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## “NO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN BOXFORD” SAYS WARWICKSHIRE-BASED PLANNING COMPANY

The saga of the Boxford Sand Hill 64-house Planning Application from Warwickshire-based Catesby Estates Plc continues after new information was submitted by them at the eleventh hour before the case went before Planning Committee. Catesby Estates, who last year posted a record £13.4million profit, sent in the new documents after fears that a common-sense rejection of the highly flawed plans might potentially dampen an otherwise bumper-profit year for them.

### BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL’S RESPONSE

You will be aware that the Sand Hill application was originally refused, then approved and then quashed following our successful judicial review in the High Court.

The application was expected to be heard by Babergh’s planning committee on 16<sup>th</sup> February but due to late submissions from the applicant, the Council is now consulting on those submissions. This is a request to make your views known on the applicant’s latest submission regarding both Swan Street and Ellis Street. A few key features are below:

#### Ellis Street

1. The applicant focuses on the web page of LBG Machinery on Cox Hill (instructions to drivers) and contends that large machinery can be broken down and delivered on smaller vehicles to help routing through Ellis Street. We all know that is never the case. All the applicant has done is draw attention to the fact that a problem already exists throughout the village.
2. Not all hauliers with long and wide vehicles are going to LBG Machinery. Many go to local farms. Buses, sugar beet lorries, combine harvesters and a wide variety of vehicles use Ellis Street - but this is ignored by the applicant.
3. The applicant contends that because cars regularly park where the footpath is proposed to go at the pinch point, there is already a restricted width. That comment is perverse because where will displaced parking spaces go for residents without off street parking, their visitors and delivery vehicles. The reduced width will mean vehicles will be constantly reversing at either end. Some vehicles will not get through with the possibility of scraping boundary walls and causing danger to pedestrians.
4. No regard is made of the harm to the conservation area from mandatory signage for a one-way passage, long after the applicant has gone.

#### Swan Street

1. Babergh’s own commissioned transport assessment concluded that any impact on Swan Street is unacceptable due to the precedent set by the Inspector’s appeal decision regarding Goodlands Phase 2. It is clear that the applicant disagrees with that judgement by dismissing the problem of conflicts between vehicles, vehicles mounting pavements and subsequent conflicts with pedestrians.
2. In January the applicant installed video cameras in Swan Street and measured traffic flows. They conclude that traffic flows were consistent and very little conflict of note occurred. We know different and we also know that farm traffic, deliveries etc compound the problem on a street which has very limited off street parking.
3. The consultants have again stated that only 2% of vehicles from the proposed development would travel via Swan Street to access destinations to the north. This is totally contrary to the local travel survey we conducted last year which demonstrated that a large number of people use Swan Street to access Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds because it is quicker and a much more pleasant route than the A1071 which is stop and start much of the time. Why would new Sand Hill residents think differently?
4. The submission is littered with assumptions and mistakes which

underlines how little they know about actual traffic movements in and out of the village.

5. The applicant’s other submission regarding the narrowing of Ellis Street is bizarre!

The applicant has failed to demonstrate any knowledge of the type of vehicles that are routed through the village. Indeed, their latest submissions weaken their case to thrust 64 dwellings onto our medieval road network at a time when our Parish Council has approved the draft neighbourhood plan that awaits examination and a local referendum. We must keep repeating our objections to a development that, if approved, would corrupt Babergh’s own planning policies.

To fully understand what the applicant contests you are invited to visit Babergh’s web site at <https://bit.ly/planning-sand-hill>

As local people you know the conditions which prevail. We would encourage you to make your views known to the case officer: [jasmine.whyard@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jasmine.whyard@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

*Julian Fincham- Jacques,  
Chair, Boxford Parish Council.*

### BOXFORD SOCIETY’S RESPONSE

In the Swan Street document you will see that Catesby are claiming that a snapshot of traffic movements on two quiet days in January are typical of traffic movements in Swan Street. What about the hay lorries during Harvest time? How many houses have a wide enough pavement to allow an oil tanker to park when delivering oil supplies (as shown in their photographic evidence)? They claim no pedestrian conflicts – we can cite many examples. They claim very little traffic conflicts were observed - we can cite many incidents of traffic conflict, some getting very heated.

Catesby continue to argue that any new residents will have the choice between the route via Sudbury to drive to Bury St Edmunds and beyond as opposed to the route through Lavenham favoured by residents. We wonder how long they will choose the former once they know about the congestion in Sudbury?

Catesby quote LBG Machinery as recommending dismantling machinery into smaller lorries to gain access. This never happens. There are many instances of damage caused to properties in an effort to access the yard indicating that little dismantling occurs. The inevitable increase in traffic from Sand Hill into the village, will cause even more conflicts with HGVs.

These documents demonstrate that Catesby have absolutely no understanding of how our village works. I would urge you to write to Babergh to express how wrong Catesby’s assertions are, before the closing date of **1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**.

Thank you for your support.

*Jen Eastwood,  
Chair, Boxford Society*

### MAKE YOUR FEELINGS KNOWN BEFORE 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH!

Catesby are clearly applying a war of attrition and misinformation in an attempt to gain approval for this problematic development. Their motives for doing so should be seen for what they are, entirely self-profit-led rather than as an act of benevolence.

Residents who naturally object to the massive problems this development will cause in our village should make their objections known in writing ASAP before **1<sup>st</sup> March**, even if they have already done so previously, to Babergh either via the Planning Portal at <https://bit.ly/planning-sand-hill> or in email to the case officer: [jasmine.whyard@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jasmine.whyard@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

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Bus passes are a godsend for many residents, but as we've all seen with the cutting of routes in recent years, many rural communities are now effectively marooned.

Suffolk County Council's passenger transport department, 'SuffolkOnBoard' has recognised that with the dearth of public transport options it still has a duty to assist inhabitants with travel options and has a number of options that may be useful for those affected.

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Applications can be made by telephone on 0345 600065 or by downloading, printing and posting the form at: <https://bit.ly/suffolk-travel-vouchers-form>

### "Connecting Communities" - Rural Community Transport

SuffolkOnBoard, in partnership with Hadleigh Community Transport Group and GoStart Community Transport run the Connecting Communities initiative, which provides bookable community transport in rural areas for a wide range of purposes. This service is open to everyone living in remote areas and will transport you from your door to the nearest onward public transport location for your end destination, or directly to the destination where appropriate. It costs the same as an equivalent average bus service journey.

Anyone irrespective of age or physical ability can book, and young adults aged between 16 and 19 can get 25% discounted rates by applying for a concessionary card. Journeys are paid for by cash when boarding.

Book at <https://communities.suffolkonboard.com> or call 0345 606 6171

### Boxford & Hadleigh Community Car Scheme

The scheme is entirely independent of SCC and is run by volunteers for locals needing transport for medical appointments or health services in Hadleigh & Boxford. It also allows patients to travel to hospitals in Bury St. Edmunds and Ipswich. Journeys cost 45p per mile and runs Mon-Fri. For info contact Jen Eastwood on 01787 211853.



## NEWTON FIRESIDE CLUB

The Fireside Club continues to thrive and organise a wide variety of events. We always welcome new members and ideas for our fortnightly meetings or for excursions or other activities.

As ex-teachers and grandparents we still seem to think in school terms and some ideas for next term include a river trip (following our talk on 'Watery Places in Suffolk'), a visit to Ickworth House and wine tasting at Majestic Wines. More details will follow in next month's BRN.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, Jenny Antill came to give a talk on St Petersburg and Peter the Great.

Her passion and knowledge of Russia was inspiring and very well received. Members also shared their experiences of visiting Russia and Jenny was able to answer a whole host of questions on the subject. After the talk, the usual refreshments of tea and cake were enjoyed by all and all of this for only £2.00 a session!

### Dates for March & April:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March  | Pancakes!  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March | A Games Afternoon                                |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March | A Talk on Watery Places in Suffolk by Pip Wright |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Crafts                                    |

All meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 2pm. Please contact Moira on 01787 374652 or Sue on 07881 383 998 if you would like more details.

*Sue Presland*



## BOXFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan Group has been quietly working away for the past few months amending the draft Neighbourhood Plan to address comments arising from last summer and



autumn's consultation period and incorporating the findings of a Strategic Environmental Assessment report. The Parish Council has approved the revised draft and it was submitted to Babergh Mid-Suffolk District Council (BMSDC) on 28<sup>th</sup> January. The full pack of submission documents are available on the Boxford website. Be prepared for a long read at:

[www.boxfordsuffolk.com/boxford-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.boxfordsuffolk.com/boxford-neighbourhood-plan)

The good news is that at this stage the Plan has some status when the BMSDC Planning Committee is making decisions on planning applications. The first test of this is likely to come when the Catesby application for 64 houses is to be heard once again. At the very least the Plan can not now be ignored.

The next steps from here are in the hands of BMSDC to undertake. At present they are checking that the plan meets basic requirements and will then consult on it for a minimum of six weeks. It will then be submitted for independent examination after which the Plan will carry significant weight in planning terms. Once over that hurdle 28 days notice will be given to the electors of the Parish before a referendum on approval of the plan. If approved by a majority of the votes cast then it will finally be adopted by BMSDC as a "Made Plan". It will then have the same status in the making of planning decisions as BMSDC's own planning policies and give the Parish Council a real say in how the village develops into the future - which is what we have been aiming to achieve all along!

Our best guess is that this will be achieved in July this year but clearly the process has a few more steps to run so we will continue to keep you up to date as we go.

## JOB VACANCY

Boxford Primary School has a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor 2 hrs/day, 3 - 5 days/week. We require lunchtime staff



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All applicants are subject to a DBS safeguarding check and satisfactory references.

Closing date: **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

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Please take part in this survey from Healthwatch Suffolk. It has the role to capture people's experiences, and to work with decision-makers to co-produce better treatment, care and support.

Sharing your views is easy. Click the relevant survey link below. You will be anonymous.

- If you are currently waiting go to:

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Complete the survey before **11<sup>th</sup> March 2022** to make sure your views are included.

You can also call Healthwatch on freephone **0800 448 82 34** (you will not be charged for the call). The team can help you to complete the survey over the telephone.

In addition, you can download alternative formats of this survey (e.g. large font and easy read) from [www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk/electivecaresurvey](http://www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk/electivecaresurvey).

If you have a question, or if you would like to discuss other ways you can take part, email [research@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:research@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk) or call the freephone number above.

Please share this survey with anyone you know who is waiting for treatment.

**Note:** Healthwatch Suffolk understands the pressures faced by our local services, brought about by the pandemic.

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Congratulations on your new role. It can feel awkward telling your current employer you're moving on. The time between telling your employer you've found a new position and you actually leaving is known as your notice period.

If you've been in your current job for less than a month, you won't have to give any notice period (unless your contract says otherwise). If it's more than a month, you'll have to give at least one week's notice. Your contract should make it clear exactly how long is expected.

If you don't have a contract, and your employer has no written record of you agreeing to a notice period, you should give at least one week's notice.

It's worth waiting until your new employer has confirmed your employment, for example by giving you a start date before handing in your resignation. It's then best to resign in writing (email is fine), so that you have a record of the date you told your employer. On the Citizens Advice website, [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) we have a page on handing in your notice with tips on how to write this letter.

You can work a longer notice than the one in your contract if you want to agree it with your employer. If you're keen to move on sooner rather than later, it may also be possible to negotiate a shorter notice period than your contract says. If you want to go down this route, it can be useful to reassure your current employer that you will tackle any urgent work before finishing.

Fixed-term contracts are a bit different, as you won't need to give notice if you intend to leave on the last day of contract. Leaving early would usually mean giving at least one week's notice, unless your contract says otherwise.

Don't forget about your holiday days during your notice period. If you have unused paid holiday you should speak to your employer about either taking these during the notice period or being paid for them.

Finally, sometimes people can change their mind about moving jobs or find their circumstances alter. If this happens to you, you should speak to your current employer to see what the options are and if you can stay in your current role.

Everyone's situation is different, but if you face any challenges with an existing or potential employer, contact Sudbury & District Citizens Advice for advice and information. We are providing advice by telephone and email, Monday – Thursday, 10am – 1pm. Please phone **01787 321 400** and leave a message and someone will call you back when available. We will attempt three times to call you back, so please expect a call from a withheld number. Alternatively, contact us by email at [advice@sudburycab.org.uk](mailto:advice@sudburycab.org.uk) or by using the contact facility on our website [www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact](http://www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact)

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Creative workshops and courses set in a beautiful Suffolk surrounding.

Far From The Madding Crowd offers creative workshops and courses in and around the grounds of Leaven Hall in Leavenheath. Homeowner Holly Armour curates the workshops herself and lends a hand when needed!

The idea was born out of Holly's love of injecting creativity into her life, home and garden. After a move back to Suffolk, where she grew up, Holly took on refurbishing the 16<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse along with its beautiful established gardens.



With little gardening knowledge, Holly and her family have thrown themselves into understanding their responsibility to diversify their surroundings and have set about planting a wild flower meadow, an orchard, introducing bee hives and planting 250 trees and counting.

Holly has thrived in learning new skills and crafts as she continues to elevate her home and create moments in time

with family and friends. Far From The Madding Crowd celebrates the art of living well- finding joy in every day moments and relishing learning new skills.

There are many different types of workshop on offer covering everything from beekeeping and flower arranging to hat-making and calligraphy. Each workshop or course will be held in the stables at Leaven Hall, which are currently being renovated into a dedicated workshop space, and around the established garden and meadows.



For every ticket sold Holly will be planting a tree, all of which are being kindly donated by the Sicon Foundation. For more information on their environmental work you can visit: <https://siconfoundation.co.uk/>

For information on workshops and courses please take a look at [www.farfromthemaddingcrowd.co.uk](http://www.farfromthemaddingcrowd.co.uk) and follow [@farfromthemaddingcrowd](https://www.instagram.com/farfromthemaddingcrowd) on Instagram for regular updates.

If you would like to get in touch with Holly directly you can email [hello@farfromthemaddingcrowd.co.uk](mailto:hello@farfromthemaddingcrowd.co.uk)

# THE BUTCHER'S WIFE

I really wasn't born for winter and I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking that the months of January and February are the absolute worst. Not only is it full blown winter, but the excitement of Christmas and New Year is gone. There are no more fairy lights and no more parties (everyone is skint!). The summer tan has well and truly faded, it gets dark before the sun even has a chance to rise properly and I have to scrape the ice off my car using my bank card (one of these days I'll buy a proper ice scraper).

The dark mornings aren't my favourite either. The Butcher gets up pretty much in the middle of the night to go play with his knives leaving me to get all the mini-Leeders out of bed. I used to think the mornings when they were all in primary school, having to get them up, fed, dressed and out the door on time was hard work. Now I have teenagers, I realise that was the easy bit!

As much as I love the summer sun, I do love the comfort food of winter - cottage pie, sausage & mash, roast dinners. So as we approach March, Spring and the promise of some sunshine, it's time for one last winter favourite and to celebrate the Butcher's birthday, this one is made of two of his favourite things: steak and Guinness!

## Steak & Guinness Casserole

Serves 8

### Ingredients

- 1.3kg (3lbs) braising steak (from A Leeder Butchers!)
- 4 tbsp of olive oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 4 potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 4 tbsp of plain flour
- 375ml Guinness
- 3 tbsp of tomato puree
- 1 tbsp of brown sugar
- 1 litre of beef stock
- 1 ½ tsp of dried thyme
- Salt & pepper for seasoning

### Method

1. Heat the oven to 160°C. Heat the oil in a large oven-proof casserole dish and brown the seasoned steak (you may need to do this in batches depending on the size of your dish). Once browned all over, transfer to a plate.
2. Add the onions and garlic to the pan and sauté until soft and transparent. Add the carrots and celery and cook for a couple of minutes. Stir in the flour, coating the vegetables evenly and cook, stirring occasionally for 2 minutes.
3. Pour in the Guinness, mix well, then add the tomato puree, brown sugar, beef stock and thyme. Be sure to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan! Bring to a simmer and cook for about 5 minutes until it starts to slightly thicken.
4. Add the steak back into the pot and pop it all in the oven for 2½ - 3 hours (stir a couple of times during cooking).
5. Serve with potato of your choice (we love a bit of mash!) and enjoy!

Another serving suggestion: transfer to a pie dish and cover with ready-rolled puff pastry, pop back in the oven for 20 minutes and voila, a delicious pie!



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## THE MARCH LETTER FROM FATHER ROB

Dear Friends,

I write this article whilst away on a Priest's and Deacon's Retreat at Walsingham. On my journey here, I had to approach Bury St Edmunds from the Sudbury direction of the A134, just as I do on an almost weekly basis. On this occasion my attention was drawn to the skyline in front of me. There was a bright and clear winter sky as I drove leisurely along and, in perfect symmetry, sat the Cathedral Tower on the left and the Sugar Beet Factory chimneys on the right. It reminded me of the wonderful hymn by G.K. Chesterton which is entitled 'O God of Earth and Altar'. As I sat following a stream of traffic, the backdrop seemed to hold the ever-present sanctity of temple and earth in perfect balance. It struck me how important it was for any rounded spirituality to hold a holiness of sacred space and a holiness of the natural world in equal measure - when these two get out of balance, we are in trouble. We are lucky that our beautiful cathedral town holds a spirituality of the sanctuary, workplace and natural world so perfectly poised.

During the lockdowns of the pandemic, many people rediscovered a spirituality of the natural world. They spoke of finding a sense of the eternal in the hedgerow and meadow. Nature can be a wonderful place to encounter the divine. But I wonder, as life has once again resumed its normal busyness, whether that heightened awareness of God all around us has continued? Where is it that you now encounter God?

As beautiful as the natural world can be, we must not forget that God is also to be found in the workplace, wherever that is. We find him in the intricate tasks, in the skills necessary to perform them and in the colleagues we work alongside. A rounded spirituality doesn't banish God to an occasional Sunday or leisurely walk in the countryside, as though he were a puppet to be brought out of a box when we feel in need comfort. A rounded faith recognises him in the everyday; even in the messy and mundane. But even that is not enough: eventually, a spirituality without a sense of holy space and place at its core to ground it wains and becomes self-indulgent. That is why Church is so important to complete the circle.

From the beginning of time, holy space has been central to the spiritual journey. In some of the earliest Bible scenes we see the great ancestors of faith marking certain places out as holy following encounters with God. Abraham, Jacob, Moses, King David all do this at places where God has been especially vivid to them. Overtime, it becomes clear that God's people need a settled place in which to encounter God's presence and so King Solomon builds a temple. The Temple is designed with intricate detail so that those who enter may experience something of the awe-inspiring, transformative, cleansing intimate presence of the divine. Today, all major religions hold holy spaces as important places to come as part of a wider acknowledgement of spiritual presence in our lives; temples, synagogues, mosques, churches. This is not some institutional attempt on behalf of world religions to create buildings to grow property portfolios or wealth. These holy sites are essential in nurturing, experiencing and reminding us of the intimate presence of God in our lives.

The churches of our benefice span centuries, and it is no surprise that almost all have some feature or other that replicate that earlier temple of the Old Testament – the Temple that Jesus will have known and visited regularly in order to keep his relationship with God on track. Our Churches afford us that unique opportunity to at once



encounter the timelessness of God, past, present and future. They continue today to be one of those rare places that are untouched by much of the frenzy and fervour of modern-life. 'Thin' places where heaven feels that little bit closer to earth.

So, whilst God is to be found in the natural world and the workplace, it is also important that we remember to seek him in the gathered Assembly and at the Altar. Holding such a stable place to encounter God's stilling and transformative presence, one is far more likely to know what to look for in everyday life. I think this is one reason why, having such a fully rounded faith and spirituality can go a long way to helping combat mental illness. As Rachel Held-Evans reflects, 'Sometimes just showing up to the Communion Table is a way of looking straight into the Beast and saying, "Not today!"'. At the Altar, God challenges those divisions within ourselves and each other that the world so often entrenches, uniting us in the gift of His Son and healing us from the pain that these divisions so often cause.

In the Benefice, we try our best with the resources we have, to provide wide opportunity to encounter God holistically. We have a varied diet of services. These include services for every generation; provision for families as well as those of more mature years and everywhere in-between. Importantly, we hold regular Holy Communion Eucharistic Services every week so that God can meet us at the Altar, whilst also interspersing other types of services for those who prefer something a little different. We hold services in church so that we can encounter God in the intimacy of the Sacred Space, as well as outside in Forest Church so we get a sense of the magnificence of his awesomeness in the great outdoors. As we approach Lent, a time for attending to our spiritual health, maybe it is a good time for us all to pay a bit more attention to God in earth and Altar.

I leave you with the words of that hymn mentioned at the beginning – rather apt for this and every age:

*O God of Earth and Altar, bow down and hear our cry.  
Our earthly rulers falter, our people drift and die;  
The walls of gold entomb us, the swords of scorn divide.  
Take not thy thunder from us, but take away our pride.  
(G.K. Chesterton)*

May you encounter God in the earth and at the Altar and may he bless you and yours abundantly.

Fr Rob  
rparkermcgee@gmail.com  
Tel: 01787 210434

Join us at St Mary's Church, Boxford  
where we shall walk to  
the Rectory Woodland for  
**Forest Church**  
SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2022 @ 11.00am  
and the 1st Sunday of each month.  
Encounter divine things in the great outdoors:  
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# SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022



|   |       |   |                                 |
|---|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b><br>Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Eucharist + Ashing</i>                     | Mary's House, Boxford           |
|   | 18:00 | <i>Ash Wednesday Service of Ashing</i>                | St Mary's, Boxford              |
| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Lent 1                        | 9:30  | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>                               | St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield  |
|   | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>                               | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|   | 11:00 | <i>Forest Church (Wrap up &amp; let's get muddy!)</i> | Rectory Woodland*               |
|   | 16:00 | <i>Evening Service</i>                                | St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone |
|   | 19:00 | <i>Great is the Mystery of Faith - Study Course</i>   | Zoom**                          |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>                               | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Communion</i>                              | Mary's House, Boxford           |
|   | 17:00 | <i>Christian Meditation (Evening Prayer)</i>          | St Mary's, Boxford & Facebook   |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Lent 2                       | 09:30 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>                               | St Bartholomew's, Groton        |
|   | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>                               | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|   | 16:00 | <i>BCP Evensong</i>                                   | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|   | 19:00 | <i>Great is the Mystery of Faith - Study Course</i>   | Zoom**                          |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>                              | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Communion</i>                              | Mary's House, Boxford           |
|   | 17:00 | <i>Christian Meditation (Evening Prayer)</i>          | St Mary's, Boxford & Facebook   |
| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Lent 3                       | 9:30  | <i>Morning Praise</i>                                 | St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone |
|   | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>                               | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|   | 16:00 | <i>Evening Service</i>                                | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|   | 19:00 | <i>Great is the Mystery of Faith - Study Course</i>   | Zoom**                          |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>                              | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Communion</i>                              | Mary's House, Boxford           |
|   | 17:00 | <i>Christian Meditation (Evening Prayer)</i>          | St Mary's, Boxford & Facebook   |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b><br>Lent 4                       | 9:30  | <i>Family Service</i>                                 | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|   | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>                               | All Saints', Newton             |
|   | 19:00 | <i>Great is the Mystery of Faith - Study Course</i>   | Zoom**                          |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>                              | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Communion</i>                              | Mary's House, Boxford           |
|   | 17:00 | <i>Christian Meditation (Evening Prayer)</i>          | St Mary's, Boxford & Facebook   |

\* In Church if raining

\*\* Email [rparkermcgee@gmail.com](mailto:rparkermcgee@gmail.com) for details

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)

*'From dust you came and to dust you shall return. Turn to Christ and sin no more'.*

These words are taken from the Ash Wednesday service and they remind us that we are human.

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. Lent is the period of 40 days leading into Easter.

Done right, Lent helps us to experience Easter joy to its fullest come Easter Day.

Fasting, reflection, praying, confession, reconciliation, adoration are all important features of Lent.

The Benefice offers opportunity for all these, and it all begins on Ash Wednesday.

So, join us and make that small commitment that might just change your life.

## 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)



The Box River Benefice  
Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,  
Little Waldingfield and Newton

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 10am Coffee Morning**, St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am Open for Coffee**, Mary's House.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm Benefice Joint PCCs Committee**.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am Open for Coffee**, Mary's House.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 10am Coffee Morning**, St Mary's, Boxford.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9:30am Open for Coffee**, Mary's House.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12-2pm Lent Lunch**, Mary's House.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30am Open for Coffee**, Mary's House.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 12-2pm Lent Lunch**, The Parish Room, Little Waldingfield.

## 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.



## MARY'S HOUSE

Unfortunately, hopefully temporarily, MARY'S HOUSE is only open for coffee on a Tuesday morning, owing to a shortage of volunteers. Many of the original helpers have had to stop after 20 years of very loyal and friendly service, plus the pandemic has altered a lot of our thinking.

We continue to welcome all to drop in, and if anyone would like to help just get in touch.

We are having a **LENT LUNCH** on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12 - 2, in aid of Yemen, so feel free to join us.

Pauline Lamming **01787 210360**



You are invited to

**"DROP IN FOR COFFEE"  
(and Cakes!)**

in the Church  
Little Waldingfield

**FRIDAY 4 MARCH  
10.30 - 12.00**

Join us for a coffee and friendly conversation.

All welcome!

A voluntary donation to church funds would be welcomed



# Lent Lunches

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH**

**12.00 - 2.00pm**

**BOXFORD**

**Mary's House, 5 Swan Street**

All welcome!

For more information contact Pauline Lamming 01787 210360

**Donations towards Yemen Appeal**



**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**12.00 - 2.00pm**

**LITTLE WALDINGFIELD**

**The Parish Room**

All welcome!

**Suggested donation £5 per head  
Proceeds to charity**



# Madrigalia



*in concert with  
A Melody of Harps*

*St Mary's Church, Boxford*

*Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>*

*7:30p.m*



All proceeds to the church.

**Newton ART and CRAFTS EXHIBITION**

**Saturday 23rd April**  
10am-3pm

Newton Village Hall  
School Road, Newton  
Just off the A134

A selection of the art & crafts will be available to purchase along with tea, coffee and delicious cake

Entrance free, but all donations gratefully received will go to St Nicholas Hospice

## SESAW EASTER FAIR

We're back at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX on **Sunday 3rd April Open 10am to 3pm.** Gifts, Glass, Crafts, Bargains, Tombola, Raffle, homemade cakes & snacks  
Proceeds to SESAW: [www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk)

## POLSTEAD FILM NIGHT

Cinema-quality screening in Polstead Village Hall. **FRIDAY 4th MARCH Doors open 7pm**  
**Film: SUMMERLAND**  
Starring Gemma Arterton with Tom Courtenay and Penelope Wilton "A lovely, hopeful and rather magical movie" - Mark Kermode (The Guardian)  
Tickets £4.50 each  
To reserve tickets email [polsteadfilms@gmail.com](mailto:polsteadfilms@gmail.com) or buy in advance at Polstead Community Shop.

## MONKS ELEIGH WHIST DRIVE

**Wednesday March 9th Whist Drive (Progressive) 7.30pm** at Monks Eleigh Village Hall (Meeting Room)  
Do you enjoy cards? If so why not come and play a game of Whist? We play 18 hands with a break for refreshments, £3 to play and we have a friendly bring a prize, win a prize raffle.  
This is the last whist drive of the season.  
Contact Angela on **01449 740414** for more details.

## POLSTEAD GARDENING CLUB

Next meeting **Tuesday 15th March at 7pm** at Polstead Village Hall, CO6 5AL.  
Wildflowers of Suffolk's Coast and Heath with Neil Lister of Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Come on a wild plant hunt around the Suffolk Coast and Heath's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Find out what wildflowers grow there, and why, and the tales they can tell.  
Members free, non-members welcome (£5)

## HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms", Maurice Durufle's "Requiem Op 9", and Ralph Vaughan Williams's "Five Mystical Songs" ... a sumptuous mix of musical styles awaits as Hadleigh Choral Society prepares for our Spring concert in April. The programme features professional soloists, instrumental ensemble and organ.

The concert date is 2nd April in St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh, IP7 5DT, 7:30pm.

Tickets £15 available online: [www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk) or at The Idler Book Shop, 37 High Street, Hadleigh.

## BOXFORD WI UPDATE

February's meeting was a game of 'Would I lie to You.?' There were some fascinating stories told for the members to decide whether they were true or a lie.  
The speaker for March will be Lucy Lewis who is the first woman bomb disposal officer.  
New members are always welcome, so if you are interested in joining please contact our secretary.  
Annie Phillips. Secretary, Boxford WI  
**01787 211729** [annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk)

**BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY**  
MATT TANTON BROWN

**Muck, Mulch & Magic for our Garden**

**Tuesday 1st March 7.30pm**  
at Boxford Village Hall

**FLEECE JAZZ PRESENTS**  
Wednesday, 9 March 2022  
Doors 7.30 pm  
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The playing fields pavilion  
Boxford

**Monday 14th March 2022**  
10.00am till 12.00

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Coffee, Tea & Cake  
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**Alison Warren 211067**

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EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB

**Edwardstone Cricket Club  
Junior Cricket training sessions**

for ages 6-13yrs, Saturday mornings in Boxford 9.30-11.00am



**Coaching starts: Saturday April 23rd 2022**

**Sessions will be held at Homefield in Boxford**

We welcome beginners (boys and girls) as well as those who have played the game before and we provide ECB Level training to suit the differing levels of skill of our players.

**For information go to:  
[www.edwardstonecricketclub.com](http://www.edwardstonecricketclub.com)**

Contact: Tim Beven for further information on 01787 211841

**Little  
Waldingfield  
Quiz Time**

**WE ARE BACK!**

Come and enjoy an evening of quizy fun  
in Little Waldingfield Parish Room  
on  
April 9th 2022  
7.30pm

Teams of four at  
£10 per person including a two course  
supper and nibbles

**BYOB**

Tickets from Sue Bowen  
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## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

We are hoping to hold an ARTS & CRAFTS exhibition in MARY'S HOUSE over the JUBILEE WEEKEND.

Please get in touch if you would like to exhibit your talents - it is always interesting and inspiring to be able to see what many people do in their spare time. Please contact Alison 211067 or Pauline 210360

## BOXFORD'S JUBILEE EVENTS

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Programme of Boxford events so far:

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE BANK HOLIDAY**

7:00pm – Live Music in The White Hart Car Park until late

9:09pm – Piper plays 'Diu Regnare [Long to Reign]' (National Event)

9:15pm – Lighting of the Village Beacon (National Event)

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE BANK HOLIDAY**

10:00am - 4:00pm – Arts and Crafts Exhibition (Mary's House)

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

10:00am – 4:00pm – Arts and Crafts Exhibition (Mary's House)

11:00am – 4:00pm – Boxford Gardens Open

4:00pm – The Keld Ensemble Concert (St. Mary's Church)

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

12:00pm – 4:00pm THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH (National Event)

Bring a picnic up to the Playing Fields where there will be live music, a beer tent and games for a community get-together.

12:00pm – 5:00pm – Arts and Crafts Exhibition (Mary's House)

4:30pm – Special Evensong (St. Mary's church)

## THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH SUFFOLK REBOOT! REBOOT! REBOOT! KICKSTART YOUR SYSTEM with The Arts Society – South Suffolk

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**For full membership details:** Visit our website  
[www.tassouthsuffolk.org.uk](http://www.tassouthsuffolk.org.uk)

**NEXT LECTURE: TUESDAY 15 MARCH at 2pm**

### THE GPO FILM UNIT: THE BIRTH OF DOCUMENTARIES

An entertaining overview of the history of documentary making with archive footage from the silent French & Edwardian films; the Soviet influence with the "Battleship Potemkin" being just one example to the formation of the General Post Office Film Unit in the 1930s. The influence of the Film Unit over its short life was extraordinary with its production of 129 films in 7 years, the best known being the classic "Night Mail" in 1936 featuring poetry by WH Auden & music score by Benjamin Britten. Not to be missed!

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding,  
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**QUIZ NIGHT**

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

**BASED ON  
"WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE"**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

7 for 7:30pm start

**Tickets £15**  
includes 2 course supper  
(vegetarian option with notice)  
Licensed Bar. Raffle

Contact Chris Southgate: [58aldham@gmail.com](mailto:58aldham@gmail.com)  
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to 58 Aldham Rd, Hadleigh IP7 6BS

All proceeds go to The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding for the Disabled

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

**NEWTON GREEN'S  
PARTY IN THE PARK**

TO CELEBRATE  
THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE  
ON

**SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 2022**

YOU'RE ALL INVITED!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON  
WATCH THIS SPACE!

## CHARLIE & 'THE DIG'



**AN EVENING WITH CHARLIE HAYLOCK  
AT MILDEN PAVILION  
FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 7pm for 7.30pm**

Please come along and listen to an informative and entertaining talk about Charlie and 'The Dig'.

This is an intriguing and sometimes hilarious look behind-the-scenes in the making of the Netflix film 'The Dig', a film based on a novel with the same title about the famous Sutton Hoo burial ship and the people involved.

Charlie will explain how a potential 'scam' email from 'The Dig' producer, turned out to be real, and followed by a phone call from Ralph Fiennes. Charlie will show how Ralph Fiennes, who played Basil Brown, and the other 'Suffolk' actors learnt their Suffolk accent ... and not sound like West Country pirates! Charlie will also explain the extreme lengths Ralph Fiennes took, not only to play Basil Brown ... but to become Basil Brown.

Tickets are £7.50 each, for more information how to book please email [info@mildenpavilion.co.uk](mailto:info@mildenpavilion.co.uk) or phone 01787 248145.

During the evening there will be a licensed cash bar and raffle. You will also have the opportunity to purchase Charlie's books on the Suffolk dialect, words and phrases.

IN AID OF MILDEN PAVILION FUND - REGISTERED CHARITY NO 304919

## EBONY'S DIARY

At last we are all back at work. It's so great to see the riders again, and their families, we just long for the very last restrictions to be lifted. We shouldn't have people in the yard who are not volunteers. This stops many of our riders from untacking, grooming or just cuddling the ponies. The ponies tell me they really miss this face to face experience. However, in Lyn's



lovely photo you can see Emilia is having a chat with Squidgy before her ride.

Omicron has swept through our school pupil riders and their families so each day brings cancellations and disappointments, and the coaches have a time of it re-arranging the lesson plans. It must be like trying to run an actual school - our thoughts are with you teachers!

When people apply to ride with us I get to

meet them first. This makes my job very interesting. Since no two people are the same (like us horses) great care is taken to fit the new arrival into a group that has space for them. Not only that, but there has to be a pony of suitable size to carry them. Newcomers are assessed by two of our volunteers who invite the rider to try me out! That way they are not being asked to brave a live animal straight away, and our volunteers can assess the person's capabilities and needs. Win, win!

The only trouble is that sometimes people have to wait quite a time for the chosen space or pony to become available. Once the weather gets warmer the offer of coming up to the yard for tea with a pony will be made, and we hope this will alleviate the frustration of being in such a long queue.

See how good it was to have the afternoon sun shining on a Monday ride one cold day last month. We really are so grateful to our volunteers for coming up on their chosen day come rain or shine. I think they must love it here, I hope they don't just come for the cake?

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding, Shelley, IP7 5QY  
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Stoke by Nayland Resort has just refurbished another impressive outdoor terrace area with glass frontage to protect from wind, heating, relaxed seating and stunning views over the lake. They have also installed an impressive, new retractable roof with lighting, which allows for basking in the sun during the day, and protection from any chilly air during the spring evenings. The whole atmosphere is relaxed, as is the mouthwatering, informal menu provided by the adjacent Sports Bar for lunches and dinners. There will be an additional new Lounge menu introduced later in the spring.



*The newly refurbished Orchard Lounge Terrace at Stoke by Nayland Resort.*

Everyone is welcome to come along for a morning barista coffee, informal lunch or dinner, or just a glass of wine - or one of the enticing cocktails on offer whilst you savour the idyllic Constable Country location.

For more of a fine dining experience there is the mouthwatering a la carte dinner menu in the Resort's AA 2 Rosette Lakes Restaurant - which also offers its own fantastic al fresco dining space. The Lakes also welcomes visitors for its popular Sunday Lunches and delicious Afternoon Teas.

The Sports Bar at SbN now features 3 live TV Sports channels - Sky Sports, BT Sport and Prime Video - for sporting fans who are keen to enjoy some hearty dishes and a beer or two whilst watching their favourite live game on giant TV screens which are located both inside the Sports Bar and outside in the terrace marquee. There's no need for bookings.

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## READER'S LETTERS

**Peter Seward**

We would sincerely like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support over the 14 months of Peter's illness. He always felt so happy that we moved to Boxford - 40 years ago this year. It is indeed a very special village. Everyone has been wonderful and you have all really helped us through a very difficult time. Many thanks to Father Rob for such a meaningful church service held on 6<sup>th</sup> December and to everyone who attended or contacted us.

*Margaret Seward & all of my family.*



**Walter (Woggy) Simpson**

Diane, Mark, Neil & family want to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and kind words to mark the passing of Walter. It is reassuring to know that he was so well thought of.

We would also like to take this opportunity to apologise to all those who would've liked to pay their final respects to Walter by attending his funeral. It was Walter's wish to have a no frills, no nonsense private cremation. Instead we encourage everyone that knew him to kindly donate to St Elizabeth Hospice in Walters name. Hopefully, none of you will need their care, but if you do you could not ask for a more kind, friendly and professional group of carers in your final days.

Thank you all once again.

Kind Regards

*Diane and family*



*Thank you everyone!*

We would like to thank our friend's and neighbours for all the lovely cards, beautiful flowers and gifts that we received on our Platinum Wedding anniversary.

We had such a lovely day, one to remember.

A big thank you also to our family who made it so very special for us.

*Betty and Vic Rice*

*Happy Birthday*

Congratulations and Very Many Happy Returns to Newton Green's

**Argur Hills**

who will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Argur has been delivering the BRN in door-to-door for many years and we would like to join all his friends in Newton Green in wishing him a very **Happy Birthday**.

Have a great day Argur, and thank you from all of us!

*Dear Editor,*

I expect I am not the only person to be infuriated by BT Openreach's changeover which now requires us to prefix all calls with the National Dialling code.

I accept we have to change, and we were sent the warning letter, but why can't the new Digital system permit local numbers to be dialled as before?

It would be helpful to be able to dial local numbers from mobiles too.

The next step called progress could require us to dial 00 44 before all numbers!!

I do hope that if enough people complain, BT-O will re-consider.

Yours, disgruntled,

*Richard Blatch*

*Whitestreet Green*

*Dear Editor,*

I wish to make an appeal to the community of Boxford for support for our charitable groups without which our Village Life would be the lesser.

However such groups like Boxford Community Council, Boxford Village Hall and Boxford Playing Fields cannot exist without volunteers to run them and of course there other organizations that perform/satisfy many services and activities that make Boxford an enjoyable place to live.

In offering your help you could well find that you meet more people create friendships and you may well find giving support is enjoyable as well.

Things do not happen without help and input by the rest of us, so why not get involved?

You can find contact details of various groups/organizations in the back of each issue of this publication or from social media.

Yours respectfully,

*David House*

## BRN AT LARGE

Back in December the BRN was contacted by by the Battlesbridge Motorcycle Museum enquiring about obtaining a copy of our November 2021 Tornado Smith Special, which along with coverage of the Ken Fox Wall of Death visit to Boxford in September also contained the fabulous and authoritative piece of Tornado Smith written by Tina Loose.

We're pleased and very honoured to have received an update from the museum that the special issue is now on display as an exhibit in the museum as part of a Tornado Smith section and is available for all visitors to view.

Motorcycle fans are keenly encouraged to visit the museum in Battlesbridge, Essex for a good day out. It is open at the weekends and costs just £1 entry. You can find more information on their website at [www.battlesbridgemoorcyclemuseum.co.uk](http://www.battlesbridgemoorcyclemuseum.co.uk)



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## BRIAN TORA'S SOAP BOX

I can't say the past month has been full of joy, so far as I am concerned. Aside from returning from a sunny Algarve to freezing weather here in Suffolk, I find my writing commitments have needed to centre on the acceleration in the rise of the cost of living, the news media focussed on the risk of war between Russia and Ukraine, stock markets in turmoil as a consequence of both these developments and a succession of funerals to attend.

The frequency of deaths amongst friends and acquaintances is a fact of life as you grow older, as is the number of aches and pains we have to bear. Certainly, I've had more than my fair share of hospital visits in the past month – and not all in connection with a single ailment. But I am luckier than many, I fully realise. The death of one of my oldest friends (I was the best man at his wedding in 1969) at the beginning of February brought this home to me. He was just four months older than me and apparently just collapsed and died at home.

Although as I write this I have yet to attend the funeral of my friend, I know it will be a very different affair to others I have been to recently. Many readers will know of the death of Bob Wheeler. Bob was nearly twenty years older than me and the service and subsequent wake was very much a celebration of a long life well lived. I am expecting my friend's funeral to be a reasonably jolly occasion as he had already laid down guidelines for what he wanted to happen. But it will take place on the Isle of Wight where he had lived for the past thirty or so years, so there will be many people there who I will not have met before. And 76 is not considered old these days.

All this has set me thinking as to whether I should set out how I would like my final send-off to be arranged. A friend of mine who is a retired priest once told me that leaving directions for what you desire at your funeral can be an act of great kindness to those left behind as it takes some of the pressure off at a time of great stress. The trouble is that I am far from certain as to what I want. And anyway, most of the ideas I might have will have been used before, unless I decide to request something particularly unusual, which would not be very fair on those making the arrangements.

As you might imagine, the choice of music can be quite telling. I read somewhere that the most popular song with which to end a funeral service was Eric Idle's "Always look on the bright side of life". Somehow I don't feel that is quite me. Frank Sinatra's "My Way" is also a frequent choice, but again it wouldn't be on my wish list. At Bob's funeral service a violinist played Vaughan Williams "Lark Ascending" – a truly moving piece. I recall attending a funeral in a woodland cemetery where trees are planted over your final resting place when this same piece was played at the graveside. There were few dry eyes.

So, I'd better put on my thinking cap and decide what might be appropriate for me and not too difficult for those making the arrangements. When my mother-in-law dies a few years ago, choosing the music was easy. A church organist and music teacher, she loved Chopin and Saint-Saens organ symphony was one of her favourite pieces of music, so she went in with the Chopin and we ended the service with a spirited rendition of the last movement of the Saint-Saens. Would that all such decisions were so straightforward.

Brian Torat

## FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

Hello to our readers, we had two people come forward that may possibly help with putting our shed up for us. At the moment nothing has come of that, but I am hoping in next month's issue I will be able to show you a photo of some progress being made, or that it is up. Please if there is anyone out there who could help us, give me a call on the number below, because help putting it up along with some fencing is still needed. I keep saying to myself, surely with all the folk in this area there must be a man who knows what he is doing and can spare us some of his time??

Next month keep a look out on our Facebook page or on our website for the date of our next quiz night that we are planning for the spring. Sorry I cannot give the date in this edition, as our meeting for future events is after deadline day. Our last quiz in November was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

Essex University have come back on board with us again and are sending students over once a week. I keep saying you must wear wellies because of all the mud, but half come in their shoes, which is not a good look for them when they leave the farm, oh dear washing machine needed! It is lovely to see the students working with the animals and doing the physical jobs that you cannot avoid, when working on a farm with large animals. It is a good experience for them to experience what it entails running an animal rescue.

French's beautiful boy Hercules our cat has sadly

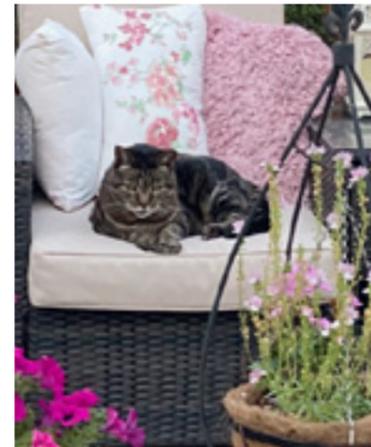
lost his fight with a brain tumour. The tumour was diagnosed last Autumn, but was inoperable. Hercus was 18 years old and has spent 16 years with our charity at French's. In this time 4 years ago, he had retired and come home with me, I loved him so very much and Lucy my therapy dog for French's was his best friend and companion. I have been overcome by emotion and heartbroken at the loss of my beautiful boy, who was a fighter until the end. Tears are streaming down my face as I write this, it was only 2 days ago he died. God be with you my big handsome beautiful boy.

I need to pull myself together...On a happier note, I would like to give a thank you to Boxford Drama Group for their donation of £150. Every penny donated to us goes straight towards the daily upkeep of the care and management of our animals. Donations keep us going, without them we would not be here. Please think of us if you run an organisation or are able to help financially.

Here is a photo of Ruby who did her Duke of Edinburgh awards with us, standing with Lady our Shetland.

**French's is a charity on your doorstep, can you help, either with time, donations, or sponsorship. You are welcome to come along and meet our animals - Call Jann for an appointment on: 07747 755556 or email: [jann.turner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jann.turner@hotmail.co.uk)**

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## HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Hopefully, the PPG had its last Zoom meeting in January - we are looking forward to a face-to-face gathering in March. We now have two sub-groups to work on two new initiatives; one to update our terms of reference which haven't been done for quite some time and the other to improve patient access to the online appointment booking facilities.



The Practice is undertaking the vaccination of vulnerable 5 to 11 year olds but the uptake has been poor. So far there has been no further news on the vaccination of healthy 5 to 11 year olds.

### The Health Centres Medical Team

GP's no longer work alone. There are many other specialists supporting their efforts to give the best possible service to their patients but who are they and what is their function? The following titles and job descriptions should help you better understand their role within the Practice.

#### General Practitioner (GPs)

GP's are doctors who look after patients within a community. They are often the first point of contact for anyone with a physical or mental health problem. They treat all common medical conditions and refer patients to hospitals and other medical services for urgent and specialist treatment. They focus on the health of the whole person combining physical, psychological and social aspects of care.

GP's are part of a much wider team whose role includes promoting, preventing and initiating treatment. They look after patients with chronic illness and do their best to ensure that they are as well as they can be so that they can continue living in their own home.

#### Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs)

ANPs are registered nurses who have completed extra training and qualifications. They can clinically assess, diagnose, refer and treat patients who come with undiagnosed or undifferentiated problems. ANPs are highly-trained health professionals that can undertake complex reviews of patients, similar to GPs. They can assess symptoms and build a picture of a patient's condition, treat minor health problems, infections, minor injuries and prescribe medication where necessary.

#### Practice Nurses

Much of their work involves managing the care of patients with long-term conditions and running a wide range of extended service clinics in the Practice including: monitoring of long-term conditions such as asthma, diabetes and hypertension, cytology services, smoking cessation and childhood and travel vaccinations.

#### Clinical Pharmacist

Clinical Pharmacists are increasingly working as part of general practice teams. Highly qualified experts in medicines, they can help in many ways including carrying out structured medication reviews for patients with ongoing health problems and improving patient safety, outcomes and value through a person-centred approach.

#### Health Care Assistants (HCAs)

The role of the HCA can vary. They often provide assistance to GPs and Nurses as well as undertaking routine tasks such as phlebotomy, blood pressure, weight measurements for long-term conditions clinics, ECGs, suture removal and some injections.

#### Phlebotomists

The role of the Phlebotomist is to take blood samples from patients which is then sent to the laboratory for testing. Blood tests have a wide range of uses and are one of the most common types of medical test.

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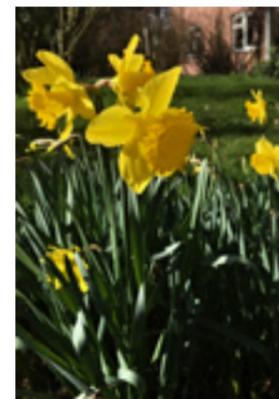
## KENNY'S NEWS FROM SESAW



Spring has definitely arrived. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the dewy grass is steaming in the morning sun and there is an air of quiet optimism as the volunteers prepare for our first proper fundraising event in two years. Yes, we will be back with our Easter Fair at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**.

Expect the usual wide selection of stalls, crafts, flowers and plants, raffle, Jeanette's Terrific Tombola, and yummy homemade cakes and snacks. Do come along between 10am to 3pm, you'll get a warm welcome from all of us including Frank Payne who will be selling and signing copies of his autobiographical books. Our octogenarian has led an interesting life and has plenty of tales to tell. His story begins in blitz-torn London and progresses through National Service and onto careers in journalism and football.

Speaking of sport, the Nayland 10K family-friendly fun event takes place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. Once again, SESAW is one of the charities benefitting from this extremely popular, multi-terrain run through the beautiful Constable countryside. Routes for all ages and abilities, book your place now at [www.nayland10k.co.uk](http://www.nayland10k.co.uk)



That reminds me, it's time for my daily run around the garden now the grass is dry. A wet undercarriage is extremely uncomfortable if you are a vertically challenged dog like me,

*Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.*

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## MY WISH CHARITY

**My WISH Charity's Soapbox Challenge returns!**

Oh, how we have missed the Soapbox. The pandemic has stopped us from being able to host this community event for the past two years but we are back with an amazing day of fun, thrills and, hopefully, not too many spills!

Soapbox entry is just £100 which includes a promotional stand in our Soapbox City, based at the Priory School, making it a great way to tell everyone about your business, club or organisation.

Building a soapbox is a great team building exercise and in past years we've seen the Bat Mobile, the Only Fools and Horses Robin Reliant, an Anchor Man desk, pirate ships and a Police riot van to name a few! Each team takes to the stage to showcase their soapbox and do their presentation dance before heading off the ramp and down Mount Road.

Trophies are up for grabs for three categories; fastest time, best soapbox and best presentation plus there's a fourth trophy for the Overall Champions.

Don't fancy a team but want to be involved? We have great sponsorship and advertising packages so do get in touch. With over 1000 spectators watching it promises to be a brilliant day once again and we can't wait.

Email [fundraising@wsh.nhs.uk](mailto:fundraising@wsh.nhs.uk) to book your place or to find out more.

## TIDY UP WITH Sbn

**Local family business expands its community initiative scheme**

As the trees and bulbs spring back to life and our resident feathered friends begin building their nests, it's heart-breaking to see our beautiful countryside littered with rubbish that not only looks horrible but also poses a serious threat to our wildlife. This is why the team at Stoke by Nayland Resort, as one of its many community-driven initiatives has grabbed their high-vis jackets, black bags and litter pickers, and each month are inviting local residents to join them to help clean up our countryside.



In the last year, SbN Resort has made an increasing commitment to the local community. The group launched its free 'Community Card' scheme to help fund local projects and make donations to local charities. The proceeds have helped with contributions to the Leavenheath 'Picnic on the green' to fund new play equipment, provided Christmas lights, raffle prizes and equipment for local fetes. Boxford (Suffolk) Farms has also donated their fresh strawberries to local schools.

Commercial Director Peter Osborne says, "We're always looking for ways to give something back, and this year we've expanded some of the work we do with local schools. We're inviting children and their teachers to visit our fruit farms for tours about fruit growing and harvesting and showing them how our anaerobic digester works to produce green energy".

The Community Card is free of charge and available to residents of local villages. It offers discounts on dining, hotel stays, lodge breaks, spa treatments, plus free dinner and venue hire for your birthday. For every £1 spent, SbN resort donates to local charities and causes. For more information visit [www.stokebynayland.com/community](http://www.stokebynayland.com/community)

To find out more about joining the team on litter picks or about farm tours, you can contact Peter Osborne at [sales@stokebynayland.com](mailto:sales@stokebynayland.com).

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tion and bursting with colour to make your garden a joyful place to relax and spend time with friends and family.

With Mother's Day at the end of the month (27<sup>th</sup> March) we will have lots of wonderful plants and flow-

ers for mum (or any special person in your life) to enjoy, as well as lots of well-presented gifts in the shop, that she's sure to love.

We are also excited to announce that we will have a **HALF PRICE plant offer on all shrubs, perennials and grasses from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, so do make sure you pay Hollow Trees a visit so you don't miss out on this fantastic offer!



*Bob the Gardener*

## LINDSEY THROUGH THE AGES

The village of Lindsey is not really on the way to anywhere – except a few neighbouring villages. Many people who live close by may never have visited or even driven through it. If they did, their impression may be of a sparsely populated, very attractive, picturesque but perhaps otherwise unremarkable Suffolk village. A new book from Lindsey resident David Ross and co-writer David Wallace aims to challenge just that very view, and unveil both a fascinating history and an important present.

Originally conceived as a guide to St.Peter's church in Lindsey for locals to know more of the church's history, it soon became clear that to explain the church's past you needed the context of the village and community around it, and vice versa. As the two...



are inextricably linked, it became a guide to Lindsey's fascinating history as a whole. The authors have created a book that is light, non-academic in tone and making extensive use of photographs throughout, that will interest those living in and around the area and others from further afield who enjoy reading about English rural life – now and in the past.

Funded entirely by the authors, any money raised from the sale of the books will go in their entirety to the 'Friends of St Peter's' account for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church. Copies can be obtained from Hollow Trees Farm Shop for £10 or obtained from the authors directly (contact David Wallace on **07976 400424**), who then encourage a donation to the St. Peter's fund (more info can be found at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindseystpeters](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lindseystpeters)).

## PRINTWORKS EXHIBITION

### Mill Tye Gallery's Spring Printworks Exhibition 2022

A celebration of work by talented printmakers from the region, showcased in the gallery's beautiful setting beside the picturesque Mill Pond, in Mill Tye.

The Spring Printworks Exhibition at the Mill Tye Gallery runs from March to the end of May. It features work from renowned and undiscovered talents in the world of printmaking, ceramics, textiles and sculpture all with a Spring theme.

Plus, the exhibition includes exclusive pieces of work that have been created especially for Mill Tye Gallery. Profiled artists include Andy Lovell, Anne Townshend, Beth Knight, Clare Curtis, Georgia Flowers, Kieran Page, Colin Moore, Elaine Marshall, Elizabeth Morris, Hannah Forward, Martin Truefitt-Baker, Paul Cleden and many more.

The exhibition previews on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 11 to 4pm. It continues until Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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# STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

## Fire and Water

This month we will be looking at some archive material about the role of fire and water in Boxford's history. Roger Loose covered the essentials in his book *'Boxford through the Ages'*, but was unable to include all the pictures or detail he would have liked. A favourite picture from the archive is the one of the village firemen with their fire engine outside the gaol on Broad Street where it was stored.



Horse-drawn fire engine & crew next to the Gaol & Fire Engine House c.1912.

We now know that the gaol was built in 1828 and designed as a fire engine shed and a lock up. In the nineteenth century there were problems with fire engine cover for the village. Sharing



Jack 'Para' Tricker with his dog. "Fireman" is painted on the front door.

arrangements between villages led to disputes and, at times, reliance on Hadleigh and Sudbury services. From 1901 Boxford had its own service when the village bought its own fire engine from Bildeston.

The picture above shows the smartly turned out Boxford brigade led by Capt. Jack Tricker, known as 'Para' by the locals. It was not until the 1920s the fire engine was pulled by Tom Skinner's lorry. He was based nearby at Ashley

House in Swan Street. Before this, horses and men had dragged it. Eventually, when no longer used, the engine was stored in a cart shed at the Chequers until it was sold for a pittance. Recently it appeared for sale online



Boxford fire engine when it recently came up for auction. Listed as an 1840s machine made by Tilley's of London.



Para Tricker in his helmet, after retirement, with Mrs Maisie Tricker (relative). Village fire crews bought their own helmets from other fire services. They did not all match, but they were very proud of them.

Before WWII, fireman Stan Grimwood Rice (known as 'She-sticks') inherited this fireman's helmet from fireman Tom Skinner Snr.



fires as at The Fleece (described in the January 2022

BRN article on Pubs). Ancient House in Clubs Lane has seriously charred beams internally indicating a fire at some stage. Adjoining it there was once the main hall of a large clothiers house, where 20 Ellis Street now stands (previously Whymark's Garage). It is possible that this was burnt down in the distant past as nothing remains.

In a 2010 architectural assessment, Goodlands Farm Barn showed signs of fire damage in the part that was reclaimed material from an earlier 16<sup>th</sup> century building, probably built on the same site. There was also a fire in the coach house of Peyton House in Broad Street while Napoleonic French Officer prisoners of war (c.1814) were held there and sadly a soldier died. One prisoner left a poignant memory of incarceration as he was an artist and drew charcoal portraits on the walls. One wonders if the charcoal came from this fatal fire. There must have been many more unrecorded fires over the years.

The Yorkshire Fire insurance book list begun in 1868 indicates a number of residents and businesses insuring against fire. Farmers, shoemakers, carpenters, maltsters, the post master, harness maker, seed grower, baker, surgeons and thatched roof cottage owners were among many insuring everything, including their cheese! A bit unexpected knowing the reputation of Suffolk cheese in days gone by (we produced beautiful butter but rock-hard cheese apparently). The list reveals that many of the insured houses had

restored, and it made far in excess of the auction estimate so preventing a repurchase by interested Boxford bidders.

The fire crew were not short of work as fires were common in farm-yard stacks. Candles sometimes caused house



The pugilist, or bare knuckle boxer, is one of the many charcoal drawings left by a French Officer who was a prisoner of war in Boxford during the Napoleonic wars 1803-1815.

a slate roof by this time, not thatch, contrary to the suggestion in the Suffolk Chronicle newspaper report on the watermill burning down (see cutting at end of this article).



The watermill well before 1920s. The bridge appears to be new. The roof has Welsh slate brought by train in the late 1800s. The cat-slide roof was a way of increasing floor space. Two spare or worn millstones can be seen.

Fireman Capt. Jack Tricker and his men's testing experience began on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1934 when fire broke out at the watermill. Raising his team and engine in the dead of night must have been very stressful as the mill was well alight. Reports of this fire mention black rain falling on Groton soon afterwards.

The Chronicle refers to a mill being on this site for over 200 years. In fact the Little Domesday Survey of 1086 records a mill, probably on this site, which would make it over 800 years old at the time of the fire. A "half" mill is recorded as belonging to Boxford and throughout history this watermill was half in Boxford and half in Edwardstone due to our most peculiar parish boundaries (see map in *'Boxford through the Ages'*). There is no mention I can find in Domesday of ownership of the other half of the mill by any of our neighbouring parishes. Perhaps Edwardstone craftily failed to mention it for this "tax return", especially as the boundary was so strangely drawn.

Watermills were certainly used in Britain during the first century BC and were used commercially in Roman Britain. According to the Domesday Book, there were more than 6,000 watermills in England by the late 11th century. Windmills were only recorded in Britain much later in 1185.

In 1280 information was gathered for The Pinchbeck Register (published 1286) which lists Bury St Edmund's Abbey lands and shows a tax on John de Smallbregg for three parts of a watermill in Boxford, as well as the Peyton Hall mill on which he is taxed for one fifth. There is however another possible contender for this 'three parts' mill. There was a "winter" mill above the Spinney on the brook which forms the Boxford/Groton border. Winter mills could only be worked when water levels were high. Was this the



Newspaper picture of ruins after the fire. Charred beams and drifting smoke can be seen above the waterwheel. Beyond the wall are the pipes to the oil engine and Swan Street houses to the right.

shared mill?

In 1316 three watermills are recorded; one near Peyton Manor, one just below Mascall's Farm (called "Newton" Mill, although it was in the parish of Boxford until 1974) and the watermill in the village centre where the GP surgery now stands. In 1540 cloth-maker John Gauge left in his will his "meadow at the fulling mill and the lease of Peyton Mill and Newton Mill"; all needed running water. People's wills over the centuries refer to windmills and some to the small hand mills used for grinding malted barley, essential to the many maltsters in Boxford

Later wills and other documents refer to the Edwardstone/Boxford shared watermill and there are years of disputes by the two villages regarding it. Jenny Robinson's "Boxford A Miscellany" gives interesting details. In 1751 the watermill was rebuilt by George Mundford, who had just bought it from Thomas Green, miller of Wormingford. The reconstruction included an under-river bed "tail race", to return the used water from the mill wheel to the river. It exits from the tunnel in the centre of the small weir in the river bed by the Coach House in Broad Street. Documents exist mentioning the arrangements for this, the mill pond, channel walls, sluice gates and subsequent safeguarding works. In 1935 a major flood destroyed the sluice gates which had survived the fire, draining the mill pond and ending the traditional pleasures of boating, skating and swimming.

The mill changed hands many times over the years and the following two adverts give interesting facts about work at the mill at the time of sale.

*Suffolk Chronicle (Unknown date):-*

**Auction.** A watermill driving two pairs of stones, with the principal going gears and machinery therein. Held under lease - granted by the Masters and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge. At an annual rent of £1.9s.4d plus 1/4 of wheat and 1/4 of malt (or the market price thereof).

*Suffolk Chronicle 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1822 advert:-*

One of the oldest and best oil dressing, glue boiling and fellmongering concerns in the kingdom, to be sold by Auction in July next (16<sup>th</sup> July 1822). Situated at Boxford.....Late in the occupation of Mr John Klopfer deceased comprising 2 water mills, a fellmongery,..... held under the College lease suitable for the corn and flour trade.

Mr John Klopfer above was Johann Gottlieb Klopfer, a miller's son who came from Germany as a young teenager in the summer of 1761. He was in fact a runaway. The family story is that he was left to guard his family grain mill in Germany one night. Robbers came, but could not get in. Johann heard the robbers discussing

returning the next night with more suitable housebreaking tools. He reported the robbery attempt and the robbers' future plans to his brothers but they derided him. He was so fearful of guarding the mill the next night that he ran away taking his Lutheran Prayer Book and Hymnal with him. Johann arrived in London but was very short of money, so decided to take a chance on a lottery. He and 17 others together won the sum of £10,000 (£2,151,561 in today's money!). He became wealthy overnight. He was so grateful he wrote a record of this and his thanks on the fly leaf of his prayer book in his native German. The family still has the book. John then married Sarah Firman in Edwardstone Church, settled here and raised a family. He became a naturalised British Citizen in 1789.

The Universal British Directory of 1772 lists J.Gotlieb, tanner and fellmonger in Boxford. Fellmongering was the preparation of animal furs and skins ready for tanning. His business was in barns with ponds between Goodlands and Swan Street. In due course he also took over the watermill in the centre of the village. He probably crushed oak bark there to soak and provide tannin for his leather making.

In East Anglia the dry climate meant that watermills were always at a disadvantage. In the late nineteenth century the watermill and the windmill on Boxford Lane were run by the same miller. This meant the watermill could be working when there was no wind, and the windmill when the water was too low. Steam and oil engines and the displacement of mill stones by steel roller mills caused the inexorable decline of both wind and watermills. Most had gone by the 1930s. Imported hard wheat after 1880 meant that flour milling with steel rollers had moved to the ports.

We shall look at windmills in a later article.

Tina Loose

The following report appeared in *Suffolk Chronicle* 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1934 and the *East Anglian Daily Times* 28<sup>th</sup> August 1934.

## BOXFORD MILL BURNT DOWN FIRE BREAKS OUT IN EARLY HOURS OF MORNING SEVERAL HOUSES THREATENED DEBRIS THROWN 300 YARDS BY FALLING MILLSTONES

A fire, which at one time assumed alarming proportions, and as a result of which grist mills were completely destroyed and extensive damage done to neighbouring property, broke out at Boxford on Tuesday morning.

It was about two o'clock that residents in Swan Street were awakened by the glare of flames from the mills, which were situated on the River Box behind the street and the ancient cottages which face the Parish Church. Even as they raised the alarm the interior of the premises became a blazing furnace. Under Capt. Tricker, the Boxford Fire Brigade were quickly in action, but the roof was collapsing already and flames were mounting as high as the church tower. The heat became so intense that it was almost impossible to pass the river bridge on the main road.

### WHOLE STREET THREATENED

By 2.30 the outbuildings of the houses occupied by Mrs Bowers and Mrs Gunn had taken fire, which, driven by the wind was threatening the whole street. Almost simultaneously the cry was raised that the roofs of the houses in Swan Street, approximately one hundred yards away, had caught alight. Smoke was observed issuing from the top of premises occupied by Mrs. Griggs and Mr. F. Fletcher. Ladders were secured and these were mounted by Mr. Jack Tricker and Mr W. B. Kingsbury who were handed buckets of water and saved the situation there after several slates had been removed.

In the meantime Sudbury Fire Brigade were sent for, and the Boxford men were having a grim fight against the flames advancing towards the cottages. Whilst many willing hands devoted themselves to removing the furniture, which was stored in the churchyard, water was pumped from the river on the back of the houses. Mr. C. Smith and Mr. K. Stacey climbed the roofs and, stripping the slates, poured water through the apertures. Another danger zone was a paraffin store containing some 300 gallons, fortunately more to windward of the flames. Upon the walls of the store a continuous stream of water was poured.

### FALLING MILL STONES SCATTER DEBRIS

Sudbury Fire Brigade under Capt. P. Brown, made a very smart response, especially in view of the fact that they had only left a stack fire at Acton a couple of hours previously. With the powerful jets of water they were able to bring to bear from their pumps, coupled with the fact that about this time the wind had dropped, the combined brigades quickly had the situation under control, not before, however, practically the whole of the back premises of the houses had been gutted.

A spectacular episode of the main fire was when three sets of mill stones, each weighing a ton, crashed. Burning debris was thrown 300 yards. By daybreak all that remained of a four storied structure, was a heap of smouldering ruins, with a gaunt, battered, water-wheel standing a lone sentinel in the midst of ruin, and the oil engine, used to supplement the water power, a tangled mass.

Mr. R. R. King, the Old Castle House, is the owner of the mill. It is understood that the damage is only partially covered by insurance. An approximate estimate puts the total damage at not less than £4,000.

### FIREMAN DISTURBS OTTER

Whilst arranging a suction pipe in the river one of the firemen met with adventure. He approached what he thought was a black cat in the water. It was an otter making its way from the mill pond which turned savagely upon him before making his escape.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is presumed to be spontaneous combustion, as the fire was first observed in the portion of the building occupied by the grinding stones.

### SIGHTSEERS IN DANGER

Shortly after eight o'clock people who were inspecting the ruins had a narrow escape from injury when the tall chimney crashed. A number of ducks and chickens unable to escape from nearby sheds were destroyed by the fire.

It is believed that there had been a mill on this site for a couple of hundred years, and many of the massive oak beams, practically rough hewn from trunks, were regarded as original whilst the slate roof was composed of material such as is seldom employed today.

## TIM'S TOP TIPS



Hello again everyone. With Spring fast approaching, many golfers will be eager to get back out on the course after the winter hiatus and start refreshing their game so that when April rolls around it doesn't feel like you're playing the game for the first time! It's important to remind yourself about the basics and work on the more complicated areas afterwards. Following the law of diminishing returns you'll see most benefit from getting the foundations spot-on first.

### This month: the 'Takeaway'

The first part of the backswing is commonly known as the 'takeaway'. A good golf swing is the result of a number of steps connecting smoothly, but if it all goes wrong in the first part, it's much harder to correct and you'll be fighting it all the way through.



Start by pushing the club away with a solid triangle formed by the hands, arms and shoulders in unity. This is what is known as a 'one-piece' takeaway.

Beginning slow, keep the golf club as low to the ground as possible, maintaining that one-piece triangle as a solid shape without over-tensing. When the club reaches waist height you want to see the club head and shaft just slightly starting to

come above the left arm line.

If you look at this photo you can see my arms forming a triangle and the club head just starting to come out of line with my left arm at waist height. Note also the angle of the club head forming a parallel line with my spine and its position in line with my head and the eventual target.

If you managed to keep it all together to this point then you're in good position for the rest of the swing.

A useful practice drill is to hit balls using a pitching wedge to feel and check this position.

Next month we will be looking at the completion of the backswing.

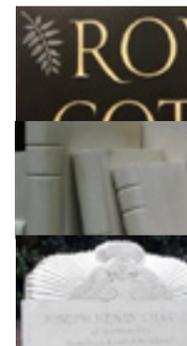
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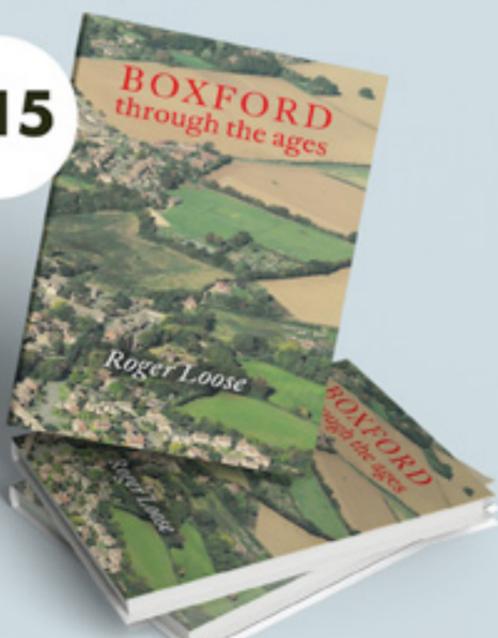
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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

## EDWARDSTONE

### Summary of Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Co-Option of Councillors** – N Chapman and J Long were co-opted as members of the Council

**Planning Matters:** DC/21/05627 - Holt, School Green. Planning Application - Conversion of existing tack room, potting shed & store area to holiday let. – Refused. Councillor Hurren reported that he had taken this case up with the Planning Officers as the reasons for refusing the application seemed to not be in line with the evidence. The applicant was re-applying and the Council agreed to support the new application.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Steering group met on 1<sup>st</sup> December and had almost finalised the questionnaire. This would be completed at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January. The plan was for six questions to be asked about local issues such as Housing and the questionnaire would be hand delivered by volunteers to enable Parishioners to ask questions and receive guidance. Questionnaires could be handed back to the volunteer or placed in collection boxes in The White Horse public house or Boxford Post Office. Information to be put on EPC website.

**Highway & Footpath Matters:** Footpath Cutting – As the Council was pleased with the work carried out by Garden Arbs, it was agreed to offer them the contract for the coming year. Footpath Leaflet – Councillor Wood had provided a draft of the proposed text for discussion shortly before the start of the meeting. It was agreed that Councillors' would study the document outside of the meeting and submit comments. Other Highways & Footpath Matters - Sherbourne Street – It was reported that the Broken Sharp Bend Chevron sign, which had been reported several times, had still not been repaired and that a Van had ended up in the ditch at this point in the road. The Clerk to write to Councillor Finch to ask for this matter to be dealt with urgently. Collapsed drain opposite Christmas House due to vehicles having to leave the road to negotiate past workmen's vans and lorries. Clerk to report this to SCC. Dormers – Large Potholes opposite had re-opened. Bus Shelter – It had been reported that the Bus Shelter needed some renovation work. It was agreed to inspect and discuss at the next meeting.

**Chairman's & Clerk's reports and correspondence:** Police and Crime Commissioner Precept Survey – Suffolk PCC was looking to increase the Policing element of Council Tax by £10 per annum to help fund extra staff and improve control room responses. After discussion, it was agreed that Councillors should respond to the survey individually.

**Financial Matters:** Statement of Finances & Orders for Payment were approved.

The Budget for 2022/23 was approved and the precept set at £6,133.

**Next meeting:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Full minutes can be found at:

<http://edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/minutes/>

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## BOXFORD

### Summary of Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Vacancies** – There are 3 vacancies on the council. The current council includes Julian Fincham-Jacques as Chairman, Lisa Wortley (Vice Chairman), David Warren, Mathew Wooderson, Pamela Edwards and Theresa Munson. Applications are welcomed. Debbie Hattrell continues as Clerk to Council.

**Meetings** – Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month (except in Aug and Dec) at 7:30pm in the village hall with limited numbers

to minimise Covid risks. Others can join via a Zoom Link.

**Public Forum** – Work to the cemetery and churchyard gates is ongoing and a meeting is to be arranged. A volunteer has agreed to decorate the bus shelter. The standard of street cleaning was raised and Cllr Munson reminded the meeting to let her know cleaning priorities ahead of their visits. The condition of the telephone box was being reported. Representatives who are starting the Friendship Group attended to update the Parish Council. An Agenda item was agreed to consider contributing £175 for hire/publicity/refreshments to help with the start up. A representative from the school governors shared concerns about the boundary wall between the school and churchyard. It is too low in relation to school regulations. He agreed to contact the County Council in the first instance. The school swimming pool needs refurbishment and support towards surveyors' costs is sought, with the intention of making it a community pool. A suggestion was made of approaching the Boxford Community Council. The Clerk agreed to check whether the PC are permitted to contribute to such a school project.

**On-going items** – Cllr Munson reported that so far only limited responses have been gained to the notices in Box River News about Community Transport. Cllr Warren confirmed the Village Hall are happy for SCOPE charity to proceed to install their clothes bank in place of the one at the Village Hall currently.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – The Parish Council voted unanimously to support the draft Neighborhood Plan for submission to BDC.

**Finance** – The Parish Council considered the Precept recommendations. It was resolved to increase the Precept to residents by 1.9% at £41,247 for the 2022/23 year. Cllr Munson spoke in favour of setting aside funds for the Playing Field as suggested by the Playing Field Management Committee and recommended by the Finance Subcommittee. In relation to the Playing Field long term reserves, it was resolved that the Parish Council will aspire to reserve £5000 per year subject to an annual review and receipt of audited accounts from the Playing Field Management Committee. The Precept form was duly signed for submission to BDC.

Consideration was given to making a donation towards Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. It was resolved to contribute £100.

**Planning** – A number of planning applications were discussed, details on which can be found in the full minutes found online

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Full minutes can be found at:

<https://boxfordsuffolk.com/BoxfordParishCouncil/minutes>

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## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

### Summary of Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations June 2022

It was resolved to form a working party representing all village organisations to gather ideas and coordinate events. Various suggestions were made and it was agreed to take further discussion to the working party meeting. Councillors and villagers are asked to forward ideas to the Chairman.

#### Village in Bloom Competition

Possible areas muted were the Closed churchyard and the playing field. An approach to the District Councillors as part of the BDC Biodiversity Action Plan to plant hedges, trees and wild flowers, on community land could subsidise the project.

#### Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Public Referendum to decide whether to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at the Parish Room.

The Referendum Notice and Information Statement documents have been issued and posted on the council website and noticeboard.

Leaflets will be distributed to every household to encourage all eligible villagers to vote.

#### Precept for 2022/23

Councillors resolved unanimously to set the Precept at £9,181 which will show as 0% change on Council Tax Bills

#### Village Maintenance

##### a Annual Litter Pick.

The date for the Village Litter Pick was set for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Volunteers will be asked gather at the Parish Room at 10am.

##### b Cemetery Maintenance.

There will be a volunteer working party session in churchyard on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022 between 11am-1pm

#### Footpaths

The Footpaths Group reported they had inspected a number of our Public Rights of Way through fact finding walks on 31/10/2021 and 12/12/2021. Most PRoW's were in good condition however there were some stretches that crossed cultivated fields that needed improvement.

#### Questions to the Chair.

Hedge and verge cutting along the B1115 towards Lavenham Road.

It was confirmed that the work would be completed by March.

The Clerk presented a letter to the Chair announcing she was tendering her resignation.

Until a new Clerk is appointed the Chair, Chris White will take responsibility for all Parish Council correspondence.

He can be contacted on **07541 133535** or the email address below.

Full minutes can be found at: <https://bit.ly/LW-parish-minutes>

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## NEWTON GREEN

### Summary of Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### 22/028 NPC Digital Platform

The councillors reviewed the report prepared by the Clerk on the digital initiatives that NPC could undertake over the next 18 months. The councillors fully supported all phases of the proposal and resolved to proceed with the email and digital mapping phases at this time with a budget of £300 + VAT.

#### 22/029 Neighbourhood Plan

Leaflets and poll cards have now been distributed to all households regarding the referendum taking place for the Newton Neighbourhood Plan on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

#### 22/030 Bramford to Twinstead consultation

The public consultation on the National Grid Bramford to Twinstead project will run from 25<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Councillors will review the consultation ahead of considering a response at the March meeting.

#### 21/031 Assets

Cllr Taylor will liaise with the Tree Warden regarding the replacement commemorative tree. The Bus Shelter by Links View has been replaced and the councillors were grateful for the locality grants made available to the project by James Finch (£1,000) and Lee Parker (£500).

#### 21/032 Defibrillators

The councillors reviewed the option of a defibrillator not requiring an electricity supply for the next phase of the rollout which will see 3 new defibrillators in the village. The Clerk will coordinate with the Community Heartbeat Trust to produce a specification for the project in which councillors want to include a CPR training session for residents. The councillors resolved a budget of £7,500 + VAT from CIL funds for the project.

#### 21/033 Forthcoming Events

The councillors agreed to work with Lee Parker and Babergh to have an official opening of the recreation ground facilities on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at 2 pm. The councillors felt that they would like to offer support to the Fireside Club's Midsummer Brunch event on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Presland to liaise with the Fireside Club on the matter.

#### 21/035 Litter Pick

The councillors agreed that a litter pick takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at 8.30pm with bacon rolls being purchased from the Saracens.

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

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## FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

### Your County Councillor for the Stour Valley

#### Important Update on Bramford-Twinstead Pylon Route – NO THIRD LINE planned

I am pleased to report that James Cartlidge MP has received assurance that a proposed 400kV pylon line from Norwich to Tilbury is not expected to be an additional 3rd line along the Bramford to Twinstead powerline. The Bramford-Twinstead proposals are about to undergo formal consultation for upgrading to a **double 400kV pylon transmission route only**. Until this point, National Grid Electricity transmission (NGET) had refused to give any specificity on the actual route for where the new Norwich-Tilbury line would run, even though it is clear that the line would run to Bramford and have to head south from there somewhere. Ahead of the formal consultation stages, **which opened on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022**, James Cartlidge has repeatedly emphasised to NGET that it would not be acceptable for the public and stakeholders to consider that existing proposal without clarification on whether Norwich-Tilbury would be added to it in future.

In response to James's latest email, Zac Richardson, Director of New Infrastructure at NGET, stated:

*“More detail will feature in our upcoming consultation on the Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement where we would look forward to hearing further feedback on our proposals. However, I can advise that our ongoing optioneering work for reinforcement between Norwich and Tilbury is not currently indicating a tripling of the Bramford to Twinstead route.”*

#### Public Meetings / Exhibitions now scheduled on the Bramford to Twinstead National Grid Reinforcement -

It is with regret that the meeting planned at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel with James Cartlidge MP, local residents and National Grid has had to be postponed due to the unavailability of anyone from National Grid. However after much pressure on them, the project manager John Bevan has confirmed that they will hold six face-to-face events. These are in addition to the scheduled digital events which are being held here in the area. The first of these will be in Nayland Village Hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 6pm. All the details can be discussed with the members of National Grid well in time for us to gather up-to-date information to formally respond to the consultation which runs now until 21<sup>st</sup> March

As a reminder National Grid will be consulting on and seek views on the following elements of the project:

- proposed route of the new 400kV electricity line and extent of undergrounding and overgrounding of the line
- location and form of cable sealing end compounds
- removal of the existing 132kV overhead electricity line
- location and form of a new Grid Supply Point Substation at Butlers Wood
- construction methodology
- likely environmental effects arising from the project and any possible environmental effect mitigations
- locations for biodiversity and/or wider environmental net gains.

**Suffolk County Council waives fees for Platinum Jubilee events** It was announced on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> that to mark the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, SCC will be waiving street party road closure fees.

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service. To celebrate, events will be taking place across the country, particularly over the 4-day Bank Holiday weekend, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This holiday gives communities throughout the UK the opportunity to come together and celebrate with their neighbours.

For all events on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, which is being referred to nationally as the 'Big Jubilee Lunch', SCC will not be charging fees normally associated with road closures.

The following website has been set up for those who are looking to organise a street party as a group of residents or an event in a large public space, such as a park:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/PlatinumJubileeEvent](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/PlatinumJubileeEvent).

To be allocated traffic management to assist with an event, all applications must be received before **11pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Traffic management will consist of 5 traffic cones, 1 road closure sign and an advance warning sign, which may be delivered to the chosen drop off point, up to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

#### Suffolk places co-production at the heart of its strategy of support for adults with learning disabilities

On January 26<sup>th</sup> the Suffolk Learning Disability Partnership (SLDP) co-produced a refresh of the Suffolk Joint Learning Disability Strategy.

The SLDP, an independent group of self-advocates, family carers, health and social care commissioners, police, Healthwatch Suffolk, voluntary organisations and housing providers, has co-produced a refresh of the Suffolk Joint Learning Disability Strategy. The strategy aims to ensure that people with learning disabilities live good lives as part of their community with the right support, at the right time, from the right people. The original strategy was launched in 2015 and has helped to identify and explore specific needs, and given people and their families a voice in the development and commissioning of new services.

The refresh has placed the concept of co-production at its heart. This means people, carers and professionals working together as equal partners to: design, develop, commission, deliver and review services, information and advice. This strategy reinforces the belief that services designed with input from the people they seek to support, are better suited to deliver upon their needs.

Beyond more opportunities for co-production, the strategy also acknowledges the opportunities for people with learning disabilities and autism to make use of new technologies to enhance accessibility to services, as well as improving and increasing information and communication and providing good advocacy and support.

#### The COVID-19 rates in Suffolk reducing again in February

Boosters are now being offered with the aim of getting everyone over 12 years vaccinated. Appointments will be issued by GP or ring 119 for an appointment. To get your invite by text, make sure that the mobile number with your GP is up to date. Currently all secondary school pupils are being asked to wear masks in the class room all the time. In addition, there are groups of key workers who are asked to do a Rapid Flow Tests daily.

In the 7 days up to 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 there were 5,379 new cases in the whole of Suffolk. This is now an indication that the infections have peaked. Locally in my division, there were 70 cases up to the 7-day period ending 9<sup>th</sup> Feb in our MSOA area of 18 villages. But in the Sudbury and Gt. Cornard, Hadleigh and East Bergholt areas which surround the Stour Valley division, their cases in the last 7 days are still above 100 with circa 150+ in Gt Cornard. Incidences are being recorded in the younger age groups. It is imperative all residents over 12 get the third dose. 76% of the population locally have had the booster or 3<sup>rd</sup> dose - please encourage those who have not.

I urge all those of you who are travelling locally and mixing with more people to take a Rapid Flow Test twice per week

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

A Foster Carer Recruitment Event is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month, and an Adoption Event is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday all 7:00pm in your home.

To book a place please email [Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk).

#### My Priorities

*Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax.*

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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

### Your Babergh District Councillor

One welcome diversion from all that is going on nationally and around us in our daily lives is the Queen's and the nation's celebration of her Platinum Jubilee. That is 70 years of doing what she does for all of us. While not being an avid royalist, I do feel that she has genuinely held this nation together and provided stability during some very difficult times for us and to do that since the age of 25 until 95 is a truly memorable stint on behalf of a nation of all cultures and creeds without favour and never really once putting a foot wrong.

Sometimes recently I have wondered if she would really like more power to influence matters and to correct and punish those who seek to take her subjects for granted, to take advantage and mislead them by telling lies and being deceitful, also to tax them unfairly to the point of hardship, to not always use the taxpayers' hard earned money wisely and use it for their own purposes and indeed truly waste it on self-promoting projects and self-indulgence.

All these thoughts must have been uppermost in my mind, as that night I fell into the most wonderful dream in which our lovely old Queen had taken on the mantle of Lewis Carroll's queen of hearts and was running around Buck House with a sword screaming "Off with his head, off with his head!". She finally cornered a blonde, thuggish-looking buffoon in the servants' quarters, stuffed a rolled-up copy of the Sue Gray report into his mouth and metered out the most severest punishment to him for crimes against her people. At that moment I gazed past her to the lawns of Buck House and espied Hapless Hancock hanging upside down from a tree, uttering more gibberish than usual, while on the lawn outside the windows the royal corgies were having an impromptu game of croquet with what looked unbelievably like the heads of Gove, Raab and Jacob Rees-Whitshisface, using empty wine bottles marked number ten as makeshift mallets. "Truly some lady and definitely one of us," I thought.

Long may you rule over us, your Majesty.

Regrettably at that moment I was awakened by the alarm to the 7 o'clock news and the most terrible nightmare imaginable. It was reported that our government had wasted over £9.9 billion on PPE that was either unsuitable for NHS use and public use, is unrecyclable, will have to be destroyed by burning and is costing us the taxpayer £500,000 a day to store. Also, that most of the supply contracts were fast-tracked down a so-called 'VIP lane' to companies with no previous track record or expertise in this field, other than being Tory party donors and friends. It is unlikely that we will ever know the true cost of this taxpayer-funded feeding frenzy for the friends and associates of government ministers.

The Department of Health's annual report has revealed that of every £13 we spent on protection for our nurses and care staff £10 was completely wasted. How long can hard-working and honest taxpayers continue to carry this heavy burden of this government's waste and sleaze. We now all need help, compassion and honesty from those elected to govern us.

We can only speculate what this amount of money, had it been correctly allocated, would have provided us with. Maybe the building of two much-needed specialist new hospitals along with the training of staff to run them and a decent living wage as a reward for all our hero nurses, care workers and junior doctors who have borne the brunt of the pandemic.

Just £1 billion would have done wonders for our ever-failing public transport system. In our rural area buses are now even more rare than NHS dentists. Another similar amount could have eased the terrible food, heating and housing poverty that is now endemic across our land.

Our foodbanks and those that volunteer and run them are at breaking point and the wonderful CAB, are doing their very best to cope with the ever increasing numbers that seek their help and counselling

on matters such as rent arrears, unpaid bills and general debt.

We can speculate about what might have been, but all these incidents must be remembered and acted upon at the next election and those responsible removed from office.

I do not say any of these things for political gain, as it is of no interest to me after so many years in office, also I have made many friends across all parties and I think gained respect from most of them. What has angered me so much is the total disrespect for what is right and just. Did a majority of our elected MPs really think voting for the dumping of raw sewage into our waterways is correct and why did a majority of them vote to change the strict rules regarding taking money for personal lobbying to get one of their mates off the hook? These are rules ordinary people have to obey or risk jail. We are truly in unchartered waters and going in a very risky direction.

On more local matters across my ward and indeed all of Babergh and all of Suffolk: the need for the District Council to set a working budget for 22/23. We are currently looking at a tax increase of approx. 2% on our share of the council tax to take into account the increased cost of wages, materials and consumables that are used in our everyday tasks of running Babergh. We have saved money on travel and floorspace at our Endeavour House HQ but costs have gone up, mainly due to our increased workload throughout the pandemic.

Babergh, like all other councils, gets no direct funding from Govt and survives on what can be raised from council tax, new homes bonus, a portion of new business rates, revenue from investments and the solar panel project along with whatever charges we can make for our services.

Although the District Council collects the council tax for all the authorities, we keep about 8.5%. 80% is allocated to the County Council, 9% to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the remaining 1.5% - 2% going to parish and town councils.

Although we do make some mistakes and are not perfect, we at the district council respect the taxpayer's money and make sure it is all spent wisely on the services that we provide all and at the end of each year it is all audited to ensure this. We also have a very strict procurement policy, always ask for multiple tenders for work and use local traders and sources within the boundaries of Babergh/Midsuffolk in the first instance and the wider Suffolk area after. Very rarely do we need to look further.

We had returned to virtual meetings due to the upsurge of Omicron but are now back to face-to-face meetings with some restrictions and sensible precautions. However, many staff meetings and meetings with members of the public are still being held online. This saves money and hopefully we can soon cut down on our hired space at Endeavour House.

Our 'Tree For Life' initiative to gift a tree to families to plant for a newborn child to grow up with and cherish has gone well again this year and I understand has exceeded the numbers given out last year. This supports our green initiative and hopefully will make the next generation aware of the value and frailty of our planet and ecosystem and protect it into the future.

We still have serious planning applications to handle and resolve in Boxford and Monks Eleigh, a planning appeal at Goodlands Farm to address, along with the horrendous parking transgressions throughout the village. I intend to address these very firmly, along with the dreadful housing issues in our general-needs housing that have become such a blight throughout our community and on other peoples' and neighbours' lives as well.

Also, remember that as your district councillor I do have a small amount of locality money that can be allocated to a suitable project within the villages throughout Box Vale Ward.

Happy to answer questions or help in anyway, now and in the future.

*All Very Best Wishes.*

*Bryn*

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# The Blooming Garden



## Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush.

The mulberry tree, *Morus niger* comes from Persia. It was introduced into Britain by the Romans. The word *morus* means delay and in March the buds show no sign of opening. Pliny said of it: 'Of all the cultivated trees, the Mulberry is the last to bud, which it never does until the cold weather is past, and it is therefore called the wisest of trees. But when it begins to put forth buds, it dispatches the business in one night and that with so much force that their breaking forth may be heard.' I would love to think that this is true and that the buds burst open with an audible



Groton's Mulberry Tree in March.



Sciopod. Dennington Church.

bang, but I am not sure that Pliny was a reliable witness. His Natural History was probably the first encyclopaedia and although he was very knowledgeable, some of his facts are rather surprising. For instance, he wrote about a tribe of men called the *Sciopodae* who had one large foot that they could handily use as an umbrella. You can see a Sciopod carved on one of the beautiful pews in Dennington Church in Suffolk.

The Elizabethans planted the Mulberry tree as a novelty, but in the reign of James I it was planted extensively. Hearing that Henry IV of France was ordering more than 15000 mulberries to be planted in all the royal parks to promote the silk industry, James decided to promote it too as he was anxious to wrest the monopoly of the silk trade from France. The wool trade was in decline so it seemed a good alternative. He wrote to the deputy lieutenants of all the counties saying that landowners were required to buy 10,000 mulberry trees at a cost of six shillings per hundred. In 1607, an English version of a French treatise on the care of silk worms was published. It was full of handy hints on caring for these 'pretty creatures'. It seemed they were not just pretty, but very demanding. They needed constant heat to survive; they were thought to hate the noise of children and thunderstorms and they were fussy about strong smells. The worst thing from a woman's point of view

though was the suggestion that the 'eggs should be hatched out betwixt the breasts of women'. Just imagine getting all ready into go into silk production, planting the trees, waiting for them too mature and then being told you had to hatch the eggs out in your cleavage. This could be not only socially embarrassing, but how awful if like me, you are squeamish.



Silkworms hatching out.

The whole enterprise came to nothing though because silkworms need more warmth than this country can provide, but more importantly the trees they bought were the wrong sort of mulberry. Silk worms eat the leaves of the White Mulberry, *Morus alba* which comes from China where silk was first produced. The Black Mulberry has delicious fruit but is of no interest to silk worms. So the whole thing was a massive failure.

Mulberry trees can become very old. As they mature they collapse and wherever the branches touch the ground, they can regrow. There is an historic mulberry on the Croft in Groton which was supposed to have been planted by John Winthrop's father, Adam Winthrop in about 1550. But you can't date mulberry trees from the rings in the wood, so I think this would be imprecise. Of course, this is just conjecture, but at time that there was a slump in the cloth trade, I wonder if there was once a whole field of them and this tree is all that is left of an abortive attempt to launch into



sericulture. A year after John Winthrop set sail for the New World, where he would eventually become Governor of Massachusetts, Groton Manor was sold. Presumably, he went for financial reasons, as well as for the freedom to practise his joyless Puritanism and persecute those who didn't come up to his harsh standards.

However it came to be here, the Groton Mulberry tree is a venerable old man as he leans on his elbows. He is kept in a cage but I don't think he is about to run off anywhere. In August there are delicious ruby red fruits which are actually drupes.

Whatever they are, they are impossible to pick discreetly as you will always be caught red-handed.

Talking about mulberries made me wonder about the derivation of the children's nursery rhyme, 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush'. Apparently, it was thought that this was the chant of inmates at Wakefield Prison as they exercised round the mulberry tree in the prison yard.

Chloris.

For more from Chloris follow: [www.bloominggarden.wordpress.com](http://www.bloominggarden.wordpress.com)



Caught Red Handed.

## DIRECTORY OF CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS

### CLUBS & GROUPS

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| Boxford Bowls Club   | Lea Blackham   | 01787 210313 |
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| Boxford WI   | Annie Philips  | 01787 211729 |
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|                                  | <a href="http://www.sunflowers-childcare.co.uk">www.sunflowers-childcare.co.uk</a>                     |              |
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**FEBRUARY 2022**

**27** **Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market** 10:00-1:00  
SUN Boxford Village Hall

**MARCH 2022**

**1** **Fireside Club - Pancakes** 2:00pm  
TUE Newton Green Village Hall

**1** **Muck, Mulch & Magic** 7:30pm  
TUE Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall

**2** **Boxford WI - Guest Speaker** 2:00pm  
WED Boxford Village Hall

**4** **Polstead Films - Summerland** 7:00pm  
FRI Polstead Village Hall

**9** **Fleece Jazz - Universal Connection** 7:30pm  
WED Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel

**9** **Whist Drive** 7:30pm  
WED Monks Leigh Village Hall (Meeting Room)

**12** **Madrigalia with A Melody of Harps** 7:30pm  
SAT St Mary's, Boxford

**14** **Friendship Group - Coffee Morning** 10:30 - 12:00  
MON Boxford Pavilion

**15** **Fireside Club - Games Afternoon** 2:00pm  
TUE Newton Green Village Hall

**15** **Wildflowers of Suffolk's Coast & Heath** 7:00pm  
TUE Polstead Gardening Club - Village Hall

**22** **Lent Lunch** 12:00-2:00  
TUE Mary's House, Boxford

**26** **Shelley Centre Quiz Night** 7:00pm  
SAT Polstead Village Hall

**27** **Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market** 10:00-1:00  
SUN Boxford Village Hall

**29** **Fireside Club - Guest Speaker** 2:00pm  
TUE Newton Green Village Hall

**APRIL 2022**

**2** **Hadleigh Choral Society Spring Concert** 7:30pm  
SAT St Mary's Church, Hadleigh

**5** **Victorian Fuchsias** 7:30pm  
TUE Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall

**6** **Lent Lunch** 12:00-2:00  
WED Little Waldingfield, Parish Room

**8** **Charlie & 'The Dig'** 7:00pm  
FRI Milden Pavilion

**8** **Quiz & Curry Evening** 7:30pm  
FRI Groton Village Hall

**9** **Quiz Time** 7:30pm  
SAT Little Waldingfield, Parish Room

**23** **Art & Craft Exhibition** 10:00-3:00  
SAT Newton Green Village Hall

**24** **Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market** 10:00-1:00  
SUN Boxford Village Hall

**29** **Boxford Society Spring Talk & AGM** 7:30pm  
FRI Boxford Village Hall

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**2** **Live Music & Lighting the Beacon** 7:00pm  
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**3-5** **Arts & Crafts Exhibition** 10:00 - 4:00  
FRI-SUN Mary's House, Boxford

**4** **Boxford Gardens Open** 11:00 - 4:00  
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**4** **The Keld Ensemble Concert** 4:00pm  
SAT St Mary's, Boxford

**5** **The Big Jubilee Lunch** 12:00-4:00  
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