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## BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

Well over 250 people came to Boxford on Sunday 6th in what turned out to be a fantastic day for the gardens and the village as a whole!

The weather was simply glorious, blue skies with just enough cloud to stop everyone frazzling in the heat and it was a real joy walking around the village to see so many people out and enjoying the beautiful gardens – it felt close to being normal and I think everyone will agree we’ve all missed that. The sense of excitement from so many was truly palpable.

Our huge thanks to all the people who welcomed visitors into their gardens. It is their hard work in the lead-up and on the day itself that makes this event so successful – even now after 23 years of Open Gardens.

The charm of the village and our varied gardening styles in and around each of the locations make us a prime Open Garden event – this year even more so as we were the first one on the calendar.

All the gardens looked fantastic – I couldn’t be more proud of our collective efforts – thank you all. A special thanks to the 3 new gardens who opened for the first time this year – so brave!

David House sold our first ticket at 10.30am and the gardens were still open well past 5pm in Edwardstone and Wash Lane as visitors tried to squeeze in all 23 gardens in just under 7 hours, which is no mean feat.

There was a hive of activity in the churchyard, with the cake stall (thank you kind bakers for their scrumptious bakes and to Frances and Jackie for managing the stall) and the Boxford Gardening Society selling lovely plants. It was a picture-perfect advert for buying locally!

The village choir Madrigalia sang beautifully outside the church at lunchtime and then went on to sing in a garden in Brook Hall Road and their efforts hugely added to our fundraising pot.

At the end of the day over £2,600 was raised for St Mary’s Church - an incredible amount, so our thanks go to everyone who visited and we hope you’ll all come back again next year for what is a glorious event, and the favourite of many.

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## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY PLANT SALE

The normal venue for our annual plant sale, the White Hart Pub car park, is currently in use as an outdoor restaurant to help with social distancing, and therefore it was decided to hold our sale in the Churchyard during the morning of Sunday 6th June during Boxford Gardens Open. The weather was kind and members provided some wonderful plants, agapanthus, tree paeonies (*Paeonia lutea ludlowii*), established perennials such as geraniums, pelargoniums, penstemons, chrysanthemums, grasses (*Stipa gigantea*) dahlias and some annuals, cosmos and asters, with lots of seedling vegetables, various beans, peas and tomatoes.

Many people came down to stock up on the fabulous specimens and an amazing £352 was raised. We donated £50 to St. Mary's Church by way of thanks for them allowing us to use the churchyard and we also donated £50 to assist in the continued smooth running of Boxford village hall. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our members for donating both plants and their invaluable time to help on the morning (see photo) and we look forward to meeting again soon, possibly in August when we will know whether or not the village hall number restrictions will be lifted.

The next date in the diary is Tuesday 22nd June when we will visit member Liz Well's wonderful garden - Liz is the gardening correspondent for the Box River News and her beautiful garden is full of all those wonderful plants she writes so eloquently and passionately about.

Please feel free to book your place for our next garden visit by contacting Kathy Matthews. Tel: 07990 935077 email: [kathymatthews996@gmail.com](mailto:kathymatthews996@gmail.com).

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### A JOB WELL DONE!

The Boxford Playing Fields children's playground fencing upgrade was completed on 29th May. The weather was exceedingly warm, but it didn't deter our brilliant volunteer workforce.

The new black metal enclosure, which blends well with the foliage behind, should provide a safe haven for parents and young children for many years to come.

Hugh Phillips masterminded the project, pulling together the financing, ordering the fencing and coordinating the work team. The assembly and installation benefitted hugely from the skills, work rate and incredible eye for detail of Michael Wasp, assisted throughout by John Finch, Peter Bendall and Colin Parr. Other tasks were carried out by the rest of the team: Nick Moore, Paul Abbott, David Burden, Chris Southgate and John Weiland - who has cared for the playground in recent years and hopefully can now have a well-earned break from having to regularly repair the old and now-replaced wooden fencing whenever it became damaged.

**A huge thank you to all of you from everyone who uses it!**



### CORRECTION

The BRN would like to apologise for an error in the June edition. It was somewhat prematurely reported that Michael Wasp was part of the Boxford village 'veterans'. It has been pointed out to us that he is not yet such, being of a considerably more recent vintage, and we apologise for this grievous mistake wholeheartedly.

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## BOXFORD TRAFFIC SURVEY

Dear Resident,

For those of you located in Boxford and directly-adjacent villages, inserted into this issue of the Box River News you will find a Traffic Survey, which has been created order to inform the Neighbourhood Plan, which is currently being prepared, and also to help with providing any comments regarding future housing developments within or around the village. We would like to obtain a better understanding of the traffic movements that pass through the centre of Boxford and what the consequences are of these movements on different areas within the parish. The results of this survey may also help us with finding solutions to reduce congestion over the course of time.

If you wish to make additional comments after each section, please do so.

In order to give some validity to the information we are collecting, please tell us your surname and the road/village you live in. We will not use this information for any other purpose than to substantiate the results of this survey. Some of the questions require answers that include several options, so please tick all that apply.

Please do not hesitate to add additional pages, if you wish to expand on your explanation of something.

The deadline for return of this survey is **Tuesday 6th July 2021**  
Drop-off points are:

- Boxford Post Office
- 42 Homefield, Boxford
- Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford
- 20 Brook Hall Road, Boxford

If you prefer to complete the survey online, please go to <http://bit.ly/boxford-traffic-survey> Thank you for taking the time to complete it. Once we have analysed the information, we hope it will be useful in guiding future plans for the village.

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## PRESENTS FROM THE PAST

### Your monthly Antiques and Art column from Art Expert, Iain Brunt.



The global market for art is worth over \$64 billion each year. Is it any wonder therefore that the ability for criminals to pass off works as those of the real artist/maker is also a huge and lucrative industry? Even professional art experts can be taken in - Museums such as New York's Met Museum and Paris's Le Louvre have fallen foul of convincing forgeries from sophisticated scammers. In 2018 a museum in southern France, which featured work by acclaimed painter Etienne Terrus, discovered that well over half of its entire collection was in fact comprised of fakes, some of which had artist signatures that simply wiped off when touched!

So if the professionals are missing the fakes, what chance do everyday folk have of spotting fakes and forgeries when buying?

Fortunately, the scams to which those esteemed institutions fell foul of were highly complicated and technically accomplished. For the rest of us not buying Grand Master paintings every other day, there are some real tell-tale signs that can be learnt to avoid being burnt.

Firstly, what is an original work of art? Typically, an Original Art is any work considered to be an authentic implementation of the works of an artist, rather than a reproduction or imitation. It's important to note that an interpretation of an artist's original art is therefore considered a legal form of art in its own right. So it is artworks purporting to be created by the original artist that are in question here, as opposed to derivative works of the original artist's work by a second artist.

So, how do we know it was by them and not by another artist copying the work and passing it off as the original artist's work to cash in on their skill?



There are many books you can refer to in the libraries. The most common one I use is "The Classified Directory of Artists' Signatures, Symbols and Monograms" by H. H. Caplan published in 1982 by Prior.

Suffolk libraries currently has 2 copies available to refer to, but you can always find one on Amazon (<https://amzn.to/3cYyC1V>). They are not cheap but a great investment for any art investigator.

Let's talk this week about oil paintings. Generally when you look at an original painting you can see the brush strokes on the canvas and often a few blemishes. If your painting is totally flat then you are probably looking at a print or an imitation reproduction.

If the painting is old it will probably have some discolouration on the surface as to where it has been hanging. Although this sounds crude take a little of your own saliva and gently rub an area of the picture which you don't mind testing and slowly you should be

able to see a different cleaner colour underneath. If you don't fancy your own saliva try a very, very, small amount of toothpaste but beware, as toothpaste is abrasive and can cause damage if you're not supremely careful. You often see experts doing this in the auction houses and often they do it over the signature to see if it has been added later or not.

Many forgers added signatures and items to paintings to make them look more like an original artist. There are many versions of John Constable's famous Hay Wain, but only one original. Look very closely at the subject matter, especially images of cars, machinery or costumes. If you see something that would not have existed in the period it was painted in then beware. Once on a 17th century picture we were researching we saw a very expertly hidden, but definitely there, jet plane in the sky! Someone had added it, probably as a joke, but it made us think who else had touched the painting?

As always, look at the back. A simple tell-tale sign here is to check the frame. Many pictures have labels, some from exhibitions, some from storage and shipping companies, some from the artists themselves. The auction houses used to stamp their stock numbers on the frames so as not to ruin the canvas so this itself can prove age. Nowadays they just add barcode stickers that can be easily removed.

Screw holes in the frames are also a clear signal of their lives. Many holes often mean the frame was used on many other pictures before. You can also see rubbing on the front of the frame where it has been handled many times. These signs are not bad at all as they indicate that the frame has age but it should be the same age as the canvas.

Over the years many pictures have been restored and the only way to do this is to ask an expert restorer. If you have any questions do send us an image to [iain@artadvisor.ch](mailto:iain@artadvisor.ch) so we can try and help.

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Many of us will take advantage of the warmer weather to improve our homes, and it's important to make sure the job goes well. Here are some steps you should take when choosing a trader:

- **Find a Trading Standards 'approved trader'** - use the internet to search for one in your area or the Government's approved trader scheme TrustMark.
- **Get references or recommendations** - ask people you know or ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.
- **Find out if they are a current member of a trade body** - trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong, so check your trader is a member. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.
- **Only use certified traders for gas and electrics** - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. Check the Gas Safe Register for a list of traders and use a registered electrician who can certify their own work. When you're having a kitchen fitted, it's worth checking whether the person you've hired will be doing the electrical or gas work themselves. If not, check who they will be using and whether they're registered.
- **Get a written quote** - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the builder can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. Try to compare quotes from a number of contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.
- **Get a written contract** - this should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, like timings, payments, who will pay for materials and subcontractors.
- **Think carefully about payment** - opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Where possible, try to pay by card as this can afford you extra safeguards if something goes wrong.
- **Keep copies of receipts** - also keep your written contract as evidence, as well as photos of any problems if they arise.

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The shop is managed by Hannah Faulkner who described how the idea for it came about as a result of the Covid pandemic causing a need for more local businesses and services. Given that the The Saracen's Head was forcibly closed during the lockdown it only makes sense for it to diversify its business and satisfy a real local need at the same time.

Hannah is determined that the pub should also help other local businesses to succeed and so she has assembled a wonderful portfolio of local suppliers and home-based companies to provide the shop's inventory.

Shoppers can stock up on a selection of freshly baked bread, supplied by *Sparling and Faiers* bakery in Lavenham and *Weston's* bakery in Sudbury. Meat is supplied by Sudbury's *Jamie's Meat Inn* and *Proctors Sausages*. Sweet-toothed treat-fans can delight over freshly-made cakes & tray bakes from *Casey Cakes*, *Wheaten Mill & Daphne*.

It's not just third-party suppliers that make up the shop's tempting wares - the Saracen's Head also uses its own catering facilities to provide freshly-made food to order. Customers will cheer to see that pub-owner Beverley Faulkner's famous scotch eggs and pasties are available daily. Hungry tummies are all catered for with delicious freshly prepared sandwiches & breakfast rolls made each day and these can also be pre-ordered over the phone on **01787 736419**.

Of course it's not just food that local shoppers need - all home essentials from toothpaste, to tea, cereals to drinks and milk are available for purchase.

The staff are keen for villagers to pop in for a freshly-made hot coffee and a natter, so stop by and shop to your heart's content.

The shop is open Monday- Saturday 7am - 5pm

For more info visit [facebook.com/thesaracensheadnewton](https://facebook.com/thesaracensheadnewton).



## SEASONAL SNEEZES

The pollen season is well and truly here, which is no fun if you suffer from hay fever.

Allergic rhinitis or seasonal hay fever affects about 13 million people in the UK and is the most common respiratory condition in the country. Typically, hay fever is a reaction to pollen from trees, grasses and weeds.

For various reasons the body sees the pollen as a harmful invader and triggers the immune system to produce immunoglobulin. This stimulates release of histamine, causing inflammation and swelling of the nasal passages, along with excessive mucus production. It's common to have symptoms such as sneezing, an itchy nose and throat, watery eyes and a clear, runny nose.

### HOW CAN I MANAGE MY HAY FEVER?

- Try to avoid the pollen; the worst times are in the morning and evening when the most pollen is released.
- Try not to go into high pollen areas at these times.
- Have frequent showers - splashing your face with cold water and bathing your eyes will help to wash away the irritants.
- The most common over the counter medication is anti-histamines which are effective but can make you feel drowsy. Before you automatically rush for these consider some ways you can reduce the need or potentially not need them at all. Treatments such as acupuncture (especially before the season starts) as well as herbs, nutrients and specific foods can all be beneficial in preventing the onset or relieving the symptoms of hay fever.



Diet plays a strong role in affecting hay fever, with some foods exacerbating symptoms and others regulating it. All dairy produce, for instance, is mucus-forming. Goat, sheep, rice, oat and soya milk products are preferable to cow's milk products, which should be avoided totally. Eat dairy (ideally organic) in small quantities. Coffee and alcohol, as you might expect, reduce the body's ability to cope when under allergy-load.

Instead, stock up on foods that are rich in vitamin C. This is the most important anti-allergy vitamin. It is a powerful promoter of a strong immune system, immediately dampens allergic reactions and is also anti-inflammatory. Kiwifruit (especially yellow ones) are extremely high in vitamin C, bioflavonoids, antioxidants and fibre making them an effective natural anti-histamine. Try eating a kiwifruit each day OR take a natural vitamin C supplement with bioflavonoids, at a divided dosage of around 2g of vitamin C and 1000mg of bioflavonoids a day. Other good sources of these are citrus fruits, strawberries, broccoli, red peppers and tropical fruits such as papaya, guava and mangos.

Quercetin is a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory. It is found largely in onions (red ones especially), garlic, apples and berries. An onion a day can help keep your hay fever at bay! Eating red or spring onions raw and tossed through salads or on sandwiches is a great way to top up on this powerful bioflavonoid, but perhaps chew on some fresh mint or parsley leaves afterwards if you'll be talking to people later on! As with vitamin C, you may find it difficult to consume enough foods containing Quercetin for a lasting effect, so consider a Quercetin supplement

Bromelain is another anti-inflammatory enzyme found largely in pineapple that has been shown to have very effective results on allergy sufferers. It helps decrease mucosal inflammation and nasal congestion which are common complaints with hay fever. You may be able to find a combined Bromelain and Quercetin supplement that helps with symptoms.

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- Elderflower – anti-inflammatory

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Try collecting the ingredients and making it yourself, or alternatively you can purchase some Pippettes Hay Fever Tea from our online shop at: <https://pippettes.co.uk>

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## BOXFORD FARMERS MARKET

On Sunday May 30th we treated Boxford to the **first** of our Farmers Markets in the grounds of the White Hart.

The day could not have been more perfect in terms of weather and it was also a perfect opportunity for many in the benefice to get out and meet up socially again in the safety of the open air and sunshine.

The market ran from 9am to 12noon and for a first event we had a great turn out of both stall holders and attendees.

We had 10 stalls in total covering a range of food, gifts, art and handmade items. On the food side we had an amazing array of freshly baked breads, cakes, gluten-free baked goods, jams and coffee etc. Our very own village-made 'Tornado Ices' also made their debut with a fabulous array of flavoured ice creams – Fresh Mint & Blackcurrant, Strawberry & Elderflower, Chocolate Treacle and Caramel Miso to name a few!

Nadine Clare showcased her range of Boxford produced candles, diffusers, and gifts for the first time, as did Scents of Life from Louise Carpenter with her bespoke essential oils which she conjured up for her customers then and there.

Walker Smith, Maisie Makes and Ugandan Crafts all offered a fabulous range of crafted gifts and our resident artist, Liz De Alwis also displayed her range of cards, prints and paintings.

FoBS (Friends of Boxford School) also had a second-hand book stall – with all donations going towards the very much needed, new library for Boxford School.

All in all, it was a lovely morning enjoyed by everyone who attended, and we would like to thank everyone so much for all their support! It has been a challenging time for so many people, so it was incredibly special to see so many smiling faces again.

With so many amazingly talented local people and some fabulous businesses that have supported us all through this past year, we plan to make this market a regular monthly attraction for Boxford and beyond whereby our local producers and artisans can showcase their fantastic abilities.

Our stallholder family is growing and we're hoping to showcase more locally grown produce later this month – fresh fruit and vegetables, meat & cheeses, plants, and flowers and more!

We hope you will all be able to join us for the next Boxford Farmers, Arts & Craft Market on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** from 9am-12noon.

Watch this space for the rest of the year's dates and thank you all again for your continued support!

*Myalee Chaytor*

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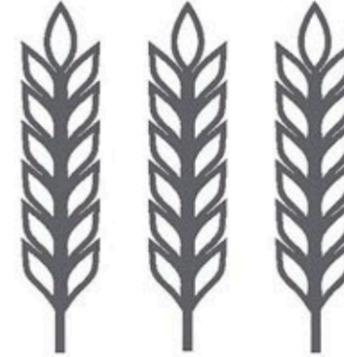
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During the long months of lockdown, the senior team at Stoke by Nayland Resort not only seized the opportunity to refresh the facilities, but also looked at how they could give back to the employees who have been so essential in delivering incredible customer experience and gaining award-winning Resort recognition.

A new, more generous employee benefits package now includes complimentary golf on either of the two picturesque Championship courses, free access to the on-site Peake Fitness gym and pool facilities – boasting state-of-the-art Technogym equipment – as well as health insurance and childcare vouchers.

In addition, members of the team can enjoy an array of discounts across the Resort facilities, including hotel and luxury lodge stays, tasty meals in any of the five newly refurbished restaurants, and pampering spa treatments.

“The dedication and passion of our fantastic team here at Stoke by Nayland Resort is extraordinary, and we want to recognise and reward them for their hard work and loyalty,” explains Managing Director, Susanna Rendall. “We do all we can to provide an environment for our employees to thrive and flourish, providing ongoing training and promoting from within where we can. We pride ourselves on quality, atmosphere and fun above all else,



Susanna Rendall, Stoke by Nayland Resort Managing Director



Stoke by Nayland Resort – an idyllic office location...

and a happy team is essential to providing the very best customer experience.”

“So many hospitality businesses have suffered greatly over the last year during the pandemic, so it is fantastic to see the recovery of the industry and new incentives to start or progress a rewarding career within it,” adds Simone Casley, Wedding and Events Team Leader. “I started with the Resort in 2017 as a waitress, have worked my way up through wedding and event planning, and now I’m a team leader. I have been nominated for awards and given the opportunity to introduce TiPi weddings and events to the offering. My personal and professional development has been well supported by my managers and peers throughout my whole journey - I’m so grateful to work with such an amazing team, and that my hard work and dedication is recognised. The new benefits package just shows how seriously this business takes their commitment to its employees.”

The latest vacancies can be seen at [stokebynayland.com/careers](http://stokebynayland.com/careers)

## THE JULY LETTER FROM FATHER ROB

### A profoundly humble kind of holiness

Dear Friends,

After such a prolonged period of wet weather, I am so glad to say that as I write this the sun is once again shining. As the radiant light shines through my study window, I am reminded of a time 18 months ago when sitting in sunshine, with Easter 2020 fast approaching, we were all told to stay at home; only being allowed to go out into public for our daily exercise or essential shopping. It was a time of much fear and grief as we were all faced with an uncertain future: with personal relationships and livelihoods negatively affected and loved ones lost. We should not be surprised if some of that grief remains with us for a while. Be kind and generous to yourself and others in the months ahead.

But something strangely life-giving also developed for many during this time, as they found themselves with opportunities to observe and ponder the meaning of life and the miraculous all around them, helped by our beautiful rural setting. Many spoke of a kind of spiritual reawakening where they became aware of something beyond themselves in a way that they had ceased to recognise previously. We seemed to become united as a national community praying for our world, showing generosity and gratitude for things we had taken for granted for so long. Thousands took to lighting a candle and placing it in their windows as a prayerful sign of hope and support. Similar motivations drove our impulse to stand on our doorsteps and clap the NHS. These are things we should not forget too quickly. As a result of these impulses, the church also saw its online services, study groups and action in the community supported by large numbers of people at a time.

There was something about the enforced re-prioritising of our diaries that presented us with the opportunity to be present, observe and reflect. We should not be surprised if that brought out the best in us. We suddenly found motivation to turn up and be present; even if turning up meant nothing more than stepping out into our garden or watching a live-stream over Facebook.

In June, I visited the monastery that I am a dispersed member of. Around the beginning of June each year, we return to the Community of the Resurrection in West Yorkshire for our annual chapter. Whilst there are many who, like me, try to live the rule of life out in the world, the monastery and its corporate life depends solely upon those faithful monks who commit their entire lives to living in close community, in service and prayer. As such, they provide that spiritual centre from where the rest of us can be fed and re-find our focus.

Living as a monk or a nun is not easy. It certainly isn't a running away from the world. Monasteries and convents can be challenging places behind the scenes. One difficulty they face is that their members do not choose who they live with. Stories abound of the difficulties that can occur when a monk or nun has to live every day in close quarters to someone who is in their opinion, a pain in the proverbial behind.

Neither is it an easy thing for just 14 or 15 brothers to have to run an entire monastery with huge grounds, guest quarters, a theological training college and engage in social action around the world.



But I am sure the prayer-life keeps them on track.

Be that as it may, anyone who tries to pray regularly will certify that prayer is not always easy. And for those who commit to praying 5, 6, 7 times a day, it doesn't get any easier. Distractions can abound and the well can occasionally begin to feel as dry as a Saharan camel's armpit.

“But what about the lovely worship with all the inspiring Gregorian chant and ritual?”, I hear you ask. Well, to those of us visiting occasionally, there is no doubting that it is otherworldly and can take us to ethereal dimensions. Strangely, however, many of the monks will speak of periods when the worship ceases to inspire them. Each comes from a different background and tradition. It would be easy for them to place their own desires before that of the community, but they recognise that to insist upon their own way just for their own pleasure would be to risk the stability and depth of the prayerfulness at their community's core. So, they humbly commit to the routine and regularity in order to build-up the corporate body.

There is no doubt that these monks show numerous traits of holy living that can be an inspiration to us. But as I sat in that monastery and pondered, it struck me that their real gift, is not anything glamorous: it is not their wonderful singing or inspiring worship, not even their impressive efforts in social action or commitment to training new priests for the church of tomorrow. No, their real gift is their dedication to simply turning up. And yet, the more I think on this, the more I realise how very far from simple it really is: it takes dedication, commitment and a profoundly humble kind of holiness. At its core, lays a recognition that when one person is missing, the entire community suffers. Without each one of them being present, the community is incomplete.

The same is undoubtedly true for us too. Lockdowns gave us unexpected opportunity. Many felt God calling in his 'still small voice'. We were enabled to be present, I mean really present, in a way that perhaps we have never managed before. To put it simply, we turned up, observed, pondered and prayed, and as a result we had an opportunity to feel 'life in all its fullness', despite the restrictions being placed upon our lives. Now we look to be tentatively moving out of lockdown, our simply turning up may be more important than ever if we are to continue the journey we have begun. Because I can tell you that your church community always feels incomplete when you are not there to make us whole.

Until we next meet, may God's eternal blessings shower down upon you, refresh you and bring you into the fullness of life that only he can give.

With every blessing,

Fr Rob

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Tel: 01787 210434



## The Cinnamon Trust

The National Charity for the elderly, the terminally ill and their pets

It is widely acknowledged that pets can positively benefit the well-being of elderly owners.

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• Long Term Fostering – For pets whose owners have died or moved to residential accommodation which will not accept pets (by prior arrangement).

• The Pet Friendly Care Homes Register – The Trust's guide to care homes and sheltered housing that will welcome residents and their pets.



If you are interested in learning more about The Trust and how we could help you, please contact us at:

Tel 01736 757 900

Email: [volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk)

Website: [www.cinnamon.org.uk](http://www.cinnamon.org.uk)

10 Market Square, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 4HE

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## We're Back in Church!!! SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2021



<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 5 (St Thomas from 3rd May)	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Eco Forest Church</i>	The Rectory Woodland (meet at St Mary's, Boxford)
	17:30	<i>BCP Evensong</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist (NEW TIME)</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 6	09:30	<i>Morning Prayer and Baptism</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist (NEW TIME)</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 7	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist (NEW TIME)</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 8	09:30	<i>Intergenerational Family Service/Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	All Saints', Newton
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> (Mary, Martha and Lazarus from 29th)	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist (NEW TIME)</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> Trinity 9	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt. Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Morning Worship / Mattins</i>	St Mary's, Boxford

Please be aware that these services may be subject to change at short notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can also follow our live streamed services and obtain service material from the following links:

[www.facebook.com/boxriverbenefice](https://www.facebook.com/boxriverbenefice)

[www.boxriverbenefice.com/resources-to-use-at-home](https://www.boxriverbenefice.com/resources-to-use-at-home)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All our churches across the Benefice are now **OPEN EVERYDAY** for Private Prayer.

If you need support please call Fr. Rob on **01787 210434** or email [rparkermcgee@gmail.com](mailto:rparkermcgee@gmail.com)

## BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2021

### All things bright and beautiful!

The annual fundraiser for St Mary's Church, Boxford is now in its 23rd year. It's a huge tribute to the organiser, Sarah Williams, and her team of helpers as well as to the enthusiastic keepers of the 23 gardens which opened that £2600 was raised. After the bitter weather in April and the wet conditions of May on top of the Covid restrictions, it was good to see so many villagers and visitors enjoying the sunny Sunday. Simply being together again was itself a blessing. The church struggles to pay its way in normal years, but has faced especially tough times financially during Covid, so sincere thanks go to all those who hosted visitors in their gardens or who helped in any way to make Open Gardens a success and help keep St Mary's Church at the centre of our village.

Fr. Rob



## The Box River Benefice

Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,  
Little Waldingfield and Newton

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Boxford

**Eco Forest Church** – 4<sup>th</sup> July @ 11am  
(every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)

**Church Café Coffee Mornings** – 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am - 12 noon  
(every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)

**St Mary's Patronal Festival and Church Fete** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 11am – 4pm

**Intergenerational Harvest Service** – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 9.30am

#### Edwardstone

**St Mary the Virgin Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet** – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August @ 11am

#### Groton

**St Bartholomew's Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 @ 11am

#### Little Waldingfield

**'Drop in for Coffee' Mornings** – 2nd July @ 10.30am - 12 noon  
(every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday)

**Village Flower Festival** – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September

#### Newton Green

**Newton Green Coffee Morning** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 12 noon  
**Harvest Service and Lunch** – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am

### Bring and Share Foodbank

*'Take what you need, leave what you can'*

Just a reminder that the Food Bank in the north porch of St Mary's Boxford is still offering non-perishable items for those in need. We have been made aware that there are an increased number of families struggling as we come towards the end of this latest lockdown, and because of the economic situation that is likely to continue for some time. So please do drop off produce if you can manage. Tinned meat, vegetables and puddings are especially welcome, as we are low on these. Thank you for your support. This free service is for food items only and not for second-hand household items or toys.



We are still here for you and doing all we can to provide spiritual nurture and support. We will continue to hold live worship and this will be live-streamed over our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/boxriverbenefice](https://www.facebook.com/boxriverbenefice)



If you need support, please call Fr. Rob on **01787 210434** or email [rparkermcgee@gmail.com](mailto:rparkermcgee@gmail.com)

We look forward to you joining us in our devotions.



Join us at St Mary's Church, Boxford  
where we shall walk to  
the Rectory Woodland for

## Forest Church

**SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021 @ 11.00am**  
**and the 1st Sunday of each month.**

Encounter divine things in the great outdoors:  
in the sky, the earth, the trees and the wildlife.

This service is for all, old and young,  
who wish to get down and dirty with God.  
It will be new, alternative, quirky and fun.



**We're back!**

You are invited to

**"DROP IN FOR COFFEE"**

in the Church  
Little Waldingfield

**FRIDAY 2 JULY**  
**10.30 – 12.00**

Join us for a coffee and  
friendly conversation.  
All welcome!

A voluntary donation to church funds would be welcomed

## What's On

### GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Registered Charity No. 1118325

The Trustees will meet on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford to consider applications for grant aid from residents of Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the 'area of benefit' as defined by the Charity Commissioners, namely: Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church - those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton 1881!

We hope that newcomers to the area will be made aware of this charity by longterm residents who have themselves benefited from grants. Applicants are not means tested and applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Stephen Watkins, Whitewebbs, Daisy Green, Groton CO10 5EN, tel **01787 210977**, [stephen\\_watkins49@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephen_watkins49@yahoo.co.uk)

Completed forms must be received by the Clerk by **6<sup>th</sup> September**.

### CRAFTY WEEKEND

We will be having "A Crafty Weekend" from 11am till 4pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of July in Diana's Art Room. So wend your way up the long and winding road to **Stackyard Green, Monks Eleigh, IP77BD**, where you will find Angela's Stained Glass, Kate's Jewellery, Lizzy's painted stones and Art Work by Julie and Diana. Plus a wild flower meadow and garden to wander in. Donations will be given to Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

### THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH SUFFOLK

We offer a stimulating monthly lecture programme delivered by experts on all aspects of the Arts. Lectures usually take place at The Quay Theatre, Sudbury on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month (excepting July/August or December).



**Membership** is £40 per person (£75 per couple) pa with a quarterly Arts magazine. Also there are the options of Zoomed virtual tours around Places of Interest & Special Interest subject coverage at a small additional cost.

**TO JOIN:** Go to our website [www.tassouthsuffolk.org.uk](http://www.tassouthsuffolk.org.uk), or contact Carole Ashton: email [creevesashton@gmail.com](mailto:creevesashton@gmail.com)

**OR ENJOY A FREE TASTER SESSION** by emailing your interest, (quoting code BRN1) & a link will be sent to you beforehand.

#### FUTURE LECTURES

Our New Programme of Lectures starts in September

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

A Highland Thing? 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Century Scottish Art

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The Subtle Science & Exact Art of Colour in English Garden Design - Why Gardens Can Rank as Fine Art

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Leonardo da Vinci: Pathfinder of Science

### BOXFORD WI UPDATE

Boxford WI met on Wednesday 2nd June 2021 at Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion. It was so lovely to see members enjoying the sunshine, they were able to take part in games on the field and enjoy a cup of tea, cake and a good natter.



The next afternoon meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm in Boxford Village Hall. This will be our annual meeting with an afternoon tea, provided by The Coffee Box, for those who sign up.

New members are always welcome, so if you are interested in joining please contact our secretary.

Annie Phillips.

Secretary, Boxford WI

**01787 211729** | [annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk)

### Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 4.30-6.30pm

Meeting in Groton Village Hall, CO10 5EL

Starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### The Past is a Foreign Country....

....they do things differently there.

**Tutor: Hugh Black-Hawkins**

This term we will explore what writers make of history and how they create the past in novels, plays and poetry.

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Keats</b>	<i>Eve of St. Agnes,</i> <i>La Belle Dame sans Merci</i> <i>The Eve of St Mark</i>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Shakespeare</b>	<i>Henry VIII</i>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Shakespeare</b>	<i>Henry VIII</i>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov		Reading Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Chaucer</b>	<i>The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale</i>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Francis Spufford</b>	<i>Golden Hill</i>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov		Reading Week
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>George Eliot</b>	<i>Adam Bede</i>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>George Eliot</b>	<i>Adam Bede</i>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Timberlake Wertenbaker</b>	<i>My Country's Good</i>

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

Please contact Mr David Jones for further information and if you are interested in attending. Telephone 01787 211104.

### BOXFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXHIBITION

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2pm - 8pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 8am - 8pm

Boxford Village Hall

Please come and make your views known on the new draft plan for our village. It sets out the kind of development we, the residents, want to see over the next 20 years. This exhibition is your first chance to see the complete draft and comment on the policies we propose. When this plan is further refined, after more consultation it will be submitted for approval early next year. Once approved it must be taken into account by Babergh District Council and developers whenever anything is planned for our village.

The exhibition will have a guided route around extensive display boards setting out our vision for Boxford and the policies that are needed to ensure that any development is appropriate and in line with our plan. You will also see the independent reports we have commissioned to help us formulate our ideas. Maps and photographs will accompany the policies to show what we have in mind and we shall invite you to comment on them on a board. Members of the Steering Group will be present to listen to your views and take questions. There will also be a rolling slideshow on the large screen where you can sit with a cup of tea and see exactly what is proposed and a lot of photos and maps of Boxford to illustrate the plan.

The exhibition will be Covid secure and socially distanced with hand cleanser provided. Please bring your own mask, whatever the Government requirements in place are on the day. The long opening hours indicated on the poster are to ensure that there will be no great crowd of people at any one time.

Do come along to the Village Hall and give your views. This is our first opportunity to agree our aspirations for Boxford and set out a plan to guide its future growth.

You are welcome to contact the Steering Group on [boxfordnp@gmail.com](mailto:boxfordnp@gmail.com) at any time.

**Drop-in Exhibition to view the draft Neighbourhood Plan**

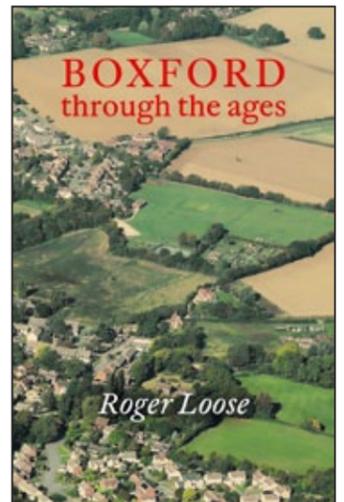
Village Hall, Boxford

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July : 2pm to 8pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July: 8am to 8pm

### THE LAUNCH OF AN EXCITING NEW BOOK ABOUT BOXFORD

You are invited to the launch of *Boxford through the ages: a new history* by Roger Loose, during the Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition at the Village Hall. The book's official launch will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday 8 July, when Roger will be present with other members of the Boxford Society, under whose auspices it is published. Copies will be available for inspection and purchase throughout both days and evenings of the exhibition, which continues on Friday 9 July at 8.00am, when Roger will also attend.



Roger Loose has lived in Boxford for 27 years and this book is the result of his love for this unique village and the many requests to 'write down' what he has discovered. It tells its story from people's first arrival to the present day. To discover more about the life and times of the people who lived here before us, this is a 'must read'. Its 190 pages include a detailed index, four new full-colour maps and 43 photos and illustrations, many never published before, and including some familiar faces.



*Boxford through the ages: a new history* will be for sale at the launch, priced £15, and afterwards as follows:

- direct from Roger at 16 Clubs Lane, Boxford (cash only) Tel. **201538**
- from Boxford Stores & Post Office
- online at [www.boxfordsuffolk.com/boxford-through-the-ages](http://www.boxfordsuffolk.com/boxford-through-the-ages) where it will cost £15 plus postage.

After costs have been met, all proceeds will go to the Boxford Society, a Registered Charity.

Make a date in your diary to visit the Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition and check out this book at the same time.

*Edited, printed & published by Peter Newble, Orphean Press.*

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## EA FESTIVAL IS A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

EA Festival is a new 2-day event that will take place for the first time at Hedingham Castle on 31 July - 1 August and is a true melting pot of music, art, literature, media and environmentalism. The programme features creative leaders such as Charles Saumarez Smith (art historian and former director of both the Royal Academy of Arts and the National Gallery), John Lloyd (creator of Black Adder, QI and Spitting Image), Evelyn Glennie (the renowned deaf percussionist) and Mike Figgis (director of Leaving Las Vegas). Importantly, many of the speakers hail from East Anglia -- William Sieghart (founder of National Poetry Day and Chairman of Somerset House), Rowan Pelling (columnist and founder of The Amorist), Amanda Geitner (director of East Anglia Art Fund) and Hugh Somerleyton (co-founder of WildEast), among others. Box River News recently interviewed festival founder, Joanne Ooi, to learn more about the event.

### How long have you lived in Suffolk?

I moved to Suffolk from Hong Kong five years ago having worked as a luxury industry creative director, an environmental activist, an art gallerist and a start-up entrepreneur. It took a while to get used to the pastoral cadence of country living after the lightning pace of Hong Kong, and one thing I quickly noticed was that there were thousands of artists living in this region, yet the connective tissue within the creative community was threadbare. In September 2020, after having had months during lockdown to think about how I could best contribute to the area, I decided to launch this festival as a way of not only connecting the region's creative hubs together but invigorating the cultural offering for all.



### Tell us more about the line-up?

In all cases, excellence and currency are the touchstones of curation. Speakers have to be leaders in their respective areas and, what's more, they must be compelling on stage. There are many renowned cultural figures and brilliant speakers living in East Anglia so I made it a priority to include several of them. To give you an idea of the festival's breadth and diversity — Charles Saumarez Smith, one of the world's leading art historians, will be talking about his just-launched book, "The Art Museum in Modern Times"; Louise Gray, the author of "The Ethical Carnivore" who ate only what she killed or found for two years, the CEO of Suffolk FWAG, Anna Beames and John Lynch, an environmental scientist focused on the impact of livestock farming on climate change, will answer the question, "Has meat-eating been unfairly vilified?"; Cultural commentators and erotic writers, Rowan Pelling, Daisy Buchanan and Jonnie Bayfield, will talk about sex and relationships in the wake of technology and COVID-19; Mike Figgis, the celebrated director (Leaving Las Vegas), will talk about how polymathism is at the heart of his creative practice. That's just a few of our sessions.

### What makes your festival different from other festivals?

One fantastic thing about wading into an industry about which you know nothing is the lack of baggage about how things "have always been done in our industry." Among my observations about festivals is that they often centre around a single theme – books, chamber music, oysters. Literary festivals tend to be launch pads for authors touting their newest publications and although I have no issue with them functioning as sales and marketing platforms for the publishing industry, that fact alone does not guarantee that a festival's speakers are going to be any good! One of the last festivals I attended before COVID-19 was a well-known history festival and,

despite a speaking roster studded with bold-face names, I passed two full days there in a state of near-narcolepsy.

Rule 1: All too often intellectual or artistic brilliance doesn't actually translate into real-life charisma. I screen-test every EA speaker beforehand, either by watching their video interviews or speaking to them directly on Zoom. A fascinating person is fascinating whether they're talking about their book or explaining how they brush their teeth.

Rule 2: Think about your audience first *then* the product. People are interested in lots of different things – food, sex, books, poetry, music, art, politics. Just as you wouldn't spend an entire day talking about Napoleon or cheese-making, people crave a smorgasbord of content, experiences and voices.

Rule 3: Moderation of a festival is central to its success. EA Festival will tap into that by having a series of panel discussions – they are my favourite way to ensure that the air doesn't get sucked out of the room. Just as important, they provide an opportunity for debate and disagreement – the real gold of festival programming.

### What are your plans for the future?

To keep on going... in partnership with more institutions and stakeholders in the region. I consider the festival a starting point for fostering greater connectivity across East Anglia at all levels, between non-profits, regional and local business, art and commerce — between all the individuals and groups who are passionate about art, culture and creativity really.

Tickets and info at: [www.eafestival.com](http://www.eafestival.com).



**TIGER HILL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**  
SE of Sudbury, Suffolk  
Woodland, Heathland and Grassland



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTARY WARDEN

*Do you have reasonable wildlife ID skills and are able to monitor what is present? Can turn your hand to simple habitat management work? Good at record keeping and working with people?*

**INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH FOR A ROLE DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS ON THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

Contact Sue Hooton, LNR Chairperson by email [sue.hooton@phonecoop.coop](mailto:sue.hooton@phonecoop.coop). Booking required for our visit afternoons early July. Deadline for applications 24 July and online interviews 31 July 2021




## Edwardstone Millennium Green Work Party

Volunteers needed to help out with tidying and maintaining the Green on the morning of the first Saturday of every month.

Come along and get involved with the work needed to look after this wonderful local amenity. Jobs can be found for everybody and you will certainly be made to feel welcome.

Turn up for 9am start.

## Boxford Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 (term time only)  
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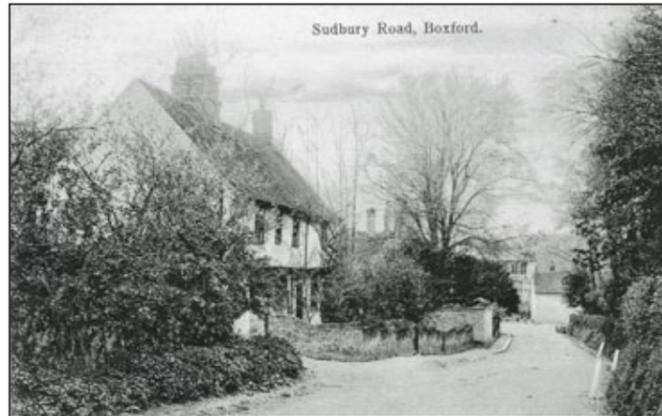
**Call Sue Price 01787 210913  
website: [madrigalia.uk](http://madrigalia.uk)**

# STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

When Covid caused the first lockdown of 2020, I decided to try and complete the filing and organisation of the Boxford Society village archive. Departed villagers had kindly left me so many boxes of papers, which I had hastily read but left unfiled. My husband Roger meanwhile had decided to write a history of Boxford. He had easy access to the digital files but only I knew where to lay my hands on hard copy materials. The result has been a 190 page book, *Boxford through the Ages - a New History*, with many photographs and new full colour maps [Ed's Note: On sale now, see page 17] - and an orderly archive.

There are many stories in Roger's book which bear further expansion so I will be using the archive to fill out those stories and facts in a series of articles for the Box River News. I am often asked about the old, long gone 'Tudor House' on School Hill so my stories begin there.

## The 'Tudor House' and the Joslin family



The Tudor house as it was before 1911.

From time to time we are asked about a postcard someone has acquired showing a large, apparently Tudor house on School Hill. This mystery house has an interesting story and appears to have been lived in by Joslin family from 1861 or earlier. It was situated between the Old Grammar School and Knollgate. Early 20th century postcards show a modest Tudor house surrounded by a brick wall. Later postcards show it renovated with an enormous mock Tudor extension at the uphill end of the older house. This was added in 1913.



Grandfather Walter Joslin outside The Swan Inn c1905.

The Joslin family lived in the original house. Walter Joslin, a small farmer, and his wife Elizabeth Baker had 14 children, with 12 reaching adulthood. They moved as a family of 10 from Hadleigh Hamlet (part of Boxford!) into the Tudor House around 1876, but other Joslins probably resided there before them. By 1901, for family reasons, their daughter Eliza living in Colchester sent her 3rd child, Violet Tebboth, to live with her grandparents, Walter and Elizabeth. Violet is just two years old in 1901



Violet Tebboth aged 12 in 1911, the year her Grandfathers estate was sold.

and stays with them until her return to guardians in Colchester, probably in 1911 or just before. It is Violet's attachment to Boxford, the Tudor House and this family that provides us with the most vivid memories of that period. She was an avid and eloquent writer and loved letter and postcard writing to her Uncle Walter Jnr. who was Walter Snr. and Elizabeth's 14th and youngest child. Walter Jnr. was 14yrs old when Violet was born in 1899. They appear to have written to each other regularly until his death at the age of 92.



Walter Joslin Jnr, Violet's caring uncle.

Violet reminds him in her letters, of the way they leant out of the upstairs middle window at the front of the house to pluck greengages with a purple bloom from the tree growing close to the wall. They went cowslip picking on her grandfather's land at Chapel Field next to Wynne House in Swan Street and had family treats in the meadow behind. She recalls the long bank sloping up to her grandfather's field where the primroses grew. Probably the same bank that currently slopes up to the houses just beyond Wynne House.

The house was so cold she suffered terribly with chilblains, and grandma would take her round the orchard to pick suitable herbs to make ointment to treat them. Her feet were so bad she was made special cloth boots to protect her feet from the cold pamment brick floors and young Walter would carry her to school in Stone Street to help protect her feet. Walter always found time for her and a brotherly relationship endured even after he moved to London with his wife, Louisa Beer. They named their first child Violet, perhaps a recognition of the affection towards the little Violet he championed as a teenager.



The Tudor House after extension c 1913.

Violet remembers the big, old Tudor fireplaces, the wagons of coal collected by her grandfather from Sudbury station to keep the heat up in the fiercely cold house and the cutting of logs on a sawing horse by Uncle Fred and 'Turry' Griggs with a double handled saw out by the backhouse. She remembers too how grandfather also went off to Sudbury market and stabled his horse and cart at The Bear yard while he completed his business. Aggie the 8th child seemed to Violet to do most of the housework and Violet thought Grandma rather delicate. (Are we surprised after bearing 14 children and rearing 12, followed by responsibility for a grandchild?) Meanwhile Violet's Uncle Jack the 13th child was raising pigeons in the backhouse loft. Whether they were for pigeon pie or as a hobby, she does not say. They let some rooms to agricultural workers as the house was quite large once the children began leaving home. The family worshipped at the Congregational Church in Swan Street and Walter Snr. and Elizabeth are buried there. Their children married into local families and families across the country giving Walter Snr. and Elizabeth hundreds of descendants.

The original Tudor House, really more of a row of cottages facing on to the road, enabled Violet to watch the birds in the Plantation opposite, where the Rectory now stands. They may have been weaver's cottages, but there is no absolute proof of this. It certainly was for a period a pub called The Queen's Head and there was evidence of malting and brewing buildings out the back. Violet believed it had been a coaching inn at some time, but again there is no evidence. In a back room there was a trap door and a cellar which had an underground passage to the maltings across the yard. The house originally had wooden floors downstairs, but as they rotted Violet's grandfather Walter replaced them with brick pamment floors. Removing the rotten boards revealed many old coins which Violet was given to play with. There were two oak staircases. One was beautifully carved and sold to a gentleman in Hadleigh before Violet lived with them. It may still grace an old house in Hadleigh. There were three front doors, two of them studded. Other internal studded doors were found when the house was deconstructed. The dates 1655 and 1426 were carved in the structure.

In 1911 Walter Joslin Snr. died and the house and land were offered for sale. It was sold by Grimwade auctioneers at The Fleece for £830 to G W Harris. This included 'Two Cottage Tenements, Agricultural Buildings, Productive Orchard and Small Arable Field'. The map for the sale shows only a small area of land encircling the old Grammar School in those days, and a much larger field around the Tudor House and reaching back behind the Grammar School. Walter Snr. also owned three other plots of land in Butchers Lane (Glasscocks), Stone Street and Wynne Field (Chapel Field) which were sold at the same time. These fields were sold to Mr Charles H. Kembal, Mr Walter Eley, and Mr Fredrick Kingsbury respectively. The sale raised a total of £1107. The goods and chattels were sold separately.

Two Ipswich business men bought the house in the 1911 sale and renovated it. They then set about building a large extension in Tudor style which is the main building in the photo that captivates so many people. This new wing included a typical Tudor Great Hall 40ft x 20ft with bay (oriel) windows, a vaulted ceiling and a minstrel gallery. Soon after it was finished, the building was deconstructed, both the old and the new structure. Every timber was carefully labelled and stored in Ipswich. It is thought that it was intended to be shipped to America, but the Great War intervened and it was not. An alternative story is that Capt. Reginald Wentworth Alfred James Cosway arranged for its deconstruction and storage until it could be taken to his chosen site in Sussex. The dates do not support this story. Village folk believe in the USA story. It is thought that Cosway purchased it when it failed to leave Britain and moved it to Sussex after the war. The deconstruction and re-erection of wooden framed buildings was not unusual. Ancient House in Clubs Lane, off Ellis Street, was almost certainly first erected at Lavenham and then rebuilt in Boxford in 1485.

The new 1920s site for the Tudor House was Billingham, Sussex and its new name was Beke Hall. It took three years to rebuild and was sadly burnt down in September 1965. After rebuilding in 1960s style it was eventually resold at auction in 1996 by Mrs F. M. Sewell, her family home of 14 years. It was then still described as an old house from Boxford, Suffolk and we might therefore presume that the fire had not totally destroyed every timber of the building in 1965. - or was it simply estate agent embellishment? There is still a five bedroomed 1960s Beke Hall on the site with no resemblance whatsoever to the original.

Thanks to Miss V.J. Joslin of Barnstaple, cousin of Violet, who had the foresight to pass the family documents to the Boxford Society in 1996, which, together with the photos owned by Von Whymark, inspired the initial formation of the Boxford Archive.

Tina Loose May 2021

Would you like to be the Local Recorder for:  
**GROTON or BOXFORD?**



The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Records Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Records Pack by visiting [www.slhc.org.uk](http://www.slhc.org.uk) to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact [recorders@slhc.org.uk](mailto:recorders@slhc.org.uk)

## Readers' Letters

Following on from the item "A Call from Boxford Village Hall" in June's edition, I understand that there was very little response - i.e. two people including myself.

As requested, I contacted Joe Barrett and said that I would be happy to join the Management Committee and help in whatever way I could. As a result I attended their monthly meeting yesterday.

I was amazed to discover that the committee consists of only four people, who between them are responsible for the entire running and management of the hall. A great deal of the work to date has been done by Veronica Hobbs, for which she deserves our massive gratitude, but when she retires in September this work will need to be taken over by other members of the committee.

Most of the jobs involved are small and occasional, but there are many of them. If they could be divided between several people this could easily be managed, however with just four people it is a mammoth task.

Boxford is lucky to have a great village hall and there can't be many of us who don't benefit from it in some way. If more people don't become involved in its running, it could be that it will have to close down, which would be a disaster for the village.

So folks, please contact Joe Barrett at [joe@joebarrett.me](mailto:joe@joebarrett.me) and offer a little of your time to help keep this community facility going. It would be greatly missed if it were no longer there.

Jane Elliott

### Barry Lambert R.S.S

Following the passing of my beloved husband Barry I would like to say thank you to friends and neighbours for all the cards and flowers I have received, and to Stewart & Wendy Harvey for the lovely surprise display of tractors in Hadleigh Road they had organised for Barry's final journey from Calais Street, it was such a fitting tribute and send off for him, and to all the friends and neighbours who lined Calais Street & Hadleigh Road to pay their respects.

One last huge thank you must go to Gordon & Rhona, Trevor & Laura, Steve & Gail and to Jayne Williams for always being there when I needed help, and to Dr. Croot and Paramedic Terry from Hadleigh Health Centre.

Yours

Angela, Fred & Steven.

## REMEMBERING BARRY

**Barry Lambert 18<sup>th</sup> May 1943 – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Sadly back in April the Box River Benefice lost Barry Lambert, well known throughout the local villages as our local blacksmith and farrier. His work can be seen throughout the benefice - as well as numerous architectural features he also created the Groton and Aldham village signs.

In 1988 he worked with the Queen's Pageantmaster Bruno Peek to create some of the metal beacons used for the 400-year anniversary of the Spanish Armada's defeat - one of which can be seen on The Croft at Sudbury. One of his smaller beacons is still in the courtyard at the White Hart pub in Boxford.

Barry lived in Boxford for nearly 45 years having moved from Grundisburgh and did a huge amount for the village, often 'knocking up' tools and doing little repair jobs for other villagers but taking no reward as he was happy to help out and just enjoyed doing it.

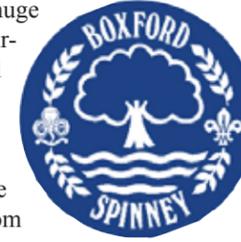
Barry was a staunch supporter of the Hadleigh Show and had been the honorary duty farrier for many years. He loved his vintage tractors and was also organiser of the vintage tractor display at the Hadleigh Show. Over the years Barry had many vintage tractors and loved taking them to shows and competed in ploughing matches and won a few shields. He owned a 1941 John Deere which is now owned by Fred but his favourite was his 1942 Allis Chalmers Model 'U' which he bought in 1971 and is now owned by Steven, this was used for his final journey up to the West Suffolk Crematorium driven by Steven with Fred as co-pilot.

Barry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Angela, and his two sons Fred and Steven. It is a very, very sad loss for the community as he was such a wellknown figure throughout the village.



## TAMING BOXFORD SPINNEY

The Boxford Spinney is used by a huge number of youth groups. It is a picturesque woodland haven that is a vital retreat for many youngsters in our benefice. Nature managed to take full advantage of the pandemic lockdown and it has fallen into an overgrown state of disrepair that is preventing groups from taking full advantage of the amazing space.



It just needs a touch of maintenance to make it fully usable again.

We are looking for some volunteers of all ages to join us at Boxford Spinney on Wednesday Mornings 09:00 - 12:00 to carry out maintenance and development tasks to restore the quality of the facilities. No experience needed, heavy-duty gloves advised and most importantly bring a mug for a cup of tea. Just turn up and enjoy a couple of cathartic hours in the woods.

## EBONY'S DIARY

It's been great to have my door hooked back so that I can see what's going on in the yard. The swallows are back but are annoyed with us for closing the top doors of the stables at night now. Historically too many fan-tailed pigeons have nested in our roof spaces and done what comes naturally all over our equipment. The humans have decided to keep them out of the rafters this year so unless the swallows can negotiate the louvered windows at the back of each stable they are having to look elsewhere. We love hearing them call as they dash around the yard, almost too fast to be seen.

More riders are returning so that some sessions now have four horses or ponies working a lesson; we've been able to welcome some new riders but STILL we can't help our wheelchair jockeys, they need just too much contact with the volunteers for it to be safe. The yard remains closed to the riders except for mounting. They have to dismount and leave straight away without helping to un-tack or give the ponies a cuddle. The yard is taken up with saddle horses on which bridles, saddles and equipment can be sterilised after each ride. Boots and hats get the same treatment. It all makes extra work for the volunteers but no one is complaining, we are just glad to be operating.

Max, my Friday rider, has kindly allowed me to send in this photo of him doing stretches with the rubber band whilst trotting on me. You'll notice that he rides on a fleece rather than a saddle and that he can see himself in a mirror to correct his posture if necessary. My riders work very hard at improving their strength and Max is no exception. He can ride fast whilst we are together, I guess we both enjoy ourselves.

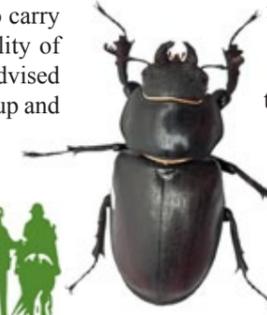


I hope you all enjoy yourselves this month. No more exams for the GCSE students and a long summer holiday ahead for most. Please carry on being careful of yourselves, and mindful of others. We want to be at full capacity for the new school year, with all restrictions behind us by September. Good luck!

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding, Shelley, IP7 5QY  
Reg. Charity No. 1113636  
Tel: 01473 824172 [www.shelleyrda.com](http://www.shelleyrda.com)

## SAVE OUR STAG BEETLES!

Stag Beetles (*Lucanus cervus*) are the UK's largest beetle and a truly spectacular sight. If you've ever seen a large male Stag Beetle fly ponderously over your head on a warm summer's evening then it's an experience you'll never forget. Whilst the male beetles look heavily well-armed and threatening they are actually totally harmless to humans and those big antlers are only used to wrestle other males in courtship battles. Their fat-bodied larvae live exclusively on decaying broad-leaved trees, and the loss of our woodland habitats is a serious threat to Stag Beetle survival.



Laura Bower, Conservation Officer at the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) explains, "Stag Beetles were once a common sight, but they've declined - mostly due to habitat loss - and have even become extinct in some parts of Europe. We can't let that happen in the UK which is why we're encouraging as many people as possible to help save these spectacular insects by making small changes to their gardens and by telling us about any sightings. These simple actions will allow us to understand exactly where Stag Beetles are still living and where they need most help."

### STAG BEETLE FACT FILE

- Male Stag Beetles are easily distinguishable from females as they have large scary-looking (but just for show) antlers on their heads
- Stag Beetles spend 6 years of their lives as larvae underground and in rotting wood, and then just 3 months as actual beetles above ground before they die!
- Larvae can actually be larger than adult male beetles at 110mm long whilst the males typically reach up to 75mm in size
- The larvae help tidy up fallen trees from the forest floor and this returns important minerals to the soil.
- The favourite type of decaying wood for larvae is Oak.
- Male Stag Beetles will fly on warm summer evenings to find females that attract them by releasing a pheromone (Stag Beetle perfume!)
- Stag Beetles were also called billywitches, oak-ox and horse pincher in olden times!
- After mating with a male Stag Beetle, the female lays up to 21 eggs in the same place as where she first emerged as a beetle
- In Medieval times people believed that Stag Beetles summoned lightning storms and also flew around with hot coals in their jaws setting fire to buildings.
- Stag Beetles are an endangered species in the UK and are extinct in Denmark and Luxembourg

### HOW TO HELP STAG BEETLES

It is really important that we help Stag Beetles as they play a vital role in our environment by recycling dead and rotten wood, which helps the woodland remain fertile for trees of future generations. You can help by reporting any sightings at <https://ptes.org/stagbeetles> or by ensuring they have homes by building a log pile in your garden. Just several logs are all that's needed, and you can even upload the location of your log pile to PTES.



Good luck spotting this amazing animal!

### CARING FOR YOUR DOG DURING WARM WEATHER

**Dogs lose heat through panting, can only sweat through their paws, and are at high risk of getting heatstroke. Follow our top tips to keep your dog cool in the heat.**

#### PROVIDE SHADE AND WATER

- Provide constant access to shaded areas inside and out.
- Ensure there is always cold, clean, fresh water available.

#### WALKIES

- Head out in the early morning or late evening when it's cooler.
- Don't run or cycle with your dog when it's hot.
- Avoid pavements. If the ground is too hot to touch with your hand for a few seconds, it's too hot for paws!

#### KEEPING COOL

- Prevent sunburn by using pet-safe sunscreen on ear tips and nose.
- Brush your dog regularly to keep their coat thin and free from mats or knots.
- Use frozen toys, paddling pools or water sprinklers to entertain and cool your dog down.

#### REMEMBER:

Dogs can die in hot environments. See: [rspca.org.uk/dogsinhotcars](https://rspca.org.uk/dogsinhotcars)

Never leave pets in vehicles, caravans, conservatories or outbuildings in warm weather.

#### HEATSTROKE CAN KILL.

Know the signs of heatstroke and contact a vet immediately if you spot them: heavy panting, excessive drooling, lethargy, drowsiness, uncoordinated movements, a state of collapse and vomiting.

## Soap Box

Might we be about to see the return of inflation as a factor in our lives? If we do, does it matter? Inflation is generally viewed as a bad thing. History tells us that a sharp and continuous rise in the cost of living destroys economies and societies. The inflation generated collapse of the Weimar Republic in Germany following the First World War ushered in the Hitler led Nazi regime. Zimbabwe's economy imploded through inflation. And South America has a long history of economic and social upheaval engendered by inflation.

We've had our fair share of inflationary worries in this country. Stimulated by a quadrupling in the price of oil in the early 1970s, closely followed by a banking crisis and a change of government that ushered in a period of rapidly rising wages, the cost of living soared to +25% at one stage, stifling the economy and requiring Chancellor Denis Healey to go cap in hand to the International Monetary Fund to request a bail-out.

But we survived. Arguably we actually benefitted – or at least some of us did. You see, inflation – if not too severe – can carry some positive elements. For a start, it devalues debt. And it can enhance the value of financial assets. Back in the late 1970s, someone like me, who had become a homeowner in the previous decade, would have seen the value of their property rise significantly in value, while the mortgage taken out to finance the purchase dwindled in terms of both affordability and the percentage of the house it accounted for – all through inflation.

The baby boomer generation – of which I account myself as a member – found their wealth enhanced as a consequence. Of course, these so-called benefits were not evenly spread and many suffered as a result of the cost of living rising so much. Interest rates here topped 20% - an unheard-of figure today. In those countries where inflation was allowed to rampage unchecked, the damage was considerable. But governments tend to treat inflation as a tool of economic management. Indeed, our own Bank of England has a target of 2% inflation as considered desirable.

Undershoot or overshoot and those tasked with managing the economy are in trouble. In these hitherto low inflationary times, undershooting has been considered the most heinous crime. This is because deflation – a period when prices actually fall – is believed to be the bigger threat to our economic wellbeing. Falling prices discourages spending, which in turn stifles economic growth. Japan went through this for several decades and slipped down the economic ranks as a consequence.

But controlling inflation is no easy task. It is said that inflation is a genie that, once released, is remarkably difficult to rebottle. One of the ways in which governments and central banks are capable of stimulating inflation is through printing money. This is the way in which they feel most able to stave off economic disaster when external influences combine to upset the status quo. Thus, in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008, printing money became fashionable. It worked, in the sense that the recession the crisis engendered was reversed and, remarkably, inflation did not take off as a result.

So, unsurprisingly this approach has been adopted to deal with the recessionary pressures brought about by the pandemic. This time, though, inflation is rearing its ugly head. Perhaps it is because the sheer scale of government and central bank intervention has been far greater than was necessary more than twelve years ago. But there are other factors in play. The pandemic demanded the imposition of restrictions to limit its spread, which in turn led to disruption in the provision of raw materials and in the supply chain in general.

Witness the way in which building materials have shot up in price, while the price of oil has now risen above \$70 a barrel – a

massive rise since before the pandemic. Commodity prices in general have soared, with the Bloomberg Index that measures such things as copper, iron, oil and some agricultural products at an all-time high. In China, the latest producer price index – the cost of goods emerging from factories – recorded a 9% jump, though the more relevant measure to the man in the street – the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – was much more muted.

In America the latest CPI numbers disclosed a rise of 5%, much higher than expectations. Most economic observers view this as a temporary blip. I hope they are right. A sustained rise in the cost of living will demand harsh action from the central bank, which in turn could suppress the economic recovery presently underway. We need to keep an eye on inflation. It affects us all. If, like me, you remember the days when inflation took off here nearly 50 years ago, you will know it was not a comfortable experience. You have been warned.

Brian Tora

## KENNY'S NEWS FROM SESAW



Delicious! A steaming, hot cuppa on a roasting hot day. As I buried my face in Tanya's mug to glean the last drops of her tea, I couldn't help earwiggling about some good news.

Mum was very pleased because the Barn Owl was ready to leave us. Lea will keep a watch on the welfare and supplement its food for as long as is necessary to ensure a smooth transition back to the bird's natural environment. Several birds of prey needed intensive

feeding to rectify the harsh conditions they experienced due to the wet, cold Spring. One of them also had a fractured wing which was repaired by our vet, now all the raptors have been returned to the wild

If a run on the wild side appeals, there is just time to enlist in the Nayland 10K on Sunday 12th July. This fun, family event (not a race) for all levels, is well organised and raises lots of money for several local charities including SESAW.

Sign up at:

[www.nayland10k.co.uk](http://www.nayland10k.co.uk)

As we all adapt to the 'new normal' some of our volunteers have moved on, leaving us short of animal carers. If you can help and have a morning to spare each week, please leave a message on our answerphone or email with your details. Jobs include cleaning kennels, dog walking and feeding – which reminds me, it's time for dinner! Come on Mum, put the kettle on for another brew and don't forget to save some for me!

We are not holding any fundraising events this year but our trusty volunteers will attend sales and markets arranged by various organisations or sell things locally, online and at their garden gates. Speaking of which, it's time for me to accompany Mum on her evening rounds then it's a cosy bed by the fire.

Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Reg. Charity  
No.1124029, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.

Tel: 01787 210888 [www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk)

## FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

As any of you who have been reading the monthly newsletter from Jann Turner, the founder of French's Care Haven (the local charity and sanctuary for unwanted large horses [8], unloved donkeys [4], elderly Shetland ponies [2], and laminitic ponies [3]) will know, her coterie of rescued animals are now comfortably installed on and in the fields and shelters just below Groton Woods.

In order to run this menagerie Jann has rustled up a motley contingent of helpers, both as paying patrons and working volunteers and somehow has managed to lasso some of us who do both and goodness, it is such fun! We come from all walks of life, in various states of repair, with ages ranging from 11-77. Not bad! Not all of us have had previous experience of working with and around horses. Some of us volunteer for personal stress reasons, and I like to think we all look out for each other.

So why not come and join us?! We watch rabbits and birds, we see strange planes fly past in the cloudless skies, we watch the horses having a magical time of freedom and safety, we may



Caroline with her favourite donkey, Frankie

sometimes stop and chat to each other in passing, straws in mouth, wheelbarrows in hands, pony nuts in pocket and pass the time of day while doing chores around the fields and shelters. We listen to the natural world in action, and I heard my first cuckoo call last week.

Surely there has to be a downside? Well, there is. Horses and donkeys never seem to stop eating, thus never stop pooing! As the eldest volunteer (and self-nominated poo-picker-in-chief) I am occasionally gently helped by the youngsters but regardless, I have noticed how much fitter, happier, and generally well-rounded (well, lockdown didn't help) I am since I joined the team in February.

So, please, I would appeal to anyone of any age, who wants to come and join us? I do two or three 2-hour shifts a week. Frankie, the biggest, darkest, softest donkey is my special person, so carrots and grooming are in order when the work is done and I sponsor him with monthly bank payments to French's. Regarding Jann the founder, she is amazing. She carries the whole charity on her shoulders and even though the cost of running such an outfit is endless, she continues undaunted, with the rest of us backing her up as much as possible. But, (and there is always a but), the Centre needs FINANCIAL help most of all, as does every charity, and I know we all receive letters showing people and animals around the world suffering terribly. Jann has saved her troupe from fates just like those, and The Haven is a charity on our own doorstep with which we can all perhaps help either with time, donations or, better still, both. Thanks for reading this, Caroline.

Please contact Jann: 07747 755556

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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH Your County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### COVID 19 infection rates over April - May are still down with recent upturns leading to more caution.

I am delighted to report the rapid increase at the beginning of the year has been reversed and those newly infected in the "7 day" period from 20 -27th May in my villages within my Division was **again ZERO**. This has been consistent throughout the whole of March and April. However. Sadly, there are areas where the infection levels are still slightly going up **partially complicated by the Indian strain - B1.617.2**. As some of these are still very much "close to home", **Colchester and Sudbury**, we must continue to stick to the guidance rigidly NOT LEAST NOW to protect us all from this virulent strain.

**Re Vaccination** - I am pleased to say that Suffolk is now vaccinating the over 40s and others for their second inoculation. **BUT** as we are emerging out of Lockdown we are all encouraged, if we are meeting people in the community, **to do a Rapid Flow Test twice a week with the home testing kits**.

*Regular testing is seen as key in controlling the spread of the virus as the UK's vaccination programme continues. Shops, pubs, and indoor leisure businesses such as gyms re-opened in England on Monday April 12 under the government's roadmap to recovery from lockdown, and in Suffolk bosses are being asked to sign up to the Yes2Test scheme which asks them to commit to workforce testing.*



### COVID 19 - Home testing kits now available from libraries and pharmacies as opening times change for community test sites.

It was announced on April 15 that home testing kits will be made available from libraries and pharmacies across Suffolk as part of the fight against coronavirus.

**Lateral flow devices (LFD)** can now be obtained free from any library in the county, subject to stock availability and opening times. Similarly, more than 130 NHS pharmacies across Suffolk will be taking part in the Pharmacy Collect scheme, where people can collect kits free of charge. **In Sudbury they are still available from The Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Great Cornard. CO10 0WD.**

**Pharmacy Collect** sits under the national NHS Test & Trace service and is being operated by Suffolk Local Pharmaceutical Committee, which represents 136 community chemists including independents and those part of larger community pharmacy chains.

### Lockdown restrictions were eased on 17<sup>th</sup> May - what has changed?

As of 17th May, England entered the next phase of the lockdown easing. Pubs and restaurants are now able to serve customers indoors, and social distancing guidelines have been relaxed.

#### Here is a full list of what you can now do:

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors
- Six people or two households can meet indoors and overnight stays can take place
- Up to 30 people can attend weddings, receptions and other life events
- Number of people who can attend a funeral is no longer capped, but determined by the size of venue
- Up to 30 are allowed to attend a support group or parent-and-child group (not counting under fives)
- Care home residents can have up to five named visitors, and more freedom for visits out of the home

- Pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants will be allowed to serve customers indoors
- Indoor entertainment such as museums, cinemas and children's play areas can open
- Theatres, concert halls, conference centres and sports stadiums can all reopen
- Organised adult sports and exercise classes can restart indoors
- Steam rooms and saunas may reopen
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen

Social distancing has now changed slightly too. You may have 'close physical contact' with family members, this includes handshakes and hugs.

We await the Government's announcement on 21st June 2021 on any further easing of lockdown restrictions in this area following the changes in Manchester region and the hint of more easing for attendance at weddings.

### New guide drafted to support major developments in Suffolk

*It was announced on May 17th that Suffolk County Council had launched a consultation on an updated version of its "Developers Guide". It is a document to support all those involved in major planning applications in the county.*

Whenever major developments are considered, for example new housing or industrial sites, they will likely have an impact on the local community. This could result in increased demands on the local infrastructure, for example more local traffic, more people living in a community, more school places needed, and many other local services.

To make sure that new developments result in improvements to local communities, developers must make financial contributions to local authorities, known as Section 106 agreements, or through the Community Infrastructure Levy. This money can then be put towards services to support the increase in demand made by the new development.

This updated guide has not been written as a set of rules, but to support developers and make them aware of what they should consider with their plans. It explains how we calculate the levels of financial contributions, so that we can manage the impact of a development and make sure it has a positive impact on our communities.

*During 2019/20, the county council secured over £46m towards infrastructure from Section 106 agreements. We must continue to secure sufficient contributions from developments, to help fund services like schools, libraries and household waste recycling centres. This will help us to protect communities, their residents, and the demands on local services.*

### State-of-the-art vehicles join Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's fleet

On May 20th, it was announced that Suffolk Fire and Rescue had unveiled three new vehicles, packed with the latest technology, to support firefighters at emergency incidents. The Command Support Vehicles will typically be used as a hub at large, complex incidents, from which officers can manage operations and work with other emergency services.

Some of the new features on the vehicles include:

- **Dedicated WiFi**, enabling officers at the scene to quickly stream and share data, images, footage and plans with colleagues who are based remotely, for example at the Combined Fire Control Room
- **LCD display built into the side of the vehicle**, allowing officers to share content with other agencies attending an incident, such as live drone footage and plans
- **Latest communications and computer technology with access to live information**, weather reports, data on substances and chemicals, and direct contact with other agencies and services

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has invested £360,000 in the new units, which replace the three existing Command Support Vehicles. With these new, more advanced vehicles in the fleet, Suffolk Fire

and Rescue Service has even better tools at its disposal to take command of incidents.

It's important that the service continues to invest in such equipment, so that staff and crews can carry out their jobs to the best of their abilities, and are safe whilst doing so. In turn, this helps us to protect Suffolk's residents.

### Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley

*Since the incidence of COVID 19 sadly the demand for this service has increased significantly.* Therefore, those who would like to find out more refer to the website -

[www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk/events](http://www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk/events) or join one of the following events:-

The Foster Carer recruitment Event is held the **1st Wednesday of every month, and the Adoption Event is the 1st Thursday. All 7:00pm in your home.**

To book a place **please email** [Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk). She will then send instructions on how to join the virtual meeting. As always, our team will be happy to answer any questions you have about fostering or adoption! They normally will have a foster carer or adoptive parent available to help you too at these events.

**Please continue to spread the word.**

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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Your Babergh District Councillor

The most exciting and positive event this month has been the arrival of so many migrating birds and the plethora of so much spring life in the form of fledgling chicks, spring flowers and vegetation, I have counted at least 6 nests in and around the workshop that have all produced young that all seem to have made it out into their new world successfully. After what we have been through in the past year or so, it does give us all hope that some sort of normal life is still all around us and we can get pleasure and hope from watching it prosper and flourish.

Another rare visitor that touched down amongst us in Suffolk this month was the great Joe Biden, President of the United States of America, which hopefully will be more united than in the past 4 years. It was so refreshing to see a real statesman in our country with a real message of hope and a responsible way forward for the world. Maybe he will influence those he brushes shoulders with in the U.K. to think more about the welfare, health and prosperity of all the people in this Un-united Kingdom.

Nearer to home, my request for a site meeting for the 64 mainly unaffordable homes at Sandhill was granted and we await that happening when it is safe to take place, this will be a chance for the elected councillors who will make this decision to see the problems of the highway situation that we have to cope with in Boxford. With the dangers and madness of all forms of traffic and pedestrians sharing the highway space in Swan St and mounting the existing pavement to get through, I do not want to see a repeat of this in Broad St and Ellis St.

Any additional development in the village has to come with some infrastructure improvements, including relief and expansion for our school, not more highway chaos just to satisfy a developer who will pocket their monetary gain and move on to another village and district who have a weak and out of date local plan. This debacle has to date cost BDC (that's you and me as taxpayers) £24,538.19.

Following the BDC AGM, I remain as chair of Audit and Standards, the new chair of the planning committee is Glemsford's

independent Cllr Stephen Plumb, the new chair of Scrutiny is Mary Maclaren from the peninsular and the new chair of the whole council is Cllr Adrian Osbourne from Sudbury with Kathryn Grandon supporting him from the Vice Chair position.

Elsewhere in my ward it is so nice to at last see the 4 new little houses coming to fruition in Groton. These are genuine local houses for Groton people and will fill a void left by the selling off of our precious council housing stock. They should be completed in autumn and I hope they will provide a nice warm, economic and safe home for those that are lucky enough to get one. Hopefully we can have a public open day for viewing.

Also in the north part of my ward at Monks Eleigh, BDC has purchased the five local affordable homes on the old school site to add to our stock and to keep up our housing portfolio, once again just for village locals or those with village connections to have a home. Hopefully these will help with the affordability crisis faced by the young and low-waged who still undertake vital roles in our society.

Have a great summer and enjoy the many local events that are now being held in our villages, these are mostly to raise much-needed funds for organisations that all need our help and will make a valuable contribution to our village way of life. Also please try to support local businesses throughout our area, if we all use our shops and local businesses a little, they will prosper and survive to be there when the snow falls, when fuel is scarce or unaffordable or when the next pandemic comes upon us. Or maybe we just want to chat and mix with others in our community. Every mile that we do not travel is helping our aim to be carbon neutral.

Here's hoping that England are still in the Euros when you read this. Hopefully 'Sir' Marcus Rashford can do as much for our national football team as he did for all our children and students in their time of need. Come on, in the net.

Bryn. xx.

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# SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL

Discover something new with Suffolk Walking Festival 2021



Suffolk's well known Walking Festival returned in 2021 for its 14th instalment, but this year it returned with a twist. It was the very first Virtual Suffolk Walking Festival and a roaring success!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the guided Suffolk Walking Festival couldn't take place. Instead the new virtual festival included self-guided walks with fun facts about Suffolk, family activity sheets, podcasts and videos from around the county. All of these invaluable resourced are still available for walkers to enjoy throughout the summer online at [www.suffolk-walkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolk-walkingfestival.co.uk) and by their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/suffolkwalkingfestival](http://www.facebook.com/suffolkwalkingfestival).

You don't have to be an avid walker to join the fun as the activities range from short strolls and gentle rambles to some more challenging hikes. Following the increase in popularity of walking over the last 12 months, the festival this year aimed to nurture members of the public's newfound interest in Suffolk's countryside and the positive impact walking has had on our physical health, mental wellbeing and the environment.

Cllr Matthew Hicks, Leader of Suffolk County Council, said: "In a year when many events and group gatherings are cancelled or considerably reduced I am pleased that the Suffolk Walking Festival 2021 was able to happen in some form.

"The pandemic has encouraged many more of us to go out walking and discover our county's beautiful countryside and I hope this continues. Walking has so many known benefits for our health and wellbeing."

David Falk, Green Access Manager, Suffolk County Council, said: "The Suffolk Walking Festival has so many loyal followers that it would have been a shame to have had to cancel the event for

the second year in a row. This is why the whole team behind the event is so delighted and excited to be able to offer our very first virtual walking festival.

"Many of our walk leaders and even some of our followers have got really creative on our behalf, filming their favourite walks and recording the sounds of the countryside. We've even launched a brand new podcast series all about walking in Suffolk to accompany the event."

The podcast episodes can all be accessed and downloaded onto a device for listening to whilst out and about by accessing: <http://bit.ly/suffolk-walking-festival>.

BBC Radio Suffolk's Lesley Dolphin, ambassador for the Suffolk Walking Festival said: "Although the Suffolk Walking Festival couldn't happen as a group activity this year, I'm thrilled it's went ahead online. Walking is something most of us have been able to do through the lockdowns and so hopefully more of us than ever will have a look and head out on some of the walks that are featured.

I know many people have discovered places near to their homes that they had never enjoyed before – and this is an opportunity to get out and discover bits of our lovely county that you've not visited. It's also a chance to tell us about your favourite bits of Suffolk. Getting into our countryside and enjoying the birds, flowers and wildlife is so good for the soul as we have learnt. Happy Walking!"

Suffolk's Walking Festival was supported by Suffolk councils, many partners and charities including BBC Radio Suffolk, Suffolk Magazine, National Trust and RSPB, and community groups such as Shotley Open Spaces and Clare Country Park.

Members of the public are being encouraged to share their photos and experiences of the festival this year online by using the hashtag #SWF21

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### HAVE YOUR SAY

The Covid virus has impacted on all of us. It has been an unexpected catalyst for massive changes in our everyday lives. Retail businesses, offices, the leisure sector have all had to meet the challenges of the restrictions. The biggest upheaval has been within the health sector where hospitals and local GPs have had to reconsider their work practices to try and maintain their level of service but still keep their patients safe. This has meant making much more use of IT. Medical matters will still be dealt with effectively but without unnecessary personal visits to the surgery. This has also helped reduce the risk of infection. Some of these arrangements have proved to be so effective that, even without the threat of Covid, they will continue. In an effort to gauge patients' opinions of a post-Covid medical centre the Practice has compiled a Patient Survey. Although it will not be possible to fulfil everyone's expectation, it will give the medics and their support team an insight into patients' concerns. Please take the opportunity to have your say and complete the brief questionnaire. Copies will be available until 31st July, on the Practice website and Facebook page with hard copies at the Mill Pharmacy, in the Hadleigh and Boxford waiting rooms and the post vac Marquees.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## JUNE 2021

**27** **Farmers' Market** 9:00-12:00  
 SUN The White Hart, Boxford

## JULY 2021

**2** **Drop in for Coffee** 10:30 - 12:00  
 FRI St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield

**4** **Forest Church** 11:00am  
 SUN St Marys, Boxford

**8** **Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition & 'Boxford Through The Ages' Book Launch** 2:00 - 8:00  
 THU Village Hall, Boxford

**9** **Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition & 'Boxford Through The Ages' Book Launch** 8:00 - 8:00  
 FRI Village Hall, Boxford

**10-11** **Crafty Weekend** 11:00 - 4:00  
 SAT-SUN Diana's Art Room, Stackyard Green IP7 7BD

**17** **Church Café Coffee Mornings** 10:00 - 12:00  
 SAT Boxford St Mary's

**25** **Farmers' Market** 9:00-12:00  
 SUN The White Hart, Boxford

## AUGUST 2021

**1** **Forest Church** 11:00am  
 SUN St Marys, Boxford

**6** **Drop in for Coffee** 10:30 - 12:00  
 FRI St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield

**15** **Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet** 11:00am  
 SUN St Mary The Virgin, Edwardstone

**21** **Church Café Coffee Mornings** 10:00 - 12:00  
 SAT Boxford St Mary's

**22** **Calvacade on the Croft** 11:00 - 4:00  
 SUN Classic Car Show, Groton Croft

**29** **Patronal Festival and Parish Banquet** 11:00am  
 SUN St Bartholomew's, Groton

**29** **Farmers' Market** 9:00-12:00  
 SUN The White Hart, Boxford

## SEPTEMBER 2021

**4-5** **Village Flower Festival**  
 SAT-SUN St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield

**5** **Forest Church** 11:00am  
 SUN St Marys, Boxford

**12** **Patronal Festival and Church Fete** 11:00-4:00  
 SUN St Marys, Boxford

**18** **Church Café Coffee Mornings** 10:00 - 12:00  
 SAT St Marys, Boxford

**26** **Intergenerational Harvest Service** 9:30am  
 SUN St Mary's, Boxford

**26** **Harvest Service and Lunch** 11:00am  
 SUN All Saints, Newton Green

## OCTOBER 2021

**3** **Farmers' Market** 9:00-12:00  
 SUN The White Hart, Boxford

**25-29** **Fireworks Lantern Making** 10:00 - 5:00  
 MON-FRI The Spinney, Boxford

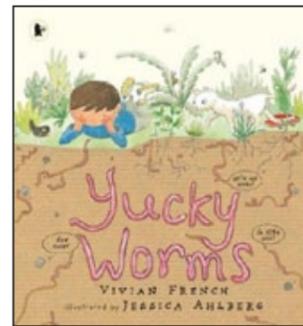
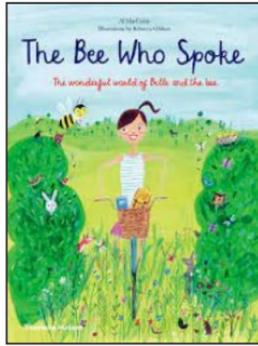
**30** **Fireworks Display & Lantern Parade** 6:30pm  
 SAT Boxford

**31** **Farmers' Market** 9:00-12:00  
 SUN The White Hart, Boxford

## NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

After last half-term's learning about some of the greats including lions, crocodiles and many other animals from Africa, this half-term Otters class are moving on to learn about smaller creatures.

Starting with learning about how important bees are to our world, the amazing book "The Bee Who Spoke" by Al MacCuish illustrates how busy bees are, working with the nature around them where our story is set in the French countryside. We will learn about where Belle lives in Paris and compare the differences between the two locations. To learn more about bees we have planned a visit from a local beekeeper and are excited to see all the equipment needed and have a chance to learn from an expert.



We will move on to making wormeries and bug hotels in our discovery and exploration of insects. The book "Yucky Worms" by Vivian French has a lot of information and is a fun way to learn about what happens underground!

Otters Class are also excited to take part in sports week, including the first sports day for some of our class. The opportunity to try lots

of different sporting activities and learn about health and fitness as well as working in our house teams is always an amazing way to learn new skills and have fun.

### Badgers (Years 3 and 4)

In Badgers class this term we cannot wait for all the exciting different areas of learning. We will be focusing on the local area by using OS maps, Google maps and even taking part in some orienteering!

We cannot wait for Sports Week where we will be not only be focusing on different sports but also the competitions such as the Olympics and Euro 2020.

We are also really excited to be taking part in the Hour of Code during our computing lessons. Who knows what we'll be able to create by the end of the year?!

### Owls (Years 5 and 6)

Owls class have thoroughly enjoyed the story of "Pig-Heart Boy" by Malorie Blackman and are moving on to two further exciting texts; a poetry book written in the style of a story, and a fiction book based on events during the Peasants' Revolt, but from a dog's perspective. We ALWAYS enjoy every book we read together, and can't wait to get into these very soon!

In Maths, we are continuing with our work on angles (not ANGELS!) and are getting to grips with our protractors for measuring them. As we move into the rest of this term, we are looking to do more shape work, including rotating and translating shapes on a grid.

In other news, we are also planning our leavers' assembly and leavers' activities for the end of the term; we never like to say goodbye to pupils but we know that Kersey leavers always achieve their potential!

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## RUNNING TO KEEP PARAMEDICS FLYING

Boxford resident James Williams has signed up to run the Chelmsford 2021 Marathon on 17th October in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance.

James, from Fen Street in Boxford, was inspired to register for the charity event after his best friend and professional motocross rider, Ryan Houghton, suffered life-changing injuries in an horrific crash at the Maxxis British championships in June 2019.

Ryan's life was undoubtedly saved by the quick response of the EAAA paramedics after they quickly arrived on scene to diagnose a broken femur and neck vertebrae before swiftly airlifting him to Ipswich Hospital for critical surgery.

Every time the air ambulance is called out it costs the trust around £4,000. With on average 8 critical-care call-outs per day EAAA needs to find over £11.6 million every year whilst receiving no regular government funding. Ryan and James feel that if they can raise even a tiny fraction of that to save someone else's life then it would be worth the sweat and tears of preparing for and running the Chelmsford marathon.

James has been in training for the last year. A full-length 26.2mile marathon, the Chelmsford marathon is reputed to be a tough nut to crack. Ryan too is hoping to participate, injuries-permitting. They are hoping to raise £5,000 and need your help. Please consider sponsoring them on their Just Giving page at: <https://bit.ly/james-williams-marathon> and help raise much-needed funds for this amazing and essential service.

Good luck to you both!



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# The Blooming Garden

## Everything's Coming up Roses

If I could have only one flower in the garden it would have to be the rose. In June, the garden is only half-dressed if it is not filled with the scent of roses. The most deliciously-scented roses are the old-fashioned ones. When I moved into my house here I found roses, but not nearly enough and some of them had clearly been chosen for their names: 'Memories of a Golden Anniversary' or 'Happy Retirement'. I don't mind choosing a rose for its name if it is called 'Reine des Violettes', 'Diabliesse de Mers' or 'Cuisse de Nympe Emue'. Actually the latter is known as 'Great Maiden's Blush' in English as English rose growers have no truck with Nymphs' thighs. I removed most of the modern ones, although this can be a problem as you cannot replant a rose on the same spot or you risk rose sickness. I still have one rose with an embarrassing name; 'Boogie Woogie' is hanging on in there, but on borrowed time. I tell people I can't remember its name if they ask.

Many years ago I visited the Lime Kiln garden at Claydon which was the home of a fanatical rosarian, Humphrey Brooke. He grew over 500 roses in a wonderful setting of 12 acres of woodland and ancient chalk pits. Mr. Brooke was very old when I visited him and his roses had grown unchecked for many years. He told me that he did not believe in pruning, feeding or spraying, he only grew roses which were capable of thriving without being pampered, and thrive they did. He had the biggest *Rosa fiipes* 'Kiftsgate' I had ever seen and you know how big that gets. The garden was wild and neglected but such a magical place of enchantment.

It was also about this time that I first visited Mottisfont Abbey and Sissinghurst and became truly hooked on roses. They are both still the places to visit to enjoy roses at their best. Vita Sackville West's descriptions of old fashioned roses utterly beguiled me and it was at Sissinghurst that I studied her way of growing roses over hazel benders so that they made a lobster pot shape covered in bloom. Religiously every year I would renew the hazel sticks and feed, prune, spray and pamper my roses so that I could replicate the wonderful effect. But that was then. Nowadays I am a bit more *laissez-faire* when it comes to training my roses. I like them growing in abandoned luxuriance. I feed the shrub roses and cut them back a bit after flowering and again in early spring: but mostly I let them do what they want with just a bit of support if they need it. Of course, if they are growing up a fence, a wall or a trellis they need a bit of training. But I love tossing ramblers up into trees and letting them get on with it. And I never spray. Hypochondriacal prima donnas that always look sickly with black spot or rust are simply evicted. You never get rid of black spot entirely, but as a famous rosarian, Jack Harkness, once said; 'What's a bit of black spot between friends?'



Actually, I read that Christopher Lloyd of Great Dixter claimed to have eliminated black spot by having a 3 inch layer of grass cuttings round each rose. This makes sense as the spores live in the ground.

Selecting the best roses is a matter of personal choice. Climbers are best for walls, fences and trellises whereas ramblers are wonderful for scrambling up trees. My favourite rambler is 'Phyllis Bide' which has masses of flowers which are a combination of pink, apricot and yellow. It is one of the few repeat-flowering ramblers. 'Madame Grégoire Staechelin' is a superb early-flowering climber with masses of blowsy, pink flowers and it is highly scented.



*Rosa 'Madame Gregoire Staechelin'*

Having avowed my love for old fashioned roses I have to admit that they can suffer a bit from various diseases and most of them only bloom once. Most people now choose David Austin's range of English Roses because they have all the glamour and perfume of old roses and most of them are very healthy. And they are gorgeous. I particularly love ones like 'Grace', 'Bathsheba' or 'Port Sunlight' in lovely shades of apricot.

When I am a batty old lady and too old to garden, I shall take a leaf out of Humphrey Brooke's book. I like the idea of giving the garden over entirely to roses and letting them climb and meander everywhere, enclosing the whole place with fragrance. I only need another 440 roses to catch up with the garden at Lime Kiln.

*Chloris.*  
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## FOBS SALE TRAIL



# The BIG Library Renovation Project



Friends of Boxford School (FoBS) held their annual Sale Trail on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, there were 26 stalls dotted around the village including stalls at The White Hart and St Mary's Church.

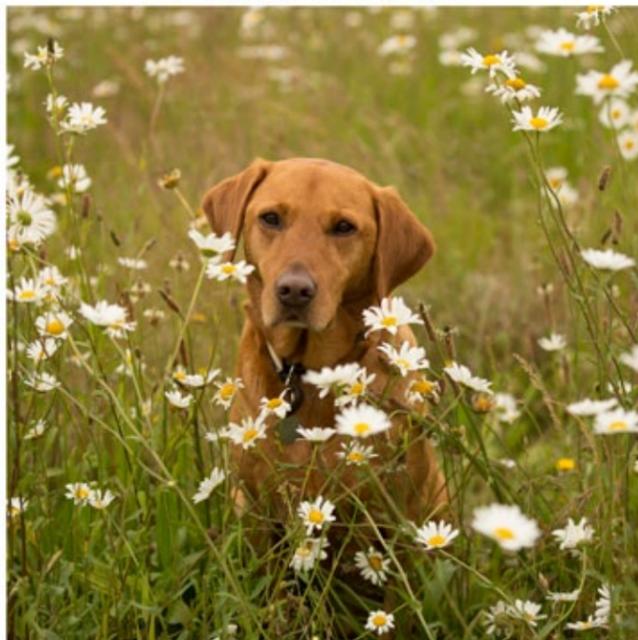
The sun shone brightly and Boxford was a hive of activity in the morning, it was lovely to see so many faces. Stall holders had all sorts of things to sell ranging from children's clothing, books, homewares, golfing items, plants and even a miniature steam engine!

FoBS would like to thank all the stall holders, Father Rob, Jules and Bex at The White Hart and everyone that came to the event, we raised over £450, all proceeds going to the BIG Boxford School Library Renovation Project – thank you to all involved!

We are continuing to raise funds for the school library renovation, if you would like to make a donation it would be greatly appreciated, you can either drop it into the school office or make a BACS payment to Friends of Boxford School, Sort Code: 20-83-50, Account No: 20803081

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## EDWARDSTONE RETRIEVE THE JOHN BAILEY CUP

Edwardstone v Milden – 30 May

Milden's hold on the John Bailey Cup lasted just nine months. After winning the 2020 contest by one wicket in a nail-biting finish last August (see: Oct 2020 BRN), Milden were well beaten by Edwardstone by 97 runs in this year's fixture. On a glorious bank-holiday Sunday, Edwardstone posted 197 for 6 from their 40 overs at the Boxford ground. Richard Plant top-scored with 80 with Ryan Farthing contributing two sixes in a brief innings of 29 not-out at the end. Matt Archer (3 for 24 from 10 overs) was Milden's most successful bowler. Milden, at one point 0 for 2 from 5 overs, eventually reached 100 all-out from 35.4 overs, thanks mainly to an innings of 50 not-out by Stan Evans. For the home side, bowling honours were shared: Tom Whymark taking 4 for 13, Sam Whymark 2 for 18 and Tim Bevan 3 for 29.



Milden's Matt Archer bowling as Jag de Abwis looks on.

## MILDEN v ELVEDEN – 6 JUNE



Milden's Andrew Simmons, appeals for lbw against Gary Kent.

Milden bounced back after their defeat the previous week by beating Elveden by 2 wickets in a drama-filled home match in Division 4 of the Hunts County Bats League. Put into bat by Milden's skipper, Alex Cunningham, Elveden were struggling at just 72 for 3 from 22 overs before a partnership of 104 between opener Gary Kent (40) and Dan Aldous (70, including 4 sixes, 3 off Dave Willis) took the score to 176. A total of 200 looked on the cards, but that was before Willis took 4 wickets in



Flying balls – Rory Pettitt bowled by Willis for 0.

his last 2 overs for just 6 runs. Twice he was on a hat-trick. First he had the dangerous Aldous caught by Ed Peters and next ball Kent fell LBW. A missed catch behind the wicket deprived Willis of his triple, but in his next over Pettitt and Rodic were bowled for ducks in successive balls. Holdgate survived the hat-trick ball to leave the visitors with a total of 188 for 7 from their 40 overs. Willis's final figures were 4 for 63 from his 10 overs.

In reply, Milden could hardly have had a more disastrous start. 4 wickets had fallen for 7 runs (3 to Dan Whyte) when Ed Peters joined opener Cunningham and together they added 64 for the 5th wicket before Peters (18) top-edged a catch to Ashton. Cunningham, then 40 not-out, proceeded to dominate the game and, partnered successively by Michael Evans (11), Tim Lucas (9), Willis (1) and Alex Rich (21 not-out), took Milden to victory at 189 for 8 with 2 overs to spare. Man-of-the-match Cunningham ended unbeaten on 110 not-out from 137 balls: a true captain's performance.

Milden then won the return fixture on 13 June by 42 runs. Scores: Milden 214 for 7 (Alex Cunningham 39, Ed Peters 37, Tom Ward 35); Elveden 172 for 7 (wickets shared, with Richard Robinson taking 2 for 41)

Milden are now 5th in the league table, just behind Old Newton who are their next opponents on 20 June (A) and 27 June (H).

Cricket reports and photos courtesy of David Lamming.



Century maker – Alex Cunningham driving on to a match-winning 110 not-out.

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