant and Vanessa Challis.

Matt Manning, Hotel Director at Stoke by Nayland said, "We are really pleased that our venue has been recognized with this award, and I'd especially like to thank our wedding team and all the staff at the hotel who have worked incredibly hard this year and achieved amazing results. We have been hosting weddings at Stoke by Nayland for nearly 50 years in

this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and can now offer couples even more options of luxury lodges and giant tipis for their wedding celebrations".

This is the 4th award win this year for the family-owned Stoke by Nayland resort and its sister company Boxford Suffolk Farms. They won the Family Business of the Year in June, Soft Fruit Grower of the Year in July and the international environmental AD & Biogas Award in August. The team of nearly 600 staff and managers at the company will have a lot to celebrate this Christmas!

HEALTH AND ART IN PRACTICE



This month heralds the arrival of the third mini art display in the Hadleigh Health Centre. In complete contrast to the previous exhibits, the work of cartoonist Bryan Haylock will be on show until 30th April 2020.

Drawing has always been part of Bryan's life; from a child to the present day he has been sketching and cartooning to earn a living or just for fun. His source of inspiration comes from those around him. In his early days he was influenced by George Whitelaw's cartoons in his Dad's newspaper, teachers, RAF colleagues and more recently Hadleigh folk. The illustrations are skilfully executed but what makes them truly special is Bryan's unique brand of humour in all his work.

The acquisition of The Idler on the High Street in 1980 brought Bryan and Jane to Hadleigh and fulfilled a lifelong ambition to own a bookshop. His distinctive cartoons can often be seen in the window of this treasured Hadleigh landmark.

The Hadleigh and Boxford PPG are delighted to give visitors to the Hadleigh Health Centre an opportunity to enjoy Bryan's special talents and humorous take on life. It will also be possible to purchase some of the work on display. 10% of the money from the sale of the paintings will go to The Hadleigh and Boxford Medical Practice Charitable Trust which supports local community needs.

The exhibition is open to anyone during surgery hours. Further information is with the display or from Jan Devey and not the Reception Desk. deveys@btinternet.com 01473 827 091

Desmond. Exploring afresh the recordings on Blues in Time and Two of a Mind, the band promises to evoke the spirit of these classic recordings while giving free reign to the personalities of the musicians.

21 February 8 £18;00. Georgia Mancio Quartet

"[Georgia Mancio] has everything covered * technical mastery, expressive range and a remarkable versatility" - The Observer ****
"an object lesson in subtlety . . . in the impact of nuance . . . it's beautiful." - All About Jazz

Georgia Mancio Vocals, Kate Williams Piano, Julie Walkington Bass, Dave Ohm Drums. Georgia Mancio's music reflects her Anglo-Latino background, with a lineage that goes back to her Italian grandparents (an opera singer and concert pianist) and then to her Uruguayan great-grandmother, also a pianist. Her music and lyric writing are greatly influenced by her affinity with languages; she sings in English, Italian, Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese.

28 February 8 £18;00. Tim Whitehead Quartet

"Whitehead more than justified his growing reputation as one of Britain's most thoughtful composers and improvisers." - Chris Parker, The Times. Tim Whitehead Sax, Jonathan Gee Piano, Andy Hammill Bass, Tom Hooper Drums. "Those of us who have caught him live ... have been left in blinking disbelief. It's not just his mastery of the tenor saxophone, phenomenal though it is, but the absolute conviction of his playing that is so impressive." Dave Gelly (The Observer/ BBC)

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"This girl was born to sing jazz ... a class act" - Pizza Express
"Her voice is amazing, think Islay whiskey, or tannin rich red wine - deep" - Lance, Bebop Spoken Here
Jo Harrop Vocals, Tony Kofi Sax, Alex Webb Piano, Henry Gilbert Bass, Joel Prime Drums

In 2018, Jo recorded her first album of jazz standards, "Songs For The Late Hours", as well as performing a brand new show "Time & Place" at The Sage, Gateshead this summer, of original compositions written by North East pianist Paul Edis. In summer 2019, Jo collaborated with legendary music artist, Kid Creole of Kid Creole & The Coconuts, and his partner in crime, Peter Schott, and recorded vocals on their new orchestral project "Schott Treatment". The first single from the album, "Being" features the sultry tones of Jo's voice, and was released on the 9th September worldwide, available from all the leading music stores

14 February 8 £18;00. Chris Biscoe and Allison Neale: Two of a Mind

The great music based on the freewheeling, wonderfully melodic interpretations of standard material recorded 50 years ago by Gerry Mulligan and Paul Desmond.

"music that reaches the parts that other forms, more brash perhaps, simply don't." - Peter Vacher, Jazzwise
Chris Biscoe Baritone Sax, Allison Neale Alto Sax, Jeremy Brown Bass, Matt Fishwick Drums. Two of a Mind is based on the freewheeling, wonderfully melodic interpretations of standard material recorded 50 years ago by Gerry Mulligan and Paul

THE FEBRUARY LETTER BY REV ROB

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a thoroughly splendid Christmas and New Year. At church, we saw a very healthy increase in numbers over the festive period, as we undertook 15 services across the benefice in as many days. It was a thrilling time, filled with mysterious wonder and awe, made even more special because so many of you felt inclined to include a trip to church in your Christmas celebrations.

It was great to see our churches so full. Do come back soon and come back as often as you can. If you could find an hour or so once or twice a month to pop along, then that would make an amazing difference to your local church throughout the year. I am sure it would deeply benefit you as well. We could all use a little more time to stop and reflect on deeper things and church affords us that.

It is sometimes said that the Church is the fountain of faith. That is because it holds on to a certain kind of spiritual truth when all around us seems to succumb to the cravings of commercialism: devouring our personal self and reducing us, little by little, to a number in a societal system designed for nothing more than profit and gain.

Christianity offers a different way. Through it, we can begin to view the world slightly differently and see how we are most fulfilled, not through our strivings for self-gain, but through the service of others. This is why Christianity and community go hand-in-hand. Being a Christian isn't easy. Christians are never perfect. Church communities even less so. We must always remember that churches are always filled with a motley crew of flawed individuals just trying their best to stay focussed on something better. Neither does Christianity stop us from experiencing the difficult things in life. It does, however, encourage a more constructive perspective to deal with difficult experiences when they arise. Churches can also seem odd places with strange practices, but give them a chance and it is those very practices that can become the source of a life you never knew you had.

Thomas Aquinas, the great medieval thinker, (and many others besides) teaches that two things are needed for our long-term spiritual health: contemplation and action. Contemplation implants us deeper into the pulsating heartbeat of the world and we can begin to see things as they truly are. Action ensures we are working at making this world a better place. For Aquinas, to reach full maturity both contemplation and action must become fully integrated within us until they are almost inseparably one. Only then will our default position become genuine compassion and outward service.

But we must be careful that things don't get out of balance. Invariably, too much action without contemplation and self-examination easily leads to violence; violence to ourselves and to others. This may be one of the most prevalent issues in our world today. Equally, too much contemplation without outward action risks becoming selfish and self-serving: "I engage in meditation because it makes me feel better". That may or may not be the case, but nurturing the spiritual life is never just about making ourselves feel better, it is about growing in self-understanding and discovering the truth of things around us. That is why the spiritual life is often described as a journey, and like any journey it has its ups and downs.

Contemplation includes all those things we do to reflect upon, understand and engage the deep relationships and material things around us. We might pray, walk, garden... But we must be careful that we don't use our contemplation simply to further inflate our own egos. This is why we will often find that we understand the world and each other better through our reflections upon God. Equally, we will understand God better as we reflect upon the world and each other, because God is the loving presence at the root of all things. God provides the external spiritual focus that challenges our false-motivations and the illusions we propagate about who we truly are. From such deep contemplation, we can use the things we have been gifted to inform our action, so that our actions are transformed from those designed simply to fuel our own ego or protect our elevated position to actions fuelled by a compassion and care for the people and things around us.

Church can provide us with the space and the tools to both help us reflect at this deep level and inform our actions so that they may truly serve all things for the better.

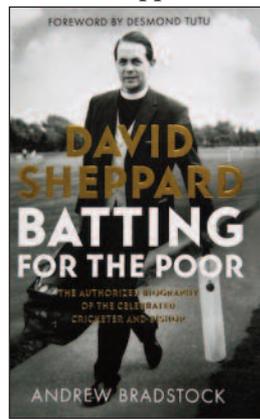
With much love and every blessing,

Fr Rob

Last month's book review, 'Crime In Progress' neglected to state the name of the reviewer, simply because it was not available. I am now able to reveal that it was Peter Conrad

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ by David Lamming

"David Sheppard: Batting for the Poor", by Andrew Bradstock



David Sheppard, the celebrated Sussex and England cricketer, and for 22 years (1975-1997), the renowned Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, who died in 2005 aged 75, wrote two autobiographies during his lifetime. The first, *Parson's Pitch*, was published in 1964 when he was 35 and focused on his cricketing career, his call to ordination, and his early ministry as Warden of the Mayflower Family Centre in Canning Town. (I think my copy must have been given to me at the time as a birthday present, as I've written my name and the date in the book: as those who know me well know, I'm a life-long cricket enthusiast – still playing!) Sheppard remains the only ordained clergyman to have played cricket for

England: coming out of cricket 'retirement', he toured Australia and New Zealand with the MCC in 1962/63, scoring over 1,000 first-class runs and playing in all eight Test matches, being the only England player to have 'Rev' as the preface to his name in the scoresheet. (I have a vague recollection of watching him bat against Pakistan at The Oval in the 5th Test of the 1962 summer, when he scored 57 and 9 not out.)

The second autobiography, *Steps Along Hope Street*, published in 2002 five years after Sheppard had retired, describes his early life but, mainly, is a comprehensive story of his Christian journey, focussing on his long ministry in urban areas (in London and Liverpool) and his 'faith in the city.' The title refers to the street in Liverpool, at one end of which is the Anglican cathedral (the largest in England) and, at the other, the strikingly modern Roman Catholic cathedral of Christ the King. The partnership in the gospel that Sheppard formed with his RC counterpart, Derek Worlock, is legendary and led to their jointly-authored book, *Better Together*, published in 1988. As another reviewer has commented, "doctrinal difference could be set aside for love's sake as the two bishops made the habit each Good Friday of standing together under the Cross." It took until 2019, however, for someone to write a considered biography of Sheppard and objective assessment of his life. Peter Osborne (*the Daily Mail* columnist), in his blurb on the dustcover, describes Bradstock's book as "this splendid work" and "the full-scale biography that we have long needed". Former prime minister, Gordon Brown, says that it "captures the charisma of Bishop David Sheppard, who inspired a generation of young people and lives on in the influence he still has today." Both comments are fully justified. The book is meticulously researched (Bradstock was given access to Sheppard's extensive papers and conducted over 250 interviews with people who knew him) and the footnotes, while concise, are very informative, confirming the extent of that research. (As an aside, it was welcome to find that the footnotes were, indeed, footnotes at the foot of each page, rather than 'end notes', requiring one constantly to turn to a page at the back of the book to see the reference.)

There is a link to Sheppard's 1964 autobiography in that the cover picture (see above), of Sheppard striding out in his dog collar with his bat and cricket bag, is the same as that on the back cover of *Parson's Pitch* (though with a different background!). Had Sheppard played first-class cricket throughout the 1950s and 1960s, rather than pursue his vocation in the church, he would undoubtedly have rivalled Alastair Cook as an opening batsman (in 1952 he topped the first-class averages with 2262 runs at an average of 64.62), but his 'career' in the Church is what truly marks him out. As a Christian, he became aware that "loving individuals would not shift some of their greatest needs unless the structures of society were attended to also" and this underpinned his whole ministry. The church "needed to ask how it could serve people, rather than inform them what it could offer." Sheppard's concern for justice was exemplified in 1968, when he was suffragan bishop of Woolwich, by his public campaign (along with Mike Brearley) in support of Basil D'Oliveira, a campaign that challenged and exposed the double-dealing of the MCC cricket committee (including former prime minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home) and which led to the cancellation of the 1968/69 South African tour. Later, as Bishop of Liverpool, Sheppard had a significant pastoral role following the Hillsborough disaster in April 1989, and, in 1993, the sadistic murder of two-year-old James Bulger by two ten-year-old boys. Perhaps controversially, in a BBC 'Thought for the Day' the day after the boys were convicted, Sheppard said: "There's no condoning the sheer evil of what they've done. But they can be redeemed. We're not to consign them to the dustbin." These events are all faithfully chronicled in Bradstock's book.

This review can only give you a taster of the story of a remarkable man of principle, who put his faith into action. Do buy it and read it. David Sheppard: Batting for the Poor is published by SPCK, price £19.99 (£13.99 from Amazon).

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Growing up in Lindsey, Suffolk in the 1920s by Harry Buckledee Part1

I count myself a very lucky man because at the grand old age of 98 I still have a very good memory. I have clear recollections of events that took place well before I started school; in fact I can even remember being taken in a pushchair to see the damage caused by a fire on a farm in Lindsey, so I can't have been more than two years old.

When I talk to relatives and friends about daily life in the Suffolk countryside in the 1920s and '30s, they always say the same thing: "You should write a book." People used to say exactly the same thing when I told them about my experiences as a prisoner of war and in the end I wrote *For You The War Is Over*, which was first published in 1994 and I'm still selling copies of the second edition. I'm glad I wrote that book because memoirs of the Second World War are usually written by men who were officers, and I believe it is important for people to read a version of events written from an ordinary soldier's point of view. Now I want to tell people what life was like for ordinary men and women in a Suffolk village in those difficult decades between the wars when money was scarce and nothing was ever wasted.

In a way I felt duty-bound to write about these things, partly because there are not many of us left with first-hand experience of those times, but also because, having been blessed with such a good memory at my advanced age, I felt I ought to make use of it. Huge numbers of elderly people do not share my good fortune. On the contrary, many old people, my late wife Linda included, have their memories wiped away by Alzheimer's Disease or other forms of dementia. I feel privileged to be able to recall so clearly things that happened more than ninety years ago, and this book is my way of telling others about a way of life that younger readers will find difficult to imagine.

The West Suffolk village of Lindsey is pretty quiet even today but in the 1920s, when hardly anyone in rural Suffolk had a car and there was little in the way of public transport, most people rarely went further afield than the neighbouring villages and the market town of Hadleigh. A journey to one of the two main towns of the county, Ipswich or Bury St Edmunds, was quite an adventure. It was a close-knit community where, quite literally, everyone knew everyone else.

I was brought up by my grandparents, Emily and Charlie Buckledee. Charlie was born in Lindsey in 1868 while Emily was the daughter of Jim "Scrapper" Howe from Monks Eleigh. They got married at Monks Eleigh church in 1889. I remember my grandmother telling me that her mother had said, "I'm not having a daughter of mine called a daft name like Buckledee," so they had to get married as Buckle. Decades later I checked the marriage records at Monks Eleigh and sure enough it had been entered as Charles Buckle and Emily Howe. The first of their nine children, Frank, went under the name of Buckle (and his descendants still do) but the other eight were Buckledees. I don't think you could get away with that sort of thing nowadays.

My grandfather worked all his life at Butts Farm, which for some reason was often referred to as Buckles Farm, although it was actually owned by Ben Grimsey, who also owned Noaks Farm in Water Lane, Kersey. Ben Grimsey had a coal round as well and my grandfather got well known in the district by delivering people's coal.

We lived in one of two slate-roofed cottages on Porter's Hill, right on the edge of Lindsey near the boundary with Groton. The two cottages were owned by the Hewitt family, who also had a smallholding where they went in for dairy farming. Old Mr Hewitt got around with the aid of two walking sticks. I have good reason to remember those sticks because I got many a rap on the knuckles from them if I got up to any mischief. The Hewitts left Lindsey in about 1923 and, if I remember correctly, moved to the Luton area. One of their sons, Percy, kept in touch with us for a few years.

A couple called Barker then took over the smallholding. They had been schoolteachers but had decided to try the "good life" in the countryside. They went in for breeding pigs and selling them as weaners. Portable farrowing huts were dotted about all over their land and I remember seeing piglets running around everywhere. They were well educated people but they knew little or nothing about farming, and some of their methods caused the locals to shake their heads. On Sunday mornings they went off in their pony and cart to the Catholic church on the Croft in Sudbury, and often invited me along for the ride. I quickly realised that they had an ulterior motive: they needed someone to look after the horse when they were in church. I was quite happy to do that, however, and I enjoyed the outing.

There were eight of us in our house: my grandparents, the four youngest of their nine children – Lil, Stan, Jack and Lennie – my grandmother's uncle and my great great uncle, Frank Howe, and then me, the little 'un. Charlie, Emily and Lil slept in the biggest of the three bedrooms, Frank and I were in a smaller room, and Stan, Jack and Lennie slept in one bed

in the third bedroom. It didn't seem too overcrowded, partly because we were not cluttered up with a lot of furniture. We had what we needed and nothing more. We didn't need wardrobes, for instance, because, quite frankly we didn't have many clothes.

Our heating consisted of two open fires downstairs and there were ovens beside both fireplaces. We had a permanent supply of boiling water because there was always a kettle on the coals of one of the fires. As you can imagine, it was as black as black can be. A separate kettle was used to boil water for washing the dishes and ourselves.

There was no electricity, no piped water and no mains sewage. However, this book is not meant to be what I believe they call "misery lit". They were hard times, no one had a lot of money, but people were resourceful and found ways to make a little go a long way. People didn't go around moaning all the time. I had a happy childhood and am grateful to my grandparents for caring for me so well. We could cope with those living conditions because we just accepted it all as normal and couldn't imagine anything else. Many people reading this book will have the opposite problem: they'll have difficulty imagining life without all the mod cons they take for granted.

Before you read on, I ought to explain the title of this book. In standard English it would be I'll tell you something now but it mustn't go any further. But in Lindsey between the wars very few people spoke "proper" English. To find out more about the dialect we used in our part of Suffolk, you'll have to wait till you get to chapter 11.

Chapter 1 SIX GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY

None of the houses in Lindsey had mains water supply during my childhood. All of us – not just farm workers' families but also the farmers themselves – had to get clean drinking water from one of the various wells in the village. Our family used the well at the White Rose pub about 300 yards from our house, and we used to get two three-gallon buckets per day. I never really knew whether there were rules about how much water each family could have or whether the limitations were self-imposed, but I don't remember anyone complaining about not having a fair share. Truth be told not many people would have wanted to walk to the well and back too many times a day anyway. Some of the farmers had a well with a pump but the rest of us had to draw up a bucket by hand, and of course, there was no grate or anything to stop you from falling in. No one ever did fall in – which was just as well since it was about 70 feet deep – but I remember one occasion when I was the first to notice that the water didn't taste right. At first everyone said I was imagining things, but I started getting water from the springs on Boar Hills meadow rather than drink the well water (the source is in Milden and the springs feed the River Brett in Kersey). Before long, however, everyone realised there was something wrong. The only solution was to draw out all the water, and that's how they discovered the dead cat at the bottom. That was the only time we ever had problems with the well water.

How do you carry two full buckets without spilling half the contents on your way home? The usual technique was to get a length of hazel wood, which is highly pliable, bend it to form a hoop and tie the two ends together. We called this a bow. It would be laid across the top of the buckets and the carrier would walk in the middle with the bucket handles held close to the bow. In this way the buckets couldn't brush against your legs and as long as you took it steady you could get them home without spillage of such a valuable commodity. When my grandfather got home with our six gallons, it went straight into a large earthenware pot and was covered with a muslin cloth to keep the insects out.

Nowadays I don't think many eight-person households could manage on just six gallons of water per day. Today we use this precious commodity wastefully but in the 1920s people understood the value of clean water. The water from the well was used exclusively for drinking and cooking. When it came to washing ourselves and our clothes we had to rely on two other sources of water: the ponds in the village and the butts that we all had at home to catch rain water running off the roof. The idea of washing clothes in pond water might horrify readers of today, but every cottage had a copper, a large copper tub with a wood fire underneath, and the washing water was heated to boiling point. It's doubtful that any harmful microbes from the pond survived the boiling process. Thorn was a preferred wood because it starts burning easily and produces a lot of heat, but ash was also a favourite. It had to be green ash, however; unlike most types of wood, ash blazes away nicely when it's green but doesn't burn well at all when it's dry. In fact we had a saying: "Ash green is fit for a queen; ash sere will make a parson swear."

A lot of women, my grandmother included, were proud of their ability to get their whites spotlessly clean, and they used to check one another's washing on the line to see who was up to standard and who was a bit

slovenly. Years later when I was courting my future wife, Linda, I recall my grandmother telling me, "You've got a good 'un there, boy." This judgement was based on the splendidly white washing Linda had hung up to dry.

It was hard work with a washboard and a big slab of carboric soap – Lifebuoy and Sunset were the two brands everyone used – and I remember they used to put a cotton bag containing a blue powder in with the whites. My grandmother always got excellent results: our freshly laundered sheets and clothes looked and smelt lovely.

When it came to washing ourselves, the simple truth is that no one ever had a bath as such; instead we washed bits of our bodies at a time, and always using the minimum quantity of water. Everyone has seen historical dramas on television showing somebody having a thorough wash in a tin bath in front of a coal fire. Well, that may have been the practice in some parts of the country but not in rural Suffolk. We'd wash our feet or we'd wash our necks, but no one had a bath, and there was nowhere in the house that we called a bathroom. For people in Lindsey and surrounding villages, the first time in their lives they had a proper bath was if they had to go to hospital, or, worse still, to prison. In my case, I discovered baths in 1938 when I joined the army.

And yet we didn't stink. Some people might say we must all have stunk the same, so no one noticed, but there is an interesting fact that proves that personal hygiene couldn't have been that bad: hardly anyone, and certainly no one in our household, ever had problems with nits or head lice. You'd get the occasional family – invariably referred to as "a rough owd lot" – who were known to be dirty, but for the overwhelming majority washing bits at a time and regularly having a change of clothing did the trick. It wasn't like today, of course: most people, and not just the poor, didn't know what a toothbrush was, and as a child I often wondered what wildlife lurked in the bushy moustaches a lot of men had. But it was remarkable how people kept themselves acceptably clean without piped water. Lindsey had to wait until the Second World War to get a single standpipe in the village, and then it was for fire-fighting purposes rather than for the convenience of the villagers.

We used pond water for brewing beer, and no one was ever poisoned by it. My grandmother's uncle, Frank Howe, had a set of brewing tubs and we could get live yeast from "Fillens" Fosker (I never knew his real name), who lived at the other end of the village. The actual brewing always took place at Bob and May Farthing's house because their kitchen was big enough for the tubs and they also had easy access to a pond. It wasn't very strong beer but it tasted beautiful. I would often help myself to a glass of beer when I came home from elementary school. After Lindsey school closed and I had to go to Kersey, I remember a boy of my age, Jim Baalham, bringing a drop of home-brew in a Camp coffee bottle to school every day.

My grandfather did the brewing and he used to make 60 gallons of ale at a time, and it was one of the many jobs I learned how to do when I was still a child. Among the brewing tackle was a large mash tub – it was about 5ft deep x 4ft wide – and it stood on a trestle. It had a built-in triangular sieve with a long pole going down to the bung hole at the bottom. The procedure was to boil the water in the copper and then transfer it to the mash tub. The water then had to be allowed to cool a bit till you could just about put your hand in before you added the malt. You needed a bushel of malt to 20 gallons of water. This mixture stood in the mash tub for four to five hours, then it was strained off and boiled with hops (2 lb of hops to a bushel of malt). After boiling for an hour and a half it would be strained off into vats 2.5ft deep x 5ft wide and left to cool. The vats could only be filled to three-quarters full because you had to allow for the reaction after the live yeast was added. It was poured on top and by morning the vat would be covered by a six-inch layer of yeast. It was allowed to work for three days and was then skimmed off. The beer was then ready to go into either 18-gallon or 9-gallon casks. Another advantage of brewing at the Mays' was that their cottage was on higher ground than ours, so the casks could be rolled down to my grandparents' house. It was the perfect way to turn pond water into a liquid safe to drink. The only hygiene problem was that in summer flies got inside the tap. All you had to do was let a little beer run on to the floor before you filled your glass.

Fillens Fosker was a Council roadman who supplemented his wages by selling people the yeast they needed to make beer, and several farm workers also had a little sideline to earn a few shillings. Tom Farthing became a barber in the evenings. He only charged tuppence for a haircut but most of the men in the village were his customers, so it must have added up. Fillens' brother, Freddie Fosker, worked with Uncle Frank Howe at Drakestone Farm in Semer (about two miles away) but to earn a few bob more he also did shoe repairs. There were no wellingtons in those days and farm workers wore hob-nailed boots with leather soles. Because of the amount of walking men did, plus the state of the roads,

boots needed to be soled and heeled quite regularly, and it was my job to take Uncle Frank's boots to Freddie Fosker's house about a mile away on Lindsey Tye. It had to be done in the evening after work because men only had one pair of working boots. In the winter it would be dark by the time I set off but no one thought twice about sending a child on an errand on a dark night because everybody knew that nothing would happen to him. Freddie always said exactly the same thing: "Owd Frank ollus wear the heels down fust. He want a kick up the arse to make he walk on his toes." Then he'd hastily add, "Don't you tell he I said that."

It wasn't just piped water that we lacked; we weren't connected to the mains sewage either. For nearly everybody the lavatory was in an outhouse some yards from the back door, and consisted of a wooden toilet seat with a bucket under it. In our household the toilet was in the corner of a shed about ten yards from the house. Old newspapers were used as toilet tissue. Our family took the News of the World on Sundays and the weekly John Bull magazine, while my weekly comic, Tiger Tim, was also re-used in the same way. The words toilet and lavatory were not used; a few people called it a closet, but often as not we referred to it as the shittus.

Outside toilets are no fun on freezing cold days, and if anyone needed a pee during the night he or she would be unlikely to go out in the dark in those pre-electricity days. Every bed had a chamber pot under it, and they got plenty of use. Housewives usually had the unenviable job of emptying the pots each morning, and they also washed them out with the soapy water from the previous evening's washing up. The better-off families in the village had the same sort of primitive toilet facilities as the rest of us. The only advantage their money gave them was that they might have a domestic servant to empty the chamber pots. Emptying a chamber pot ought to be simple enough but in winter there was sometimes a problem that people today might find difficult to believe: in really severe weather it was not unknown to wake up in the morning and discover that the urine in the pot had a layer of ice on top.

So where did the contents of the buckets and pots end up? Used water could just be tipped into a ditch but you could hardly do the same with the toilet buckets, so the solution was the "bumby". This was a pit dug some distance from the back door, preferably out of sight and downwind of the house, and in a part of the back garden not used for growing vegetables or any other purpose. It was typically about three feet deep and about six feet in diameter, big enough to take some time to fill up with the contents of chamber pots and toilet buckets. During the day, if a man needed a pee he would do it directly into the bumby instead of using the outhouse toilet. Ash from the fireplace was disposed of in the same way.

But in the end the bumby did fill up, and then it was the man of the house who had the unpleasant job of digging out the smelly muck and spreading it over the allotment or garden. That was the sort of job he might prefer to do very early in the morning before the rest of the household was up. And when it was done, the empty bumby could be used again. It amuses me today when people talk about organically grown vegetables as if they've discovered something new.

There was no refuse collection service because there was no plastic then and we didn't really have any inorganic waste. Beer bottles had a deposit on them, so you got a few coppers when you returned them. Cans were not made of aluminium and in time they'd rust and end up in the soil. Paper wrappers could always be handy, so they were kept and re-used for various purposes, then eventually used to start the fire going.

Once again, I must stress that things were the same for everybody regardless of how much money they had. However, I have a very clear recollection of the installation of the very first flush toilet in Lindsey. It must have been around 1928 or 1929 and the innovation came about when a well-to-do couple moved into Chapel Cottage, near the 13th century Chapel of St James, and hired the builders Kingsbury's of Boxford to put in something they called a "water closet". Like most people in Lindsey I had no idea of how a water closet was any different from what the rest of us called simply a closet, but I was a curious child and if there was anything going on I could never resist poking my nose in, so when Kingsbury's men arrived they soon discovered that they had a small boy – I suppose I was about eight – observing operations and getting on their wick with constant questions. It wasn't just Kingsbury's men; I loved watching people working and finding out how to do different jobs. Someone who was often at work in the field near our house was old Joe Ferris from Groton, who I believe had fought in the Boer War and in World War I. I'd often hang around him and ask him things about whatever job he was doing, and when he'd had enough of me he'd say, "Cart your arse orf hoom, boy. You're nuff to craze anybody." But I could be useful as well because I was always willing to run errands, such as going to the White Rose to buy cigarette papers or a tin of tobacco.

The people who brought the sanitary innovation to Lindsey were the

Robinsons, who bought Chapel Cottage from the previous owners, Mr and Mrs Bill Oldham. Mr Robinson had a posh voice and was a friendly, jokey sort. He splashed his money around, which was quite unusual in those days, and owned a car, which was also unusual. I can't remember what make it was but I do remember that Lionel Grant from Boxford came to work as the Robinsons' chauffeur, while my Aunt Lily worked in the house. They went in for poultry and Harold Hazel, the youngest of the Hazel family from what is now called Falcon Lodge, came to work for them.

After school each day I went straight off to see how the work was going on. A room above the kitchen was converted into a water closet. Chapel Cottage had a well with a pump, and water had to be pumped up to the tank for flushing the lavatory in the swanky new toilet. The flushed water then flowed out, not to a bumpy, but to the first septic tank in the village. As a child I wasn't just curious but also keen to earn a copper or two, and I sometimes got the job of pumping the water up from the well to the first indoor toilet in Lindsey.

Piped water came in after the war but cottages in Lindsey didn't get connected to the mains sewage system until the 50s or even 60s, so the outhouses were still used. However, in the 1950s the Council introduced a service that at least made the bumbies redundant: a tanker lorry came round each week and two men wearing suitably thick and impervious gloves collected the buckets and emptied the contents – what in polite circles was called “night-soil” – into the back of the vehicle. That lorry must have had a proper name but I don't remember what it was; everyone I knew, including people who normally didn't swear at all, called it “the tud cart”, tud being the way turd was pronounced in the Suffolk dialect. It wasn't considered a swear word, but was simply the most precise term to use.

I cannot end this chapter without telling a little story about one of the Council employees who did this job. If the men found an outhouse door closed, it often meant that someone was inside using the primitive toilet, so it was standard practice to knock first. The chap I'm telling you about – I remember his name but I won't mention it here – knocked on a door and heard a rather posh lady ask, “Oh, is that the Esso Blue man?” As quick as flash he replied, “No, it's the arsehole brown man.” A bit vulgar perhaps but you have to admire his quick wits, although the lady concerned did not appreciate his sense of humour and, if I remember correctly, reported him to the Council.



*Above: Back row Len Buckledee, Emily Buckle
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Once more some cowardly vandals are breaking into the Spinney and causing mindless damage. Locks cut off or smashed off a number of storage buildings and trailers yet apparently without taking any equipment. The police advise me that similar vandalism has occurred to the allotments and elsewhere and the only stuff taken was fuel. I have now to recheck at the Spinney. The cost of replacing locks has amounted to

£70 and the time and anxiety caused to me is immeasurable.

Strangely an earlier incident over the Christmas break was the theft of some easy chairs which I had fixed in our woodland schoolroom. These were chairs which were redundant from the Sudbury Bowls Club as they were too low for the adult members and needed to be disposed of and I had the idea of using them in the schoolroom. Irritating as it was for them to be taken I was mildly amused at the thought of someone struggling across the Spinney and presumably over the stream with said chairs. A third chair was taken a day or so later despite being screwed to the adjacent chair but unfortunately the leg of the adjacent chair came off enabling whoever to take the end one. If whoever took them would like some more chairs I have a dozen available, just contact me and I will deliver them!! (photo above)

If you have seen such chairs walking down the lane please let me know.
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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for December 2019

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SESAW



Eavesdropping can be very confusing. I thought the volunteers were celebrating having perfect eyesight when they were talking about seeing in 20 20 last month. Mum explained this year marks the start of a new decade which inspires many resolutions like getting fit - as she eyed my bulging tummy!

If you want to shed those extra festive pounds don't forget the Nayland 10K takes place on 5th July. SESAW is one of the beneficiaries of this family friendly day and dogs are welcome to accompany their owners. The website will be launched soon for anyone wishing to register at: <https://www.nayland10k.co.uk/>

We welcomed Elaine, the Community Champion from Asda in Colchester recently when she brought us a big cheque. The Store's Green Token Scheme raised £500 which will help pay for heating all the dog and cat kennels through the winter. The mother and daughter Staffies in the photo will be among the animals keeping nice and warm whilst they wait for a new home together.

I may not have 20 20 vision but there's nothing wrong with my sense of smell which tells me dinner is nearly ready. Time to see what's cooking in the kitchen for me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua. Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg.Charity No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Tel: 01787 210888, www.sesaw.co.uk. Please check opening hours before visiting

Stone Street Hit and Run



Does anyone know who did this damage to my daughter's parked car in Stone Street between 8:10 and 8:20am on Friday 10 January. Presumably someone heading towards Boxford, overtaking the van parked behind and cutting in too quickly.

If anyone knows of any neighbours cars that have mysteriously been damaged and knows what kind of person could knowingly hit a parked car and drive off without acknowledging what they've done, can they please message me.

sallyannechapman@btinternet.com

Boxford Fleece Planning Application

Re: Planning Application DC/10/05557 (The Boxford Fleece)

On behalf of the Boxford Society I am writing to express our deep concern about this proposed development.

We appreciate that the owner wishes to maximise his financial investment, however, we do not believe that the part of the building allocated for the continuing operation of the Pub, will result in a viable business and will result in the closure of the Pub. We need businesses in Boxford and to lose both the Pub and Hairdressers will have a negative impact on the status of Boxford as a core village.

We also acknowledge that the conversion of the East Wing into residential accommodation may benefit the village, depending on the price charged for the new houses, however, the effect on the Pub and Hairdressing businesses will outweigh this

Specifically:

The proposed relocated Beer Cellar is inadequate for the volume of beer currently consumed

The Pub legally needs an area outside for smokers - if this proposal is passed, smokers would have to use the pavement inconveniencing passers-by and incompatible with a listed building in a conservation area. Legally there needs to be a fire escape from the back of the building for first floor residential use

There will be no scope to expand the business if the historic Guild Room (function room) and garden have been removed for residential use resulting in poor returns and incompatible mixed use possibly culminating in an unattractive trading proposition

Should a new tenant be found who wishes to live in, there will be no available accommodation.

Contrary to statements made by the applicant, the public house and its current leaseholders have demonstrated the viability of the public house as a profitable business.

In considering this application for listed building consent and change of use we request the Council to seek independent evidence of the viability of the public house through an open book financial assessment. This is a requirement when seeking change of use affecting a public house. We ask that the planning considerations of the proposals are set against the implications of harm to a successful and historic public amenity.

The Fleece has played an important role in Boxford for hundreds of years and is acknowledged as the hub of the Conservation Area. Boxford needs to keep its historical past alive. The village of Boxford and its hinterland would mourn the loss of The Fleece if this proposal is approved in its current form.

Should the Council be minded to accept the conversion of the east wing buildings we would not object so long as the other proposals for the proposed changes in the main building and west wing are not accepted.

We trust that these comments will be taken into consideration by the Planning Committee and would be pleased to discuss these further if required. Yours sincerely, *Jen Eastwood*, Chair, Boxford Society

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Les Clark Clerk/Treasurer

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Groton Wood

We are looking for volunteers at our monthly Suffolk Wildlife Trust Groton Wood work parties. We meet at 10am on the second Sunday of the month at the wood, we carry out practical conservation work using hand tools. We normally finish at 1pm.

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Wot's On

Boxford Indoor Fun and Games Night –

Sat 1st Feb – Boxford Village Hall

This year's annual Fun and Games night will be held in Boxford Village hall on Saturday 1st February. Teams of 8 contestants battle through indoor games, challenges and quizzes to claim the prestigious title. Though the choice of games is a closely kept secret, recent events have included; skittles, table tennis, indoor archery and table football as well as some novelty games and challenges.

A fun night is promised for all with a buffet included in the ticket price as well as a licensed bar and raffle. The evening commences with team registration at 7:30 and then the fun begins. The Ticket price is £60 for a team of 8 players. We are limited to a maximum of 16 teams so please make sure your team place is booked as soon as possible as you don't want to be disappointed. If you are unable to raise 8 players please let us know, we may be able to put you in touch with others groups missing some players. If you are not in a team but wish to help run one of the games please let us know that as well as this is ticket only event.

It is never too early to book your place, usually we have all the booking completed before Christmas. Contact Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Mark Miller 01787 211596 or email mark.miller@talktalk.net and book it now!

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Old Buckenham Hall School, Brettenham will be holding its first ever Eco Fair on Friday 14th February 2020 from 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm. We have an exciting range of stall holders including local producers, eco-friendly companies and organisations celebrating everything eco-friendly, sustainable and green. Refreshments will also be available throughout the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome and entry is free. The event is being run by the Old Buckenham Hall School's pupil led Eco Committee and will be the culmination of a week of school wide eco themed events including theatre workshops, cross-curricular activities, a meat free day and a public speaking competition. The Committee was formed in September and is made up of representatives from Years 5 to 8. The children are working on a whole range of initiatives to help preserve and protect the environment with the aim of securing the internationally recognised Eco Schools Green Flag award for excellence in environmental action and learning. For more information, please contact Andrew Swiney by email: andrew.swiney@obh.co.uk, phone: 01449 740252 or visit www.obh.co.uk.

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Hear about the man who influenced the musical life of Sudbury for a considerable period - the fine organ in St. Peter's was very much his inspiration and much of his spirit and soul continues to linger in the forthright voice of this wonderful instrument.

15th April Lynette Burgess Can anyone keep a secret?

The history of Bawdsey Radar and its role in WWII. At the very heart of scientific breakthrough and innovation, an isolated and secretive Suffolk spot was and remains a unique place of world importance. Hear about the unequivocal home of radar.

20th May Dr Nick Amor The Suffolk Mediaeval Cloth Industry

From Wool to Cloth: The Triumph of the Suffolk Clothier

17th June Miriam Stead Tea for the British - With a Little Twist of Suffolk
Growing, exporting, handling and distributing tea was a large industry in the 18th and 19th centuries when it became our national drink. Before then prohibitive tax (120%) meant only the rich could enjoy it, hence the prevalence of locking tea caddies.

16th September Revd Charles Mugleston St Felix and the Universal Quest for Happiness

Jokes, quotes and stories to explore, experience and enjoy.

14th October JD Davies Britannia's Dragon: A Naval History of Wales

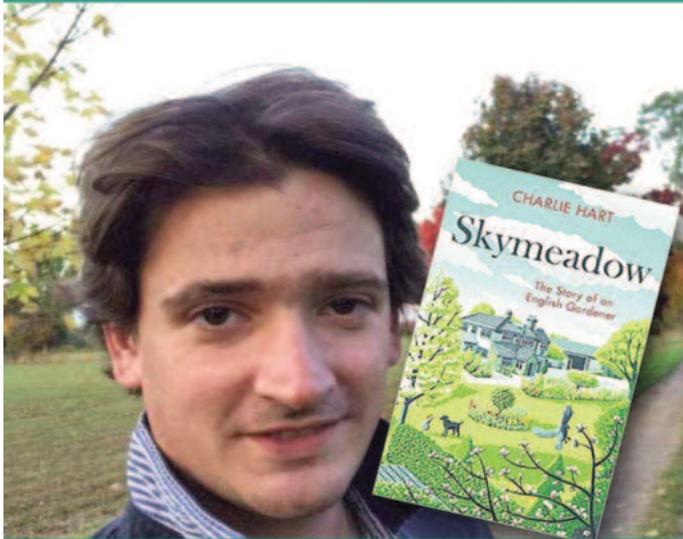
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- Monday 27th January. Regeneration – Pat Barker
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- Monday 10th February. Coriolanus - Shakespeare
- Monday 17th February. Coriolanus and two T S Eliot poems
- Monday 24th February. The Unwomanly Face of War – Svetlana Alexeivich
- Monday 2nd March. The Quiet American
The Screenplay of The Third Man – Graham Greene
- Monday 9th March. Reading Week
- Monday 16th March. The World My Wilderness – Rose Macaulay
- Monday 23rd March. Selected Poetry

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Forthcoming Events Diary

February

1 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
4 Skymeadow	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
5 February The Trinity House Story	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
7 Drop In For Coffee	Little Walding field PCC	In the Church, Little Waldingfield	10.30am till Noon
15 Wine Tasting	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.30pm

March

7 Quiz Bingo Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
5 Edward Ellis Vinnicombe	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
19/21 A Shot in the Dark	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

April

4 Horse Racing Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
15 Can anyone keep a secret?	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

May

20 Suffolk Mediaeval Cloth Industry	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
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June

17 Tea for the British	Little Waldingfield History Society	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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Rob's day off is normally Friday, but this may vary according to circumstances

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Lay Elders: David Lamming, 20 Holbrook Barn Road, Boxford CO10 5HU
Tel: 210360; Fax: 329770; (Mobile) 07968 791135; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com
Tim Harbord, 2 Rivish 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.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

GENERAL SYNOD The General Synod will be meeting in London over four days from 10th to 13th February. Please speak to David Lamming (one of the three lay members representing our diocese) if you would like to talk about the business to be discussed. The agenda and supporting papers should be available to download from the Church of England website by the time this issue of the Box River News is published:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/work-general-synod>.

You can also follow the proceedings, when in session, on the live video stream accessed via the C of E website.

As well as legislative business relating to the governance of cathedrals and diocesan boards of education, there will be three debates in February on private members' motions ("PMMs") about matters of wider interest: the Windrush legacy, paupers' funerals, and legal aid reform.

A General Synod election is to be held later this year for members to serve on the Synod for the five-year term 2020-2025. Watch out for details when published. We shall know after the February meeting how many elected representatives our diocese will be entitled to (currently, it is three clergy and three laity.)

Don't forget that you can sign up to receive the weekly diocesan eNews by leaving your name and e-mail address on the contact page of the diocesan website: <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/contact>.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

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

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

1st Glemsford Methodist Church
8th Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury
15th Sudbury Baptist Church
22nd St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury
29th Wells Hall Old School, Great Cornard

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

THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Journey Deeper. There is silent prayer every Wednesday at 5pm. It gives us all a chance to spend just a little time in silence and stillness. The benefits of meditation and mindfulness are now well-known. The Christian tradition has held this at the centre of its life for over 2000 years. Come along and take the opportunity to still your mind, rest and reflect.



Sunday School: As of January, St Mary's will be starting a Sunday School. It will initially take place twice a month on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in Mary's House, Swan Street starting at 10.45am. All Primary aged children are most welcome.

Candlemas. There will be a **Candlemas Procession and Lucernarium** (Blessing of the Light) on **2nd February at 6.30pm**. Each member of the congregation will have a handheld candle. The service will begin with the blessing of the Easter candle, from which all the other candles will be lit. The service will conclude with a traditional Candlemas procession. This service will include deeply evocative plainchant, Taize and ancient melodic singing and promises to be a service filled with ambience, awe and wonder!

APCM. St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at **12.30pm on Sunday 15th March**. In preparation for that meeting, there are a number of outstanding roles that have been vacant a while and that we would love to fill. It would be especially exciting if we could encourage a few new faces on board. Vacancies include: PCC Members, Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Representative. If you feel a fancy to help out with any of these roles, do get in touch with Fr Rob to discuss them further.

Organist and Choir Master. St Mary's currently finds itself without an Organist and Choir Master following the retirement of Patrick Friend. Full details of the role can be found here:

<https://boxriverbenefice.com/home/vacancy-director-of-music/>

If you or someone you know is interested in applying, then please contact Fr Rob directly or email your CV and covering letter to rparkermcgee@gmail.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

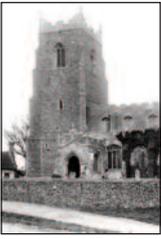
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Thank you. Eddie Kench 01787 211507

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THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

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E-mail: t.harbord@btinternet.com

Rotas

Sidesmen

2 Feb Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Nicholls
9 Feb No Service
16 Feb No Service
23 Feb No Service

Flowers

Mrs. Roser
Mrs. Squirrel
Mrs. Gregor-Smith
Mrs. Eddington

3 January Drop in for Coffee On a cold, wet, miserable Friday morning, all our regulars came once again to enjoy a hot drink in friendly company. We are so pleased we are obviously providing something the village enjoys. Our next one is on **Friday 7 February from 10.30am to 12.00pm.**

5 January Revd. Rob celebrated Holy Communion with us, and his sermon on this first Sunday of Epiphany was the journey of the Magi following the star to Bethlehem and their visit to King Herod. They find the Holy Family and present their gifts. Having received a warning not to return to Herod as he had asked, they made their journey home by a different way.

APCM meeting

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

ROTAS

Sunday 16 February, Morning Worship (RPM)

Sidesman, David Saddleton with Alex Nevill
Coffee, Sally Hoskyns .
Flowers for the month, Anne Suckling
Cleaning, Anthea Tribe.

Joan Welstand, formerly of 5 The Winthrops, Edwardstone, passed away peacefully at Manson House Residential Home in Bury St Edmunds on 23rd December after a short illness. A funeral service will be held at Bury St Edmunds Crematorium at 2.30pm on Friday 7th February in the Abbey Chapel; all are welcome to attend. Immediate family flowers only. Donations if desired to Dementia UK or St Nicholas Hospice via Fulchers Funeral Directors in Bury St Edmunds.

The Christmas Eve service held in the beautifully decorated church was a great success and very well attended.

The service was conducted by Father Rob, the choir were in good voice and made the service very special. The Christmas story about a very tired donkey who had travelled far to reach Bethlehem was told in costume by Nick Tribe to the delight of the children and the amusement of the congregation. It was a happy start to the Christmas festivities.

Our grateful thanks to all who helped make this service such a success.

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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Vacant

APCM meeting

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SUNDAY 23rd 11.00am COMMUNION SERVICE led by Reverend Robert
ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 28th March Church/Village Hall Quiz – details to follow



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwarden:
Diana McCorkell

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ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY

Sidesman: Mrs Diana McCorkell

Flowers: Ms Danice Finch

Cleaning: Mrs Sheila Gooderham

CAROL SERVICE: Following the Carol Service on 23 December 2019, a cheque for £275 has been sent to the Selig Trust, the charity that runs the Ipswich Winter Night Shelter. Many thanks to all who donated.

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on **Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 2.30 pm at Mary's House**. Items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming (tel: 01787 210360; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com) by Monday 10th February.

APCM AND RENEWAL OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens for the year 2020-2021) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting are to be held on **Wednesday 11 March 2020, starting at 7.00 pm** at Groton Village Hall. As well as electing members to serve on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), this year the APCM is to elect two people to represent the parish on Sudbury Deanery Synod for a three-year term starting on 1 July 2020. Currently, there is one vacancy for a Groton representative on the synod. It would be good if both places can be filled at the APCM, so please consider whether you, or someone you know, might stand for election. Speak to David Lamming for more details.

Last year the electoral roll was completely renewed, so this year sees just the annual revision ahead of the APCM. A Notice of Revision will shortly be placed on the church noticeboard. The revision period will start on 10th February and end on 23rd February, with a copy of the revised roll then being exhibited for 14 days before the APCM. If you're not sure whether your name is on the roll, or you know that it's not and you wish your name to be added, please ask David Lamming (the electoral roll officer) for an application form: tel 210360; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com.

To qualify for enrolment, you need to be baptised, aged 16 or over, and either resident in the parish or a regular church attender at Groton. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday 23 February 2020.

Further details about the APCM will be in the March issue of the BRN.

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The Box River Benefice

*Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton*

February 2020 Services

Daily Prayer

Come and join us!

Monday:	8.30 Morning Prayer, Little Waldingfield
Tuesday:	8.30 Morning Prayer, Edwardstone
Wednesday:	8.30 Morning Prayer, Groton 10.30 Mid-week Communion, Mary's House, Swan St, Boxford 17.00 Holy Half-Hour (Silent Contemplation), Boxford
Thursday	8.30 Morning Prayer, Newton 17.00 Evening Prayer, Boxford

If Fr Rob is waylaid, please do not let that put you off praying!

Sundays

Sunday 2nd February	Candlemas	<i>(White/Gold)</i>
08.00 Holy Communion BCP (RPM)		St Mary's, Boxford
09.30 Holy Communion (RPM)		St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield
11.00 Candlemas Café Church		St Mary's, Boxford
18.30 Candlemas Procession and Lucernarium (RPM)		St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 9th February	3rd Sunday before Lent	<i>(Green)</i>
09.30 Holy Communion (RPM)		St Bartholomew's, Groton
11.00 Sung Eucharist (RPM preside, CK preach)		St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 16th February	2nd Sunday before Lent	<i>(Green)</i>
09.30 Morning Worship (RPM)		St Mary the Virgin's, Edwardstone
11.00 Sung Eucharist (RPM)		St Mary's, Boxford
18.30 Compline (RPM)		St Bartholomew's, Groton
Sunday 23th February	Sunday before Lent	<i>(Green)</i>
09.30 Family Eucharist (RPM)		St Mary's, Boxford
11.00 Holy Communion (RPM)		All Saints', Newton Green

Please note: There will be an updated Electoral Roll published in each parish two weeks before their APCMs in March. If you would like to be added to the roll, then please contact Fr Rob or one of the church representatives who will be able to provide you with the relevant form. These forms will also be available at the back of church.

Any person who is a baptised Christian, over the age of 16, and has either worshipped in the church for 6 months or more, or who lives within the parish boundary of the church may join the electoral roll and is warmly invited to do so. A notice at each church will give the date by which the form must be returned.

Vacancy – Benefice Administrator

The Box River Benefice has a vacancy for a Benefice Administrator. This is a part-time position consisting of 12 hours per week, ideally spread over four days to include Mondays and Thursdays (though it is possible that this role could be done over three days). The successful candidate will be reliable, self-motivated with good interpersonal skills. Initially, this role will pay £9 per hour.

A full job specification can be found on the Box River Benefice Website: <https://boxriverbenefice.com/>. For an informal conversation about the role, please contact Fr Rob at rparkermcgee@gmail.com

Vacancy

Organist and Director of Music at St Mary's Boxford

Our beautiful Suffolk church seeks to appoint an Organist and Director of Music to provide accompaniment and develop the role of music in the liturgy. We have a decent sized choir and wish to begin building upon it, possibly adding a junior element. Our new Rector has been given a remit for growth and is keen to work with someone who sees him/herself as his partner in mission. The right person will be able to broaden our musical horizons.

An enhanced DBS check will be required.

Detailed Job Profile and Person Specification available at www.boxriverbenefice.com, or by contacting Fr Rob Parker-McGee SR at rparkermcgee@gmail.com

Soap Box

From time to time I share with you the pieces I record for Sudbury Newstalk's highly regarded bi-monthly magazine for the visually impaired. The theme for the January edition was gadgets and SNT's team of volunteers came up with a varied take on the world of devices that are meant to make our lives simpler. The contributors appeared divided between those in favour and those against, but with the pros in the ascendancy. This was my take on the topic.

In theory, I would have expected the world to divide into two – those that embrace gadgets enthusiastically and those that prefer to shun them. In other words, you are either a gadget person, or you are not. Sadly, life is not that simple. Take the experience in my own household. My wife and I would almost certainly confess to being in the no-gadget camp. Yet we own more gadgets than I care to think about – many of them not ever used.

This was underscored by a recent experience in our kitchen. Hunting for a coffee bean grinder (unused for a decade or more, but now urgently needed as one of our Christmas presents was a bag of coffee beans – don't ask), I came across a set of instructions for a multi-purpose grater. What is this for, I asked my wife? With unhesitating accuracy, she went straight to the back of a drawer and produced the said multi-purpose grater which we had bought more than 20 years ago, but never used.

And there's the rub. We are not natural gadget users, but it doesn't stop us acquiring them. There is a Marco Pierre White blender sitting on top of the fridge in our kitchen, resplendent in its box. To the best of my knowledge this box has never been opened. Its arrival at our home is shrouded in antiquity. Certainly, it sat on this particular fridge's predecessor – and this fridge must be approaching the end of its shelf life.

I wouldn't want you to think this is a diatribe against my wife's predilection to buy gadgets that serve no useful purpose. I'm just as bad – worse, probably. The Kindle that was bought for me as a present shortly after they were introduced sits unused in a filing tray in my study. For the first year of ownership it travelled with me whenever I was away from home and I probably read two or three books on it, before deciding I preferred the look and feel of real paper.

Of course, some gadgets are indispensable. Does a smart phone count as a "gadget"? It must do and I certainly couldn't survive without mine. However, my wife hated hers so much that in the end she was bought a

retro Nokia phone for last Christmas, with a real key pad and only a small screen. She was delighted and couldn't wait to bin the old piece of equipment. Hopefully she'll now answer her phone when called. Before she blamed the absence of response when I rang her on the lack of response by the phone to her finger.

Then you have to think about what to do with gadgets once they've served their useful purpose or have been overtaken by new technology. I have a box full of electrical items that once were state of the art but now look sadly old fashioned. Charity shops don't want them, but, as they still work, I'm reluctant to commit them to the black bin. In the end they just add to the clutter that exists in our house, about which I've commented on a previous occasion.

Gadgets, so far as I'm concerned, should be avoided. Otherwise they just clutter up your home. Unfortunately, I don't believe taking such a stand will work in my household. Aside from anything else, when shopping for a present for a partner who has everything they really need, a new gadget sometimes looks like a quick fix. And this applies to both sides of the partnership. No doubt, come Christmas in a little under a year's time I will be trawling through catalogues looking for a little inspiration which may arrive in the form of a gadget I hadn't come across before. It's happened many times before.

Brian Tora



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GARDENING IN FEBRUARY INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Complete the pruning of fruit trees without delay. Cut out any dead, diseased, unwanted or spindly branches. Watch out for the appearance of pink postules of the disease coral spot which usually attacks only dead wood but it can spread to live tissue.

After pruning, spray with a tar oil wash to kill over wintering pests and diseases also to clean the bark of moss and lichen. Do not spray with tar oil after trees are showing signs of bud growth, otherwise young growth will be damaged. Cover up any plants and grass under the trees to avoid damage from the spray.

If you have a heated greenhouse and can maintain a temperature of 50° to 55°. A start can be made sowing summer bedding and vegetable seeds - if no heat is available it is best to delay sowing until March. It should be remembered that many plants are attacked at the seedling stage by diseases that affect them at soil level. Whole trays of seedlings may collapse caused by disease known by 'damping off' which is caused by various fungi. Best control is to water the compost at sowing time with chestnut Compound, and at two week intervals after germination until the plants are established. Avoid over-watering. Begonia tubers should be started into growth now for pot culture or for an outdoor display in tubs or borders. Plant the tubers upwards in a seed tray filled with compost and pot up individually when well rooted. Try tubers of the non-stop variety - this is a multi flora type and as its name suggests will flower non-stop until autumn frosts. One of the most adaptable of bedding plants is the fibrous rooted Begonia semperflorens, it is tolerant of all types of soil in shady or sunny positions, and will do well in dry or wet summers its flowers being unaffected by rain. Seed of B. semperflorens should be sown now as it requires a long season of growth to get good plants by the end of May. If you do not want to raise them yourself, seedlings are available now at garden centres.

At the end of the month, weather permitting, roses can be pruned. Hybrid T's should be pruned back to three buds from the base, Floribunda's to four or five buds. Don't be afraid to cut them back hard rose bushes will last longer, stay healthier and give a better display by hard pruning. After pruning spray the remaining wood and surrounding soil with Armillitox used as directed by the makers. There is still time to plant new rose

bushes and other deciduous shrubs and trees. The planting of evergreens is best delayed until the soil warms up.

Ferns are in need of potting on if the soil ball shows full of roots when topped out of the pot. Re-pot in lohn Innes Nol and remove any dead or discoloured fronds. To increase your stock of fern, divide the old plants and use the vigorous outside crowns to pot up in 3" pots. Discard the weak ones from the centre.

Split up your snowdrops, this is the moment, while they are still in bloom. Bewilderingly, the handfuls of a couple of years ago will have increased into vastly overcrowded clumps, they will seed themselves around, of course, but treat them like chives, take tiny tufts, and set them at random about the place, wherever you want an (eventual) white drift. N.B. The "doubles" are infinitely more spectacular, if that is what you need, but the old fashioned slender "singles", are best in the grass. Take arms against the birds who are merrily tearing your yellow crocuses to pieces, and nipping all the buds off the forsythia bushes. Make chicken-wire tunnels, anchored with bricks, this will keep the sparrows off the crocuses. Black nylon thread, cat's-cradled over the forsythias, will deter the bluetits and finches. N.B. If the forsythias are not stripped, have a look at your fruit trees, the birds are probably busy on every fruit-bud you own!

Top 10 jobs this month

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

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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of the Meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 18 November 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: P Baker, S Norman, P Clarke, T Woods, M Gibson, R Jones (Clerk) B Hurren (BDC) Apologies for absence D Williams

Report from Babergh District Council: Through Ipswich CAB, BDC was asking for people in receipt of Winter Fuel Allowance who did not require the payment to return the money for re-distribution to those in need. Over £100,000 could be raised through this scheme. Councillors were asked to spread the word locally. Free swimming for under 16's during the Christmas school holidays at pools in the District.

BDC to provide a free Tree to be planted for any child born during 2019. This includes adoptions and still births. Fly-Tipper in Semer fined £1,500 as part of BDC crackdown on Fly-Tipping. Proposal to change the name of BDC had been dropped. BDC taking over local parking enforcement. SCC to ensure visible road markings in place. BDC had difficulties in sourcing venues for Polling Stations for the forthcoming General Election due to pre-arranged Christmas events and bookings.

Minutes of the Meeting of 16 September 2019 - Agreed

Future Footpath Cutting It was agreed in principle that the Council should take over the footpath budget from SCC, subject to a suitable contractor being found. SCC would pay 5p per metre which would total £202.70. P Baker to arrange quote from local contractor. Need to ensure contractor has Public Liability Insurance of £10,000,000. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would consider the current footpath cutting schedule and map and decide what footpaths the Council would want to include once funding was transferred. Cllr Norman pointed out that money had already been earmarked by the Parish Council in the past for extra footpath cutting if required. Footpath Signs – Councillors to collate list of broken signs for next meeting. Council noted that the plastic tree collars had not yet been cleared from the wood on footpath 9. It was hoped that this would be done once coppicing was complete.

Planning decisions Well House, Round Maple. New Vehicular Access – Refused Quicks Barn, Priory Green. Agricultural to Dwelling – Prior Approval given. Land South West of Sherbourne Street. Erection of Dwelling – Withdrawn.

Financial Matters: The Statement of Finances & Orders for Payments and Q2 accounts were approved

Business Savings Account as at 31 October 2019	£2,527.02
Business Current Account as at 31 October 2019	£6,815.18
Total	£9,342.20

Donations and s137 payments for 2018-19 were agreed.

Next meeting: Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), A Sargeant (Vice Chairman), S Mattocks, P Wallis, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr) and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: M Wooderson and J Finch

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 4TH NOVEMBER 2019: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

PUBLIC FORUM: Nearby residents to The Brewers Arms pub shared their objections to the proposed planning. They confirmed Polstead Parish Council voted to object to the plans. They confirmed part of the proposal is on land not owned by the pub. They felt that access to the proposal is dangerous from the A1071, it is outside the settlement boundary and they reject the economic argument. They stressed this wasn't personal, it is just their views as custodians of their property. A representative from the pub then spoke in favour of the development stating they currently employ 17 staff, some from Boxford and employment would increase with the lodges. He stated many are supportive of the proposal and he challenged the road safety point with no incidents on crash map and potential changes from County Highways should improve matters further. He felt the development was important to the sustainability of the pub.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: The application was on the Agenda for later in the meeting.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch sent apologies but had provided a report covering the Stars of Suffolk Awards Ceremony recognising D Day heroes, brave ex-serviceman, firefighters, charity workers and life saving teenagers. Parking Enforcement duties are to pass from the Police to Local Authorities in Suffolk from the end of January. A new App is backed by Suffolk County Council Health Service for asthmatic youngsters. The White Ribbon Campaign to stop domestic violence was launched.

Further Fostering and Adoption sessions are planned for next year. B Hurren confirmed the District Council will employ people to enforce parking offences.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr B Hurren attended and reported that their budget is now without support from Central Government. Their sources of income include new homes bonus and CIL money for capital projects.

They are in Election Purdah currently. He has been chasing the on-going issues at Goodlands regularly. It seems when the second application was rejected, some items were left out of the scope. The issues currently include the fencing of the play area and setting up an arrangement for the upkeep. He continues to work towards a solution for residents. It was noted the County Council and not Landex is funding the resurfacing of Daking Avenue.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 2nd December were £46782.77 in the Community Account, £13390.71 in the Deposit Account and £52209.82 in the Reserve Account making a total of £112383.30.

Consideration was given to the request from the Church for a grant towards insurance costs. Following discussion S Mattocks proposed £1750, this was seconded by P Wallis and unanimously carried - Action Clerk. Attention then turned to the Precept and Budget for 2020/21. The figures had been collated by the Responsible Finance Officer and discussed with P Wallis ahead of the meeting. There was a view that we needed to request a 1.9% increase giving a Precept of £38869 this year. This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by A Sargeant and unanimously carried. P Wallis had re-worked our Risk Management Policy and brought it up to modern standards. The Chairman proposed acceptance of the Risk Management Policy, this was seconded by S Mattocks and unanimously carried.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TERMS OF REFERENCE: The draft Terms of Reference with the changes incorporated from the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group had been circulated ahead of the Meeting. Acceptance of the Terms of Reference was proposed by P Wallis, seconded by S Mattocks and carried with 3 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report was discussed. It was agreed to follow the Suffolk County Council Street Lighting arrangements over the festive period with the lights staying on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve nights. It was noted the Councillors details required updating in Box River News - Action Clerk to report.

CEMETERY: The Tenders were discussed after the Meeting. It was agreed to award the Cemetery Contract to our existing Contractor. This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by P Wallis and unanimously carried. The Public Liability Insurance document will be requested - Action Clerk.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: S Mattocks reported on a face to face discussion with the resident driving his car and trailer along the RUPP. He confirmed he only had four more journeys to make. S Mattocks suggested he attends a Parish Council Meeting. Station Field lay-by is overgrown so it was agreed to ask B Hurren to report - Action Clerk. A Street Light is out on Church Street near the war memorial and Churchyard gate - Action Clerk to report. Wash Lane still needs a sweep. It was agreed to report to B Hurren - Action Clerk. P Wallis and residents who helped were thanked for organising the Christmas Tree.

The meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 2nd December 2019

The following decisions were advised from the Planning Authority: -

- a) Planning permission had been granted to retain private pond at Boxwood Hall, Butchers Lane - DC/19/04588.
- b) Work can proceed to trees in Conservation Area at Box House, Swan Street as the District Council do not wish to object - DC/19/05156

The following were discussed: -

- 1) The Brewers Arms, Bower House Tye, Polstead, Colchester - Planning Application for Change of use of land for the erection of 6 dwellings and the siting of 5 holiday cabins including creation of car park and alterations to exiting vehicular access - DC/19/04957 -

The following response was agreed: -

Please note Boxford Parish Council Objects to this application in its current form due to the size and scale which represents overdevelopment in its surroundings. However, please note this Council is supportive of local businesses. Members commented that they are concerned about the sustainability of local businesses including pubs in the area and they may have looked more favourably on a smaller scheme.

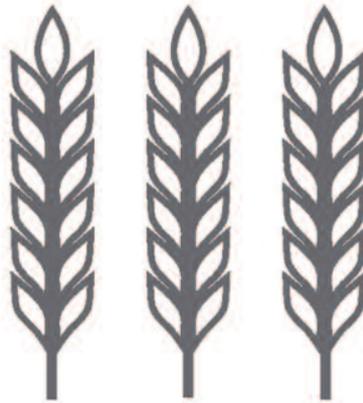
- 2) Homestead, Hadleigh Road - Planning Application for 1 dwelling and detached garage including installation of electric gates (following demolition of existing bungalow) - DC/19/04816.

There were No Objections.

- 3) The Fleece, 8-10 Broad Street - Listed Building Application for works to facilitate part conversion of public house and associated outbuildings to form 3 flats and 3 dwelling houses - DC/19/05558.

It was agreed to seek an extension for comments until after the January Parish Council Meeting - Action B Hurren and Clerk

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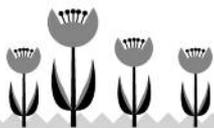
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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

• Primary School application deadline has just passed

Suffolk parents please note that the deadline of Wednesday 15 January 2020 to make their application to secure their child's place at a Primary, Infant, Junior or Middle school for September 2020 has now passed. If you have not done so please do this online immediately or call our customer service centre.

• Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service rated "Good" in Government inspection

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (SF&RS) has been rated "Good" for its effectiveness, efficiency and how well it leads and manages its staff. It has undergone its most comprehensive, independent inspection in many years. It is very worthy to note that only 3 services in the whole country achieved this rating with the remainder not reaching this level of service. The findings come from a report published on 17 December by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS). The report praised many aspects of the service, particularly how well it collaborates with other emergency services and agencies, how it responds to fires and other emergencies, how it ensures fairness and promotes diversity, and the financially sound way the service is run.

• **Suffolk Better Broadband Programme – Suffolk County Council (SCC) invest a further £10** On 14th January 2020, The SCC Cabinet approved the re-investment of Suffolk County Council's forecast share of "gainshare" funding from the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Broadband Contracts (2011/2015) with BT/Openreach totalling £10m. This funding was sourced by the exceeding of connection targets set at the beginning of the programme. Suffolk has now 68% take up of the superfast broadband available, one of the very highest in the country.

• **Councils in Suffolk take on responsibility for local parking management from 6 April 2020.** Parking patrols in Suffolk will soon be managed by district and borough councils, in a bid to improve parking locally and drive down nuisance and unlawful parking in towns and villages across Suffolk. Traditionally, roadside parking offences were a matter for the Police. However, parking has become a lower priority for them, so Suffolk County Council is transferring this responsibility to local district and borough councils under a process known as Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE).

The change will bring many benefits, including:

- greater priority given to parking management locally, to help keep traffic moving;
- district and borough councils empowered to make local decisions to suit local circumstances;
- irresponsible and nuisance parking being enforced – supporting pedestrians, vulnerable road users, public transport services, drivers and emergency services to use the network more safely;
- fines associated with parking will be retained in Suffolk to support the cost of enforcement. Any surplus can be spent on local transport and environmental improvements;
- new jobs created county-wide to support parking management, patrols and enforcement.

• **New SEND provision identified – 168 additional spaces ready from September 2020** Suffolk County Council is now in a position to provide further information regarding the development of new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) units attached to mainstream schools in the county. The authority is very pleased to announce that, following a thorough evaluation process, a number of suitable schools have been identified to develop:

- Two Generic Key Stage 1 Units – Pipers Vale Primary Academy and Burton End Primary Academy
- Three Communication and Interaction Key Stage 2 Units – Murrayfield Primary Academy, Houldsworth Valley Primary Academy, and Causton Junior School
- One Cognition and Learning Key Stage 2 Unit – Clements Primary Academy
- Three Communication and Interaction Key Stage 3/4 Units – Copleston High School, Ixworth School, and Newmarket Academy
- One Cognition and Learning Key Stage 3/4 Unit – Castle Manor Primary Academy.

A further commissioning round will begin in Spring 2020 and will consider further expressions of interest from mainstream schools who hope to open units in September 2021.

• More Fostering and Adoption Sessions in Boxford and the Stour Valley

Following another successful session in Mary's House in October, I give below the latest date and times of a session for first quarter of this year. Because of the good response to these sessions I propose to continue with these throughout 2020.

FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Firstly, the painful news that yet again we are all going to be faced with Council tax hikes of around 3% across the board. Although Babergh has desperately tried to keep its rates down to the bare minimum we are likely to agree to an increase of around £5.00 per year. This along with similar increases from the County Council, Police and 2% for Social Care means that a band D property will be paying around an extra £50.00 for this coming year. This is terrible news for everyone, especially those on low or fixed incomes. This situation just cannot go on and a decision has to be made either to go for unitary councils to save money or for whichever government of the day to adequately fund local councils to carry out our statutory and required duties.

One thing leading on from above is the huge value of volunteering and in some cases the efforts of others is what is keeping some of our valuable services running and available for others less fortunate to enjoy and in some cases just to survive. One case in point is the local foodbanks that have become a symbol of our times, the age of austerity is proving to be the most expensive and unnecessary project of our time with the increase in poverty, crime and mental health along with the sad decrease in proper healthcare a sad legacy of our time. So much wasted time and missed opportunities.

This new year will bring again many challenges I am sure, along with some opportunities to make our lives better and I hope these can be taken. As for me I hope that local democracy will continue to deliver some good solutions and decisions and that the hard ones can be accepted as bringing some benefits in the long run. I feel that the six villages that I represent are the best in Suffolk and I am proud to be their representative on the District Council, I think also that when we look at what is happening in the far east and in Australia we should be grateful that at the moment we are spared the worst effects of war and climate change.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at your Parish meetings and local events. If you need me contact me at bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk 07771 508348.

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Readers Letters

Dear friends,

Just a note to thank you for Christmas cards sent to me and Rufus. It is always lovely to hear from you. Sending you from Reephram my love, prayers and blessings for the coming year.

Rev'd Judith

Sir

Carol and Rhona and family would like to thank all who sent cards and kind messages on the sad passing of a very dear Mum, Nan and Great Nan Phylis Rose and all who attended the funeral. Donations raised in her memory for 3PR was £580.00.

Once again thank you all
Carol and Rhona and family

Sir.

We would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for the messages of sympathy sent to us on the passing of our Mother, Dorothy Twilton, also for the generous donations to the Three Parishes Response Team of £431, which was gratefully received.

Many Thanks Ann & Brian Fearis

Sir.

The Late Joyce Smith

I would like to thank family and friends who attended the cremation of my mother who died on November 21st 2019.

Money donated in Joyce's name has raised up to date £253.00 which is going to Dementia UK charity

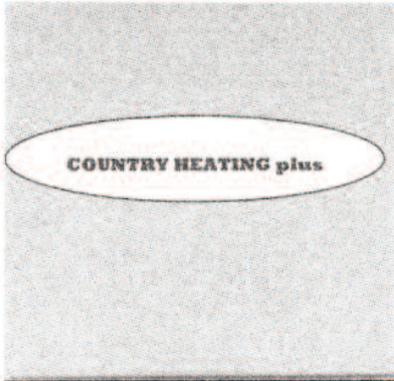
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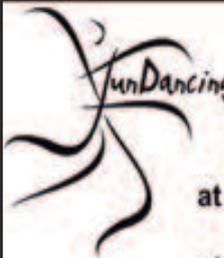
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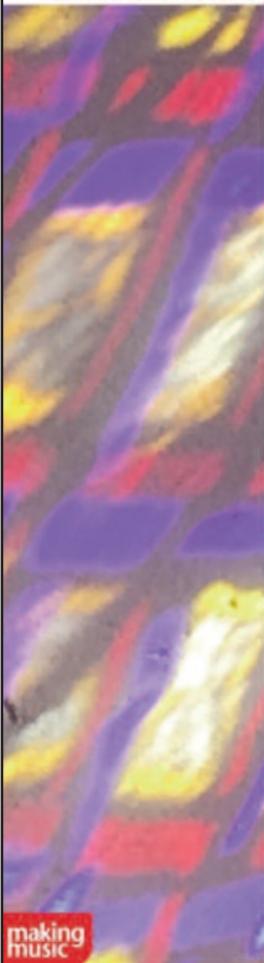
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