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## A BIG CAVALCADE THANK YOU

On behalf of the trustees of the Groton Winthrop Mulberry Trust, we would like to express our thanks to all those that helped with the Cavalcade on the Croft. To make a success of the day we needed a huge amount of help before the event as well as on the day. I'm quite sure the lure of a high-vis vest and a walkie-talkie was too much for some to resist and made for some entertaining moments. Our gratitude also goes to everyone that turned up on the day and gave generously to the Trust. We have had nothing but positive feedback, praise and confirmation of a lovely day which has made all the hard work worthwhile.

We had in the region of 60 classic vehicles on display along with a lively jazz band, a vintage van and trailer selling ice cream, delicious burgers, teas and cakes, a bar, local artists and a display showing the 25 years history of the croft.

We mustn't forget about the person that had the idea of putting this together in the first place: Bob Bowdidge. Bob has been a trustee right from the beginning and this year turned 90 years old. For those of you that know him, I think you'll agree that he is an amazing character, still very active and enjoying life. Bob did all the groundwork and got the wheels in motion for this, his final event. Bob has decided that to retire from the Trust after 26 years and we hope his choice of holding a car show was a good send off for him. We thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the years and wish you all the very best Bob.

Whilst the car show was organised to celebrate 25 years of ownership of the croft, we, the trustees, also want to raise awareness to all those that use the croft. Whether you walk through the area, pick from the abundant ancient Mulberry Tree or generally enjoy the space, you are probably unaware that it costs a vast amount of money each year in maintenance, insurance etc., plus a group of volunteers to keep an eye on all areas to keep the croft to a good and safe standard for all to enjoy. We are in the process of setting up a gift aid option on our very new website ([thegrotoncroft.co.uk](http://thegrotoncroft.co.uk)) and would gratefully receive any donations to the charity (1032579) towards the upkeep for your continuous enjoyment.

Once again, thank you for your support and your help.  
*The Groton Croft Trustees*

*Thanks to photo contributors David Lamming & Alistair Maw. More of Alistair's photos from the day: <https://bit.ly/croftcars>*

## BVH GOES DIGITAL!

Boxford Village Hall has introduced an online booking system that can be accessed on the internet.

If you want to find out if a date and time slot is available for your party or event, then go to [www.hallbookingonline/boxford](http://www.hallbookingonline/boxford) where you will find the calendar of events that have been booked.



Regular meetings of local organisations as well as one-off parties and other events are all shown on the calendar.

You can make a provisional booking yourself, just click on "How to book" for instructions.

It is all very straightforward but, of course, you can always phone the booking secretary, Jane Elliott on 07721 880521 or email her at [BVHbookhall@gmail.com](mailto:BVHbookhall@gmail.com) and she will make the booking for you. I hope you take advantage of the system for your next do!

*Joe Barrett*

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A huge thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September - cake makers and visitors, and especially the White Hart pub that raised £175 in advance and helped so willingly on the day. The grand total so far is £667...fantastic!!



**THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**



## Box River News

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Deadline date for the November 2021 Issue is:  
**October 15th at midday**

# The Blooming Garden

## Delectable Dahlias.

For years I didn't like dahlias. I didn't like the smell and I associated them with the serried ranks of garish colours in my grandmother's garden. I was revolted by the earwigs they attracted and the horrible idea of them crawling into your ears and laying eggs in your brains; or that's what my big sister told me. But now I adore dahlias and although the earwigs are a bit of a nuisance, so far I have managed to keep them out of my ears. I started off a few years ago growing the black-leaved 'Bishop of Llandaff' as many of us did, as it was the first dahlia permitted into fashionable gardens, even though it has bright red flowers. This was at a time when gardeners eschewed anything that wasn't pastel. Actually I don't care about what is fashionable and so a few years ago

I took a fresh look at dahlias. I am still not keen on the cactus-flowered ones or the ones which look like origami pompoms. But I fell for the massive flowers of *Dahlia* 'Café au Lait' because the colour is so delectable. Another fabulous



*Dahlia 'Café au Lait'*

giant decorative dahlia is 'Labyrinth' which is a glorious confection of swirling, peachy, petals. And I also have the ghostly, white, fimbriated *Dahlia* 'Tsuki Yori No Shisha' which translates romantically as 'Messenger of the Moon'.

I love the dark red flowered ones such as 'La Recoleta', 'Karma Choc' or 'Rip City' But my favourites are the single ones which are so wonderful for bees and butterflies. There are several in the 'honka' series which have star-like flowers. A few years ago I found how easy it is to grow dahlias from seed. Of course, in order to keep dahlias blooming until the first frost you have to keep on deadheading them. The spent flowers look quite similar to the buds, but the buds are round and the spent flowers are pointed. I always leave a few dead heads on the plant until they are dry and plump with seeds. When you harvest them, first you squeeze any moisture out of the seed heads and then lay the seeds on paper to dry out. In the spring I sow them and they come up like mustard and cress. The only problem is keeping molluscs off the emerging shoots as they are irresistible to slugs and snails. I plant them out in the garden after any risk of frost when the plants are a decent size. The joy of growing your own dahlias from seed is that you never know what colour you will get. And amazingly, they bloom the first year from seed. Mine are mainly shades of pink or red but I also have orange, peach and yellow. As many of them have the collarette *Dahlia* 'Night Butterfly' in their makeup, they have a



*Dahlia 'Night Butterfly'*



frill of small white petals at their centre. The other great advantage of growing your own dahlias from seed is that you always have masses of flowers to pick and your vases can be full from July until the first frost. I can't think of any other flower which keeps on giving like this.

I know some people dig up their dahlia tubers in the autumn to store them but I never bother, I have far too many. I am convinced that it is winter wet that kills them rather than frost, so once I have cut them down, I cover each tuber with several layers of newspaper and a mulch of bark chippings. I rarely lose any. They are not entirely maintenance-free, they need staking as the plants eventually grow quite tall and will flop and look awful if not secured before they get too big. They need full sun and plenty of water and I feed them from time to time with tomato food. But this is just a little bit of effort for blooms that will delight you all summer long.

*Chloris.*

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## NEWTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



Unfortunately, because of work commitments, the editor of Newton Newsletter, Sue Vince, is no longer able to produce the magazine. I am sure all Newton villagers will join me in thanking Sue for all the hard work she has put into her editorial duties over many years. I would also like to thank all members of the collation and distribution team for their hard work in supporting Sue.

Over the past weeks we have advertised for a new editor but, regrettably, nobody has come forward to fill the post. After consultation with Sue, villagers, and the Newton Parish Council, it was felt the time was right to incorporate the 'News from Newton' into the new Box River News. Therefore, as from November 2021, all information about any Newton activities should be sent to: [editor@boxrivernews.com](mailto:editor@boxrivernews.com) and please check the deadline for receiving information. Trudi Wild, the editor of the BRN, has kindly agreed to receive information in any format from any villager.

Anybody who currently has an advert in the Newton Newsletter will be contacted soon to see if they wish to transfer their advert into the BRN.

*Paul Presland.*



## NEWTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### Today, Tomorrow, Together.

Newton Parish Council is pleased to announce that its Neighbourhood Plan has nearly reached the Referendum Stage. We are awaiting the exact date from Babergh/ MidSuffolk but we hope it will take place this Autumn. This is the culmination of several years of hard work by a group of villagers who freely gave up their time to consult with all stakeholders and to produce a Plan that provides clarity about how Newton should develop in the coming years.

*Newton Parish Council.*

## NEWTON'S NEW RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

Newton Parish Council is pleased to announce that work has resumed on the new village play equipment and it is hoped the two playgrounds will be completed by the middle of October.

Covid permitting, there will be a celebratory event in November to officially open the Multi Use Games Area, the children's playgrounds, and the Forever Fitness area.

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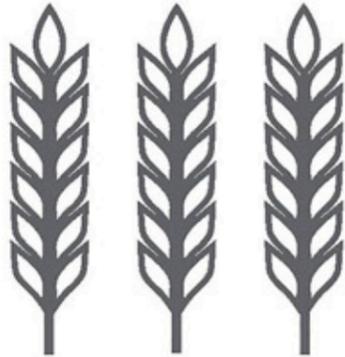


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## YOUR LOCAL NHS CHARITY

Hello and thank you to the Box River News for giving us this opportunity to tell you about My WiSH Charity.



We are your local NHS charity and are based in West Suffolk Hospital although we support the whole of the West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust. This also includes Newmarket Community Hospital and all the community services the Trust provide across Suffolk. We are not here to replace the NHS but to provide the extras, this includes enhancing care for patients as well as supporting the amazing NHS staff who care for us.

In the past we have added a memory walk to the hospital from our ongoing Forget Me Not dementia appeal, we raised £500,000 to add the cardiac diagnostic unit onto the new cardiac unit at West Suffolk Hospital and we have raised £25,000 to pay for a play specialist for a year for the emergency department.

But it's not just the big things we do. We work closely with all staff including our palliative care team to find out what's needed. This means a relative can now sleep beside their loved in their final days thanks to the chair beds we purchased and they can be comfortable should they be called in unexpectedly thanks to our comfort packs which contain water, tissues and wipes amongst other items they might need.



All donations, big or small, make such a difference. In fact, a £10 donation allowed us to buy some velvet pouches so precious items, such as a ring or a lock of hair, were able to be handed back to loved ones when someone died. A simple thing

but one that ensured these items were treated with the love they deserved.

So why donate to your local NHS charity? Supporting locally means your donation will benefit you, your family and friends both now and in the future. You can also donate to whichever area is closest to your heart and sometimes even see the difference you have made. We can't enhance care without your help so if you would like to know more about supporting My WiSH Charity please go to our website or give us a call.

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## 'ANOTHER STITCH IN THE WALL'

An exhibition of art textiles by Stitchers Inc. at Mill Tye Gallery, Great Cornard.

Preview day: Saturday 2nd October - Gallery open from 11am to 7pm. Exhibition continues until Sunday 31st October



Stitchers inc. is formed of 10 artists based in North Essex and South Suffolk. They are passionate about exploring many types of textile art under the expert guidance of their mentor Alex Waylett, and meet monthly to coordinate and provide mutual inspiration. They have developed their current body of work in very personal ways, in response to the theme of walls and boundaries, hence 'Another Stitch in the Wall'. Each of

them has taken an aspect of that theme and explored it in detail through sketchbooks, experimental pieces, framed items, hangings and free-standing vessels, and using diverse and exciting combinations of techniques. The work spans a huge range of approaches from homage to humble garden and field walls, through joyous celebration of architectural masterpieces, to contemplative testament of walls that come between families and peoples.



Stitchers inc. are Alex Waylett, Carolyn Dilloway, Dot Ronaldson, Jane Baston, Jill Duffy, Julia Pearce, Juliet Day, Liz Pilkington, Margaret Kay and Pauline Wilson.

We are delighted to invite you to the Gallery to enjoy this very special exhibition - there will be some of the artists in attendance throughout to discuss the work, and items available for sale.

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# THE OCTOBER LETTER FROM FATHER ROB

Dear Friends,

They say the route to a man's heart is through his stomach. This rings very true for me personally. I wouldn't say that I was a glutton, but I do enjoy the taste of food. I love trying new flavours and experimenting with different cuisines.



Hospitality has long been central to our culture. Indeed, it is central to many cultures. If there are deals to be done, rifts to be healed, relationships to be deepened, then sitting down around a table with some delicious morsels and a glass of wine is sure to ease things along.

Before the pandemic hit, I had intentionally opened up the Rectory and invited more people from different parts of our communities in for a simple meal, a cup of tea & cake or an evening drink. For me faith is about the real world, the world that Jesus chose to inhabit, and simple hospitality is key.

We sometimes forget that Jesus was a real person: he took naps, wandered off mid-task and loved an occasional party. He even turned water into wine when everyone at the wedding was already drunk! Everything in moderation, seems to be what he encourages. A bishop once said to me that "church-life is about prayer and parties – get the balance wrong and things will suffer."

In August and September, we had delicious food and drink of various descriptions at Patronal Festivals in Edwardstone, Groton and Boxford, as well as at Little Waldingfield's Flower Festival. It was notable at Boxford's Church Fete how people queued for the excellent BBQ before then moving around the other stalls – the sweet aroma wafting through the village streets drew people in, tummies gurgling.

As a Church, we are drawn together around God's table by God's hospitality. It is a radical and unique hospitality, like no other. Everyone is invited, no-one is judged, all can find a home. This is why all of our churches should be seen as central to their communities (we are working hard to try and make that happen).

When we meet, we gather around God's table, the Altar, and we share in his feast, the Eucharist. We break bread together and share the cup (when COVID restrictions allow). Gathering around the table is central to our identity. It is no coincidence then, that a Eucharist generally attracts far more people than any other form of service.

The sharing of food has been central to Judaeo-Christian narrative from the earliest of days. In the early pages of the Old Testament, we can see Abraham considered hospitality as essential as his duty under God to all who passed by, both friend and stranger. And that very first sacrificial offering of thanksgiving consisted not of an animal sacrifice, but of a simple meal of bread and wine. It was offered by the mysterious priest Melchizedek in thanks for Abraham's victory against his enemies.

As time moved on, so things developed to accommodate the growing community. Throughout the era of Levitical Priests, the sacrificial system became extremely complex; the sacrifice of an animal required meticulous preparation, but hospitality remained central. Nothing was wasted. A significant part of an animal sacrifice was its roasting. It was then shared as a meal with the entire community – a sort of public offering to the community by an individual for the trouble his or her sins had caused them. By the time of Jesus, the Passover meal (which commemorated God rescuing the Israelites from Egypt) had become a complex sacrificial act all

centred around the dining table, with the 'Father' of the household carefully enacting the ritual whilst reliving the community's past blessings and providing guidance and teaching at each stage.

So, when Jesus transforms all of this at the Last Supper with the simple sharing of bread and wine, he knows exactly what he is doing. He is in one moment returning to a more primitive model of communal worship and offering, just like that offered by Melchizedek, whilst transforming it into an act through which the whole salvation history of God's engagement with his people can be recalled and engaged with. The Last Supper was the first Eucharist as we know it and it is the one thing Jesus tells us to do 'in remembrance of him'.

And that is what we do. Most weeks we offer this simple meal led by the priest (the Father at table). It is open to all as God opens his arms out wide and invites us to join him in this heavenly bread of his kingdom. We break bread together just as our ancestors have for centuries and as we do so we are surrounded by the heavenly host.

If you'd like to know more, please ask. We can offer you some teaching towards confirmation if you feel that would benefit helping you make the next step to understanding more. We have also just begun admitting Children to Communion before Confirmation from the age of 5 upwards after some basic teaching. If this is of interest to you and your child, get in touch. But don't let unnecessary barriers stand in your or your family's way.

All this takes place regularly in our Churches, those holy spaces dedicated to God. They sit at the centre of our villages with their doors flung open inviting you in. This simple act of holy hospitality echoes outwards because God knows the route to our hearts is through our stomachs.

With many blessings,

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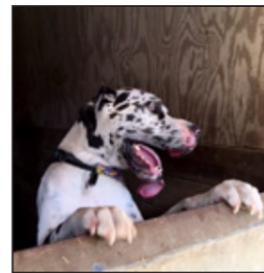
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## EBONY'S DIARY

October already and the evenings are drawing in! Here in my 'room' Babs and I are having to keep the lights on for our riders and give them as much ventilation as they can stand. At least with the door hooked back we get to see what's happening in the yard.

Our new interest is observing 'Tea With A Pony' on Wednesday afternoons. This is a session for people living with dementia to come and have a love-in with some of the live ponies at the end of their working day. Details are on the website.

The live herd had the upheaval of a dog show on September 11th. Four of their fields had to be vacated for the entire day whilst the Shelley Team swung into action and produced an event to remember. Parys and Tilly had the honour of hosting the main ring in their paddock: there were sideshows and games (all priced to allow plenty of participation from our younger guests) gaily coloured bunting, lots and lots of dogs, and nearly as many owners. In the yard we had stalls selling lovely things (Babs and I couldn't see what), wonderful teas and cakes, and the amazing dog agility course run by Sue Barrow in the arena. The 'boys', Alfie, Bryn, Roddy, Snoopy and Buzz hosted the car parks in their fields, ably supervised by more Shelly volunteers and some pressganged younger Baileys. Truly a Shelly Family event.



You can imagine how glad the ponies were when it was all over and they could get out of their stables and onto the remains of the grass once more.

My photos show the exhausted participants in Dog Agility at the end of the day, and the largest dog of the day trying out a stable for size whilst its owner helped with the clearing up.

You'll be thinking about ghosts at the end of the month? I'll be thinking about all the saints who keep this place going, and giving thanks to them all. See you later!

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## HELÉNA JOINS THE TEAM



Suffolk Medical & Beauty Clinic on Broad Street welcomed another new member to their team this summer.

Heléna Moles, 27, from Hadleigh, will be working as part of the PR and Marketing team, helping to promote the clinic's online presence, whilst also managing the clinic reception - answering the phone, greeting patients and generally making sure everything runs smoothly.

Heléna studied journalism at university but her real passion revolves around the Medical Aesthetic & Beauty industry.

Helena told us, 'I'm a 'people' person and passionate about the world of cosmetic aesthetics, so working on reception here whilst also using my journalism background, really is the best of both worlds!'

Clinic co-owner, Jenny O'Neill said, 'We have known Heléna since she was a girl, so when she told us she was looking for a change of career, we knew she would be the perfect addition to our team.'

When she has the opportunity, Heléna loves to travel - both to sunny skies and snowy slopes. She spends her weekends visiting friends in London or enjoying relaxed weekends in Suffolk.

To make an appointment at Suffolk Medical & Beauty Clinic, please call **01787 211 000**.

## STRAWBERRY BONANZA

**Award-winning fruit grower treats local schools to a share of their bumper crop**

This year's slightly soggy summer may have disappointed those hoping for a heatwave, but for many fruit farmers the mixture of wet and sunny weather has resulted in heavy crops of summer berries - and Boxford (Suffolk) Farms, based in Stoke by Nayland, is one of them.

Rather than see any fruit go to waste - although actually 'waste' is the wrong word, as any fruit which doesn't meet strict quality standards is used to generate renewable power in their award-winning anaerobic digester - the farm delivered 240 punnets of perfectly ripe strawberries to two local primary schools this week.

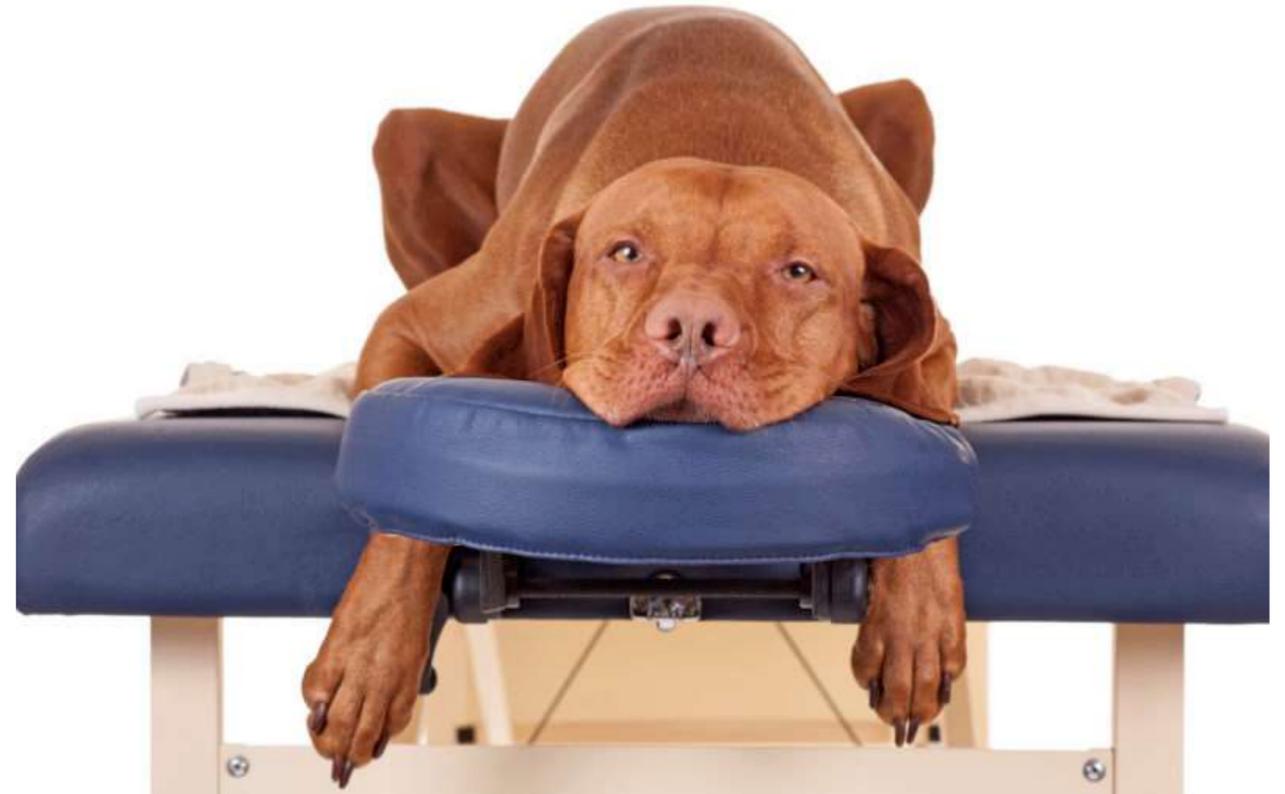
Pupils and parents at Boxford CEVC Primary School and Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School enjoyed the plump, sweet fruit at the end of the school day, with punnets handed out to anyone who wanted them from tables set up at the school gates - in keeping with ongoing considerations regarding hands, face and space.

"It's wonderful to see children back at school and returning to some kind of normality after the disruption they've had to endure over the past 18 months. We felt that we had an opportunity to offer them a small treat, which could also translate into a learning experience regarding healthy eating and sourcing local produce," explained Robert England, Farm Director at Boxford (Suffolk) Farms.

"We're hoping this small but tasty gesture will be the first in a long line of outreach projects of varying sizes, to support our local community as much as they support us," added Peter Osborne at parent company The Boxford Group. "The next in our diary will be our Stoke by Nayland Golf Academy Fun Day on 26th September, which will offer games and fun activities for all ages."



*It's nice to be kneaded...*



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

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

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Tel: 01787 211 000 [www.suffolkmedicalclinic.co.uk](http://www.suffolkmedicalclinic.co.uk)





## SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2021



<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> Trinity 17	09:30	<i>Intergenerational Harvest Family Service</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Harvest Service followed by Afternoon Tea</i>	All Saints', Newton
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> St Michael & All Angels	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Trinity 18	09:30	<i>Harvest Service</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Forest Church</i>	Location TBC
	17:00	<i>BCP Evensong</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> Trinity 19	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	18:00	<i>Harvest Evensong &amp; Harvest Drinks</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> Trinity 20 (St Luke from 18th)	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	14:30	<i>Harvest Service (following on from Harvest Lunch at 12noon)</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b> Last Sunday after Trinity (Ss. Simon & Jude from 28th)	09:30	<i>Intergenerational Family Service</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	All Saints', Newton
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> Ss. Simon & Jude from 28th	10:00	<i>Simple Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> All Saints' Day	11:00	<i>Benefice Service: Patronal Festival and Lunch</i>	All Saints', Newton
	16:00	<i>Benefice All Soul's Memorial Service (remembering loved ones)</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)

## CHURCH SURVEY

Your views are important to us. Please take a couple of minutes to complete our survey so that we can plan for an exciting future together. Thank you.

You can find the link here: <https://bit.ly/brb-church-survey>

If you or someone you know requires a paper copy, please do get in touch at [boxriverbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:boxriverbenefice@gmail.com)

### 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 CHURCH BUILDING TRUST AGM

The Boxford Church Building Trust is holding its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 16th October @ 4pm. The Trust is to help conserve, maintain and improve fabric, furnishings, and fittings of our beautiful medieval church of St Mary's in Boxford. We are looking for voluntary members to join our team who are interested in helping with the Trust. We have an exciting new project coming up to make the church more accessible for community events by installing toilets, better disabled access, and other improvements. If you have a spare hour and would like to get involved, we would love to see you, but if you are unable to attend, but would still like to be part of the team, please contact Audrey Zuck, our Church Warden, on **07852 102 455** or email [audrey@a2zriskervices.com](mailto:audrey@a2zriskervices.com)



## The Box River Benefice

Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,  
Little Waldingfield and Newton

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Boxford

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

**Wine & Cheese Tasting Evening** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ 7pm

**Eco Forest Church** - 3<sup>rd</sup> October @ 11am (Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)

**Church Café Coffee Morning** - 16th October 10am - 12 noon (every 3rd Saturday of the month)

**Boxford Church Building Trust Annual Meeting** - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 4pm

**All Souls' Memorial Service** - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 4pm

### Groton

**Harvest Evensong & Harvest Drinks** - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October @ 6pm

### Edwardstone

**Harvest Lunch** - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October @ 12noon

**Harvest Service** - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October @ 2.30pm

### Little Waldingfield

**'Drop in for Coffee' Mornings** - Friday 1st October @ 10.30am - 12noon.

**Harvest Service** - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October @ 9.30am

### Newton Green

**Harvest Service** - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am

**Harvest Cream Tea** - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 3pm in the Village Hall

**Patronal Festival & Lunch** - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 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.



## Vacancies

- Musical Director and Organist Vacancy
- Children's Helpers
- Lay Ministries & calling to be a Deacon or a Priest
- Boxford PCC Secretary
- Church Flower Volunteer

Please visit our website at [www.boxriverbenefice.com](http://www.boxriverbenefice.com) for more information

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 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 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.



You are invited to **"DROP IN FOR COFFEE"**

in the Church Little Waldingfield

**FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER**  
**10:30 - 12:00**

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

*A voluntary donation to church funds would be welcomed*

## MARY'S HOUSE

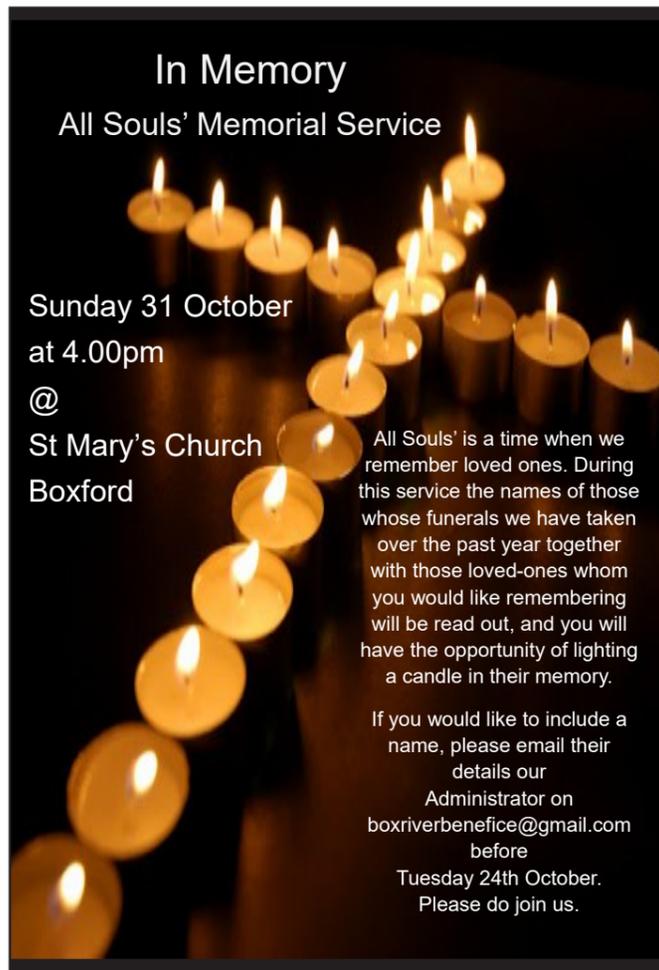
We are re-opening for coffee and drop-in from September, on Tuesday and Friday mornings, from 9.30 - 12.15.

If there is anyone who is willing to do a monthly slot to serve coffee etc., it would be great to have some new helpers. If you think you could spare just a few hours a month and meet new people, please get in touch with Pauline (**210360**)...we'd love to have you on board!



**COME IN AND HAVE A COFFEE AND CHAT!**  
**SEE YOU THERE.**

**In Memory**  
All Souls' Memorial Service



Sunday 31 October  
at 4.00pm  
@  
St Mary's Church  
Boxford

All Souls' is a time when we remember loved ones. During this service the names of those whose funerals we have taken over the past year together with those loved-ones whom you would like remembering will be read out, and you will have the opportunity of lighting a candle in their memory.

If you would like to include a name, please email their details our Administrator on [boxriverbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:boxriverbenefice@gmail.com) before Tuesday 24th October. Please do join us.

# HARVEST



Come and join us as we celebrate  
God's generous bounty

St Mary's Boxford - 26th October 21 at 9.30am  
All Saints' Newton - 26th October 21 at 11am  
(Followed by Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall)  
St Lawrence's Lt Waldingfield - 3rd October 21 at 9.30am  
St Bartholomew's Groton - 10th October 21 at 6.00pm  
St Mary the Virgin Edwardstone-17th October 21 at 2.30pm  
(Preceded by Harvest Buffet in Church from 12noon)




## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival in St. Lawrence's church on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. Suitably packaged or tinned donations for the Food Bank will be gratefully received.

## BOXFORD SOCIETY TALK

Boxford Society's Autumn Meeting will be held on **Friday 8th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**. There will be a talk entitled 'Wattle be the Future for Daub' by Sarah Partridge, an expert in the restoration of medieval buildings.

There will be a short AGM for members after the talk. Everyone is welcome although there is a small charge for non-members which is the same price (£2) as a whole year's membership - perhaps you'd like to join us?

## CRAFT FAIR

**Sunday 10th October, 10-4pm at Whatfield Village Hall IP7 6QU**. The return of this very popular event, a wide variety of stalls and refreshments.

All proceeds to Success After Stroke, *reg. Charity No.1115016* and Whatfield Primary School.

## MONKS ELEIGH WHIST DRIVE

**Wednesday October 13th Whist Drive (Progressive) 7.30 at Monks Eleigh Village Hall (Meeting Room)**

Do you enjoy cards? If so come and play a game of whist! We play 12 hands with a break for refreshments, £3.00 to play and we have a friendly bring a prize, win a prize raffle.

Contact Angela on **01449 740414** for more details

## BOXFORD & GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

*Registered Charity Number: 207861*

The Trustees of Boxford and Groton United Charities invite applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes.

Applications from organisations serving the above area are also invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.

Closing date for applications 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## JAZZ IN CHILTON CHURCH

The Friends of St Mary's in Chilton are excited to be bringing Jazz in the Church to Suffolk on Friday 22nd October. This Jazz Saxophone and Piano duo from Scotland have had enormous success over many years including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and are now touring again in the UK. Tickets are £10 and free for under 16's accompanied by an adult. For more information or to book your ticket contact David Tibbetts-Chaplin on **07933 783683/ [djtibby@outlook.com](mailto:djtibby@outlook.com)**



[www.visitchurches.org.uk/whatson](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/whatson)

St Mary's in Church Field Road, Chilton Industrial Estate is open daily between 10am and 4pm and look out for future events planned to include a Victorian Magic Lantern Show on the 9th October, free to attend but booking required.

## 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) but currently delivered via Zoom.



Membership is **£40 per person (£75 per couple)** pa. Plus 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)

**ENJOY A FREE TASTER SESSION** by telephoning or emailing your interest, (quoting code **BRN4**) & a link will be sent to you beforehand.

## THE SUBTLE SCIENCE & EXACT ART OF COLOUR IN ENGLISH GARDEN DESIGN WHY GARDENS RANK AS FINE ART

Lecturer: **TIMOTHY WALKER**

**TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2021**

**Lecturer:** TIMOTHY WALKER studied for a BA in Botany at Oxford. From 1980-82, he was a trainee gardener at the Oxford Botanic Garden then from 1988 -2014 he was Horti Praefectus of the Garden before becoming Director.

He has extensive lecturing experience and has won 4 Gold medals at the Chelsea Flower Show.

## 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 11th 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, La Belle Dame sans Merci 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.

# Fireworks Lantern Making

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
To Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
In The Spinney 10.00a.m. - 4.00p.m.





**TO BOOK A SESSION**  
Contact Mark Miller  
01787 211596  
[BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com)

**BOXFORD FARMERS, ARTS & CRAFT MARKET**

**BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL  
STONE STREET**

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**10am - 1pm**

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**SPOOKY PUMPKINS**

**PICK YOUR OWN**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**10am - 4pm**

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

**BOXFORD CO10 5LA**

## BOXFORD FIREWORKS & LANTERN PARADE 2021

This year's Fireworks Display is on Saturday 30th October. The Lantern Parade will start from the village centre at 6.30pm. The firework display will be at 7.45pm on the playing fields.

Ticket prices on the night are £6 for adults and £4 for children. (3 years and under go FREE). Beat the queues and save money by buying your tickets in advance! Fast-track advance tickets £5 adults and £3 for children, available from A. Leeder Butcher and Boxford Post Office.

We hope you enjoy the first fireworks event of the year! Please remember to follow the Fireworks Code and keep pets inside on the night where possible.

Lantern making is at The Spinney from 10 - 4pm each day from Saturday 23rd October until Thursday 28th October. Contact Mark Miller 01787 211596 or [BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com) to book a session.

## POLSTEAD GARDENING CLUB

Polstead Gardening Club will be meeting on Tuesday 19th October at 7-9pm in the Village Hall (CO6 5AL).

Our speaker will be Lucy Redman, who will be here to talk about Beth Chatto and her gardens. She will also have some plants for sale.

Free for members, £5 for non-members, which includes a drink. We look forward to seeing you there.

Any queries to: [gardeningclubpolstead@yahoo.com](mailto:gardeningclubpolstead@yahoo.com)

**Boxford Village Hall AGM**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

All welcome - come along to the hall,  
have a free glass of wine & meet our new committee!



## PANTO BACK IN BOXFORD!

**The Burghers of Boxford.**

**Wednesday December 1st to Saturday 4th**

Wednesday curtain-up at 6pm, Tickets: Child £5 Adults £10  
Thursday to Saturday curtain up 7.30pm. All tickets £10.00

Our panto this year is set in the Middle Ages, with Knights and Maidens, a Judge and a fearsome Lord of the Manor who is determined to reveal the secret of the baker Dame Betty Muffin's delicious bloomers!

Packed full of songs and jokes this home grown panto, written by Boxford's Gareth Price, is a colourful celebration ideal for what we hope is the end of lockdown and a forerunner for a Happy Christmas.

Please be aware there will be some strobe lighting.

Due to Covid restrictions we won't be serving supper in the interval, but there will be a bar. Tickets will be available from Monday 8th November at the Boxford Post Office

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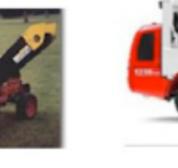
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**BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY**

**Something completely different!**

Our planned speaker has dropped out, so we present a different sort of get-together! A short AGM followed by members' photos of their favourite plant. Up to 3 photos of named plant welcome, size 7" by 5". Members are the judges!

We're asking members to bring a vase, any size, of something eye catching from their garden could be berries, seeds, flowers - anything to make people go "oooh"!! There'll be a bulb stall too!

**Tuesday 5th October 7.30pm**  
**at Boxford Village Hall**

\*Due to Covid restrictions there will be no meal served during the interval

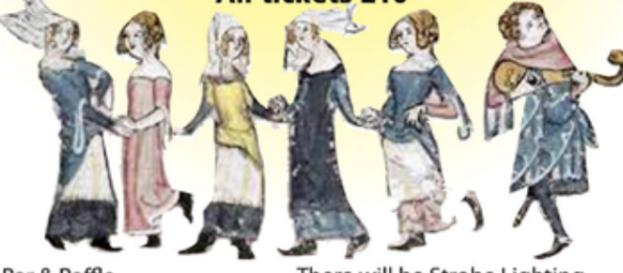
BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

...a romp through  
Boxford's  
Medieval past!

**BOXFORD'S PANTOMIME IS BACK!**

**The Burghers of Boxford**

**1st December to Saturday 4th 2021**  
**Wednesday Family Night: Curtain up 6pm.**  
**Tickets Child £5 Adult £10**  
**Thursday to Saturday Curtain Up at 7.30pm.**  
**All tickets £10**

Bar & Raffle  
There will be Strobe Lighting

## HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

**Patient Survey.** Thanks to those of you who responded to the Patient Survey. The results are available on the Practice website and Facebook page (details below). Your comments have been carefully considered. The Health Centre Team will now do their best to address patients' concerns as far as they are able with the resources they have. Like all GP Practices patient numbers have increased as has demand making it more challenging to offer the services of yesteryear.



**Save time – book on line.** Take all the stress out of booking an appointment by phone. Use the Practice's on line booking service instead. To sign in first request an account ID and link in information from Reception. Once you have signed in you will be able to make your future appointments at your own convenience even when the Practice is closed.

**'Flu jabs** These have already started with the over 75's being invited by letter to attend one of the vaccination sessions. The PPG and others will provide volunteers to man the car park and the appropriate areas inside the Practice. Although the jabs are administered very speedily, there are a large number in this age group so the potential for more cars than spaces in the two car parks is highly likely. If you are able to walk or park your car elsewhere this would go some way to alleviate the congestion. Sadly, the Traffic Wardens do not take a break during the vac sessions so remember to display a parking ticket and avoid a hefty fine. As with the Covid vac sessions, the cars will be re-routed through the front car park for your safety. Please be a patient patient.

**Practice Website:** [www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/coronavirus](http://www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/coronavirus)  
**Appointments:** [www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/appointments-index](http://www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/appointments-index)  
**Facebook:** <http://bit.ly/Hadleigh-Group-Facebook>  
**PPG Chair Jan Devey:** [deveys@btinternet.com](mailto:deveys@btinternet.com) 01473 827 091

## DR CULLEN PHOTOGRAPHY

Isla Spraggon's delightful pictures will leave the walls of the Health Centre to make room for a totally different art form, photography.



Although Chris Cullen is known to most as Dr Cullen, what is less well known is his flair for photography. Proof of this talent will be on show at the Practice where several of his striking pieces will be on display.

Chris has been a keen photographer for over 30 years. Although qualifying as a doctor meant he had less time for his hobby, he returned to his camera with renewed enthusiasm about ten years ago.

Suffolk is often the subject of his work but he also greatly inspired by the dramatic landscapes of his native Scotland.

His talent has not gone unnoticed. He has been a finalist or received commendations in the annual competitions of several prestigious national and international photographic publications.

If you come to the surgery as a patient or for your 'flu jab why not take a moment to view this stunning collection of Chris' photographs?

All photos are for sale with some of the proceeds going to the Hadleigh and Boxford Medical Practice Charitable Trust.

As this is a PPG initiative, please contact PPG Chair, Jan Devey, for further information and not the Practice Receptionists. 01473 827091 / 07881 798999 [deveys@btinternet.com](mailto:deveys@btinternet.com)

## A ROARSOME HALF TERM AT HOLLOW TREES FARM

There is mega excitement on the farm as the dinosaurs are stopping by this October half term to join in our Halloween event and create a Roarsome Adventure.

Meet a Tyrannosaurus Rex, Triceratops and many more curious creatures, all creating lots of family fun from Friday 22nd October until Sunday 31st. Along with all the usual Farm Trail animals and activities, you will be able to enjoy some epic dinosaur encounters. Will you whiz down the Stegosaurus sledges or try a round of Dino golf? Climb to the look out from the Jurassic Stack or seek out some fossils amongst the ancient rocks? Be sure to jump on board the Triassic Train as it passes by but beware if you dare to enter the Megalosaurus Maze.

Tickets are £8 per person, with 2 years and under free of charge. Pre-Booking is essential for this event. Full ticket details can be found at [www.hollowtrees.co.uk](http://www.hollowtrees.co.uk)

Adventures make you hungry so there will be a great range of tasty Takeaway Food available all day to satisfy your appetite. Don't delay, book your date with the dinosaurs now and join us for some Roarsome fun at Hollow Trees Farm.

Hollow Trees Farm is in the village of Semer on the A1141 Hadleigh to Lavenham Road.

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[shop@hollowtrees.co.uk](mailto:shop@hollowtrees.co.uk)

## BOXFORD WI UPDATE

Our guest speaker for the September meeting was George Double [www.georgedouble.com](http://www.georgedouble.com), who is a professional drummer living in Hadleigh. He gave a very entertaining talk on his life and career as a drummer. George brought his drum kit to demonstrate different styles of playing and gave a first lesson to all the members of Boxford WI. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all members – we had a lovely musical afternoon.

The guest speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday October 6th will be Linda Scoles who will give a presentation on 'The Yanks are Coming' an America's view of a Suffolk village.

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)



**Hadleigh and Boxford Patient Participation Group (PPG)**

**SAVE TIME – BOOK ONLINE**

 Help yourself and the Practice. No more calling.   
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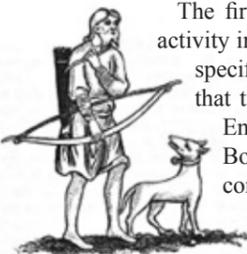
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## STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

# The History of Boxford Sport and the Playing Field.

Although football, or a ball game somewhat similar, has long been with us, a 1365 law was passed to ensure that English males spent any spare time they had on archery rather than other sports. This Act was renewed in 1388 and laid down that servants and labourers were to find their only pastime in bows and arrows and were prohibited from playing tennis, hand-ball and other games. In 1410 the law was enforced again and a conviction for playing anything else would have resulted in imprisonment for six days. However, one wonders how Boxford folk found time for any sport given the long, daily grind of back-breaking work in the fields, the cottage or at the loom.



The first written record dated 1549 of a "sporting" activity in Boxford mentions archery butts, location not specified. Today archery is only a sport, whereas at that time it was a vital military skill, especially as English men were traditionally outstanding Long Bow experts and much feared and admired by continental armies. Our success at the Battle of Agincourt in October 1415 was largely due to their expertise. In the first half of the next century King Henry VIII required all men and boys to practice and keep up the skill and their equipment in readiness for when he next needed Bowmen. The Boxford Church Wardens' Accounts at this time tell us that males were being chivied to return to practice and that the butts were being refurbished for them. In Agnes Sargeant's will of 1491 she left the 'meadow of Lyncroft to Boxford Town'. This is the first record of land being left to the Town, possibly for common grazing. Could Boxford's butts have been on the Lyncroft? We do not know for sure exactly which field was called Lyncroft at that time, but it could have been part of the present Playing Field, outside the residential area for safety reasons.

The game hand-ball was popular nevertheless and was known as 'camp-ball' (derived from combat or champion). Another version known as 'kicking-camp' was more closely related to football - or perhaps Rugby, as it was combined with a good punch-up! In the 15th Century there are records across East Anglia of 'camping-land' where this very rough sport took place. It was played in Suffolk for six centuries and prevailed into the 18th Century in Boxford.

Goals were set about 150 to 200 yards apart, or even one in each of two neighbouring villages! A ball the size of a cricket ball was used for camp-ball. A larger ball (sometimes a pig's bladder) was used for 'kicking-camp' which was played barefoot. 'Savage-camp' was played in shoes which must have added to the injuries. The number of players on each team was agreed at the start, but inevitably some were carried off with their injuries. Each game started with the ball being thrown into the middle of the opposing teams by a spectator and the battle began. It must then, in Rugby style, be carried forwards, or thrown in the case of camp-ball. A 'snotch' was gained each time the ball was thrown into the opponents' goal. A snotch was lost each time a player was captured in possession of the ball, or a particularly nasty foul took place. The scores were kept as notches on a stick. Once a team gained seven or nine snotches, the game ended. The game could easily take 3 hours if the teams were well-matched. Everyone then retreated to one of the pubs for well-deserved ale. (Interestingly pig's bladder football was still being played in the Cambridgeshire Fens by village children in the 1940s during school holidays. It depended on one of us being brave enough to watch the butcher kill the pig in order to be first in line for the bladder.)

Camping is mentioned in the Winthrop Diaries c.1617. John Winthrop noted that on one occasion a player in Boxford broke his leg and in another match one died. On 8th September 1750 the Ipswich Journal announced a camping match to be held in Boxford on the 'tenter' fields. These were probably just west of Swan Street in the Goodlands area in what was then Edwardstone parish, as there



were tenter fields there previously. They were originally where the fulled cloth was hung outdoors on tenter hooks from tenter frames in long lengths, to dry out and stretch during the cloth making era in Boxford. The advert is as follows:

*'A Camping Match to be held 12th September 1750 in a field at Edwardstone adjoining Boxford Street for 10 silver Laced Hats each costing 12 shillings. To last half an hour with 5 sidesmen to each party. The half hour to be determined by the sound of a French horn from the gallery where will be a stop watch to lead up by 3 in the afternoon. No men to strike but one blow at a meeting, upon pain of losing his prize.*

*On the following day, 10 Plain Hats with silver loops and buttons to be camp'd for at same place. Each hat costing 8 shillings. A strong gallery will be built for the convenience of the spectators at 6 pence each and "Ordinaries" (food and drink) at each public house. No horses to be permitted to go within side of the Rope. The Laced Hats to be delivered at the Kings Head and the Plain Hats at the Fleece, both in Boxford.'*

"Ordinaries" are basic, filling meals of the period and the Kings Head was probably in Broad Street. The hats were valuable prizes. It looks as if the game is becoming shorter, more civilised and marginally safer than previously. We do not know exactly what "sidesmen" means in this context. It possibly meant 'helper' to protect the ball carrier.

By the early twentieth century the grounds of the then rectory (Boxford House on Stone Street) became important for village gatherings and events, and football and tennis were played there. It was then known as The Park and the various Rectors were generous with



*A Tennis Party at Peyton House, Ellis Street in about 1912. The Dawson brothers Frank and Frith, sold cycles and watches and ran the post office at 28/30 Swan Street. They have large moustaches and are in the middle of the deckchair row and back row respectively.*

the use of the grounds. Tennis parties also took place in the grounds of Peyton House in Broad Street, and in winter, skating on the mill pond. In summer, rowing boats were the Edwardian fashion on the River Box, on and above the mill pond. When the current rectory was built the villagers were no longer able to use The Park and they greatly missed it. People drifted away into teams in other villages.

Clearly Boxford was in need of new grounds for sport and recreation so in January 1967 the newly-formed Boxford Community Council acquired Croft Meadow for £1600 from the Tollemache & Cobbold Brewery of Ipswich. Roger Loose's recently published book, 'Boxford through the Ages', gives a detailed account of this. The Playing Field, originally three fields on the 1840 Tithe Map, was over time laid out for football, cricket, tennis, children's play, allotment gardening and events. A November firework and bonfire night with a torchlight parade through the village was held that year in celebration of the Community Council's achievement, a tradition that continues to this day.



*Boxford Football Club, the winning team for the Challenge Cup & Championship of Brent Eleigh and District Junior Football League 1932-33. Back row: G. Peake, F. Squirrell, G. Hogan, C. Smith, H. Perry. Middle row: H. Peachey, Rev. Harding, R. Hughes, G. Smith, A. Gunn, Rev. T. Rice, P. Fletcher. Front row: A. Peachey, C. Humphrey, A. E. Cook, A. Tricker, J. Tricker*



*The Boxford Football Club in 1948 with the Green Bank Dairy Cup, the dairy was in Ellis Street and owned by Mr Richardson (first right front row). Ted Fenton the manager of Colchester United (left standing) presented the cup and medals. Included in the picture are (back row): Graham Peachey, Bob Kingsbury, Tom Gardiner, Lol Smith, Dan Rose and Ted Fenton. Front row: Charlie Ince (trainer), Nobby Richardson, John Buckle, Dan Grimwood, Paul Elmer, Johnny Green and Mr Richardson.*

The archive contains many photos of Boxford football teams throughout the 20th century. In some cases the rectors were heavily involved and teams seemed well-supported. Hilda Rule provided new kit for the first male team to play on the new playing field. It consisted of maroon shorts, pale blue socks and maroon and pale blue striped shirts. Overtime village people gave generously of their time to build up squads for younger boys, and girls were eventually welcomed too. In 1979 young footballers from Boxford Rovers played in Boxford, Massachusetts and later in the Netherlands. These events are highlights in the memory of those lucky enough to take part.

One notable cricketer, William Allen Hart, appears with the Boxford cricketers in a 1907 photograph. Perhaps at this stage he was a coach. He also played for Sudbury and was given a solid silver tankard by the club in 1899 at the time of his marriage to Edith M Parson of The Firs, Boxford. He lived in Edwardstone and later at Brickhouse Farm (now Riverhall) in Ellis Street. His family owned a good deal of land in the area with a number of properties in



*Boxford Cricket Club about 1907. Everyone is dressed up so this doesn't look like a match but a celebration. No doubt the ladies made the afternoon teas. The tall man on the left is probably William Hart. Is it his wife Edith in front of him? By this stage he was probably a coach or umpire The lady front right holds the ball.*

'Hadleigh Hamlet' (that is in Ellis Street, Clubs Lane, Fen Street and Cox Hill), known locally as the Hart Estate. His life is described in the booklet 'William's Tankard' by Roger Prosser.

Meanwhile Boxford Bowls Club was well established and has been part of village history since 1919 on land beside the Croft. In 1961 four members (Hilda Rule, Dorothy Panks, Mary Williams and Mary Riddleston) won the national Women's Fours Bowls competition, and all four went on to represent England in 1967. There has been a Carpet Bowls group in the village hall for many years and exercise classes and Yoga are enjoyed there by villagers. There are Village Hall records from the 1930s listing activities such as Badminton, Country Dancing, and Gymnastics for the boys. The Hall Committee was very keen to establish other sports to support the National Fitness Campaign of 1937 with activities for the boys (again!), suggesting Scouting.



*The Essex and Suffolk Hunt outside the White Hart c.1960 with Dick Kemble in pink.*

Boxford also often saw the hunt. Some notable villagers were part of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt fraternity in the 1920s and 30s. After assembling at The White Hart they often hunted over Boxford parish with the foxhounds. Anyone who could afford to owned a horse in those days and it was a most popular form of transport and exercise. An Otter hunt took place along the River Box in the 20s with some villagers following on foot for a very tough day's exercise. There are reports too of foot races taking place as an impromptu event around the yard of the Fleece Public House. These did not always end well!

Over the centuries Boxford folk have enjoyed sporting activities whenever and however they could, according to the fashion of their day. In the last 100 years new opportunities have arisen for enthusiasts, including cycling (there is a vibrant Boxford Bike Club), and of course motor biking. Some villagers will have been inspired in this by Tornado Smith, the Wall of Death hero, but his story is for another day.

*Tina Loose*

## RAMBLE WITH THE BRAMBLES

*Rubus fruticosus*, or the common blackberry/

bramble is a sprawling perennial shrub of the Rose family with dark green, toothed and hairy leaves and white to pale pink flowers which turn into the familiar fruits. Archaeological records verify man has enjoyed foraging blackberries for over 8000 years and despite the dramatic decline in Britain's hedgerows over the past 50 years it's still not difficult to find plenty of wild blackberries ready for picking.

Whilst most berries ripen from mid August and September, our rather poor summer this year means ripening is slower.

### Picking tips

Blackberry juice will stain hands and clothing, and the brambles are covered in many sharp thorns. Wearing older, darker clothes is always advisable and consider gloves on very little ones.

Eating too many (unwashed) blackberries while picking can give small ones a belly ache so try to take the majority home and not be tempted to eat them off the bush.

If picking berries on verges, only pick berries above knee height and stick to the dark blackberries (not red or green) as under-ripe berries will not ripen further once picked. Good blackberries will come off the plant with just a light tug.



When you get your blackberries home, soak them for ten minutes in water just before you intend to use them, and then rinse them well before eating.

If you do not intend to use the berries for a few days, refrigerate them unwashed so they do not spoil, or wash them and pack them into an air tight bag or container for immediate freezing.

### Medicinal uses

In common with all members of the Rose family, bramble is high in flavonoids (antioxidants) and tannins. Tannins have astringent properties, tighten tissue and therefore can help to control minor bleeding.

An infusion of the leaves can help to relieve many conditions including diarrhoea, cystitis and haemorrhoids.

Bramble leaf tea can be used as a mouthwash to strengthen sensitive gums, ease mouth ulcers and reduce oral thrush and it has been traditionally used as a gargle to ease a sore throat.

The leaves are also used in poultices or compresses to 'dry out' small wounds and reduce bruises.

The berries are notable for their high nutritional content of dietary fibre, vitamin C, vitamin K and the essential mineral, manganese. The ripe berries are rich in anthocyanin, an antioxidant that gives the purple colour and is known to destroy the free radicals that damage our cells. These antioxidants also help protect and strengthen our immunity, so together with their high levels of Vitamin C, the berries can be an effective remedy to ward off colds and flu.

The root and bark of the bramble are the most astringent parts of the plant and traditionally were used the most as they were a more potent medicine. Records show they were used as far back as the Ancient Greeks to treat dysentery and gout.

## Recipe

### Blackberry Vinegar

One of my preferred ways to preserve blackberries is in cider vinegar. Not only can it be added to cooking, pickling and salad dressings; it is a good remedy to ward away winter colds. A tea spoon in warm water with honey can provide a beneficial dose of vitamins and nutrients to build your immunity.

It is incredibly simple to make:

1. Fill a glass jar with washed ripened blackberries
2. Cover with apple cider vinegar (choose a good quality organic variety like our Pippettes farm organic ACV)
3. Leave berries to infuse in the vinegar for 7-10 days
4. Thoroughly strain out all the fruits and bottle and label

to expand on this recipe:

### Blackberry balsamic vinegar recipe

1. Put 300mls of blackberry vinegar into a saucepan
2. Add 200g of organic brown sugar.
3. Simmer on a medium heat stirring frequently until the mixture begins to bubble, cook for 2-4 minutes and then take off the heat to cool.
4. Bottle and label



Enjoy!

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## PRESENTS FROM THE PAST

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



The Summer (whatever little of it there was) is now a distant memory and at the end of October we'll be setting the clocks back to end British Summer Time. A myth about BST is that it was introduced at the behest of farmers needing extra daylight hours in the Summer. However, there were more ecological (or financial) reasons behind it.



One of the early proponents of changing the clocks in Summer and back again in Autumn was a builder from Surrey named William Willett, the great-great-grandfather of Coldplay lead singer, Chris Martin. In 1907 Willett argued that maintaining the same time each year wasted £2.5 million in lighting resources, and he campaigned nationwide to put the clocks forward by 80 minutes at the start of Summer to counter this wastage. Parliament failed to grasp the importance of his arguments until after Willett died from flu in 1915. The outbreak of WWI saw Germany take advantage of seasonal clock changes to save coal at a time when resources were scarce. Britain played catchup in May 1916 and introduced British Summer Time. Since then, with the exception of a duration of British Double Summer Time in WWII and an experiment in between 1968 and 1970, BST has remained - much to the annoyance of millions who miss out on an extra hour in bed every March.

These days, with everyone using digital clocks and whizzy smartphones, changing the clocks means little more than just getting an extra hour in bed as our devices do all the work. I think this is a shame. As a fan of antique clocks of all types but especially longcase clocks, I have always enjoyed the ritual of changing the hour back or forward twice a year. There is something incredibly visceral about the process and it is a rare chance to physically interact with the amazing machinery behind these fabulous treasures.

The first clocks were invented in China in the 8th century, but it wasn't until the late 13th century that mechanical clocks started appearing. These clocks were inaccurate and it wasn't until the 1670s that the invention of pendulum-powered clocks meant that time could be measured accurately enough to allow the addition of a minute hand! The addition of a long pendulum for accuracy and cast iron weights for gravity-power meant that clocks suddenly became too heavy to wall-mount, and the need to protect the pendulum and weights from accidental knocks and damage meant that they needed wooden enclosures around them. The free-standing grandfather clock was born!

It didn't take long for grandfather clocks to boom in popularity. Something about the free-standing nature and the height typically being that of an average person struck a chord and these clocks were often anthropomorphised into human figures in people's imaginations.

These days I very much enjoy finding a longcase clock in someone's house. In the same way that pets do, I find that these clocks help to bring a quiet property to life. The need to occasionally wind them and adjust the timing is a physical delight and I would really urge anyone interested in collecting antiques to own at least one piece.

The range of clocks can be bewildering to the first-time buyer. The choice of woods, faces, even mechanisms is huge, and for a

very long time, each British region had its own local style of making them. As ever, do your research! Visit auction viewing days where a specialist is present and ask them about the clocks. They'll more often than not be delighted to impart some knowledge.

The value of specific of course varies according to age/quality and the skill/reputation of the maker. Generally if you're careful, you'll get what you pay for. Ask to see the clock working and to take a look at the workings - you don't need to be an expert to get a general feel for how the innards are working and how much maintenance has been done on them.

Look for a maker's mark on a clock you like and research that maker. A clock with a maker's mark will often value higher than one without.

Age is everything with these clocks. They weren't generally made in Britain after 1880 due to mass-produced German and American imports at the time. Because of this all genuine working grandfather clocks are pretty old artifacts in their own right. Older clocks very much tend to value higher than clocks of superior quality that are relatively newer. Because they were such central items in people's households often it is either a clock's history or its sentimental value that are of higher importance than its condition and build. Ask the buyer about the clock and an amazing story will often unfurl of how many owners it has had, who they were and where they lived. I would argue this is the true value of a clock - its place in time and the events that have unravelled around it.

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

### Suffolk health chiefs alarm as Covid19 cases shoot up ahead of sunny bank holiday weekend

The number of Covid cases in Suffolk have continued to rise in the last week and this increase is set to continue, prompting Suffolk's Director of Public Health to issue an urgent warning ahead of the Bank Holiday weekend. Stuart Keeble made the warning after Suffolk's weekly case hit 231.1 cases per 100,000 population.

### COVID 19 infection rates over August

There is now a start of an upturn again of infection rates in South Suffolk. In the 7 days up to 7<sup>th</sup> September there were **306 new cases of COVID-19 throughout Suffolk. Locally in the area of my Division, there were 32 cases in the same period in our MSOA area of 18 villages This is now one of the highest in the county.**

I continue to urge all those of you who are travelling locally and mixing with more people for work and / or pleasure to **take a Rapid Flow Test twice per week.**



### Statement on behalf of all Suffolk councils regarding Afghan refugees

"On Wednesday 18 August, the Government announced its new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees. Whilst the full details are yet to be confirmed, it is crystal clear that the Government needs local authorities everywhere to step up and support this national effort.

"All councils in Suffolk are committed to this cause. We have already helped a small number of Afghan interpreters and their families to resettle in Suffolk, in addition to ongoing work to support unaccompanied asylum seeking children and other refugees entering the UK. In the coming days and weeks, the district, borough and county councils will continue working with the Government to do what we can to provide assistance to vulnerable refugees.

"Times like this call for acts of humanity. Suffolk will play its part."

### Suffolk targets devolution talks with Government

It was announced on August 17<sup>th</sup> that public sector leaders in Suffolk say they welcome early discussions with Ministers about a possible devolution deal for Suffolk.

In a joint letter sent to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, the leaders of all of Suffolk's six councils and Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore, said:

"Suffolk has already demonstrated its credibility as a place where Government will find strong and ambitious delivery partners. The Suffolk Public Sector Leaders (SPSL) group has a track record of effective partnership working. These robust relationships enable more innovative ways of working, including exploring opportunities for devolution as part of a County Deal.

"Suffolk...is an ideal place to help Government demonstrate how levelling up can work in diverse geographies. Suffolk has a strong offer to make to Government and we would welcome early discussions with MHCLG Ministers to explore proposals for a County Deal ahead of the White Paper being published."

The Government wrote to councils in July 2021, setting out its ambition to make available to county areas the kind of devolved

decision-making powers and public funding currently enjoyed by larger cities and urban areas. It's part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda and will see a White Paper published in the coming months.

### Suffolk plans climate change events ahead of COP26

It was announced on August 11<sup>th</sup> that in the build-up to COP26, events around Suffolk will showcase local businesses and people who are tackling climate change, to inspire others to follow. The events aim to encourage businesses and residents to do more personally and professionally to reduce carbon emissions and therefore slow the increase of climate change.

One of the events confirmed to be taking place in Suffolk is the visit of the national Zero Carbon Tour, organised by Planet Mark. The Tour sees a fully electric 'Carbon Battle Bus' making visits around the country before arriving at the COP26 conference.

Suffolk's collective campaign of Creating The Greenest County is to be net zero by 2030. As part of the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, these events look to encourage collaborative action by educating and engaging with residents and businesses to develop net zero journey.

Other events which are being planned in Suffolk in the lead up to COP26 include:

- August/September - Webinars for Suffolk's voluntary sector (Suffolk County Council)
- 1 September - Zero Carbon Tour visits Ipswich
- 12 October - Ten Steps to Net Zero (Suffolk Chamber of Commerce)
- 21-22 October - Local Energy Showcase (Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council)
- TBC October - A Greener NHS day
- 12 November - Greenest County Awards (Suffolk County Council)
- 23-25 November - Low Carbon Homes

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

The Virtual Fostering and Adoption session have been reviewed and are reported to have been very successful. IN the light of this, it is intended to continue with these virtual sessions. Since the incidence of COVID 19 sadly the demand for this service has increased significantly. Therefore, those who would like to join one of the following events please email for the log in codes:-

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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. For more details to find out more refer to the website - [www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk)

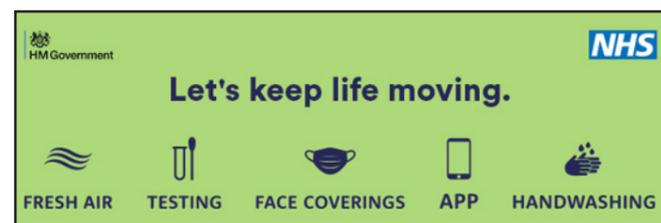
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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Your Babergh District Councillor

Firstly, can I through these pages express a profound hope that as we enter even more uncertain and uncomfortable times that shoppers and buyers in general do not panic-buy and hoard food and other goods. If we are all sensible, buy just what we need and share equally with others, we will have enough food and general supplies to go around us all. Please remember that a family on a low wage are now not even "just about managing" (Remember Theresa May - where is she now, referring to JAM?). Living with someone who works in the retail sector is not easy when she comes home and asks why certain people who she does not normally see in our local shop need so much toilet paper and cans of baked beans, could the two be connected I wonder? The worst effects of a hard Brexit and leaving the single market are yet to come and will affect us all in differing ways but mainly in having to pay higher prices and having to eat other things when we cannot buy what we want when we want it. Despite this, we all must accept a decision has been made however bad for us and misguided it was for the vast majority. It is important that we all learn from this and hopefully fight back to establish better involvement in local and national politics and elect representatives who support and speak for us all, not those who stand to gain most for themselves supported by spineless lapdogs who regard politics as a career not a calling to do public service for all citizens and country.

On a similar subject, I have been studying the final days of the career of Angela Merkel who has just come to the end of her 18 year stint as Chancellor of Germany. During those 18 years she has led 80 million people with skill, dedication and sincerity. In those 18 years, no transgressions were recorded and she did not appoint any of her relatives or friends to prominent posts or reward them in any way. What a magnificent lady and a true example of a great leader.

Regardless of whatever one thinks of her politics she has certainly led her country by example and with total dedication - not for her the trappings of her position. She has sacrificed so much and sought to gain nothing for herself, her family, her colleagues, her friends, and above all party and business associates.

When asked by a journalist why she always wore the same suit and dress, she replied "I am a civil servant not a model". She is a true example of humbleness and dedication to her whole country and all its people; she still lives in her same apartment which comes with the job and owns no other dwellings and has taken no bungs or donations from lobbyists or party members. She shares domestic duties with her husband with equal divides between cooking and household chores. She shops, he puts out the bins in the street from the apartment where they live, she has no second home - only access to various state buildings for civic purposes.

When she left office the German populace across all divides came out on the streets and applauded her for six minutes throughout the whole of all the once-divided and ravaged state of Germany. Should it not be like that everywhere?

Nearer to home and closer to all my efforts for local residents, Babergh has won a national award for helping and enhancing the lives of residents during the ongoing pandemic and also with our efforts in developing a virtual high street in our local market towns. This can never replace the experience of an actual visit and a virtual cup of coffee never tastes quite the same but in dire times the survival of our retail, manufacturing, agricultural and hospital-ity outlets are of vital strategic importance to us all in building back all the blocks of a strong economy and a good lifestyle in general. I am not a fan of awards but in this case they are well deserved by our staff and those councillors who have worked hard to achieve good outcomes.

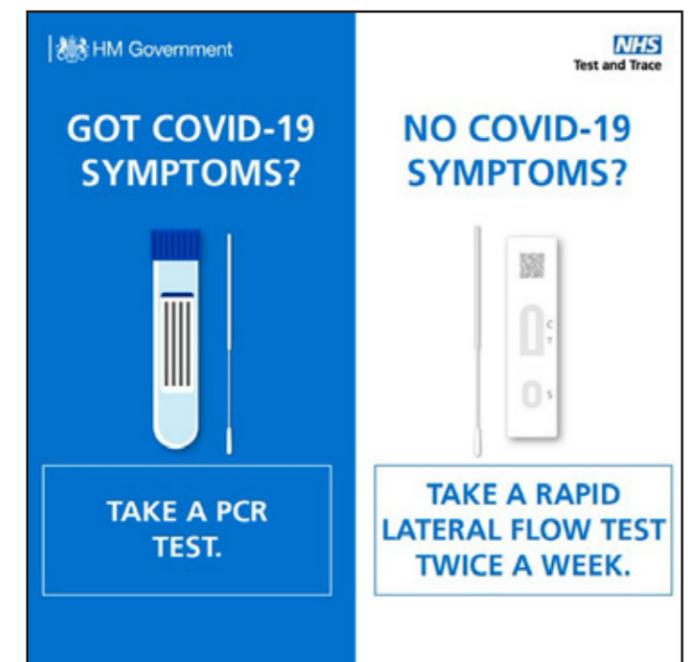
I was not so comfortable with the proposed cabinet decision on the introduction of parking charges after the first 30 minutes (which remained a free parking period) for all users of our council owned car parks. After a very untidy scrap at one meeting when I was part of the revolt against the original cabinet decision a compromise was reached to keep an hour free of charge to support the businesses which I am sure will be of benefit to our high streets and keeps the 'just popping to the shops to buy a few bits' going. The big problem we have is that now the government levies business rates on our car parks to the tune of just over £190,000.00 per annum, the money has to be found from somewhere and it was decided that the motorists parking their cars should pay a little more for longer time parking rather than be levied against the general ratepayer who may not even have or use a car to shop. It is difficult to argue against that scenario. These charges will not now be levied until January 2022.

Even nearer to home, the four little houses in Groton Street are nearing completion and will be ready to let to Groton residents or those with a strong connection to the village sometime in this coming autumn with occupation to the first tenants sometime hopefully in late November. This has been a really wonderful scheme promoted by Groton Parish Council in conjunction with myself and Babergh District Council. It was also supported by the vast majority of local villagers who realise the need for local affordable housing to keep villages and local communities together, strong and inclusive for first time buyers to get a foothold on the housing ladder, something that is still becoming harder and harder to do.

It is with great pride I can announce that the National Women's Cycle Race is once again coming to Suffolk and indeed to my ward on 9<sup>th</sup> October. It will come through our area from Sudbury through Little Waldingfield and down the B1115 on the outskirts of Brent Eleigh, through the main street of Monks Eleigh and on to Chelworth. Street parking will be prohibited along the route for safety reasons but various businesses along the way will hopefully provide parking, refreshments and a vantage point to watch all the competitors come through. Well worth making the effort to watch.

Please all, keep safe and well and smiling if you can. We still have much to celebrate and hopefully the revolution is coming.

If you need your local councillor, I can be contacted at [bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk)  
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1. Close-up Star Crossed Lovers
  2. Narcissus
  3. The Pied Piper of Hamelin
  4. The Wind in the Willows
  5. Room on the Broom
  6. The Parting of the Red Sea
- Photos: David Lamming and Frances Gregor-Smith



## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

### "Tell me a Story"

If you wandered into St Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield on the weekend of 4th and 5th September, you would have been forgiven if you had momentarily thought you were fast asleep dreaming of heaven with floral delights quite out of this world. It was the Church's famous Flower Festival and the displays looked as though they had been designed by angels.

One got a good taste of what was to come as you entered through the South Porch to be greeted by the striking blue/purple of the 'Parting of the Red Sea' together with a sign pointing the viewer towards the Promised Land. Soon you were greeted by an exotic 'Garden of Eden', 'Jesus turning water into wine', a striking 'Garden of Gethsemane' and a baby 'Moses' contentedly bobbing 'in the bullrushes'. However, not all of the displays on show were Biblical. There were numerous other fabulously floral favourites to grab your attention and passions: 'Treasure Island', 'Beauty and the Beast', and there was even 'Wind in the Willows' coming from the pulpit and it wasn't caused by the Vicar's poor jokes for once! Then we had 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'the Pied Piper of Hamelin', 'Room on the Broom' together with a spooky witch enough to give you nightmares, and 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' to complete a magical theme. There was also something for the more traditional: 'Midsummer Night's Dream', 'Star-Crossed Lovers' and 'Narcissus' who one simply couldn't take your eyes off.

But this was not the kind of flower festival where once you had seen all the visual enjoyments you simply left without a single reminder of the enchantments you had experienced, oh no! For by the door beautiful basket displays sat available to buy and brighten up your home... or someone else's. Perfect for that wedding anniversary you had forgotten before you came out!

Observing such a voluptuous offering of floral delights was quite tiring. It was a good thing then that there were copious amounts of jolly good, piping-hot tea and mountains of sweet-smelling, freshly-baked cakes of every description to replenish those fast-dwindling energy supplies before you reluctantly left.

It is hard to convey in words the huge amounts of effort and talent that went into this annual fundraiser which raised an astonishing £1700 towards the costs of keeping the church open and operational (it costs around £450 per week). The whole event was testament to the wonderful community spirit that Little Waldingfield has in spades. Thank you so much to everyone that visited and those whose immeasurable talents were used to conjure such beauty. It was an inspiring event, and we thank you profusely for your ongoing support.

Report compiled by Fr Rob Parker-McGee

## ARE YOU UNDERINSURED?

Coversure Sudbury is launching a public awareness campaign



to warn property owners of the risks of underinsurance. A recent report from Rebuild Cost Assessment found that 82% of UK properties are underinsured, a problem that could leave landlords and homeowners facing bills for tens-of-thousands of pounds in the event of claim.

### Why Are So Many Properties Underinsured?

There are several reasons why property owners fall into the underinsurance trap, but one of the most common is that rebuild cover levels are too low.

Rebuild cost limits are the amount an insurer will pay out should a building need to be rebuilt. This isn't the same as the building's market value and includes things such as demolition, surveyors' and architects' fees, materials, and labour. Rebuild cost levels being too low is a common way for property owners to become underinsured, which can lead to huge bills in the event of a claim as pay-outs don't cover costs. Worryingly, most property owners don't even know they have fallen into the property insurance trap until it's too late.

### Coversure's Simple Solution To A Complex Problem

With 9 out of 10 UK properties currently incorrectly insured Coversure Sudbury is offering residents a property assessment service. Using a combination of insurance industry tools and a hi-tech virtual assessment service, landlords, homeowners, and commercial property owners can escape the property underinsurance trap. The assessment process is simple and can be completed in a few days. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this service should call Coversure Sudbury on 01787 374857.

## OLLIE'S NEWS FROM SESAW

That bumptious Chihuahua has acknowledged that, as a fine example of the species, I am presenting our October news because the 27th is **National Black Cat Day**.



There are many other celebrations of creatures throughout the year including the Hedgehog Awareness Week in May but they need our help all the time, particularly during Guy Fawkes preparations. Please take great care to check for the little chaps under the bonfire **BEFORE** you set light to it.

This has been a bad year for fly strike with hedgehogs suffering horribly. Should you come across a hedgehog, particularly in daylight hours, please do not leave it for several days. Take it to a hedgehog rescue or



bring it to SESAW immediately. Advance apologies to those with a sensitive stomach but so many arrivals have been unfurled to reveal maggots eating them alive. The prickly little chaps are now classified as vulnerable on the Mammal Society's Red List

Whilst on the subject of seasonal celebrations, don't forget

to keep your cats indoors and your dogs calm as we approach the fireworks season. Which reminds me, it's time to evade Mother's efforts to keep me in at nightfall so that's all from me.

Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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## BOXFORD'S CHURCH FETE

If you were out and about in Boxford on Sunday 12th September, then you will likely have been drawn to a peculiar commotion in the church and churchyard. As the autumnal mist rose from the tips of the trees, so the mighty organ began humming its melodic tones and two choirs sang the beautiful melodies of hymns and anthems chosen for the festival of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At a service that saw a very large number attending, the richness of the liturgy engaged all the senses. The gaze of everyone present was lifted as the veil between heaven and earth seemed thinned and sprinkled with moments when they quivered standing on the edge of eternity.

As if that wasn't enough then no sooner was the Patronal service over, than the Church Fete and Fun Day began. Those leaving church to join in the festivities were flabbergasted as they saw hundreds of people flocking to stalls and activities so brilliantly organised by a small group of volunteers. As the smell of delicious cooking wafted from the excellent BBQ and some queued for a burger and first glass of refreshment, others flocked to the welly throwing, treasure hunt, hook-a-duck, name the giant elephant, guess the number of sweets in the jar, archery and the bouncy castle - especially the bouncy castle! In another part of the churchyard, people seemed to get a concerningly sinister satisfaction from soaking the vicars and queued for the privilege. For the adults there were also stalls offering a chance to purchase unique Ugandan jewellery, homemade scented candles and oils and bespoke items for home and beauty. Wanderers into the church were greeted by cakes, teas and coffees, a teddy tombola, books, retro crockery and bric-a-brac, together with handmade winterwear, blankets and soft toys and people again waited in line to make their own teddy parachutes!

At 2.30pm, the first teddy plummeted to its fate from the top of

the tower. Teddy after teddy descended, parachutes aloft in a scene akin to a WWII film. That is, for those parachutes that managed to open at all. Many didn't and their wearers thundered to the ground with a loud thud. Around a hundred teddies later and our very own nurse adorned uniform arrived to stretcher off the wounded companions to the nurses station where they were bandaged up and given a certificate of bravery.

To all intents and purposes this was a lovely community event helped in no small part by the weather and the enthusiasm of local people. It showed the church as it should be (and was designed to be) – at the centre of our village, open to all and filled with joy – a place of openness, welcome and acceptance.

We originally designed this event to be a community builder for social engagement, intended only to break-even financially. In the end £2000 was raised to help keep the church open and running at the heart of our village – which is phenomenal (it costs £850 a week to keep the church open and operational). Thank you!

As we look forward, we have many opportunities to further deepen our life together. We have our five Harvest Festivals – a great opportunity for us to give our gratitude for the blessings we have at our fingertips that so many don't. We have Newton's Patronal Festival and Afternoon Tea – another opportunity to grow in community through hearty hospitality. All Souls' Memorial Service – a chance to stop and remember recently passed loved ones, especially poignant after a year of pandemic. After that we will have Remembrance-tide, Advent and Christmas to look forward to – watch this space.

Thank you for all who came to Boxford's Patronal and Fete, and to those who helped in any way. As we try and get our churches used more and more for community engagement, we hope there will be many more such occasions. All ideas welcome!

Thank you for your support.  
Report compiled by Fr Rob and Sarah Parker-McGee



## BOXFORD'S NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY OPENS!

With your help, we've done it! The new Boxford School Library has been completed!

When Friends of Boxford School (FoBS) put out a call for help to raise funds for the Boxford School Library BIG Renovation Project, parents and the local community did not disappoint. We cannot thank you all enough; children, parents, grandparents and friends buying raffle tickets, donating prizes, sponsoring children, donating books, buying books and taking part in the Readathon, Sale Trial and Easter Trail – thank you!

We'd also like to say thank you to the following charities, councils and donors:

Assington Parish Council, Boxford Bike Club, Boxford Community Council, Boxford & Groton United Charities, Boxford Parish Council, Edwardstone Charities, Edwardstone Parish Council, Edwardstone PCC, Groton Educational Foundation, James Finch/Suffolk County Council, Lady Getty, Mrs Lamming, Mr and Mrs Kirkham-Sheidow, Mr and Mrs Morris, Mr and Mrs Williams, Mrs Common, Mrs Warnes, Newton Parish Council

We welcomed local children's author, James Campbell into school last week to 'officially open' the new library, pictured with Year 6 pupils Lucy, Woody and Henry. The children of Boxford School now have access to a wonderful, light filled library with colourful shelving, seating nooks and a cosy corner, it's been lovely hearing and seeing their responses to the library on first sight – they love it!

Without all of you it would not have been possible – thank you!  
Sally and Anna  
Joint FoBS Chair



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## BRIAN TORA'S SOAP BOX

We were fortunate to make it out to Portugal in September after an absence of more than nine months. It was only a brief visit, but it was remarkable how much had changed in such a comparatively short space of time. At the time of our visit, the rules surrounding how to behave in the face of the pandemic were stricter there than back home in England, but somehow, we found that comforting. While face masks, which remained compulsory inside shops and restaurants, only had to be worn outdoors if there was a crowd, many people wore them all the time.

It did feel more relaxed there, though. True, warmer weather made staying outside for much of the time easier than might have been the case in England. And, like back home, the building industry was booming and house prices soaring. A friend who had been trying to sell his beach front property for several years without success – probably because he was asking too much for it – received an unsolicited approach from someone prepared to pay an even higher price than he had been asking. It's an ill wind....

It appears that property prices all around the world are on the up. Quite why an outbreak of a highly contagious virus, which has disrupted life in so many different ways, should spark a boom in house prices is difficult to understand. Perhaps it is the fear that inflation could be rekindled, bringing to an end a lengthy period of relatively stable prices. Certainly, the cost of living is being driven up in many corners of the globe.

High and sustained inflation is definitely something to be feared and avoided at all costs. Modest inflation, on the other hand, is viewed as a beneficial influence and is even encouraged by governments. The target for inflation in this country is 2% per annum, with a tolerance of 1% built in on either side. In other words, providing the rise in the cost of living stays in the range of 1% to 3%, the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer can feel relaxed – well, relatively. With inflation running at 3.2% for August and

expected to rise to 4.5% by the year end, perhaps Downing Street is a little less relaxed now.

It is not too difficult to understand why governments consider modest inflation as a good – arguably necessary – aspect of economic management. Knowing that goods might cost that little bit more next year encourages people to spend and the actions of the consumer are crucial in ensuring our economy maintains an upward path. The other side of the coin – deflation, where prices actually fall – stifles consumer demand and can send the economy into a downward spiral.

While comparatively rare, there have been recent examples of how deflation can damage growth. Japan, which enjoyed explosive post war growth as it rebuilt its economy and geared up its manufacturing capabilities, stalled towards the end of the 1980s and entered into a period of prolonged low or negative inflation which cut growth and led to a massive implosion in the value of its stock market.

Of course, inflation can bring benefits. It enhances the value of some assets and devalues debt. Those of us of the baby boomer generation able to buy their own homes will have benefitted hugely from the uplift in house prices generated by successive years of relatively high inflation and the lessening of the value of their mortgages compared with the price their homes were able to command. As it happens, house prices have actually outstripped inflation, but the rise in the cost of living definitely helped.

In the 1970s inflation rose to dangerously high levels, peaking at 25% or thereabouts. Interest rates rocketed and in the end the country had to be bailed out by the International Monetary Fund. I'm not expecting this scenario to be re-enacted, but we need to keep an eye on what is happening to prices and wages. A perfect storm of supply disruption and labour shortages, brought about by a combination of Brexit and the pandemic could yet see inflation and interest rates return to levels not seen in decades. I hope not, but you can't be too sure.

*Brian Tora*

## FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

Hello to all our readers! Autumn is here and winter is fast approaching, so let's get a good night-out booked in your diaries and come along to our Quiz Night at The Ansell Centre in Hadleigh on 20th November for a fish and chip fun quiz night.

As you all know, as well as the rescued animals that we care for, we also combine the animal care with that of people who are having a difficult time in life. For me I have always seen just how animals can be healers and make a difference in companionship and love to someone's life, if a person is open to it.

This month I would like to write about a 22 year-old young lady who has been under my wing at French's, working with me and the animals. Lissy has gone through a harrowing time in her life and is coming out the other side in her recovery. I have been given permission by her to write this and I am so proud of her in the way she is making such a good recovery in her mental and physical strength. Through complete lack of confidence and the bullying that she had going on in her life, Lissy gained a lot of weight and went up to 24 stone. This led to even worse bullying, so she went the other way and stopped eating and developed Anorexia Nervosa, dropping to an alarming 4 1/2 stone! At this time her body's organs were under such stress that they had all started to fail. Lissy was told she was just a week away from dying when her gallbladder was removed. She was very lucky that the damage to her other organs did not kill her. With the help and support she is given the 4 days every week that she comes to French's, along with the mental psychology to gain positive mental strength that I drummed into her about being strong and not letting others' negativity affect you, Lissy is gaining weight and mental strength on a weekly basis. She is now 7 stone and has gained enough strength to do the physical jobs needed up at our farm, which she enjoys. I strongly advised Lissy to gain her



own independence by taking driving lessons, with the goal of passing and buying a car. She did just that and her test is booked - fingers crossed she will pass first time. Lissy says that her days up the farm with the animals and me are when she is at her happiest. We all hear a lot nowadays about people making nasty remarks about others - leading to some recipients taking their own lives. As someone who has experienced such negative, spiteful, jealous individuals in my own life, I know what it is like. Fortunately for me I was strong enough to ignore it and if anything it made me more resilient in life, as my love for animals and the work I have been doing with them as a profession for near 50 years now, motivated me through my life to stay focused, keep going, and never give up. French's Care Haven is not just an animal rescue, I have always combined helping people heal and improve physically and mentally, as well as the animals that have come to me. Attached is a lovely photo of Lissy with Dollymix her favourite horse. Dollymix is 30 years old now and is the sweetest mare and is a perfect friend for Lissy.

I look forward to seeing you all on our quiz night. For more details call Sharon on: **07999 051401** or email her: [Frenchs.100club@gmail.com](mailto:Frenchs.100club@gmail.com)

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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

### NEWTON GREEN

#### Summary of Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

##### 21/148 Public Forum

Sue Vince updated the councillors that she has been unable to find anyone to take over from her to produce the Village Newsletter. She has come to the conclusion that it would be best for all Newton information to be included in the Box River News and that the Newsletter funds be transferred to NPC and be ring-fenced for newsletter projects. The councillors thanked Sue for all her efforts over the past 6 year in keeping the Newton Newsletter going and that at the next meeting they will review the process for updating the BRN editor.

##### 21/149 Emails circulated

Following a review of the emails circulated the councillors noted that following Sue Vince' resignation NPC have been given approval by Babergh to co-opt her replacement. The Clerk to advertise the councillor vacancy and the councillors will appoint a Vice Chairman at the October meeting.

##### 21/151 Finance

The councillors resolved to approve and accept the external audit report produced by PKF Littlejohn for the year ending 31st March 2021 after noting that no further actions were required.

##### 21/153 Recreation Ground

Cllr Presland updated councillors on the Playground equipment installation which has restarted with completion expected by the end of September. The MUGA booking statistics for the past two months are:

- July - 25 bookings totalling 40 hours
- August - 31 bookings totalling 45 hours.

##### 21/154 Neighbourhood Plan

All the changes recommended by the Independent Examiner have now been incorporated to the Newton Neighbourhood Plan and the Character Assessment. NPC are still awaiting confirmation of the referendum date from Babergh.

##### 21/159 2021 Fireworks

Lee Parker updated councillors that his call for new volunteers for the fireworks event had not produced the results that he had hoped. This along with the COVID concerns led the councillors to reluctantly agree to postpone the fireworks event until 2022.

##### 21/160 Christmas Lights

The councillors resolved to purchase a Christmas Tree that can grow on the Green with a budget of £300.

##### 21/161 Defibrillators

The councillors agreed to look at further deployment of defibrillators throughout the village and asked the Clerk to prepare costings for the various options.

Full minutes can be found at [www.newton.onesuffolk.net](http://www.newton.onesuffolk.net)

## OTHER BENEFICE PARISH COUNCILS

Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone parish councils were unable to provide summaries of meeting minutes in time for publication in this issue. Full minutes can be viewed at:

- <https://boxfordsuffolk.com/BoxfordParishCouncil/minutes>
- <http://groton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/documents/>
- <http://edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/minutes/>

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

### Summary of Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

#### Planning

No new applications for comment, but members received details of decisions made by the district council on previous applications.

#### Contributions by Members of the Public

4 members of the public attended and spoke regarding the condition of the footpaths around the village.

#### Clerk's Report

Confirmation that letters to residents on The Street regarding parking on and obstructing the pavement were delivered and flyers distributed to try and attract 2 new councillors.

#### Governance

Christine Hargen had been offered and accepted the position as the new Parish Clerk. She would be taking up her post on 1 October 2021.

#### Highways

Members put forward suggestions for items for the maintenance schedule for the village. These included the cleaning of and cutting back around signs, maintenance work in the closed Churchyard and Cemetery, painting of the phone box and varnishing of notice boards, maintenance of benches, weeding and replenishment of grit bins.

Members agreed to set up a Footpaths Working Group which would consider the condition of footpaths around the village and prioritise the important paths, it would be made up of one councillor and four members of the public.

Members noted the implementation of Parking Restrictions along part of The Street in relation to the Women's Tour Event on Saturday 9 October 2021 and would publicise these on social media.

#### Closed Churchyard

Members agreed a date of Saturday 30 October to carry out maintenance work in both the open and closed churchyards. This would be a village initiative with villagers being encouraged to help. Volunteers to form a working party would be sought at the pop up pub on 12 September.

#### Community Facilities

Members discussed the closure of the Sudbury Sports Centre and agreed to send a letter objecting to the closure.

#### Items for Future Consideration

These included an update regarding noise pollution in Grove Avenue and to consider arranging an informal progress meeting with the owner of the Swan Inn.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2 November 2021 at the Parish Room at 7:30pm. Full minutes and future agendas can be found at <https://bit.ly/LW-parish-minutes>

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## CITIZENS ADVICE

*I'm going back to university and moving into a shared house with friends for the first time. Although I'm excited, I'm also a bit nervous as I've never rented from a private landlord before. The house looked fine when we viewed it, but that was months ago now and I've heard horror stories about dodgy landlords for student houses. What should I look out for when I move in?*

**citizens  
advice**

Renting a house with friends is usually an exciting time. Most landlords are reasonable people who look after their properties and tenants well, but it's always a good idea to know your rights.

Here's a checklist of things to do when you first move in:

- **Make sure you have your landlord's contact details.** Your landlord is responsible for keeping your home in good condition and arranging repairs when they're needed. They should be your first point of contact if anything goes wrong.
- **Make sure your deposit is protected.** Check that your landlord has given you information about the scheme used to protect your deposit.
- **Take photos on the day you move in.** It's also worth asking your landlord or letting agent for an inventory, to check everything is in order. Use this to note down any problems and the condition of the furniture, kitchen, carpets, bathroom etc.
- **Check if you're in a 'house in multiple occupation'.** If you're living with two or more people who aren't part of your family, and share a toilet, bathroom or kitchen with you, this is considered an HMO. This means your landlord must make sure your home meets certain safety standards. This includes making sure smoke alarms are installed and there's a safe fire exit. The landlord must also ensure shared areas such as staircases and corridors are clean and in good repair. Some HMOs need to be licensed by the council - if you're unsure whether this applies to your home, check with your local council.
- **Make sure your landlord gives you: a copy of the Gas Safety Certificate, an Energy Performance Certificate and a How to Rent leaflet.**
- **Understand your tenancy agreement.** It's important to know who's responsible for paying bills and what to do if there are any changes, like if someone wants to move out. The Citizens Advice website explains the different ways shared accommodation can be organised.

If you encounter a problem with the property, contact your landlord. They might not already be aware as they shouldn't come in without your permission. If it relates to disrepair, for example if your heating system fails or there's damp in the property, it's best to put this in writing so that you have evidence if you need it later.

If your landlord is unresponsive or refuses to help, contact your student services or local Citizens Advice service for support. In serious cases, for example if your health or safety is at risk, you may be advised to contact the council.

If you need advice or information, contact Sudbury & District Citizens Advice.

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## BOXFORD ROVERS AWARDS

Here are two photos of our awards day with trophies for under 12 and under 13 teams following a mixed teams 5-a-side matches.

The season was extended to complete all the fixtures for all under-11/12/13 teams and we are looking forward to the 2021/22 starting in September.

Melvyn Eke



## STOKE BY NAYLAND GOLF

### Ladies Club Championships

The Club Championships for the Stoke By Nayland Ladies was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September. The ladies played their medal competition on Saturday on the Gainsborough course and Sunday on the Constable course. It was a fantastic weekend for the Club Championships the sun shone and there was a gentle breeze, the course is in really great condition, the greens were very quick and there was some tricky pin positions.

The new Club Champion is Katie Clark with a gross 184

Silver Division: 2nd. Pamela Randle with a gross score of 188. 3rd. Corinne Jackson with a gross score of 192. Winner of the Bronze shield was Catriona Chaplin with a gross score of 192.



President Steve Clark, Club Champ Katie Clark & Ladies Captain Janet Hodge.

## MILDEN CRICKET CLUB

### Tendring Park v Milden, 22 August

This was Milden's nadir of the 2021 season. Reduced to 10 players after a late drop-out due to injury, Milden were bowled out in 19 overs for just 54, with no batsman reaching double figures.

Tendring Park (56 for 1) then knocked off the runs in 9.2 overs, losing only one wicket and finishing the match with a six. It meant that Milden took no points from the game.

### Bardwell v Milden, 12 September

An enjoyable game, played on a glorious September afternoon, ended with Milden losing again, this time by four wickets. Batting first, Milden were in trouble at just 38 for five after 17 overs and then 81 for 8 when No.10 Alex Rich joined



Milden No.10 Alex Rich: he finished on 35 not out.

No.9 Richard Knightley with ten overs remaining. Together they put on 43 for the 9th wicket and, when Knightley was bowled for 32, Rich (35 not out) added another 23 runs with Matt Archer (12 not out) to give Milden a respectable final score of 147 for 9. Replaying, Bardwell benefitted from several dropped catches and too many extras to win by six wickets. Final score: 148 for 6. Importantly, though, Milden took five league points from the match.

### Weather wins at the end: Milden v Elmswell, 19 September

The weather had the better of Milden CC's last match of the 2021 season on 19 September when, to the disappointment of the many spectators, the predicted rain arrived on schedule at 5.00 pm.



Tom Offord on his way to 28 not out

Milden were then 77 for six, chasing a modest total of 133 for victory against Elmswell with Tom Offord (28 not out) and Joel Thomas (12 not out) leading a recovery after a disastrous early spell when five wickets fell for just eight runs to leave the home side reeling at 32 for 6 with 100 still needed.

A 40-minute rain break followed but, when play was about to resume, the rain returned and, after discussion between the captains, the match was abandoned. It was frustrating for Milden who, with plenty of overs in hand, at that point seemed the more likely winners.



Mid-wicket conference: will play resume? (Answer: no)

Earlier, they had bowled Elmswell out for 132, Joe Smith taking five for 24 in his 10 overs and Alan Every three for 12. Despite earlier defeats, the [non] result left Milden comfortably mid-table above the relegation zone.

Report & photos courtesy of David Lamming

## EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB

### Edwardstone CC, Division 2, Hunts County Suffolk Cricket League Champions?

Barring a freak result on the last day of the season, Edwardstone CC should by now be crowned champions and make a quick return to the first division next season. Skipper James Thorogood has done a great job leading the side to this position while managing to contribute by scoring valuable runs including a quickfire 67 v Freston, taking wickets and occasionally wicket keeping. Of course putting the team together each week may be his greatest achievement!

The league has been very tight this year with any of 4 or 5 teams having a chance of topping the table. Edwardstone won 6, lost 4 but managed to gain the advantage late in the season.

Despite losing opening bowler Sam Whymark and opening bat Richard Plant to injury towards the end of the season the team was able to hang on, gaining enough points to lead the division. Both players had made match-winning contributions in games, Sam taking 4 for 18 v Freston and with Richard's highest score of 85. Iain Young played more games this year scoring an early season 55 v Nowton and shows the rest of us the benefit of accumulating runs at a good rate while managing to stay in. A skill that has still to be mastered by some.

The team's bowling attack has been led by Tom Whymark whose accuracy and pace have not always been rewarded by the number of wickets he deserved. Tim Beven brings wickets and experience to the line-up, while Jack Clark has bowled more this year, taking wickets at key moments and batting at most positions in the order. Ryan Farthing always makes things happen with the bat and ball and excels in the field.

What has been particularly pleasing this year is the addition of new players, including some who are new to the area such as Waleed Wain, whose pace has surprised some opponents! The progress of younger players such as Jo Whittaker who has kept wicket all year and Farran Kirkham who has made good contributions when not playing for Suffolk is also good for the future of the club. Archie Plant continues to play when returning from university, batting spectacularly at times and bowling with good results. He is also good at offering cricket advice to his father Richard.

Jag De Alwis is now the club's true all rounder, seeming to have all the time in the world while batting and scoring quickly and also bowling with controlled skill.

What often keeps a club going at this level is the participation of families and this year we have father and son partnerships from the Gooderhams, Bevens and Plants, while brothers Tom, Rob and Sam Whymark are all part of the squad of players.

As the season comes to end it is time to thank those who keep the club running smoothly. Club chairman Charlie Partridge, captain James Thorogood, Ray Gibbons who has once again been producing one of the best wickets in the league and is still playing games while reminding us all what a great game cricket is.

Also thanks to the club's junior coaches, Chris Philbidge, Tim Beven and Club Secretary Robert Chapman along with the parents who have provided the chance for local children to experience the game and enjoy the Saturday morning coaches sessions which have now been running for over 15 years and provided many of the players representing the club in league cricket.

If there is anyone who would like to join the club: please contact us via the website: [www.edwardstonecricketclub.com](http://www.edwardstonecricketclub.com)

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### OCTOBER 2021

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FRI St. Lawrence's Church, Little Waldingfield

**1** Wine & Cheese Tasting 7:00-9:00pm  
FRI St. Mary's Church, Boxford

**2** 'Nomadland' Leavenheath Cinema 7:00pm  
SAT Leavenheath Village Hall

**3** Little Waldingfield Harvest Service 9:30am  
SUN St. Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

**3** Little Waldingfield Farmers' Market 10:00-2:00  
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**10** Craft Fair 10:00 - 4:00  
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**10** Harvest Evensong & Drinks 6:00pm  
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**13** Whist Drive 7:30pm  
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**16** Church Café Coffee Morning 10:00-12:00  
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**17** Harvest Lunch 12:00  
SUN St. Mary The Virgin, Edwardstone

**22** Jazz in Chilton Church 8:00pm  
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**23-28** Fireworks Lantern Making 10:00 - 4:00  
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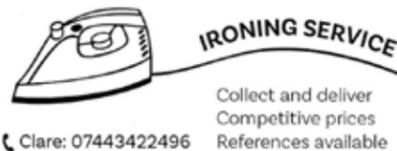
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