

Box River News

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CATESBY HOMES NEW PROPOSAL FOR WEAVERS GREEN

Sir

We wanted to update you on our proposals for new homes and public open space at Weavers Green, land off Sand Hill, Boxford.

Following on from comments received from Babergh District Council Planning Committee, we have revised our proposals accordingly and a revised illustrative masterplan is attached.

- 64 homes (20% decrease in the number previously proposed)
 - Maximum storey heights of the dwellings reduced from 2.5 to 2 storeys
 - Revised layout with dwellings set further back from the A1071 on lower elevations consistent with the existing form of the village
 - Increased landscaping and open space to further soften the appearance and character of the proposals
 - Inclusion of serviced land for the development of a community building (which will be transferred freehold to the Parish in perpetuity)
 - Removal of the failing drainage soakaway serving the adjacent Station Fields development and enlarged Sustainable Drainage System (SUDS) negating the risk of surface water flooding
 - Revised sustainability strategy incorporating low carbon renewable energy technologies (heat pumps and solar PV) to achieve carbon reductions significantly exceeding the requirements of the Council's Local Plan and Building Regulations
 - 35% affordable housing as before (now equates to 22 affordable homes)
 - Mix of dwelling size as before, specifically smaller 1, 2 and 3 bed homes and bungalows for first time buyers and those wishing to downsize
- A leaflet drop detailing these changes has been circulated to local residents.

We will now submit our revised proposals to Babergh District Council for determination, and are not intending to hold a further public exhibition. However, we would be happy to receive any comments you may have or answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Boxford Society's response to the Catesby proposals

Above, you will see a letter from Catesby Estates, the company applying for Planning Permission to develop land off Sand Hill. You will, no doubt, remember their original plan submitted last year for 80 houses, which was narrowly rejected by Babergh Planning Committee.

Rather than appeal this decision, the Company have submitted a new application with minor amendments - this is cheaper for them than appealing the decision! Their revised application reduces the number of houses from 80 to 64 however, we do not consider this reduction alters any of our previous concerns about this proposal. Our main concerns were about Traffic, Safety, Infrastructure and Scale. They have offered land in the plan for a Community facility but will not be paying for any building. Why do we need another Community facility when we have an excellent Village Hall, Sports Pavilion and School Hall which fulfil all our needs and which could develop into a 'them' and 'us' split within the community. Presumably they think this is some sort of bonus gift for which we should be grateful.

Goodlands 2 was rejected by the Planning Inspector last year, on the grounds of the unacceptable impact of more traffic in the Village - and that proposal was for just 22 houses. This proposed development will cause identical problems but on a larger scale ie 3 times as many houses. We all know how hard it is to navigate Swan Street and Broad Street at any time and almost impossible at certain times. The developers maintain that drivers coming out of the new estate will turn onto the A1071 and use that and the A134 to access Bury St Edmunds and more distant destinations. However, a recent study of SatNavs and Google Maps indicates that the shortest and quickest route out of Boxford to the North is via Swan Street, so even more traffic to contend with there, and in Ellis Street and Broad Street. The proposed footpath on land the applicant does not own in Ellis Street would restrict the road width causing even greater difficulties for the many agricultural vehicles and increased danger for pedestrians. We cannot let our Village be dominated by traffic.

We must keep reminding the Planning Committee that the development at Station Field was only granted permission as an 'exception site' under Planning legislation with no expectation of adjacent development.

I would urge everyone to object to this Application straightaway. You can do so on the Babergh District Council website quoting DC/20/00330 or by post. The Planning Committee need to be reminded of how badly Boxford will be affected by this proposed development and how strongly we feel about 64 houses being inflicted on us when we don't need housing on this scale and on this out of village site.

Please contact me on Jen.eastwood8@gmail.com or Andrew Good (Vice Chair) on thegoods11@btinternet.com or 01787 210186 if you need assistance with submitting your objection.

Jen Eastwood Chair, Boxford Society

There is a petition requiring your signature in the Boxford Post Office. It reads:

THE VILLAGE AND INHABITANTS OF BOXFORD DEMAND THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE ITS OWN FUTURE THROUGH ITS OWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, WITH MEANINGFUL ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAREFULLY THOUGHT THROUGH MIX OF WELL DESIGNED AND PLANNED HOUSING

It is understood that the Boxford White Hart will re-open in April. We all hope this is correct but it seems that the Boxford Fleece will close at the same time and may not reopen because of the many proposed restrictions being put on it. Let us hope the planners are able to sort this out for the sake of the village.

MILDEN BALL



A splendid evening was had by all in the stunning Milden Tudor Barn with food, dancing and fun to play casino. Milden Pavilion and Playing field committee wish to thank everyone who helped make this evening such a successful fund raising event with £2300 raised. This couldn't have been achieved without the support of local businesses and we wish to thank The Great House, The Lindsey Rose, The Long Melford Swan, Lavenham Brook Wines, Nethergates Brewery, Tony Ditheridge, Christopher and Juliet Hawkins. For more details of Milden Tudor Barn please see www.thehall-milden.co.uk. The funds raised from this charity ball help to maintain the pavilion and playing field along with ongoing future improvements.

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March 15th at noon

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BOXFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IS A GO!

Now the new year has arrived with all its wind and rain, the Neighbourhood Plan Committee under the Co-Chairs David Burden and Hugh Phillips have started to look at what needs to be done.

With developers still looking at developing parts of the village and some of our village centre treasures under threat, it is clear that as a village we need to get this Plan written.

We have a merry bunch of folks' from across the village who have volunteered to help and support, but if you feel you can also help, we would be very appreciative.

We have had somewhat of a head start with some work on the Plan having been done by a few in the group over the past year, but what we need to do now is dissect the plan into its component parts; assign these to committee members and really start to put some oomph behind this endeavour.

This won't be a short journey, as some of you that came to the public meeting a year or so ago, when the Babergh Planning Officer spoke – however we feel that if we come together with as many folk as possible we can move quickly through some of the background and get a good skeleton plan together that we can then socialise with the remainder of the village, through a number of public engagement sessions.

What is key is that we get as many views as we can, but also get to a position whereby we have something to showcase – the Plan itself is subject to a Village referendum before it can be adopted; so we need as much engagement as we can get please.

We are not at all averse to sensible housing development providing it benefits the village by enhancing its variety of dwellings, some lower cost and affordable, some catering for first time buyers and some allowing up and down-sizing for young and old alike.

We intend on having a monthly meeting, short and to the point, but a vehicle for ensuring we are moving forward and also to ensure the Parish Council and Babergh District Council are aware of progress and importantly any funding requirements we may need.

This is a once in a life-time opportunity to protect the Village and its history, we've successfully beaten one major planning application, this Plan will ensure we have a say in any future planning application and we have measures in place to safeguard our children's future. Your key contacts are: David Burden/Hugh Phillips – Co-Chairs

Laura Leeder – Support Lead

E-mail address for the team is: boxfordnp@gmail.com

FUN AND GAMES NIGHT 2020

14 teams of 8 filled the Village Hall to compete in this year's Fun & Games Night. There were many 'first-timers' who soon got into the swing of things and experienced a thoroughly enjoyable evening once again. The winners this year were The Cyclepaths, with 988 points, second were The Banana Splits with 935 and third were The Boxing Newts with 902. The coveted wooden spoon went to Third Time Lucky. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who marshalled the games, Stephanie, Sandra and Tina for the excellent food, and a special mention to Alex Taylor from A. Leeder's Butchers and Sarah Parker-McGee for assistance above and beyond!



Above: The Cyclepaths, this year's winners of the Fun and Games night
The next BCC Event is 'Quizgo on Saturday 7th March in Boxford Village Hall at 7.30 pm followed by 'Race Night' on Saturday 4th April in Boxford Village Hall at 7.30pm all leading up to the main event of the year, "Boxfords VE75 Street Party" to be held on Broad Street on May 8th. Please support these village events,

FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

6 March 8 £18;00.

The Oxley Meier Guitar Project

"A fascinating fusion, opulent with evocative splendour" - MOJO
Nicolas Meier & Pete Oxley Guitars, Raph Mizraki Bass, Paul Cavaciuti Drums

20 March 8 £18;00.

Bryan Corbett's "Hi-Fly Quintet '59"

"Corbett's playing is rousing and fierily expressive and his band are right on top of it." - Jazzwise

Bryan Corbett Trumpet/Flugel, Chris Bowden Alto Sax, Matt Ratcliffe Piano, Tom Hill Bass, Carl Hemmingsley Drums
1959 was one of the greatest years in jazz during which some of the most significant and successful recordings were made: Miles Davis' 'Kind of Blue'; 'Mingus Ah Um'; Brubeck's 'Take Five'; Ornette Coleman's ground-breaking 'The Shape of Things To Come'; Horace Silver's 'Blowing The Blues Away' and many more. Now, six decades on, this outstanding quintet celebrate the music from this landmark year.

27 March 8 £20;00.

Elaine Delmar and her Trio

"Ageless, evergreen si/nging...as beautiful and talented as ever...she's marvellous!" - Michael Parkinson, BBC Radio 2
Elaine Delmar Vocals, Barry Green Piano, Simon Thorpe Bass, Bobby Worth Drums

Let others tell you about Elaine: "Outstanding vocal range and control...Delmar swings down to her fingertips." - Alyn Shipton

"...makes the art of swinging a tune seem effortless... (her) glowing, cello-like phrases...are as seductive as ever." - Clive Davis
"Elaine Delmar truly defines the word class..." - Humphrey Lyttelton
"Among the multitude of good jazz singers in Britain today, there is not one who can surpass Elaine Delmar." - Dave Gelly, Observer
A remarkable talent, a deliciously mellow jazz sound that shimmers with clarity and resonance...Delmar's vocals capture the heart and soul of the lyric. Paul Vale, The Stage

Her style is a mixture of Broadway musical punch and jazz-inflected subtlety. She has the belting defiance of a torch singer at times and the knowing raised eyebrow rasp of a blues artist, but also a hushed, confiding intimacy where it is appropriate, it is a blend that

3 April 8 £18;00.

The Jazz Scurriers

Head to head over the old Couriers classics, with driving virtuosic rhythmic support. Expect such favourites as the original arrangements of 'Cheek To Cheek', 'Love Walked In' and 'The Serpent', with stories and comments from the two front men. Groovy!

Simon Spillet Tenor Sax, Peter Long Tenor Sax, Chris Ingham Piano, Alec Dankworth Bass, George Double Drums Cheek', 'Love Walked In' and 'The Serpent', with stories and comments from the two front men. Groovy!

Who better to emulate the Jazz Couriers than Simon Spillett and Peter Long! The Couriers were fronted by Tubby Hayes and Ronnie Scott. Cheek', 'Love Walked In' and 'The Serpent', with stories and comments from the two front men. Groovy!

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

01787 211865

All cheques (with S.A.E. please) to:

Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

Dear Friends,

We are shortly to move into the season of Lent. Lent is a time for self-reflection, penitence and to put a little bit of extra effort into our personal relationship with God. Over the next few weeks there will be a whole host of events across the Benefice designed to help you deepen your faith, and so that you can receive the benefits of Christ's Resurrection come Easter Day.

I recently saw a photo of a sign outside an American church which made me chuckle. It read: "Stop judging others! Leave that to me, I'll sort them out later." – God'. Judging others is one of society's greatest faults and one of the most damaging to our souls. But let's be clear, being judgemental is a human trait, not a godly one.

Through my many interactions with people, I have become particularly aware of just how many of us fear being judged. I believe this is one of the most significant reasons why so many find it difficult to come to church. A fear of being judged and that the Church itself can seem hypocritical.

You would be perfectly justified if you felt that churchgoers were sometimes hypocritical. It is sadly true that we don't always live up to the high ideals we proclaim.

The Church and its people may well be inspired by the goodness and holiness of Jesus, but we are none-the-less still flawed humans just like everyone else. Like all human beings, churchgoers bring their own baggage, pain, brokenness: none of us is yet perfect in every way. Inevitably all of us still make mistakes. Even the saints exhibited flaws in this life. It was not their perfection that made them saints (that only comes in the after-life), it was their ability to focus intently upon God's goodness despite the distractions of the world. A goodness which leaves its mark on them in the end. Knowing Jesus doesn't suddenly make any of us whiter than white, it just helps us to see a better goal, a purer reality, and work towards it.

The Church is a place for sinners who have come to realise their need of God's help and healing. Church is a hospital for the broken, not a museum for saints. And we are all broken on some level, even if we are not yet aware of it. That means that church is a place for everyone, including you. If someone else puts you off coming, just remember that might be because they are more broken than you are. In the end, the only place we will find the deep healing we need is in God. A God who comes to us in the person of Jesus so that we might be able to see, touch and receive from Him that which will bring us back to the Godliness at the core of our being.

But this is where the fear of God's judgement can really get in the way. When I was a child, I would do anything not to get caught after I had done something wrong. I was so afraid of the consequences of my bad behaviour, that I would run, hide, even blame someone else rather than face up to what I had done wrong. Rather ironically, getting caught was often the very thing that helped me to grow, as I learned more about my place in a community full of other people; a complex network of human interactions and needs.

We can observe similar impulses in our relationship with God. The fear that we may somehow be 'punished', can cripple us, as can the fear of death itself. So we run away from God. We make excuses to avoid Him. We might even convince ourselves that He doesn't exist, because then we negate our responsibility to respond. And the more we do, the more we close ourselves off from Him.

But all of this is to misunderstand who God truly is. The God we see revealed most perfectly in Jesus Christ is not a God of punitive judgement. If there is one thing He understands it is the complexity of human existence, with all its temptations and hardships. That is the point of Him being one with us in the person of Jesus.

Our God is a God of mercy and forgiveness. There is nothing we can do to stop Him from loving us. So long as we have a desire to rectify our mistakes and work at changing for the better, God will forgive us and welcome us home with open arms.

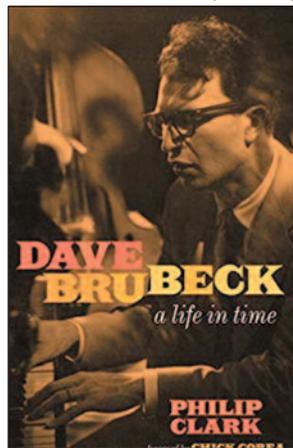
But all of this is beyond us if we keep running in the opposite direction. We are made in God's image and we see in the person of Jesus Christ what it would be for humanity to fulfil its divine potential. So to be ourselves, to become who we truly are, we need to be freed again and again from the baggage that lays so heavily upon us.

We do not need to fear God's judgement. God wants us to live lives of freedom from the baggage of this world. He is a God who is willing to give everything, even Himself in Jesus on the cross, so that we might live. That is the message of Good Friday. This is the great mystery of faith; that our God would care so much for us that he would intervene in earthly affairs, even becoming human himself and facing the worst of what the world can do, so that we might move closer to Him once again. He, who knew you even before your mother's womb, will protect you beyond time under His loving arms. All that is left for us is to have the courage to respond. Lent and Holy Week present the perfect opportunity.

With every blessing this Lent,

Fr Rob

Dave Brubeck by Philip Clark review – a life in jazz time



In 1954 the pianist Dave Brubeck became the first jazz musician of the postwar generation to be featured on the cover of Time magazine, infuriating those who felt that this white middle-class Californian had no business taking the limelight from Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie or Thelonious Monk, the true pioneers of an essentially African American music.

In the decades that followed, Brubeck remained the focus of controversy, even as his quartet's albums – with their abstract-expressionist cover art by Joan Miró, Franz Kline and Sam Francis – became almost as ubiquitous a fixture in the homes of the upwardly mobile as a hostess trolley or coffee percolator. By the dawn of the 1960s, when "Take Five", a catchy

little number in 5/4 time, was high in the pop charts, regularly requested on the BBC's Sunday lunchtime radio show Two-Way Family Favourites, he was effectively the public face of modern jazz, even though his genial temperament and settled family life – he was married to the same woman for 70 years – ran contrary to what was generally seen as the idiom's beatnik tendency.

For all the resentment he provoked, and the scorn poured on his sometimes heavy-handed playing, Brubeck was an interesting musician whose experiments with unorthodox time signatures helped open the way for others to venture beyond the standard 4/4 and waltz time. Combining his commitment to jazz with the lessons learned during his early studies with the expatriate French classical composer Darius Milhaud, he was happy to explore a hybrid work such as his brother Howard's four-movement "Dialogues for Jazz Combo and Orchestra", which he and his quartet recorded with the New York Philharmonic in 1960, under the baton of Leonard Bernstein. That earned him no points from the jazz purists, but their scepticism did not deter him from writing his own orchestral and choral pieces, some of them on sacred themes, later in life. The British writer Philip Clark is not the first to attempt a Brubeck biography, but he is exceptional in leaving the details of his subject's early life – a childhood that might have led to a career as a cattle rancher, for instance – until the final quarter of the book. That is because the author is after a looser, more discursive structure, examining the impulses behind Brubeck's creativity through an approach freed from strict chronology, roaming backwards and forwards in his search for strands of development.

The first of his own encounters with Brubeck came in 1992, after a concert in Manchester, when he asked the artist to cast an eye over one of his own student compositions and received an encouraging response. A rapport was established and led Clark to accompany the quartet throughout a UK tour in 2003, continuing a dialogue maintained almost up to the pianist's death, aged 91, in 2012. He supplements those conversations with material from Brubeck's extensive personal archive, to which he was given access.

The bandleader's early years and his rise from obscurity are closely examined, but the main focus of the story is inevitably the 10-year lifespan of Brubeck's classic quartet, in which he and the alto saxophonist Paul Desmond, his long-term musical partner (and the composer of "Take Five"), were joined by the bassist Eugene Wright and the drummer Joe Morello. This was a perfectly balanced mechanism with an immediately identifiable sound, thanks largely to the ethereal purity of Desmond's tone in the group's foreground. Clark reveals that the musicians were subject to an unusual set of printed "principles and aims" in which Brubeck detailed their individual roles and responsibilities with a bracing and slightly alarming clarity.

Clark deals fully with Brubeck's insistence, at a time when segregation was still a de facto reality in some states of the US, on facing down the racism that resulted from the inclusion of Wright, an African American, in an otherwise all-white band (in 1959 he rejected his agent's request to replace the bassist for a highly paid 25-date tour of southern colleges, cancelling the whole thing and forfeiting nearly \$40,000).

For all his success, Brubeck was an essentially modest and unpretentious man whose immediate reaction to the Time magazine cover was that it should have gone to Duke Ellington. He once related, with some amusement, an enigmatic compliment paid to him by the great avant-garde pianist Cecil Taylor: "He told me I was the missing link. He didn't say between what and what." Clark comes as close as anyone ever will to filling in the blanks.

• Dave Brubeck: A Life in Time is published by Headline (RRP £25). To order a copy go to guardianbookshop.com. Free UK p&p over £15.

We all knead a little 'me' time!

Time flies - and sometimes we just need to take a breath...

For most of us, life is non-stop. When was the last time you had some proper 'me' time?

If you're feeling the urge to put the brakes on this month, whether you want to be pampered or pummelled, the Beauty team at Suffolk Medical Clinic have the perfect massage for you.

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HADLEIGH AND BOXFORD GROUP PRACTICE

Our Boxford services are changing

The challenges faced

As patients will be aware, there is a growing pressure on GP services nationwide, and we at the Hadleigh and Boxford Group practice are beginning to feel the strain too. Our wish is to maintain a full and comprehensive service for our patients, but this is becoming increasingly hard to do in the current climate.

A few facts:

- 24 half-day closures of Boxford in a 4 month period due to staff shortages
- 1 in 3 appointments in Boxford are actually for Hadleigh patients
- Continued loss of GP workforce. By October 2020, the retirements of Dr Irwin and Dr Cullen will reduce the number of GPs even further. This will result in over 270 fewer patient appointments per week (compared with this time last year).

The options and solutions

We have changed our appointment system on a Monday morning to the triage of patient calls. This ensures patients are seen by the most appropriate person for their needs. It has proven to be extremely worthwhile and our plan is to eventually replicate this on all weekday mornings.

We have employed an additional nurse practitioner who will work alongside our two current nurse practitioners. Jeff will assist with triage, treating patients in dedicated clinics and overseeing good medical management for our care home patients.

Despite these strategies, there is still a shortfall in doctor numbers and so our attention has turned to Boxford. As a practice, we recognise the value of the Boxford surgery to our patients, especially the dispensary and phlebotomy. We have consulted with GPs, dispensary staff, NHS England and have had a number of open discussion meetings with the Patient Participation Group on the best way forward. We have considered several options including:

- Full closure of Boxford to consolidate our staff in one location
- Partial closure for both GP services and dispensary services
- Partial closure of GP services but maintaining the dispensary and phlebotomy services

To maintain as complete a service as possible, within the constraints of

GP staffing levels, we have decided that from April 2020 we will reduce our GP services in Boxford and maintain our dispensary and phlebotomy service.

Appointments will be available at Boxford at these times:

- Morning appointments with GPs will be available on Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday only
 - Phlebotomy service on a Thursday morning
 - There will be no GP appointments on any afternoon or on Wednesdays
- The Boxford surgery will be open for prescriptions at these times:**
- 8.00am - 1.00pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 - 8.00am - 1.00pm Wednesday

To minimise the impact on our local patients, we will prioritise these GP appointments for the residents of Boxford. This will free up between 5 to 10 appointments a day that can be used by a resident of Boxford or the surrounding villages.

What does this mean for me as a patient?

- If you are a Hadleigh patient, we ask that you limit your appointments to the Hadleigh surgery, rather than Boxford.
- Sadly, we will have a reduced number of GP appointments available in Boxford but we hope that, by prioritising those appointments for local residents, there will be as little disruption as possible.
- The Thursday morning phlebotomy service will remain unchanged, as will the whole of the dispensary services in Boxford. This means that even when there is no GP on site, you are still able to collect your medication.
- We will be changing the GPs working in Boxford to reflect these changes. These details are yet to be confirmed.
- We accept that more patients will be seeking appointments in Hadleigh and the employment of the new nurse practitioner is in response to this.
- We are not intending to make any further changes in Boxford for the foreseeable future.

If you have any queries about this, please send them on to iesccg.boxfordfeedback@nhs.net and we will endeavor to answer these as best as we can.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

The partners of Hadleigh and Boxford Group Practice

MOTTS BODY REPAIR

It's all systems go at Motts Body Repair

It has been a hectic couple of years at Motts Body Repair, Stoke by Nayland while we have been re-organising the workshops and building an additional one, which you may have noticed if you've driven past us. Thankfully, we have started 2020 with a brand new additional building now completed and in use and we'd like to thank our customers for their patience while the work has been going on.

Demand for our services has increased and, in addition to the body repair work and our restoring of classic cars we are seeing a growing demand for work on caravans and campervans.

To deal efficiently with the increased demand we have now increased the workforce to 17 people, including an apprentice.

The new building is now being used for all the day-to-day repairs, including insurance and fleet work.

The existing building is now wholly dedicated to our work on classic car restoration, most recently on a Rolls Royce and a Bentley.

We are happy to advise on the level of repair work you want so you are always in control, choosing from our three-tier pricing structure, and we keep our customers informed throughout the work.

Why not pop by and see our lovely, tidy new premises and get advice on any body repairs your vehicles may need.

We're easy to find, near Nayland on the A134.

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Horkesley Hill

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01206 264 111 or email lawrence@mottsbodysrepair.co.uk

We're open from 8am Mondays to Fridays, and remember, we're also open until noon on Saturdays

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EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB



Juliet Wiles, our colts coach recently had exciting news when she was awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year Honours list for services to Cricket and being a Volunteer at the Men's 2019 World Cup. Juliet also appeared in the World Cup 'encourage a volunteer' filmed interview.

We would like to congratulate and thank her for all the effort she puts in, not just at ECC but also around the county running training programmes to encourage girls and boys to take part in cricket in schools including Boxford Primary

and at clubs like our own.

She will be having a busy and exciting year ahead which will include a visit to one of the Queen's garden parties at Buckingham Palace.

Edwardstone CC Juniors will once again be running training sessions on Saturday mornings in 2020 led by our ECB level 2 Coaches, Chris Philbidge and Juliet. If your children would like to take part we will have the details of the training sessions on our website www.edwardstonecricketclub.com very soon. We will run training for boys and girls from ages 5-13 years. These sessions will be split into three age groups.

Lastly, Edwardstone CC All-age side will be playing in Hunts County Division 2 this year. If you would be interested in playing for us, please make contact through the website. We are a friendly club who play our matches in the right spirit and enjoy the social side of the game as well. You do not have to play every game and we would welcome you to our club.

On the social side of the club, we will be having a pre-season get together for members and new players on Friday 20th March 7.15pm onwards at the Fox and Hounds. All are welcome www.edwardstonecricketclub.com

BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS - A Talk by Anne Grimshaw



Above: *The Stars and Stripes over Fort Henry*

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Anne to the Parish Room, to share her story with more than 30 members at our annual member only event.

She began by telling us that next time we drove down Cross Street towards Ballingdon, we should make sure to take note of a short terrace of small painted houses on the right, a little before the bridge - numbers 75 to 78. These old timber framed houses were a key part of the Sudbury weaving industry effectively created in 1695 by Abraham Griggs, whose warehouse was situated in one, and which subsequently passed onto the son Thomas, now known as The Sudbury Clothier. So valued is this story 'across the pond' that these cottages now feature on the itinerary of many American tourists visiting Sudbury and Suffolk.

Goods stored in the warehouse comprised Bunting, originally a specific type of lightweight worsted wool fabric generically known as tammy, manufactured from the turn of the C17th, and used for making ribbons and flags, including signal flags for the Royal Navy. The term bunting is also used to refer to a collection of flags, particularly those of a ship, whilst the officer responsible for raising signals using flags is known as bunts.

A most interesting University of Nebraska paper entitled "Weaving Independence from a Distant Cottage Industry", which celebrates the importance of bunting and the flags it made to the USA begins as follows:

The fabric of flags is inextricably woven into our cultural heritage. Throughout civilization flags have heralded national identity in war and peace, as symbols of both victor and defender. Research into the origins of early 1800 flag fabrics wove a fascinating tie to England, where the wool fabric was made, and why it survived while the weaving industry was mechanized during the industrial revolution. Bunting fabric provided the canvas for the flag as a symbol of a nation and its people. This makes the history of bunting and its struggle for survival into the nineteenth century, an integral facet of our history.

The paper continues:

The 1750s saw an expansion of trade with America. By the early 1770s the thirteen American states accounted for a third of English wool fabric exports, particularly worsted. These wool fabric exports to America comprised £1,000,000 in foreign trade for England, with trade trebling by the turn of the century. In order to take advantage of the growing market, many merchants were taking control of the finishing processes so that they could dominate textile production from raw wool through the fabric stage to marketing. English worsted manufacturers were well placed to exploit the growing demand, since the amount of long-staple wool grown abroad was comparatively small.

Anne now told of the manufacturing process carried out from the clothier's Sudbury warehouse:

- Wool was received from Lincolnshire as fleece;
- It was sent out for washing in Ballingdon;
- Wool was then sent out for spinning;
- Spun wool was returned before being sent out for weaving;
- Woven cloth was sent out for dyeing and fulling.

She also told us that for most of the period 1793 to 1815 we were at war with France, which disrupted the supply of goods from overseas, doubling the price of food. The poverty of agricultural workers and their families, by far the largest proportion of Suffolk's population, was to some extent caused by the industrialization of northern East Anglia. For nearly 200 years the women and children of this northern region had contributed to family income by combing wool and spinning yarn for the Norwich worsted industry, but in this region the production of yarn was mechanized by the early nineteenth century. Widespread poverty led to social unrest, with frequent riots in the second half of the eighteenth century caused by food shortages, particularly affecting towns like Sudbury. After the introduction and popularization of the new draperies, most districts that had produced broadcloth failed to adapt to the new

fashion, causing the demise of Bury St. Edmunds and Lavenham, previously famed for their woollen cloths. They ended up as suppliers of yarn only to weavers in Norwich and Essex, and only places like Sudbury and Glemsford embraced the new fabrics to secure a continued future in fabric manufacturing.

Anne then told us of Arthur Young, a writer on agriculture, economics and social statistics, who in 1772 undertook a six-week tour of the Southern Counties of England to observe the conditions of manufacturing towns. He noted that Sudbury possessed a good trade in says (a fabric where the warp threads were doubled and twisted; saymaker was another term for clothier), burying crepes and also in bunting for ships flags. These were noted to be predominantly for the London market and some directly for exportation; he described Sudbury as 'an exceedingly dirty but great manufacturing town.'

The story of Sudbury weaving now moves back to Thomas Griggs, the second son of Abraham born in Sudbury in 1701. He went bankrupt sometime before 1730, something quite common for the time. He clearly learnt lessons from this experience because, during the second half of the C18th, he essentially had a monopoly on the making of bunting fabric in Sudbury. From 1752, expansion of the Royal Navy revived the demand for bunting, and in order to take advantage of sustained demand, he extended his textile interests to include organising the manufacture and marketing of the fabric, whilst crepe production was reduced to compensate for the expanded bunting manufacture.

At this time bunting manufacture was a cottage industry, as described above and illustrated below, with four main types of people employed in fabric manufacture: sorters and scourers, combers, spinners, and weavers. It was made in two main widths, one narrow at 11 inch and one broad at between 19 and 22 inches.

Bunting was only made on demand; this increased during periods of war, so wartime manufacture of bunting was increased and production of other fabrics ceased - records clearly show that years of maximum activity correlate with years of war or preparation for war through naval expansion. Griggs also offset increases in the price of materials by varying the quality of his products - when wool cost 15 pence a pound he used 7 1/2 pounds in the warp of a 30 yard say, but only 7 pounds when wool rose to 16 pence a pound. The same proportional decreases in amounts of wool were also applied to bunting fabric.

At this point Anne switched the talk to the war of 1812, a conflict between the US and the UK, along with their respective allies; we tend to think of this as a minor theatre of the Napoleonic Wars, whilst the US and Canada see it as a war in its own right.

From the outbreak of war with Napoleonic France, Britain enforced a naval blockade to choke off neutral trade with France, something the US contested as illegal under international law; Britain also 'pressed' American merchant sailors into the Royal Navy. Relations between the US and the UK worsened and many battles were fought across the whole of the American continent, including Canada, with both sides scoring victories and suffering defeats. At sea the Royal Navy blockaded American ports, cutting off trade and allowing us to raid the coast at will - in 1814 one of these raids targeted Washington, where they burned the presidential mansion, the Capital and other public buildings - though later British attempts were repulsed.

We now heard about George Armistead, an American military officer who served as the commander of Fort McHenry, an American coastal pentagonal bastion fort during the battle of Baltimore in the war of 1812.

When Armistead arrived at Fort McHenry, located in the outer harbour of the city, he ordered "a flag so large that the British would have no difficulty seeing it from a distance". That flag, now known as the Star Spangled Banner Flag, measured 42' x 30', and was made by Baltimore resident Mary Pickersgill, her daughter and seven seamstresses. Pickersgill was also commissioned to make another smaller flag 25' x 17'.

In early summer 1813 she began the job with the assistance of her daughter Caroline, two nieces, Eliza and Margaret Young, a free African American apprentice, Grace Wisner, and likely her elderly mother, Rebecca Young. An additional unnamed African American who boarded in the house is also listed as helping in some sources, as were additional local seamstresses who were hired during the summer. Often working late into the evening, until midnight at times, Pickersgill's team was able to complete the job in six weeks.

The large flag was made from more than 400 yards of fabric and included 15 stripes and 15 stars, one for each of the 15 states of the union. The stars were made of cotton and the stripes and blue canton (a rectangular area usually at the top hoist corner of a flag) were of English wool bunting. Each stripe was two feet wide and each of the stars measured 24 inches across from tip to tip. Much of the work was done in the evening after the brewery closed, with the women sometimes working until midnight. Pickersgill delivered the flags to Fort McHenry on August 19 1813, a year

before the Battle of Baltimore. The main flag weighed about 50 pounds and it took 11 men to raise it onto a 90 foot flagpole. The result was an enormous flag that could be seen for several miles from the Fort.

On October 27 1813 a receipt was given to Pickersgill and her niece Eliza Young in the amount of \$405.90 for the larger flag and \$168.54 for the smaller one, which was used at Fort McHenry as a storm flag. This may have been flying when the British initially attacked Fort McHenry, during the Battle of Baltimore, because of the inclement weather that night with the driving rainstorm (which would have made the woollen bunting material soggy and too heavy to blow out in any breeze). However, at daybreak on September 14 it was Pickersgill's large flag that was flying over the fort after firing had ceased. A diary entry from a British subaltern on board ship recently returned from the North Point battlefield, George Glebe, described that sunny morning when the Americans at the distant fort "fired their "wake-up" morning gun salute and raised a splendid ensign" over the battlements.

During the near 25-hour bombardment of Fort McHenry, which commenced before dawn on September 13 until the morning of September 14, Armistead alone knew that the fort's magazine was not bombproof. When a shell crashed through the roof of the magazine but failed to explode, he ordered the powder barrels cleared out and placed under the rear walls of the fort. Remarkably, only four men were killed, despite a deadly rain of some 2,000 mortar shells the British bombardment fleet fired at the fort. Because the Royal Navy proved unable to capture or reduce the fort in order to enter Baltimore harbour, British commander-in-chief Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane wrote to British Army commander Colonel Arthur Brooke that it was up to him whether to decide to attack or withdraw. Brooke, who had taken over from Major-General Robert Ross, decided to withdraw.

During the 25-hour battle, says Scott Sheads, historian at Fort McHenry, the British unleashed about 133 tons of shells, raining bombs and rockets on the fort at the rate of one projectile per minute. The thunder they produced shook Baltimore to its foundations, being heard as far away as Philadelphia. Hugging walls and taking the hits wore on the defenders. "We were like pigeons tied by the legs to be shot at," recalled Judge Joseph H. Nicholson, an artillery commander within the fort. Capt. Frederick Evans looked up to see a shell the size of a flour barrel screaming toward him. It failed to explode and Evans then noticed handwritten on its side "A present from the King of England."

The British guns had a range of 2 miles and their rockets just 1.75-miles, but neither guns nor rockets were accurate. British ships were unable to pass Fort McHenry to penetrate Baltimore Harbor because of its defenses, which included a chain of 22 sunken ships. British vessels were only able to fire their rockets and mortars at the fort at the weapons' maximum range, so poor accuracy on both sides resulted in very little damage to either side before the British, having depleted their ammunition, ceased the attack on the morning of September 14. The naval part of the British invasion of Baltimore had been repulsed; only one British warship, a bomb vessel, received a direct hit from the fort's return fire, which wounded one crewman. The Americans lost four killed and 24 wounded.

While negotiating a prisoner exchange aboard a British ship, Francis Scott Key (an American lawyer, author and amateur poet) saw the flag, which inspired him to pen the words to the poem, "The Defence of Fort McHenry", which later became the National Anthem of the United States in 1931.

After the 1814 battle, George Armistead took possession of the large flag, and after his death in 1818 his widow, Louisa Hughes Armistead kept it. During her four decades of ownership she allowed it to be displayed on a few occasions, also removing pieces of it to be given as gifts, a common practice of the day. Following her death in 1861 the flag went to her daughter, Georgiana Armistead Appleton, and then later to her grandson, Eben Appleton. The flag was moved to various locations over a 40-year period until 1907, when Eben Appleton loaned it to the Smithsonian. In 1912 the loan became permanent, and the flag underwent a variety of restorations. Beginning in December 1998, the flag began an \$18 million conservation treatment and now the flag, which was hand crafted by Pickersgill and her helpers in 1813, is one of the most important artifacts, and the centerpiece of the redesigned National Museum of American History.

In August 1814, Britain and the United States had begun diplomatic negotiations to end the War of 1812. However, British Secretary of War Henry Bathurst wrote Pakenham's secret orders of October 24 1814, commanding him to continue prosecuting the war even if he heard rumors of a peace treaty being signed. Bathurst expressed concern that the United States might not ratify such a treaty, thus continuing the war, and he did not want Pakenham to endanger his troops or miss an opportunity to gain an advantage over the American army. After the battle of Fort McHenry, the British fleet withdrew to replenish, and sailed south

ahead of the last battle of the war - the battle of New Orleans - from which the British finally withdrew in early 1815, in order to re-capture Napoleon who had escaped from Elba on February 26 of that year.

In an 1876 letter to Georgiana Armistead Appleton, the daughter of Major Armistead, Pickersgill's daughter wrote the following particulars about the flag:

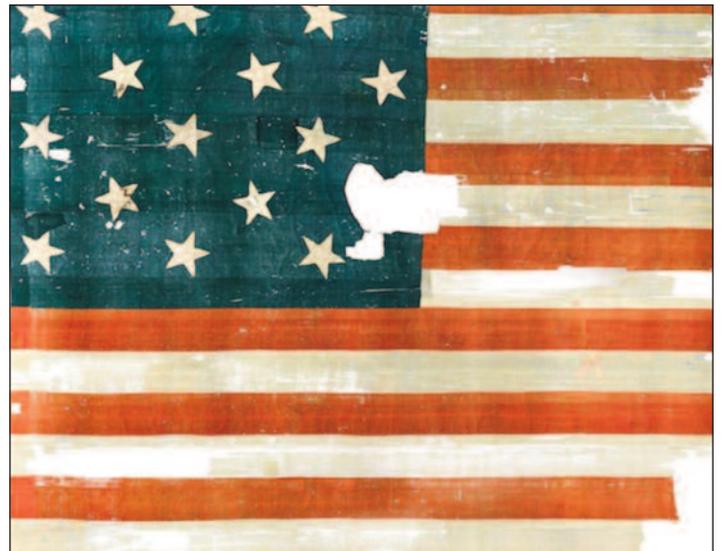
The flag being so very large, mother was obliged to obtain permission from the proprietors of Claggetts brewery to spread it out in their malt house; and I remember seeing my mother down on the floor, placing the stars. After completion of the flag, she superintended the topping of it, having it fastened in the most secure manner to prevent its being torn away by (cannon) balls. The wisdom of her precaution was shown during the engagement as many shots pierced it, but it still remained firm to the staff. Your father (Col. Armistead) declared that no one but the maker of the flag should mend it, and requested that the rents should merely be bound around.

The scale of the work facing Pickersgill was set in context by the following extract from the Smithsonian Magazine in an article entitled Star-Spangled Banner Back on Display:

To make the flag's stripes, she overlapped and stitched eight strips of red wool and alternated them with seven strips of undyed white wool. While the bunting was manufactured in 18-inch widths, the stripes in her design were each two feet wide, so she had to splice in an extra six inches all the way across. She did it so smoothly that the completed product would look like a finished whole, and not like the massive patchwork it was. A rectangle of deep blue, about 16 by 21 feet, formed the flag's canton, or upper left quarter. Sitting on the brewery floor, she stitched a scattering of five-pointed stars into the canton. Each one, fashioned from white cotton, was almost two feet across. Then she turned the flag over and snipped out blue material from the backs of the stars, tightly binding the edges; this made the stars visible from either side.

"My mother worked many nights until 12 o'clock to complete it in the given time," Caroline Pickersgill Purdy recalled years later. By mid-August, the work was done - a supsize version of the Stars and Stripes. Unlike the 13-star ensign first authorized by Congress on June 14, 1777, this one had 15 stars to go with the 15 stripes, acknowledging the Union's latest additions, Vermont and Kentucky.

Fort McHenry was made a national park in 1925; on August 11 1939, it was redesignated a "National Monument and Historic Shrine", the only such doubly designated place in the United States. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on October 15 1966, and it has become national tradition that when a new flag is designed, it first flies over Fort McHenry. The first official 49 and 50 star American flags were flown over the fort and are still located on the premises. To conclude this review, Anne brought incredible passion, humour and warmth to a subject which most people have little knowledge of, and her brilliant talk was a riotous passage much enjoyed by everyone present.



Above: The Stars and stripes from Fort Henry restored

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

18th March: The Life, Work and Music of Edward Ellis Vinnicombe, by Roger Green

Hear about the extraordinary organist 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.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

3PR Stats for January 2020

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

Groton Parish Council Donations

Any local charitable or community organisation wishing to apply for a donation from Groton Parish Council must do so before 1st March 2020 using the application form available from the Parish Clerk, Richard Jones e-mail: grotonclerk@yahoo.com. Telephone: 01473 828246

Report from Boxford WI

The new year started with an afternoon meeting on the 'True Price of fish and chips' by Andy Malcolm who represented the Fisherman's Mission. He gave an interesting talk about what the Fisherman's Mission do to help Fishermen and their families both working and retired from all around the UK. Along with the talk, Andy sang two shanties followed by a 'fish' quiz for everyone to participate.

At the first evening meeting, Karen Baker gave a most interesting demonstration of Blind Contour Drawing and explained the benefits which aid children's confidence when beginning to draw. A really varied number of items were placed on tables for members to draw 'Blind' and the results were both varied and amusing! The pencil drawings were further enhanced by the use of water colours, felt tip pens with some members showing a real talent.



Our speakers for the February meeting were 'Shanty Folk'. A group of 5 entertained us with a most information explanation of many different types of shanty along with some enjoyable singing with some member participation too.

The next meetings are:

March 14th at 2pm in the Village Hall: Dad's Army – the nation's favourite comedy

March 19th at 8pm in the Pavilion: Learn to crochet

New members are always welcome so if you are interested please come along to one of our meetings or contact our secretary

Annie Phillips

Secretary, Boxford WI

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



The Boxford WI table cloth has now been finished by a talented group of sewers and will be used regularly

Hadleigh & Boxford Patient Participation Group

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UPDATE ON THE BOXFORD FLEECE.

In an attempt to keep the Fleece open, we applied for planning permission on the Stables at the rear and for the upstairs of the pub for residential use. It appears, strangely, that some people thought the pub and hairdressers were included in this?. At present the application has been withdrawn to allow us time to get some detailed reports done on aspects of the conversion, insulation etc.

The present tenants lease expires soon and I understand from them that they are moving to the White Hart PH.

If any of your readers have an interest in running the pub in the short term or have a more long term interest please let me know.

John Norton

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We are looking for; local crafts, curiosity stalls, local artist, car bric-a-brac, pet stall, coffee van, ice cream van.

On **Sunday August 23rd 2020** there will be a Vintage car rally and summer fair on the green at Groton Croft.

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Stoke-by-Nayland WEA

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Undiplomatic Episodes by Martin Berthoud

As told in his book of the same title 'Undiplomatic Episodes' is the story of adventure that is unlike any existing stories of diplomats. Following excitements during his school, university and Army days, Martin Berthoud embarked on a life as a diplomat, travelling all over the world to exotic locations. such as Ulan Bator in Outer Mongolia, as well as the Philippines, Iran, South Africa, Finland, Australia and Trinidad and Tobago During this time Martin experienced moments of severe danger – he was working in former Yugoslavia when Serbian bombs were falling, he was charged by a rhino in Africa and fell down a mountain precipice in Venezuela, as well as escaping the snakes of Australia and the tarantulas of Tobago. But there was serious diplomatic work to be done too, which culminated in him being knighted by Her Majesty the Queen. Martin will be exploring the importance of his career and reflects on the rich variety of experiences that his role afforded him and the beautiful countries and cultures he immersed himself in as a result.

Following national service as an officer in the Bedford and Hertfordshire Regiment, Martin joined the Diplomatic Service, eventually becoming British High Commissioner in Trinidad and Tobago. Martin was knighted on the Royal Yacht in 1985 and was the director of the Wates Foundation until 2000 before retiring.

A SHOT IN THE DARK

You might remember Peter Sellers as Inspector Clouseau in the 1964 film A Shot in the Dark. Now Boxford Drama Group is presenting the stage version at Boxford Village Hall from Thursday 19th March to Saturday 21st March. It's a rib-tickling and very saucy whodunit by Marcel Archard and Harry Kurnitz in which the maid, Josefa, is the chief suspect in the murder of chauffeur Miguel Ostos. But her rich employers have saucy secrets they're trying to hide and in the process point the finger at Josefa. They might not be telling the whole truth. But then again...! Tickets are now available from the Boxford Post Office

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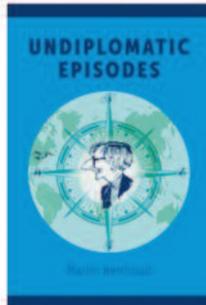
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Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

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20th May Dr Nick Amor The Suffolk Mediaeval Cloth Industry

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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

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

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Polstead Gardening Club Meeting 17th March at 7.30pm

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Wot's On

Lavenham Village Hall

Broad Stripes and Bright Stars' followed by 'The Name on the Bag'.....two tales - a single thread. A presentation by Anne Grimshaw. Wednesday, March 18th. Lavenham Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets: £5. Bookings: Lavenham Village Hall Tel: 01787-248599 or Lavenham Community 'Hub' Tel: 01787-249939. All proceeds go towards the USAAF 487th Bomb Group Memorial Fund.

Absurd Person Singular at Nayland Village Hall

Three couples, three cocktail parties, three kitchens. The Village Players Nayland will be bringing Alan Ayckbourn's classic black comedy to the stage this March. Directed by Emma Wallis, the play is set over three successive Christmases – last year, this year, next year – and charts the changing fortunes of the three married couples.

Real life husband and wife Sam and Rebecca Pentney play the Hopcrofts – the up-and-coming Sidney and his pliant wife Jane; whilst Mark Russell plays the over-bearing architect Geoffrey Jackson alongside Jackie Grant as his long-suffering, pill-popping wife Eva. Charlie Erith and Mary Moriarty complete the set as the confused Ronald and the gin-toting Marion Brewster-Wright.

Providing laughs as well as introspective dialogue and farce, "Absurd Person Singular" is running for three nights at Nayland Village Hall see ad. Book now to avoid disappointment!

The Mildens Singers -

Old Time Musical & VE Celebrations

Fri 1st May 7.30pm & Sat 2nd May 2pm

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Mary's house coffee morning

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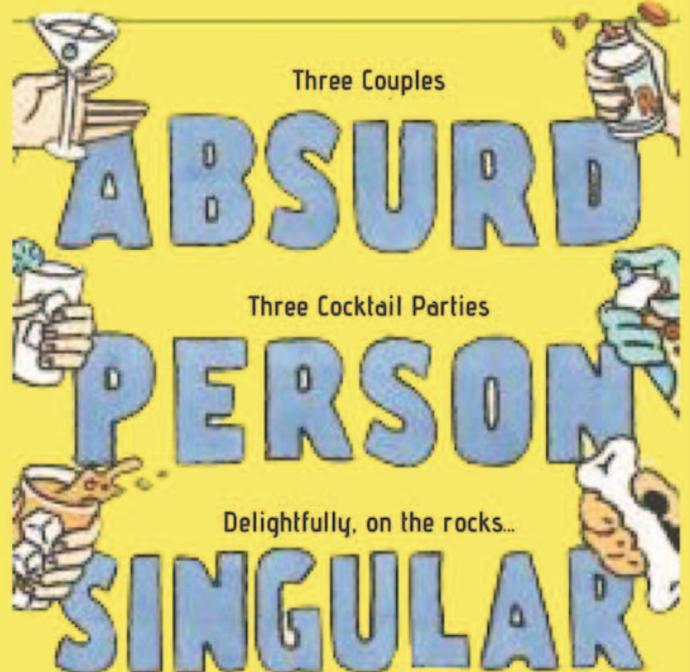
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Forthcoming Events Diary

March			
3	Mixing and Massing Victorian Beds	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxfor Village Hall 7.50pm
6	Drop in for Coffee	St Lawrence's PCC	At the Church 10.30am
7	Quiz Bingo Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
9	Knit and Knatter		Mary's House 2.00pm
12	Lent Lunch	St Bartholomew Groton	12 noon
14	Coffee and Cake Sale	Groton PCC	Mary's House 9am till noon
14	Dad's Army	Boxford WI	Boxford Village Hall 2.00pm
18	Edward Ellis Vinnicombe	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room 7.30pm
18	Lent Lunch	St Lawrences	12 noon
19	Learn to crochet	Boxford WI	Pavillion 8.00pm
19/21	A Shot in the Dark	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
27	Quiz Night	FOB'S	Boxford School 7.15 for 7.45pm
27	Lent Lunch	St Mary's Boxford	12 noon
April			
4	Arts and Crafts Exhibition	Newton Village Hall	10.30am
4	Horse Racing Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall 7.30pm
6	Knit and Knatter		Mary's House 2.00pm
15	Can anyone keep a secret?	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room 7.30pm
24	Quiz and Currey evening	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall 7.30pm
May			
1/2	Old time Music hall and VE Day Celebrations		Milden Pavilion 7.30pm and 2pm
8	VE75 Street Party	Boxford Community Council	Broad St, Boxford From 2pm
20	Suffolk Mediaeval Cloth Industry	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room 7.30pm
June			
17	Tea for the British	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room 7.30pm
August			
23	Vintage and Classic Car Rally	Groton Croft	TBA
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The Box River Parishes Church News

Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton

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

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

For much more information about the five parishes in our Benefice please go to our Church Near You web site at www.achurchnearyou.com.

Box River Benefice

Growing Together



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Boxford Church
Sunday 1st March
11.00 am

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Copy Date for Church News in the April 2020 edition of Box River News:

**Please, NO LATER THAN 12th March
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copy may not be included**

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

Deanery Synod Representative. If you feel a fancy to help out with these or any other 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



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwarden:

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Journey Deeper. There is meditation and contemplative prayer every Wednesday at 5pm. It gives us all a chance to spend just a little time in stillness and silence. 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: Come along to Sunday School twice a month on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in Mary's House, Swan Street starting at 10.45am. All Primary aged children are welcome.

Ash Wednesday is on **26th February 2020**. There will be tradition services of Ashing at **10.30 in Mary's House and 19.30 in St Mary's**, Boxford. As each person is marked with ash made from the burning of last year's Palm Crosses, the words 'Remember you are but dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ' are repeated to remind us all of our dependence upon God.

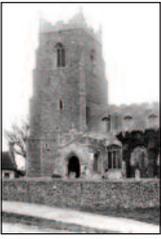
Lent Learning Groups will take place in Mary's House on **5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March at 19.30**. All welcome. It would be helpful if you could purchase the book 'Being Christian' by Rowan Williams if you plan on attending (although we may have a spare copy or two).

Lent Guided Quiet Morning will be held in St Mary's, Boxford on **14th March between 10.00 and 12.00**. There will also be morning prayer at 9.30am for those who wish to come along. The morning will end with a simple Eucharist at **12.00** for those who wish to stay.

Lent Lunches will be taking place between **12.00 and 14.00 on 12th March** at St Bartholomew's Groton, with a simple Eucharist to start things off at **11.30**. **On 18th March** at the Parish Room in Lt Waldingfield, with a Stations of the Cross at 14.00. **On 27th March** at St Mary's, Boxford with a Stations of the Cross to start things off at 11.30. Please feel free to drop in. The Eucharist or Stations of the Cross is an optional extra for those who feel they would benefit from an authentic focus for their spiritual journey through Lent.

Growing Together is the new name for **Café Church**. It is a chance for us to discuss either the Bible passages for the day or the focus of the particular Christian season in more depth and explore their spiritual value to us as growing Christians journeying together. It is relaxed and informal and intentionally thought provoking and challenging in order to help us grow deeper in our faith. To help us strive towards our aspiration to grow younger, it also has good children's provision provided in the Lady Chapel (where the children won't be disturbed by the adults) and where they are able to focus upon their own particular exercises, games and activities. It really is a service for all age groups no matter where you might be on your journey of faith.

Please note that the **APCM** will now be held at **7.30pm on Monday 16th March**. In preparation for that meeting, there are a number of outstanding roles that have been vacant for a while and that we would love to fill. It would be especially exciting if we could encourage a few new faces on the committee. Upcoming vacancies include: PCC Members, Secretary,



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

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Rotas

Sidesmen

1 March Mrs. Harritt and Mrs. Eddington

8 March No service

15 March No service

22 March No service

29 March No service

Flowers

No flowers - Lent

7 February Our Drop in for Coffee numbers are growing. More chairs will soon be needed! We welcomed a new family who are hoping to move into the village. We shall be so happy to have them in our community, and wish them luck with the planning. Our next **Drop in for Coffee** is on **Friday 6 March**.

18 March We are holding our **Lent Lunch** at the Parish Room from **12 - 2pm**. Come and enjoy home-made soup, bread from Lavenham Bakery, cheese, coffee and tea. £5 per head. All are very welcome. Afterwards, there will be a short service in the church given by the Revd. Rob Parker-McGee.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

ROTAS FOR MARCH

Sidesman, Bill Dastur

Coffee, Frances East

Cleaning, Caroline Williams and Melanie Childs.

The APCM meeting for Edwardstone and Groton will be on 11 March, 7pm at Groton village hall."



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

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NOTICES

SUNDAY 22 MARCH at 11.00,

Mothering Sunday Service led by Reverend Robert

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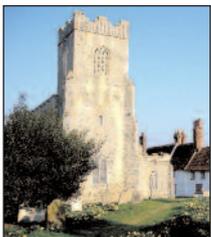
Wednesday 8 APRIL at 19.00

Holy Eucharist & Compline

Sunday 12 APRIL at 11.00

Easter Sunday Service

The quiz to be held on Saturday 28 March is now fully booked. This is always a popular event and we have managed to add another 2 tables, but for health & safety reasons, we're afraid we are unable to take any more quizers! Thank for your support and hopefully we'll make a good amount to add the church and village hall funds.



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwarden:

Diana McCorkell

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ROTAS FOR MARCH

Sidesman: Mrs Pauline Lamming

Flowers: Mrs Margaret Lethbridge

Cleaning: Mrs Yvonne Skinner

FROM THE REGISTERS: On 25 January 2020 the cremated remains of the late Deborah Jane Payne, who died in November 2019, aged 50 years, were interred in the churchyard.

ANNUAL MEETINGS: This year's **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (to elect churchwardens) is on **Tuesday 11 March 2020 at 7.00 pm** in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton. It will be followed at 7.10 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM"). This is the meeting that receives the PCC's report and accounts for 2019 and elects members of the PCC for the coming year. This year, the meeting will also elect two people to represent the parish on Sudbury Deanery Synod for a 3-year term starting on 1 July 2020. Anyone whose name is on the church electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote. Those elected to the deanery synod will be part of the electorate for the five-yearly General Synod elections that will take place in September/October 2020. They will also elect the lay members of the Diocesan Synod in July 2021. Rev'd Rob will be giving his first report as rector after his first 7 months with us, since his institution in August 2020. He will, no doubt, be sharing his thoughts as to how we are to move forward more effectively as a benefice, seeking to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and 'grow the church' in our part of Suffolk. So **DO COME** to this important meeting in the life of the church, ask questions, and have your say: wine and nibbles will be served!

Coffee Morning with Cake Sale at Mary's House on Saturday 14th March 9.00 to 12.00, we will be selling some gorgeous cakes (Sheila is the greatest cake maker), having a raffle, and will be serving Tea/fresh Coffee and homemade biscuits. Do come and have a chat and buy a cake.

PCC MEETING: The next meeting of the PCC is on **Monday 11 March 2020**, in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM. This is a very short formal meeting to elect the PCC officers and standing committee for the year 2020-21.

BENEFICE NEWS

LAY ELDER RE-COMMISSIONED

David Lamming was re-commissioned as a lay elder in the benefice for a period of three years during the Holy Communion service at St Bartholomew's Church, Groton, on Sunday 9 February 2020.

'FIFTH SUNDAY' FIVE VILLAGES SERVICE

Our 5th Sunday 'Five Villages' service this month is on **29 March, at 10.00 am** at St Bartholomew's Church, Groton. All are welcome from across the benefice: do come! (NOTE: clocks go forward one hour at 2.00 am, so reset your clocks and watches!)

DEANERY NEWS

DEANERY SYNOD The deanery synod holds its final meeting of this triennium at All Saints' Church Hall, Sudbury, at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 10 March 2020**. (Refreshments from 7.00 pm). New members are to be elected at this year's **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** and the inaugural meeting of the new Synod will be on **8 July 2020**.

DIOCESAN AND GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

DIOCESAN SYNOD The spring meeting of the diocesan synod is on **Saturday 14 March 2020** at Suffolk One College, Scrivener Drive, Ipswich IP8 3SU, **9.00 am to 1.00 pm**.

BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL

The Lent Challenge 2020 is all about raising awareness of environmental issues. It is not just about raising money but offers a fun way in which you and your family can think about ways in which we can all protect God's creation. For details, go to:

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org//bishops-lent-appeal-2020>

This is an issue that has pushed its way up the national discourse agenda over the last year. General Synod passed a motion on 12 February, "recognising that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation" and calling upon "all parts of the Church of England, including parishes... to work to achieve year-on-year reductions in emissions to reach net zero emissions by 2030." That will be a challenge for all of us.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT, 24 February to 8 March 2020

For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid. This year the fortnight is again focusing on the people – in particular the women – who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much.

For details of this year's campaign and how you could help, go to: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

PRAYER BREAKFASTS: Each Saturday a different church hosts a prayer breakfast from 8.00 to 9.30 am go to the website: www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk



The Box River Benefice

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

March, Holy Week and Easter 2020

Daily Prayer

(Please note the changes to time during Holy Week)

All welcome!

Monday: 8.30 Morning Prayer, Lt 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 Meditation/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!

Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday	<i>(Purple)</i>
10.30 Eucharist and Ashing	Mary's House, Boxford
19.30 Ash Wednesday Liturgy	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent	<i>(Purple)</i>
08.00 Holy Communion BCP (RPM)	St Mary's, Boxford
09:30 Holy Communion (RPM)	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
11.00 Growing Together (Café Church)	St Mary's, Boxford
18:30 Evensong (CK)	St Mary's, Boxford
Thursday 5th March	
19.30 to 21.00 Lent Learning Group	Mary's House, Boxford
Sunday 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	<i>(Purple)</i>
09.30 Morning Worship (DL)	St Bartholomew's, Groton
11.00 Sung Eucharist (RPM)	St Mary's, Boxford
18.30 Compline (RPM)	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
Thursday 12th March	
11.30 Simple Eucharist	St Bartholomew's, Groton
12.00 Lent Lunch	St Bartholomew's, Groton
19.30 to 21.00 Lent Learning Group	Mary's House, Boxford
Saturday 14th March	
10.00 till 12.00 Lent Guided Quiet Morning	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	<i>(Purple)</i>
09.30 Holy Communion (JR)	St Mary the Virgin's, Edwardstone
11.00 Sung Eucharist (RPM to Preside, JR to Preach)	St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 18th March Cyril (Saint and Bishop)	
10.30 Simple Eucharist	Mary's House, Boxford
12.00 Lent Lunch	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room
14.00 Stations of the Cross Lent Devotion	Lt Waldingfield Parish Room
Thursday 19th March Joseph of Nazareth	
19.30 Lent Learning Group	Mary's House, Boxford
Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday, 4th of Lent	<i>(Purple)</i>
09.30 Family Service (JR to Preside, RPM to Preach)	St Mary's, Boxford
11.00 Holy Communion (RPM)	All Saints', Newton Green

Thursday 26th March	19.30 to 21.00 Lent Learning Group	Mary's House, Boxford
Friday 27th March	11.30 Stations of the Cross Lent Devotion 12.00 Lent Lunch	St Mary's, Boxford St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 29th March	Passiontide Begins; 5th Sunday of Lent 10am Joint Benefice Service (RPM,)	<i>(Purple)</i> St Bartholomew's, Groton
Sunday 5th April	Palm Sunday 09.50 Palm Sunday Procession + Eucharist (RPM Preside, CK Preach) <i>(Starting at the Temple Bar. If you do not wish to process please make your way directly to church)</i> 18.30 Palm Sunday Evening Eucharist (RPM)	<i>(Red)</i> St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone St Mary's, Boxford
Monday 6th April	Monday of Holy Week 09.00 Morning Prayer (RPM) 09.45 Holy Eucharist (RPM) 19.00 Holy Eucharist (RPM) 19.45 Compline (RPM)	<i>(Red)</i> St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield St Bartholomew's, Groton St Bartholomew's, Groton
Tuesday 7th April	Tuesday of Holy Week 09.00 Morning Prayer (RPM) 09.45 Holy Eucharist (RPM preside, CK Homily) 19.00 Holy Eucharist (RPM Preside, CK Homily) 19.45 Compline (RPM)	<i>(Red)</i> St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone St Mary's, Boxford St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 8th April	Wednesday of Holy Week 09.00 Morning Prayer (RPM) 10.30 Holy Eucharist (RPM) 19.00 Holy Eucharist (JR preside and Homily) 19.45 Compline (RPM)	<i>(Red)</i> St Bartholomew's, Groton Mary's House, Boxford All Saints', Newton All Saints', Newton
Thursday 9th April	Maundy Thursday 11.00 Maundy Thursday Chrism Eucharist 18.30 Maundy Thursday Liturgy followed by Prayer Vigil until 21.00 (RPM/DL) 20.00 Maundy Thursday Liturgy followed by Prayer Vigil until 22.00 (RPM/CK)	<i>(White)</i> St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Eds St Bartholomew's, Groton St Mary's, Boxford
Friday 10th April	Good Friday 10.00 Informal Family Service of the Cross(TH) 10.30 to 12.00 Good Friday Family Workshop (SPM) 14.00 Good Friday Liturgy and Final Communion (RPM)	<i>(Red)</i> St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield St Mary's, Boxford St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 12th April	Easter Day 06.00 Easter Day Dawn Vigil + Communion (RPM) 09.30 Easter Day Holy Communion (RPM) 09.30 Easter Day Holy Communion (JR) 11.00 Easter Day Holy Communion (JR) 11.00 Easter Day Family Vigil & Eucharist (RPM)	<i>(White/Gold)</i> War Memorial Triangle – Groton St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield All Saints', Newton St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 19th April	2nd Sunday of Easter 09.30 Morning Worship (JR) 11.00 Sung Eucharist (JR)	<i>(White/Gold)</i> St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 26th April	3rd Sunday of Easter 09.30 Family Eucharist (RPM Preach, JR Preside) 11.00 Holy Communion (RPM)	<i>(White/Gold)</i> St Mary's, Boxford All Saints', Newton

Soap Box

I was abroad when storm Ciara hit. On the day that Suffolk was being ravaged by 70 mph winds, I was watching people sunbathe and swim in the sea on the coast in the Algarve. The temperature was in the low 20s Celsius. Just two weeks previously it had reached the high 20s. All very nice you might think, but travel a few miles inland from the southern coast of Portugal and you will find the reservoirs starved of water, while for two years now we have had fierce fires raging during high summer in the hills behind where we live.

Is this a result of global warming? Frankly, I can't think why else our weather has become so strange and less predictable. This past winter may have been wet, but it certainly hasn't been cold – not yet, anyway. It feels a little uncomfortable and rather worrying. What kind of world are we leaving for our children and grandchildren? And what about those politicians and world leaders who refuse to acknowledge that the way we live today will affect future generations.

And it isn't just about climate. The way in which we pollute the world in which we live is truly horrifying. Plastic, which we once hailed as the wonder material, is now a scourge, poisoning our seas and rivers and threatening wildlife. Reducing our carbon footprint and the amount of plastic we use must surely rank as two of the most important personal goals we all need to achieve. Not that it will be easy. Plastic will be hard to replace, while despite all the wise words coming out of governments, we are decades away from having the technologies in place that will allow us to lead more environmentally suitable lives.

I don't see myself as an Eco warrior, but must confess to being more than a little worried over what the future may hold in store if we do not do something to reduce carbon emissions and pollution in general. It will not be a walk in the park. In Portugal they are talking about being plastic free by the end of this year, but I can see little initial progress being made. And how will third world countries deal with the challenges that abandoning cheap and efficient packaging and low-cost fuels will create? There are tough times ahead, I fear.

Back at home there are measures that I am sure could tackle both issues relatively swiftly. I am dubious that banning the sale of all but electric cars in a relatively short space of time will be possible. Technology needs to make some pretty significant advances if this new breed of cars is to replace our current method of transport in short order. Surely the answer

must lie in a properly enhanced public transportation system. In our village, the bus service – hardly the most frequent and user-friendly means of travel – is under threat. I quite like using public transport, but it needs to be a proper alternative to getting into your car to travel where you wish to go.

There is a government initiative to introduce electric busses on a wider scale, so perhaps our local authorities should be doing more to examine how this could be used to improve public transportation. I would certainly use busses more if they were available on a more convenient basis. Similarly, trains, which are altogether more eco-friendly than other modes of transport, should receive more assistance if they are to be used to a greater extent and thus keep cars off the road. Let's face it, our roads are crowded, parking is a nightmare and anything that limits the need to get into your personal car must be a plus.

The trouble, of course, is that governments rely on the motorist for a significant amount of tax. Persuading them to use more eco-friendly means of transport will require either a loss of revenue or a subsidy – probably both. My means of coping with the pressures that are inevitably bound to be brought upon us as we try to limit our carbon footprint will probably be to move into Sudbury. While it will be a wrench to leave the friendly village that has been my home for 35 years, such a change seems inevitable. And I will be joining many friends who have made a similar decision based on just getting older.

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GARDENING IN MARCH INSPIRED BY THE LATE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

March is a busy month in the vegetable garden, which should have all been dug ready for sowing. Weather permitting, shallots should be planted without delay, use a small trowel to plant the sets rather than just pushing them into the soil which forms a hard base so that when the roots are formed they cannot penetrate and tend to push the bulb out of the soil. The same applies to onion sets and garlic cloves. Parsnips need a long season of growth to develop good specimens. Seed is slow to germinate and should be sown rather thicker than other seeds as the percentage of germination is not as high as most seeds. Sow peas as soon as possible to try and avoid the attacks by the dreaded pea moth. The female pea moth starts to lay her eggs on pea flowers in the middle of June. By sowing early quick maturing varieties your peas will not be in flower at the time and you should have a good crop of maggot free pods.

Give spring cabbage and sprouting broccoli a dressing of quick acting nitrogen fertiliser. Loosen the soil round the plants with a hoe and they will soon make new growth.

When the soil is workable, lift and divide large clumps of herbaceous perennials. Plants will flower much better if they are divided into small portions rather than left in overcrowded clumps. Those plants which produce fibrous roots are easy to pull apart but those with fleshy crowns will need to be cut into portions using a sharp knife. Before replanting, plenty of organic matter and a general fertiliser should be worked into the soil to get them off to a good start.

It is now time to prune established clematis to keep them tidy and within bounds. Early flowering species such as montana and alpine should be lightly pruned immediately after flowering. Large flowered hybrids that flower in early summer should have young stems cut back by about one third. Late summer and autumn flowering varieties - those that flower July onwards - should be hard pruned to about two pairs of buds 18 inches from ground level. After pruning, feed each plant with 4ozs. of a good mulch to conserve moisture and shade for the roots. Carnations and pinks, both members of the Dianthus family and noted for their fragrance are amongst the most popular garden flowers.

Now is the time to order plants and prepare beds for planting. Choose a sunny, open situation, raising the bed about 6 inches if the drainage is

poor. An alkaline soil is needed so apply lime or chalk if necessary.

Take Great care over choosing coloured clematis if they are to be wall-plants. White walls are a perfect background for the old fashioned imperial purples, or the burgundy glow of Ville de Lyon. But many of us are stuck with old red brick - hideous with strong colours. So, here, there are only the white and rosy montanas - and the larger, four-petalled white "Montana Grandiflora". In an old terra-cotta rhubarb pot, clematis "Macropetala" romps up a bamboo tripod - a mass of parma-violet tiny flowers, with their ears most engagingly laid back. And, in two corners, delicious moon-faced white "Madame le Coultre", with her two lavish annual flushes of bloom, and her almost-always half-dozen vast white saucer flowers in between times. (White stamens too - she really is a knockout.).

If you know the time is ripe why not prune your roses starting with the floribundas; why not long prune them taking out only a third of the length, and cutting away anything that threatens the open centre of the bushes. Next will come the H.T.s - they get rather tougher treatment. A summary chop-out of any diseased or very old wood, and the strong young legs cut down to about a foot from the ground, above an outward-facing bud. After pruning, you may like to tickle in a good dollop of bonemeal, to cushion the plants against the shock. And spray them all again, with weak Jeyes Fluid solution (mixed as recommended on the label). Keep Hoeing !

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- 2 Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- 3 Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- 4 Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- 5 Top dress containers with fresh compost
- 6 Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- 7 Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- 8 Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
- 9 Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
- 10 Prune bush and climbing roses.

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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

GROTON PARISH COUNCIL: Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2020.

Present: P Roberts (Chairman), N Cox, R Cheeseman, A Dixon-Smith, A Crane, G Becker, R Jones (Clerk), J Finch (SCC), B Hurren (BMSDC)

Apologies for absence – None. D Wills resignation from the Council was accepted.

Minutes of the Meeting of 6 November 2019 - Approved

Report from Suffolk County Council: Certificates of British Citizenship awarded to qualifying applicants. Application deadline for Primary School places on 15 January for places from September 2020. Need to make three choices but 93% successful in getting first choice. Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) units to be attached to ten mainstream schools in the County, providing 168 places for children in need. Units to be open by September 2020. 3 new dates for Fostering and Adoption sessions: Bures 28/1, Nayland 10/2, Boxford 27/2. Budget being presented to Full Council in February with £550,000,000 needed. Looking to increase adult care provision by 2%. Has asked for high level meeting with Anglian Water to address the current problems affecting the A134.

Report from Babergh: Budget: Expecting rises of approximately £50 on Band D property. Council managed to collect over 98% of Council Tax and was managing to balance the books. Joint Local Plan was progressing and would be produced soon following final consultation. Plan to run for ten years until 2032. Parish Council Liaison Meeting to be held in Capel Village Hall on 5 February at 10.00. Clerk said he would try to attend on behalf of GPC. Road Sweeping: Had asked for Groton to be swept but roads were too muddy. Housing: Over 2,000 on Council's Housing list and homeless cases increasing.

Affordable Housing: Hastoe still having problems raising the capital. The Chairman asked to be kept informed as GPC had backed the plans and did not wish to see the project fail. Should there still be no progress by the next meeting a request should be made to Hastoe to attend the following meeting to explain. Councillor Hurren to contact Hastoe to relay this comment.

Reports and Questions from Councillors and members of the public: Waste Collection – Councillor Crane had voiced concerns over recycling being collected at the same time as general waste. Councillor Hurren asked for specific date in order to investigate. This appeared to be a 'one-off' but it was agreed to monitor. Concerns over a fence that had been erected around Mannings Farm. The owners attended the meeting and said they had loaned the land to a charity which provided horse riding for disabled children. The concerns were over the size and type of fence which did not fit in with other local enclosures. Owners to speak with the Charity to try to resolve the issue.

Planning Matters: Mannings Farm Barn. Plan to convert disused barn into 4-bedroomed dwelling. Applying for Planning consent before selling land. Council supported the application but suggested a covenant may be needed to prevent future owners from making fundamental alterations.

Charitable Donations and S137 Payments: Policy agreed. Applications to be made before next meeting. Reminder from Groton PCC about request for contribution towards the cost of the 'Tommy'. It was agreed to investigate further as it was revealed that a donation of £250.00 had already been made by an individual, supposedly towards this cause.

Highway and Footpath matters: Footpath Cutting for 2020/21 – It was agreed to continue with the current arrangements for A Adams to cut footpaths and for this to be reviewed every three years. The Croft, footpath sign broken. G Becker to attempt to fix sign.

Financial matters: The Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment were approved and the cheques signed
Reserve Account as at 31 December 2019 £3,529.10
Current Account as at 31 December 2019 £6,639.80
Total £9,486.90

The adequacy of the Budget for 2019/20 was agreed. The Budget for 2020/21 was agreed. It was agreed to increase the Precept for 2020/21 by 1.99% to £4,375. This would result in an increase of £0.01 based on a Band

D property. Forms signed for online banking. Clerk to take forms into branch
Next meeting – Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 7.30pm

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Parish Council Matters

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), A Sargeant (Vice Chairman), S Mattocks, M Wooderson, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), B Hurren (District Cllr) and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: P Wallis.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.
MINUTES OF 2ND DECEMBER 2019: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

PUBLIC FORUM: The Parish Council was reminded of the tractor parking outside the Garage obstructing pedestrians and vision at the junction. The suggestion of an advisory "no parking" T shape to assist people getting from the Bus Shelter to the buses was made again. This is due to inconsiderate drivers parking too close to the Bus Shelter. A tree has split on School Hill and the footpath was raised as too narrow through the Churchyard. A request was made that 106/CIL money could be used to widen the path. In relation to the Planning, comments were made that the same objections will apply to a new Weavers Green application and observations were made that parking would be an issue for the development plans at The Fleece. On other matters, concern was expressed about potential plans for Sunflowers Childcare to develop the land at the bus turning circle for a playground.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: Members of the Parish Council explained their discussions with the owner of the Garage and also Police involvement in relation to obstructive parking. The resident agreed to contact the Police again. J Finch agreed to look into potential plans for Sunflowers to develop the land into a playground.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch attended and reminded the meeting of the Primary School place deadline approaching. Further Special Educational Needs and Disability unit places will be available from September. Further Adoption and Fostering sessions have been arranged. The new Sand Hill signs are ready to go ahead following some hedge cutting in the immediate vicinity. He asked for instructions from the Parish Council in relation to the protection of the Churchyard wall. It was noted the timescale to achieve double yellow lines in the vicinity of the wall was disappointing. Members agreed to try white lines on the wall side as that is achievable and may improve the situation - Action Clerk.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr B Hurren attended and reported The Fleece application will go before the Committee if the Planning Officers are minded to approve. Budget is to be announced soon. The 5 Year Land Supply is holding strong currently and the Local Plan is progressing. B Hurren reminded members about the forthcoming Parish Liaison Meetings which are unfortunately being held during the day rather than in the evening. This does prevent many Councillors from attending. A scraper will be used on Wash Lane as the sweep is not sufficient. The foliage in the lay-by at Station Field is being cleared by a volunteer. M Wooderson agreed to represent the Parish Council at a forthcoming meeting at Goodlands regarding the communal areas. The unauthorised driving along the croft continues. A memorial cemetery seat is being made which will go in the place of the one that was stolen some years ago. A working party might be put together to clear the path to Primrose Wood.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 6th January were £41700.70 in the Community Account, £13390.71 in the Deposit Account and £52512.82 in the Reserve Account making a total of £107604.23.

The Precept form requiring a 1.9% increase giving a Precept of £38869 this year was duly completed. The most up to date model Financial Regulations had been adapted to reflect our requirements. These were circulated ahead of the Meeting. The Chairman proposed adoption of these Regulations. This was seconded by M Wooderson and unanimously carried.

The Service Level Agreement for next year's sweeping and monitoring contract was raised and it was agreed to monitor the work of the contractors and discuss under an Agenda item at the February Meeting - Action Clerk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: There was nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report was discussed. A letter was read to the meeting seeking a suitable location to store a model of Boxford. It was agreed the Parish Council will make space in Bell House. Some planning will be needed to make this possible, however, it was agreed for the Clerk to confirm the principle at this stage - Action Clerk.

CEMETERY: An application for additional inscription was considered and approved - Action Clerk.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: Some updates were discussed but no actions agreed that hadn't already been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.29 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 6th January 2020

The following decisions were advised from the Planning Authority: -

- Planning permission had been refused for a new dwelling and detached garage following demolition of existing bungalow at Homestead, Hadleigh Road -
- the application for change of use, erection of 6 dwellings and 5 holiday cabins at The Brewers Arms, Bower House Tye had been withdrawn

The following were discussed: -

- Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery, Hadleigh Road - Appeal against decision to refuse permission for erection of 4 detached dwellings - There was nothing to add to the Parish Council's previous response.

2) The Fleece, 8-10 Broad Street - Applications for Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent to part convert and change the use of public house and associated outbuildings to form 3 flats and 3 dwelling houses .

It was agreed to apply for The Fleece to be recorded as a Community Asset - Action Clerk.

The following response was agreed to the Planning: -

Boxford Parish Council strongly objects to these plans due to the unjustified change of use to crucial parts of the business premises and the loss of an important heritage asset to the Village.

The Fleece is an employment site and even partial conversion would be contrary to Policies CS15 and CS17 of the Babergh Local Plan 2011-2031. Saved Policy EM24 requires that appropriate employment uses have been fully explored. There has not been a marketing campaign in relation to the function room, beer garden or outbuildings ahead of this proposed change of use. Our concern is that the changes are not designed to enhance the pub and retail unit (currently hair salon) and would have the opposite effect leading to failure of highly regarded village amenities. For your information, following approaches from residents and our Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, this Parish Council is registering The Fleece as a Community Asset.

In relation to the Heritage aspects, there is no justification for this development that would outweigh the harm to this significant building in the heart of the Village. Therefore under the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 para.s 194-196, refusal of this application is required. Further we do not believe the proposed changes are reversible bearing in mind the division of the premises into separate residential tenancies and potentially separate ownerships.

In relation to vehicular/pedestrian safety, this aspect needs exploration. The close proximity of cars, for the new residential units parking to the rear of the pub, to pedestrians accessing the pub and hair salon would need careful planning. Also the exit onto Broad Street may cause difficulty. We already have an issue in the centre of the village due to lack of parking which could have an impact on the viability of important village amenities. Therefore, any development should be self contained as far as parking is concerned.

For all of the above reasons Boxford Parish Council objects to these applications.

3) 2 The Causeway, Boxford - Application for works to trees in Conservation Area No Objections.

4) Rear of 2 - 16 Ash Street, Boxford - Notification of works to trees in Conservation Area - No Objections.

5) Any other urgent Planning matters: It was noted a new application was being prepared for what the developers have named Weavers Green. It was agreed to circulate the Decision Notice for the previous application to enable members to research ahead of the new application - Action Clerk.

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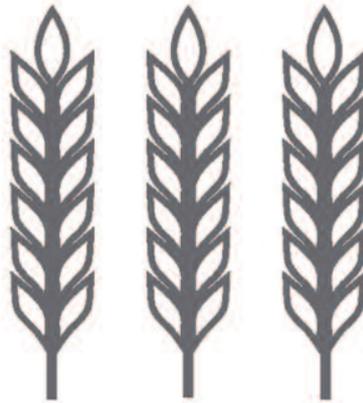
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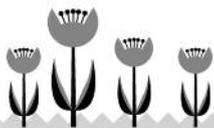
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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ Suffolk celebrates CQC success

Suffolk's recent Care Quality Commission statistics are in and Suffolk is now top of the table for comparator local authority areas. In Suffolk, 89% of Adult Social Care locations are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission, the standards agency for adult care.

When it comes to the national rankings, Suffolk is performing equally well. Ranked as fourth nationally for 'Good' or 'Outstanding' rated care locations, Suffolk shines out as a great area for adult social care. This is particularly impressive when it is considered that Suffolk has over 100 more adult social care locations than any of the other areas listed in the top ten.

➤ New roadwork permit scheme aims to address roadwork disruption

On 28 January, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet gave the go-ahead for a new permit scheme that they hope will reduce delays on Suffolk's roads caused by roadworks. The introduction of a this permit scheme for the county's roads will give Suffolk County Council's Network Assurance Team enhanced powers to place conditions on work carried out by utility companies and other organisations, including Suffolk Highways.

At present, public utilities simply need to inform Suffolk County Council of the dates when they are planning to do their works. Under a permit scheme, they would have to ask for permission and the council can either approve, refuse or amend their request as they see fit.

Applicants would also have to pay a fee when applying for a permit to do roadworks. It is planned to be in place by 1st April 2020,

➤ Popular Most Active County initiatives inspire Suffolk residents to get active

The Great East Swim and Run programmes have been inspiring Suffolk residents to get active for the last eight years. The programmes offer an opportunity for individuals who are not currently physically active to take part in a progressive programme of training and support, with the goal of taking part in the Great East Swim or Great East Run.

More than 470 individuals looking to make a positive change to their health and wellbeing have taken part in the programmes to date, with more than 85% completing the full 12 and 16-week programmes, respectively. Participants have cited that, as well as weight loss and more energy, they felt a boost in confidence, improved self-esteem, and a real sense of pride and achievement through completing the programme.

The programmes are suitable for all ages, with participants from 18 to 80+ taking part in previous years. Nearly 6,000 participants took part in the main Great East Swim and the Great East Run events last year, many of whom were Suffolk residents. Entries are now open for the 2020 events.

Dates: Great East Swim - Saturday 20th June 2020;

Great East Run - Sunday 20th September

More information can be found on

<https://www.greatrun.org/great-east-run> and

<https://findarace.com/events/great-east-swim>

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

FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Firstly, great news that the Neighbourhood Plan group are making good strides in Boxford to write, and have adopted in planning law, a plan that will help set and seal the future development of the village. This plan once adopted by public vote will last for a generation hopefully and will help steer the future of Boxford for a generation and maybe even longer. This project has taken on greater urgency than ever because as more and more villages adopt their own local plans for the future of their villages, it means that developers, especially those who achieve permissions for clients and then move on, tend to focus on villages who do not have the benefit of plans deciding their own future.

Because our plan will last so far into the future it will need to take into account a different way of living, more environmentally I hope, and have provision for homes for sheltered and disabled living as well as more schooling and provision for vehicles (electric) and parking.

It will also need proper safe footways and walking areas away from vehicles of all kinds along with infrastructure and business's to cater for our everyday needs and recreation. Our village will look entirely different in 50 years time and we should leave a legacy for those people to live happily as we have done in the time we have lived here.

Bus services are high on my agenda again, after the debacle of the ludicrous changes to the school transport provision, the fallout from which is still going on, we now have the continuing cuts to our rural transport services, mainly buses that serve our outlying villages and get residents to work, medical appointments and keep rural communities connected.

It is ironic that with Mental Health so high on the agenda at the moment we are all being driven to despair at how hard life is becoming for those less able to thrive and cope with modern day living and contribute in a meaningful way. Even the fantastic C.A.B. who help with so many of these issues have had their funding scythed by the County Council so that they are less able to deal with the after effects of that same councils decisions.

Across my ward most other things are going well with the normal raft of planning applications being well dealt with by the relevant Parish Councils and financial budgets being put in place for the new financial year starting in early April. All Council tax rates are going to rise around 3% across the whole of Suffolk which is very bad news for all of us, although I have to say that I think that the District Council at least is still good value for money for the services it provides. If you do not feel that, then please come to your local parish meetings and tell me why you disagree and I will try to justify my opinion or do something about it, if I feel you have a justified complaint. All Best Wishes for the spring and believe me I am trying to keep all our roads swept although it may not look like it after Ceira and Dennis have passed through.

Bryn.

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We attend sessions around the County throughout the year either holding informal Information Events, or attending events such as County Shows. We are working with Councillor James Finch, to highlight this opportunity to the residents of his division in the Stour Valley and meet monthly.

Following the interest in the "one to one" drop in sessions locally during 2019 we are now planning further ones throughout the coming year 2020. The first group have now been booked for early evenings, but if you would like to attend at a different time, then please email matthew.boyle@suffolk.gov.uk

Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford – Thursday, 27th February, 19.00 – 21.00
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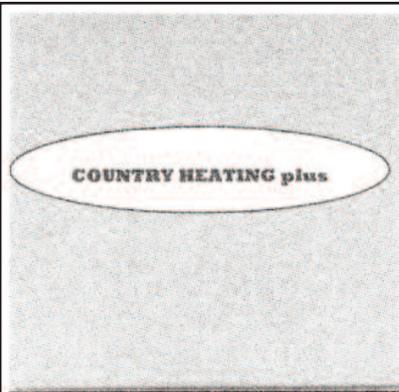
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Boxford and Groton United Charities	Guy Godfray (Clerk) 211378
Boxford Village Hall Bookings	Veronica Hobbs 211529
Boxford WI	Annie Phillips 211729
Boxford Youth Club	Pauls Hoare 211033
Box River News	Eddie Kench 211507
Community Police Officer	Babergh West 01473 613500
County Councillor	James Finch 01206 263649
District Councillor	Bryn Hurren 01787 210854
Edwardstone and Boxford CC	Iain Young (01787 210048
Fleece Jazz Club	David Gasson 210796
Friends of Boxford School	<i>Talktojobs@gmail.com</i>
Local History Recorder	Trudy Wild 210946
Mill Surgery	210558
'Madrigalia' Chamber Choir	Sue Price 210913
Babies and Toddlers Group	'find us on Facebook
Parish Council	Debbie Hattrell 210943
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)	Shirley Bloomfield 211181
Poppy Appeal	Brian James 210814
Primrose Wood	Ian Lindsley 210520
SESAW	Maggie 210888
Sponsored cycle ride	Ruth Kingsbury 211236
Gareth Weiland Memorial Fund	Ben Woodfield 211922

Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club	Carol Langley 373548
Line Dancing	Jean Tomkins 377343
Local History Recorder	Alan Vince 373963
Newton Fireside Club	Wendy Turner 372677
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Surgeries	Boxford Mill 210558
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Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust	Claire Mortime 210051
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary	Daphne Clark 210698
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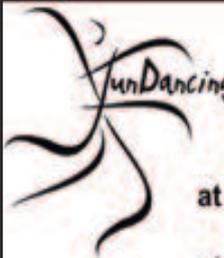
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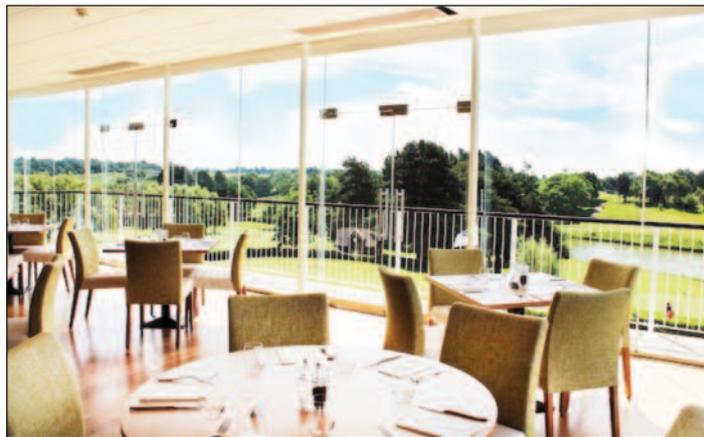


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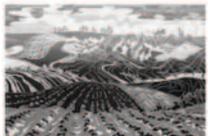
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Growing up in Lindsey, Suffolk in the 1920s by Harry Buckledee Part 2

2. HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Babies were born at home in those days, usually without the presence of a doctor. If there was anyone with a little medical training it would be the district nurse, but each nurse had to cover several villages, her only transport was a bicycle and no one had a telephone, so often as not she couldn't be summoned in time. As a consequence in every village there was a woman who was always called out when an expectant mother went into labour (and usually the same woman had the job of laying out the body when a villager died). In Lindsey that woman was my grandmother, who knew a bit about childbirth since she'd been through it herself nine times. I can remember many occasions when she was called out in the middle of the night to assist a woman giving birth with only an oil lamp to see by. She must have known what she was doing because I don't recall a single case of a stillbirth or a woman having a haemorrhage, and I could hardly not have heard about it because such an event would have been the talk of the village for days.

Emily Buckledee would always help someone in need. It didn't matter who they were. As I will explain in more detail later on in this book, although people talk about the Great Depression of the 1930s, in many ways there was more hardship in the '20s. Beggars passed through the village from time to time, often men whose lives had been ruined by the First World War, and if they walked by our cottage on Porter's Hill they could be sure of getting a nice thick slice of bread with a good layer of dripping on top.

We didn't bother the doctor very often, mainly because we didn't need to. Most people were pretty fit because although we had a simple diet, it was good wholesome food, and we all got plenty of exercise because the only way to get anywhere was to walk. In those days if you weren't well enough to go to work you didn't get paid, so if you "didn't feel too sharp" as we used to say, you just carried on regardless. Most aches and pains and minor ailments ran their course then went away. We had a few simple remedies for common problems: castor oil or syrup of figs for constipation, eucalyptus syrup for sore throats and a kind of aspirin with the brand name Aspro. For sores and skin infections a bread poultice was applied, while for a cough you put a flannel soaked in calamine on your chest. I remember I once had an abscess in my ear but it was November the 5th, Bonfire Night, so there was no way I was going to miss that (I was four or five at the time). My grandmother roasted an onion, wrapped it in cloth and tied it to my ear. It worked and I saw the bonfire. We were all pretty healthy in our household. Lennie tended to fall sick more often than the rest of us, possibly because he had had meningitis when he was little. For myself, the only time I was really ill was when I was ten or eleven and had very bad stomach pains, which Dr Everett diagnosed as colic. The problem came back in 1939 when I was in the army but still in England doing my training, and a doctor gave me some tablets that I later discovered were sleeping pills. It came back a third time when I was on active service in the desert in North Africa, but this time the pain was on the left side and I also had a high temperature. The other men suspected appendicitis and they drove me back, not to base, but at least to what was called an advanced dressing station where a medical orderly could see me. This M.O. confirmed that it was indeed appendicitis and he was worried because if my temperature didn't drop he'd have to perform an emergency operation himself, in a tent, with only a hurricane lamp and in less than 100% sterile conditions. Much to my relief, my temperature did drop and then the pain went away completely, so I was no longer an emergency case. However, it was obvious that I couldn't go straight back to the front line because the problem had only passed until the next time. I was taken to Cairo where I had my operation in a proper hospital. It was explained to me that the

so-called colic I had as a boy was actually the start of what they called grumbling appendicitis.

Another reason people stayed healthy was that although everyone worked hard, we also had plenty of sleep. People went to bed at about 8.00 pm and slept till 5.30 or 6.00. Sunday really was a day of rest; the only men who did a bit of work on Sundays were those who had to feed pigs or cattle.

The village was very quiet too. Seeing a car or an aeroplane was a rare event, and although two or three Fordson tractors had arrived, farmers still relied on carthorses. We could hear the clock strike at Kersey church, which was two miles away.

I don't remember the word "cancer" ever being used, although I suppose a few villagers must have had the disease. There was a woman in her fifties who had a stomach problem and was told she had an illness that would eventually kill her, so I imagine that she had cancer. There was also a fairly young chap, a cigarette smoker, who started coughing up blood before he died, which sounds very much like lung cancer. Most of the men smoked a pipe – the favourite "bacca" (tobacco) was Counter Shag – so, of course, they didn't inhale the smoke.

I've seen statistics showing that in 1928 average life expectancy in Britain was 58 for men and 62 for women. Lindsey people did a lot better than that; when I was a child it really was quite unusual for anyone not to reach their seventies.

Harry's book is available from the Boxford Post Office by donation to the Alzheimer's Society



:Above Lindsey School, 1926. Back row L-R: Grace Greengrass, Gladys Greengrass, Rhoda Smith, Maggie Ranson, Rhoda Ranson. Second row: Teachers Miss Seymour and ?? + pupils Nora Partridge, Sybil Fosker, Eddie Ranson, Jack Gillingwater, Jimmy Farthing, Frank Jarvis, Mary Morley, John Ranson, Len Partridge, Arthur Smith. Third row: Rhoda Grimwood, Marjorie Malion, Masie Partridge, Tom Morley, Bertie Grimwood, Harry Grimwood, Harry Buckledee, Eddie Bull, John Morley. Seated on the ground: Arthur Jarvis, Len Buckledee, Stanley Ranson.

Below: The author's grandparents, aged about 75

