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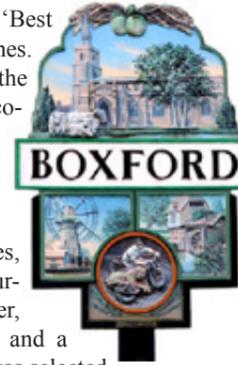
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## BOXFORD NAMED IN SUNDAY TIMES 'BEST PLACES TO LIVE'

Boxford has been named as one of the 'Best Places to Live in 2022' by The Sunday Times. One of seven locations selected covering the whole of the East of England, this huge accolade was granted to Boxford after it was judged on a large number of factors including facilities, infrastructure, eco-credentials and culture.

Citing Boxford's booming local businesses, with its pub, café, hairdressers, shops, surgery, school, beauty clinic, church, butcher, farmers' market, artisan jeweller, garage, and a whole host of cottage industries, Boxford was selected as a model of modern post-Covid rural living. Arts and media feature large in the make-up of the settlement too, with resident artists, writers and musicians regularly exhibiting or performing. Boxford Drama Group have also been performing several productions a year since 1974!

Jenny O'Neill, Nursing Director at Suffolk Medical Clinic, a beauty clinic which opened up its first branch in Boxford in 2000 said, "I can completely see why Boxford has been selected as one of the best places to live. New to the area in 1999, I was struck by the friendliness and the warm welcome I received together with a multitude of local people managing independent thriving businesses. 23 years later, It really has flourished as a community hub for all of us and the surrounding villages. There is an amazing amount of charitable work and dedication that local people provide for the good of the neighbourhood"



*they already do. However, it is a real privilege to live in this village. Long may it continue!"*

A huge congratulations to Boxford on being selected for the honour (even if to residents it isn't entirely unsurprising!), not just to its inhabitants but also to all those from the other nearby villages that support it and the local businesses to keep it thriving!

You can read an extended version of the original published article on the Sunday Times website at <https://bit.ly/boxford-best-place> (link is behind a paywall).



*"Suffolk's hidden gem is now out in the open. With the prominent church and historic housing Boxford has the charm of a period drama set but with the sustainable infrastructure to commend it as a place to live. During lockdown the village proved one can stay local and get everything you need. The villagers have come together and continue to support our wonderful local businesses."* Richard Haining, Postmaster at the Post Office in Boxford Stores, Britain's oldest still-working shop.

*"At the heart of our lovely village are the people who make it a wonderful place to live. We are proud to call Boxford our home and serve the community."* A. Leeder Butchers



A huge number of community groups exist in Boxford for practically all needs, supported by tireless volunteers fueled solely by a love for their community. The Sunday Times panel mentioned in particular how in the village 'there's always something to sink your teeth into' and even the most casual glance through each issue of the BRN each month proves testament to that notion.

Jen Eastwood, Chair of The Boxford Society, an organisation dedicated to the protection, development and improvement of architectural features of Boxford issued a statement welcoming the announcement from The Sunday Times, "The beautiful Conservation Area with St Mary's Church at its centre, coupled with all the facilities we enjoy, make it a delightful place to live. But it's the people who make the Community – friendly faces, helpful hands and lots of interesting things to do. We are most fortunate"

Ward Baker, Chairman of the Boxford Community Council, which organises funding and large community events for the village, agrees with a slight cautionary note: "As well as being a beautiful village, Boxford has the bonus of having a hugely tight-knit community which thrives on the commitment of volunteers. The more people put in, the more we achieve in providing for all of us. A concern for all the village organisations is whether this can continue unless they receive new blood to continue and reinvigorate the fantastic work



*"The full article featured in the Sunday Times Magazine is another wonderful endorsement of how special Boxford is as not only a fabulous place to live but also how unique it is with so many successful and thriving independent businesses that continue to go from strength to strength. The continued support of these by all our Boxford & outer village residents is testimony to our great community spirit."* Myalee Chaytor, Proprietor, Box River Café and Boxford Farmers' Market

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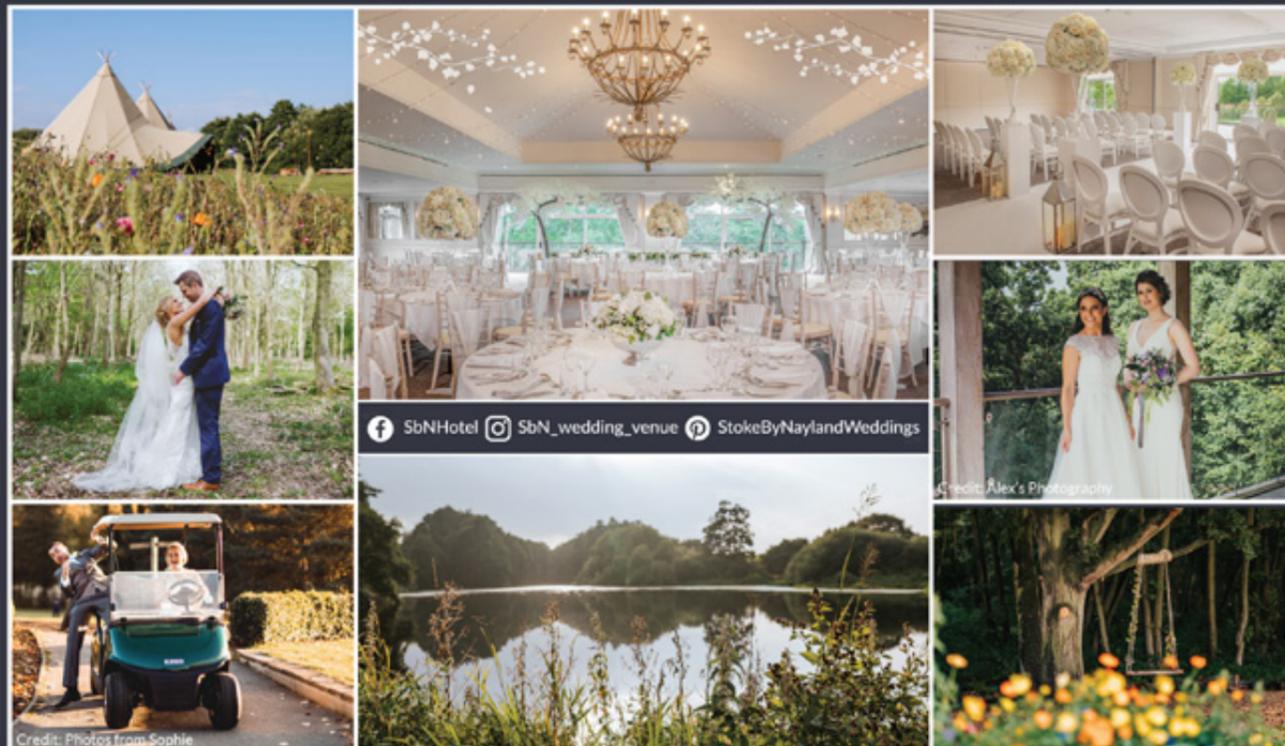
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## COMMUNAL VILLAGE TIDY

I just wanted to write a few lines to express my huge thanks to all those brilliant volunteers who have been coming out to take part in the village litter picks, which hopefully are still going on, especially those who tackled the two major roads to the north of Boxford.

If we ever do that again, I will try to get some proper highway notices issued as this escapade is probably a bit beyond the call of duty and even highway safety. The A1071 and the A134 are very, very busy with traffic!

Having said that, we did get many friendly toots, waves, smiles and even congratulations from one gentleman who actually stopped his landrover on the A1071 to lean out and say 'Thank you for your efforts!', which was a really nice thing to do. He couldn't believe how many sacks we had filled full of discarded rubbish that other motorists had just thrown out of their windows.

Although it's not normal to pick out individuals, I feel I should mention Bill Milner of Assington parish at this point, as I see him picking litter along both sides of the A134 on so many occasions and I am sure that our task would have been much more onerous without his contribution.

Also to Fiona from Boxford who has been ploughing a lone furrow along the A1071 to clear from the bypass up to the cottages and back.

Colleagues from Newton Green have also been out to pick along their section of the A134 across the golf course and up as far as Manders Auction House. Many hands make lighter work and hopefully we can all keep on top of this awful problem into the future.

In total we picked 31 full sacks and I am sure that several volunteers also put individual sacks into their black bins for collection with the general waste, that goes to our EFW plant at Gt Blakenham to make electricity that we sell to the National Grid to power our homes.

Items collected included the normal array of food wrappers, cans, bottles (many partly filled with a very pale solution!) car parts, highway signage, sandbags and even a steel safe with a drilled out lock that has been reported to 101 police helpline.

If anyone sees any litter in the future please feel free to help collect it in and dispose of it in the correct way. Although we do all sometimes get irate and blame others for the mess, we do have to remember that some comes accidentally off passing lorries or is blown out of bins in these current high winds. We live at the moment in a highly packaged society and this is a price we have to pay.

Many thanks everyone, super effort!

Bryn

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## UPDATE FROM EDWARDSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you to all of you in Edwardstone that completed our questionnaire on those things that you like and don't like in Edwardstone and things that you'd like to see changed or stay the same. Since the deadline at the end of February the Steering Group have been looking at all the comments and identifying the main areas to form the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan.



We have published some graphs showing the results of the questionnaire which you can look at <https://bit.ly/edwardstone-NP>

We will be in contact with everyone in Edwardstone in the coming months with further detail of the Plan so that we can seek everyone's thoughts and comments. Keep an eye out for further information in the Box River News.

## EDWARDSTONE ALMSHOUSES AND OTHER CHARITIES

Edwardstone Charities meet on a regular basis or when occasion demands.

The purpose of the Charities is to help when hardship or distress affects residents of Edwardstone.

There are five trustees; two are nominated by Edwardstone Parish Council, two are co-opted because of their knowledge of the village and the Rector is a trustee ex officio, or in other words, just because he is the Rector. The trustees administer the Charity, in confidence "on behalf of the Charity Commissioners and cannot benefit from it themselves".

We try to help those who:

- are ill at home or in hospital
- care for and visit the sick and the housebound
- need extra funding during severe weather conditions
- are in education or are trying to find a job
- are in need

The trustees do try to provide assistance quickly when need arises.

All applications should be made, in writing, to the Clerk, and are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

*Nick Raymond*  
Clerk/Treasurer

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## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Edwardstone Parish Council has a small pot of money allocated to it on an annual basis to donate to local groups either based in Edwardstone or who provide a significant service to the residents of the Parish.

The Council is now inviting bids from groups who think they may be eligible for a donation and application forms are available for the Parish Clerk.

For more information, please contact Richard Jones (clerk to council) on: **01473 848246** or [edwardstoneclerk@outlook.com](mailto:edwardstoneclerk@outlook.com)

Copies of the Council's Charitable Donations Policy which details who is eligible to apply for a grant and what the application process involves, are available on the Edwardstone PC website at <http://edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/>

## 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.



On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, Pip Wright gave a fascinating talk on 'Watery Places in Suffolk'. It has inspired us to try to organise a boat trip in the summer.



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April saw 20 or so members head to Newton Golf Club for an Easter Lunch. Unfortunately, I had succumbed to Covid, so could not attend. However, I was told it was a really lovely lunch.

The last session before Easter, Teresa showed us how to decorate eggs using Washi paper.



It was trickier than it looked, but we all had a good attempt and achieved some pleasing results. We also had an Easter Egg Hunt, so we all went home with chocolate as well as filling up on delicious tea and cakes.

Members were given a questionnaire to complete to help us plan future events and we look forward to hearing everybody's thoughts.

### Dates for Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Bingo
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Plant swap and quiz
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Visiting Speaker (subject tbc)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Suffolk Day Cream Tea
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Old Joe's Road Pétanque or crazy golf
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Majestic wine tasting (tbc)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Midsummer Munch

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*Sue Presland*

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## REUNITED WITH GROTON

I was born in 1942 in Bethnal Green. I am now 80 and live in Sudbury. In the late summer of 1940 at the start of the German bombing campaign of London my mother, Violet Harris (known as 'Kigga') was newly married and yet to have my younger sister and me. As part of 'Operation Pied Piper' to evacuate 1.5million people out of the deadly path of Germany's bombs, my mother, her sisters-in-law and 3 children left an increasingly hazardous London and were sent out of the city to the beautiful Suffolk air of Groton.



Groton Hall Farm in 1940, my mother on the right.

The farm where they came to stay during the evacuation is now called Groton Hall Farm and it is my understanding it was then owned by a man named Mr. Dyer.

Fast-forward some 45 years to 1987 and totally coincidentally I moved with my family into the North Wing of Groton Place and on my Mother and Father's first visit there they realised how very close we were to where they were evacuated during the war! I was at that time utterly unaware of my mother's evacuation story.



Four generations of my mother's ancestors standing on the same spot



My mother on the right, sitting on the gate of Groton Hall farm



Sadly the gate no longer exists, but so much else is unchanged.

Forward another 35 years to the present day and I contacted the current owners of the farm - Charles and Katie Partridge who have been very kind and helped us reenact the scenes in the old photos from my mother's time there, nearly 82 years ago, with some of my current family members. So much has changed, so fast,

elsewhere in this world but amazingly time seems to have stood still in this lazy, beautiful part of Suffolk - the buildings in the background seem almost identical to how they were back in the war. Even the door of the brick shed is still the original timbers! It's like being in a time-machine!

Visiting the scene that day together with me were my cousin Penny Carter, her daughter Karen, her daughter Katie (how lovely that another Katie is living at the farm now) and Katie's two boys.

Four generations of my mother's family - a wonderful and emotional day for all.

Does anyone else out there have any similar memories of this time in history? I would love to hear from you.

Jeff Harris

## COUNTRY THREADS & THE JUBILEE MEMORY BEARS

Tree planting, pudding competition, beacon lighting, street parties and concerts are just a few of the ways in which the nation will celebrate the Queen's seven decade reign.

In a quiet corner of Hadleigh and away from all the razzmatazz, the Country Threads craft group is diligently supporting a local initiative which will mark this historic occasion. Their tribute will not only provide a lasting reminder of the Queen's dedicated service but also raise money for St Elizabeth Hospice at the same time. Sue Marshall has created a delightful limited edition teddy bear, resplendent in the distinctive colours of the Hospice; burgundy pale green and white. Each of the 200 bears will be carefully crafted and tastefully



display its own number on the base of its paw. It will come with a St Elizabeth Hospice authenticity certificate. The bears can be purchased for a suggested donation of £40 each with all the revenue going to support the valuable work of Hospice. Country Threads members are working to help Sue by cutting out the many intricate fabric pieces ready for her to complete the lovable bears. Sue already has considerable experience assembling the pattern as, before this special consignment, she used the same pattern to make the bear from deceased patients' clothing. To date, over 400 bereaved relatives have found their unique 'Material Memory' bear a comforting, lasting reminder of their loved one.

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## THE BUTCHER'S WIFE

Spring has finally sprung which means one thing in the Leeder house – Thermostat Wars! It's always this in-between time of year that our thermostat has its work cut out. It's nice and warm during the day but early mornings and evenings can get a bit chilly and the Butcher doesn't like to be cold, so up the heating goes. And it's not just a bit, he whacks it up so high it's reminiscent of the stopover we once had in Qatar. Now I'm all for being warm and cosy but I draw the line at getting a sweat on to do the hoovering. Over the years, I've bought him countless dressing gowns, slippers and knitted jumpers but sadly, they sit in the wardrobe and he still sits around the house in a t-shirt and shorts like he's sitting on a beach in Bermuda.



Another thing that this time of year means is the 'how many loads of washing can I get dry outside in one day' challenge. I know I'm not alone when I say I LOVE hanging washing outside. One of the first things I'll say to the Butcher when he walks in after a busy day at the shop is "I got 4 loads dry on the line today" (honestly, conversation in our house is riveting). There is a bit of a skill in outside drying, if you hang it and leave it for hours, you'll end up with crispy towels. It's all about the timing!

This recipe I have used for years, sometimes I make it as a pastry ring, a pie and more recently the pasties (I was inspired after making Boxford pasties in the shop) and it always goes down a treat. The main benefit is that it doesn't mean too much time standing in front of the oven in the sauna that is my kitchen!

### Chicken & Broccoli Pasties

Serves 4

If you have mayonnaise and lemon juice in your cupboard, you can pick up all the other ingredients from A Leeder Butchers!

#### Ingredients

- 4 x round puff pastry lids
- 1lb diced chicken breast
- 1 x floret of broccoli, chopped into small pieces
- 3 x spring onions, diced
- 1 x red pepper, diced
- 500g Jarlsberg cheese, grated
- 1 tbsp of mayonnaise
- Dash of lemon juice
- 1 tbsp of olive oil
- Salt & pepper for seasoning
- 1 egg, beaten

#### Method

1. Heat the oven to 180°C. Add the broccoli, spring onions, red pepper, cheese, mayonnaise and lemon juice to a large mixing bowl. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Heat the oil in a large pan and brown the chicken. Once browned, transfer to the bowl with the other ingredients. Mix well.
3. Lay out your pastry lids and add a generous spoonful of mixture to the middle of each lid.
4. Brush the pastry edge all the way round with a bit of water to help it seal.
5. Fold the pastry over so you create a semicircle shape. Press and pinch the edges together and fold over to seal it all the way round.
6. Brush with the egg to glaze and cook on a baking tray for 25 minutes.
7. Serve with roasted new potatoes and salad.

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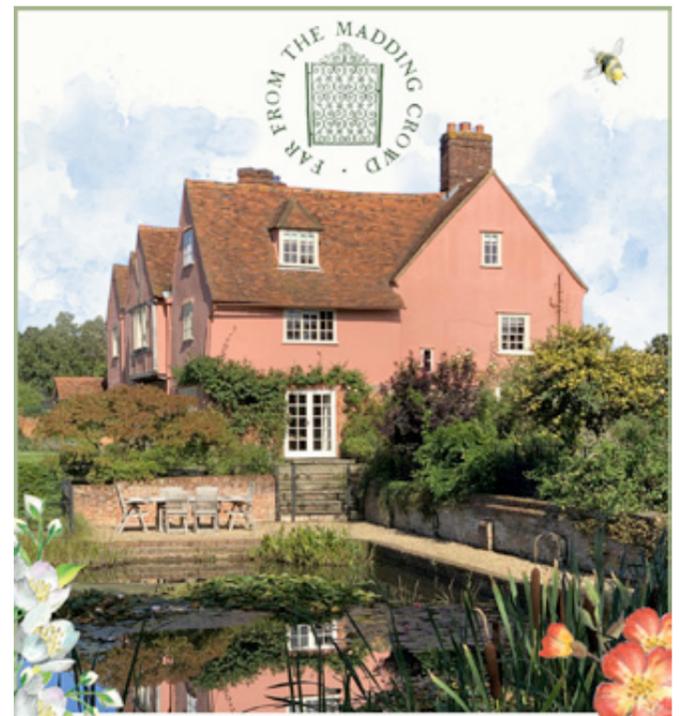
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## THE MAY LETTER FROM FATHER ROB

**We are a Resurrection People and Alleluia is our Song!**

Dear Friends,

One of the wonderful things about Easter for me, aside from the great religious festival and the assurance of resurrected life, is witnessing new life in nature as spring begins to refresh and enliven the world around us. The sun is higher in the sky, plants begin to bud and blossom and we are woken each morning by a wonderful dawn chorus. We have a number of rabbit burrows on the edge of our garden and it is at this time of year that we begin to see small bunnies leaving the sanctuary of their earthen homes to play and tumble across the law. Such Joy!



For many of us, it is in the natural world that we often feel closest to God. Louis Pasteur is quoted as saying 'a little science estranges a person from God, but much science leads them back to him'. I think that nowhere is that more true than when we contemplate the natural world.

You might think that all this would move us away from, rather than toward the notion of church. Why go to church if we can experience God elsewhere? Well theology is the science of God. It enables us to delve deeper into the God at the centre of our being. Church stands not in opposition to the natural order, but complimentary to it.

Sometimes, we can view church as something that is not for us, a strange institution made up of 'other' folk. Depending upon our own personal pressure points, we can feel the institution is out of touch in several ways; we may view it as too authoritarian or not authoritarian enough; too engaged in change or too slow to adapt... I know that one of my greatest sins is to project onto a thing called 'the Church' all my own irritations and annoyances. But the reality is that the Church is simply made up of us and people like us. People who carry all the same baggage, the same struggles, the same brokenness. We are the Church, and at whatever level, it is people like us, chosen from among us, who guide us, lead us and help us to grow. That is as true for the Archbishop of Canterbury as it is our local parish priests or lay workers.

Sometimes people ask why church services (in the C of E, at least) follow the format they do? In the Church of England, one of the promises that every priest (Vicar) has to make at their ordination is to 'follow only those forms of service authorised by canon (church law)'. This may sound rather restrictive to some. But the ordered services of the Church aim to give expression to the deepest yearnings of our soul, and they draw from both ancient and modern practice and wisdom. It is true that we can encounter God anywhere and everywhere – the natural world is a miraculous conduit for this – but we also need to know where to look and what to look for. The words, symbols and actions we use in church services are carefully chosen and choreographed to ensure our focus is in the right direction and that we are not forming the notion of a God made in our own image – like some golden calf to the Israelites.

Holy Communion (sometimes called the Eucharist or Mass) is one such example. Did you now that there is only one form of worship that Christ expressly ordains us to follow in the Bible? It is the Eucharist, the sharing of bread and wine 'in remembrance of him'. Indeed, after the resurrection many of the disciples fail to recognise him in his resurrected form until he prays and breaks bread with them. Sometimes people fall under the misapprehension that Communion (or the Eucharist as it is commonly called in our

benefice) is exclusive – something not for 'them'. Nothing could be further from the truth. In keeping with a great number of Church of England churches, in the Box River Benefice we always operate an open table. Everyone is invited to receive the bread and wine, these symbols of Christ's body and blood, because it is a free gift from God.

Confirmation can be helpful in aiding us to be appropriately prepared, and we regularly offer confirmation classes if that is something that would help, but it should not be a barrier. The breaking of bread together and sharing of communion is God's free gift to all, in which we can let go of the divisions of the world and encounter His Son, Jesus, in his purest. All are invited and welcome!

In keeping with the majority of the Church of England, we even offer communion to children before confirmation after they have undertaken a short preparation focused at an appropriate level for them, to help them understand the essentials. There are no barriers to Communion. But sometimes we can place them upon ourselves. And Communion (the Eucharist) is not the only type of service we offer. To enrich our diet, we have in our regular schedule, shorter Morning Praise services, Forest (outdoor) services, Book of Common Prayer Evensongs, Compline Night Prayer, Taize Evening Prayer and much more besides.

Another concern many people express is holding them back from church is a sense of unworthiness or confusion about their faith. Certain things they don't understand, or beliefs which make them feel as though it would be hypocritical of them to attend. The reality is that church is a home for sinners and the broken. None of us can hope to be perfect this side of heaven. And, we all have those aspects of faith that bewilder us. We each have moments of doubt of confusion. And how can we wonder at it? How can we hope to fully grasp the enormity of the God of all wonders who is both within us and beyond us? All we can do is stand trembling on the edge of eternity transfixed in excitement and awe.

With every blessing,

Fr Rob

[rparkermcgee@gmail.com](mailto:rparkermcgee@gmail.com)

Tel: 01787 210434

**FOREST CHURCH  
RECTORY GARDEN  
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SUNDAY, 1ST MAY @ 11 AM**

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EXPERIENCING GOD IN THE MIDST OF  
HIS BEAUTIFUL CREATION**

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# SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2022



<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> Easter 3	9:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Morning Praise</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Forest Church</i>	Rectory Woodland*
	16:00	<i>Evening Service</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00	<i>Midweek Communion</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter 4	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	17:00	<i>BCP Evensong</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00	<i>Midweek Communion</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter 5	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	17:00	<i>Evening Service</i>	All Saints, Newton
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00	<i>Midweek Communion</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Easter 6	09:30	<i>Intergenerational Family Service</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	All Saints, Newton
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	18:00	<i>Ascension Day Service</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter 7	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	17:00	<i>Benefice Evensong</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield

(Morning Prayer online, most weekdays from 8.30am)

\* In Church if raining

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)

**Bring and Share Food Bank**  
North Porch, St Mary's Boxford

If you or someone you know is in need, please visit the Food Bank. All donations of non perishable goods gratefully received

Take what you need, leave what you can  
Thank You!

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BOXFORD

**CLASSICAL MUSIC FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

Boxford residents Ed & Rhianwen Gold will be joined by Caroline Finlay to play music for violin, 'cello and piano

**SUNDAY 8TH MAY 4PM**  
TICKETS £10, UNDER 18s FREE

Available from Boxford Post Office,  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxford-concerts](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxford-concerts)  
or on the door

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH BUILDING



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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 11am** APCM Little Waldingfield & Newton, St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10am** Open for Coffee, Mary's House

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 9:30am** Coffee Morning, St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12:30pm** APCM Edwardstone & Groton, St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 4-6pm** Piano Trio Concert, St Mary's Boxford

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 10am** Open for Coffee, Mary's House

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 12:30pm** APCM Boxford, St Mary's Boxford

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10am** Open for Coffee, Mary's House

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 12-2pm** Light Lunch, Mary's House

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10am-12** Coffee Morning, St Mary's Boxford

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 10am-12** Coffee Morning, All Saint's, Newton

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 10am** Open for Coffee, Mary's House

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1pm** Community Lunch, St Mary's Boxford

## Ukraine Donations

To date the Benefice has raised over £4000 and delivered over 10 car loads of physical donations, thank you. Please DO NOT drop off any more items at church as nearly all distribution centres have stopped collecting. Our Bishop's appeal with World Vision is still available if you would like to donate sacrificially to this cause.

<https://bit.ly/ukraine-crisis-appeal>.



## Electoral Roll

The deadline for registering on our Church Electoral Roll is at the end of April, we warmly encourage everyone who attends church regularly or who lives in the parish boundary to register their details <https://bit.ly/church-electoral-roll> or speak to your churchwarden.

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The APCMs are all being held in May throughout the Benefice, please see "Dates for your Dairy" above for further information.

## Box River Benefice Vacancies

We would welcome anyone who is willing and able to offer a bit of their time and energy in helping our churches continue to grow and flourish. There is an array of opportunities including joining the PCC or helping in a number of other voluntary roles, please contact the Benefice Office for more information [boxriverbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:boxriverbenefice@gmail.com)

**Treasurer** – St Mary's Boxford is currently looking for a PCC Treasurer, please contact Father Rob for more information, [rparkermcgee@gmail.com](mailto:rparkermcgee@gmail.com)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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

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



## COMMUNITY LUNCH ST MARY'S BOXFORD

Thursday, 26th May 2022

at 1 pm

*2 Course Lunch*

(£5 suggested donation, payable on the day)

Please contact the Benefice Office to reserve your place  
01787 828046 or [boxriverbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:boxriverbenefice@gmail.com)

It's the perfect opportunity to  
catch up with old friends  
& make new friends

EVERYONE WELCOME



## COFFEE TIME

You are invited to  
"Drop in for Coffee" around the Benefice

Every Tuesday @ 10:00  
Mary's House, Boxford

.....  
Friday 6th May, 10:30 - 12:00  
St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

.....  
Saturday 21st May, 10:30 - 12:00  
St Mary's, Boxford

.....  
Saturday 21st May, 10:00 - 12:00  
All Saints, Newton Green



Join us for  
coffee,  
cake  
and  
conversation  
**ALL WELCOME**



## BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### AGM

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
The Pavilion

7pm Drinks & Nibbles  
7:30pm Meeting

All individuals, clubs and organisations welcome

Please email: [sandraperry1@msn.com](mailto:sandraperry1@msn.com)  
if you would like to attend



## BOXFORD SOCIETY 'Wattle Be the Future for Daub'

7.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
in the Village Hall

Come and hear Sarah Partridge from Orchard Barn,  
an expert in medieval restoration,  
talk about her work on a house in Stone Street  
and her new project restoring a Suffolk Long House.

The talk will be followed by a short AGM



All welcome. Non-members are asked to pay £2

BOXFORD  
GARDENING SOCIETY

## GEOFF HODGE Happy Healthy Roses



Tuesday 3rd May 7.30pm  
at Boxford Village Hall



**Fleece Jazz** at  
Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel presents

### The Gaz Messengers: Celebrating Art Blakey

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 8pm - Tickets: £20/£16\*



The art of 'Jazz Messenger' Art Blakey –  
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Roach, as "Thunder" – is captured  
superbly by Hughes with this glorious  
quintet of musicians.

Gaz Hughes – Drums and bandleader  
Alan Barnes – Saxes  
Bruce Adams – Trumpet  
Andrzej Baranek – Piano  
Ed Harrison – Bass

### John Law's Re Creations

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 8pm - Tickets: £18/£14\*



"Melodic contemporary jazz with a  
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John Law – Piano  
Sam Crockatt – Saxes  
James Agg – Bass  
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Ample parking: fully accessible. Directions: [www.fleecejazz.org.uk](http://www.fleecejazz.org.uk)

Tickets: 01787 211865 or via [WeGotTickets](http://WeGotTickets.com) (booking fee applies);  
or on the door (cash or cheque only; sorry no debit/credit cards)

\*Friends of Fleece Jazz discount

SPECIAL OFFER: A double room at the hotel (01206 262836)  
with breakfast + 2 tickets from £109! (subject to availability)

The Chairman of Boxford Parish Council  
invites all residents to the

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at

7.30 for **7.45 p.m. start** in Boxford Village Hall

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND AND GIVE REPORTS

Please come along and hear from Village organisations and Councillors  
who all work hard to keep Boxford such a vibrant community.  
All are encouraged to attend and contribute.

Tea & Coffee will be served at 7.30 p.m.

The May Parish Council Meeting will follow.

## Newton Uillage Hall Committee

are pleased to invite you to a

### COFFEE MORNING

on

SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May

10.00 to 11.30

Newton Uillage Hall

REFRESHMENTS  
CAKES  
PRIZES



BRIC-A-BRAC  
BOOKS  
RAFFLE

Please do come along to the first  
village hall coffee morning since lockdown!!

We hope to see lots of new and familiar faces as this will be  
an ideal opportunity for residents to learn more about  
the village and meet other villagers  
Parish Councillors will be present to answer any  
questions about village life.

Donations of raffle prizes, cakes, books and bric-a-brac would  
be most welcome and can be brought on the day or delivered  
to a member of the village hall management committee beforehand.

Committee members:

Fiona Garman, Joan Linney, Sue Prestand, Rita Schwenk,  
Alan Vince, Janet Weavers.

## BOXFORD FRIENDSHIP GROUP

JOIN US  
on Monday 23rd May  
for some fun  
and companionship

2pm - 4pm  
Playing Fields Pavillion,  
Boxford

£3 entry  
Coffee/tea and  
Cake included

For more info call  
Wendy Hills 210342 or  
Alison Warren 211067



## NAYLAND ST JAMES' CHURCH FETE

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Stalls including: Plants, Toys, Cakes,  
China, Glass & Pictures

Tickets from [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org) or on the gate:  
Price: online £4, under 16s Free - on gate £5, under 16s Free

Funds raised for the upkeep of St James' Church

Nayland Village Fete

MONDAY 2nd MAY

1pm-4pm

## Annual General Meeting of Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust

The annual general meeting will be  
7pm on Thursday 26 May 2022  
at Edwardstone Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend to find out  
more about the Green and how they can get involved in  
helping our work in maintaining this invaluable space.



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022

The 181<sup>st</sup> **HADLEIGH SHOW**



*A great family day out!*

All entry tickets must be purchased in advance from website or local outlets

Gates open 8am Free parking

Holbecks Park, Hadleigh, Suffolk [hadleighshow.co.uk](http://hadleighshow.co.uk)




## THE 181<sup>ST</sup> HADLEIGH SHOW

With the signs of Spring breaking through planning is well under way for our return in 2022, after a break of 2 years. The show team have been busy planning and preparing to be able to bring the show back in its wonderfully traditional agricultural show format with all of the long standing elements including the flower show, rural crafts, livestock and equine programme, art show, tradestands offering a huge variety of shopping, food hall with producers from the local area set to tempt you with delicious treats alongside our rings full of activities, horses, driving classes, heavy horses and in the main ring the incredible Bolddog Lings FMX display team to wow you with their bravery.



This year's Show Director is Luke Burdall-Goodchild. Luke has been show director for 3 years but due to the pandemic he has had the horrible time of having to make the decision to cancel the show twice. Third time lucky! Look for Luke's two lovely boys on the advertising materials.

The cookery demo is back this year with Mark David of The Cooking Experience at the helm. As a Hadleigh based business Mark will have a team local chefs and food producers with him throughout the day. A chance to sit and watch them making mouth-watering food and perhaps taste it as well!

There are more than 150 classes of cattle, sheep, donkeys and horses on show; over 160 trade stands; the Poultry Tent; the Art Exhibition and Sale; Rural Crafts and the Flower Tent. The Flower Tent theme this year is "2022 Floral Calendar" which will be a fantastic show.

Stocks Fairground will also be in Hadleigh for the weekend of the Show. They are open Friday evening until 10pm, during the Show on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon – midday to 5pm.

Our ever-popular Food Hall will once again showcase local food and drink producers with new local businesses on show as well as long standing exhibitors. 2 Food Court areas will provide lunch for all the family with a huge range of food on offer.

For the 2022 show the main change is that **ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**. There will be no tickets available to buy on the gates. This is to give us a show that can be planned to accommodate any changes needed should there be any covid restrictions reintroduced and to ensure that we can plan our travel management as much as is possible prior to the day.

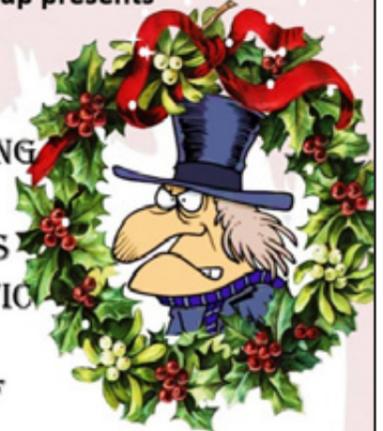
Parking is FREE; gates open at 8.00am.

HFAA is a registered Charity and has been in existence since 1839. We run a Schools Project for local Primary schools as well as supporting many local and farming charities.

We hope to see many of you at the show, to bring our local communities back together, to celebrate all that is great about the local area and british agriculture and to finally be able to meet again. **Please don't forget to book your tickets in ADVANCE!**

Boxford Drama Group presents

FARNDALE  
AVENUE HOUSING  
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TOWNSWOMEN'S  
GUILD DRAMATIC  
SOCIETY'S  
PRODUCTION OF



## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By David McGillivray  
and Walter Zerlin Jnr

WHAT THE DICKENS IS GOING ON?

**BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL**  
**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup>, FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AND SATURDAY**  
**18<sup>th</sup> JUNE @ 7.30PM. LICENSED BAR.**  
**TICKETS FROM BOXFORD POST OFFICE**

## BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP

Mrs Reece, chair of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estates Townswomen's Guild, has chosen to stage Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*! In June! But despite the stage manager having damaged his coccyx and can barely shift a prop, and the stage sets not being entirely stable, and the actors being seriously under-rehearsed, she is optimistic that it will all go without a hitch, which would be a miracle.

Boxford Drama Group has previously taken on the guise of the Farndale ladies three times, the last being in 2017 with *Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue, S'il Vous Plait*. They transform once again into the Farndale ladies for – and this is quite a mouthful – *Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Put On A Production Of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol*, but which director Jane Lindekam calls *The Farndale Christmas Carol* for short.

It's a rollercoaster of a comedy with the cast retelling the story of Scrooge and battling falling sets, wrong sound effects, stage lights going out when they should be coming on and coming on when they should be going out, people entering when they shouldn't be there at all, the wrong lines being delivered, and the right lines being delivered at the wrong times, but the ladies battle on regardless to the very end of the Dickens' tale as Tiny Tim gets to grips with his crutch, and Scrooge is haunted by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present – who is an actual Christmas present – and Christmas yet to come whose head keeps falling off!

*The Farndale Christmas Carol*, by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr, is at Boxford Village Hall from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from Boxford Post Office from mid-May.






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# LITTLE WALDINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 12 June 2022

11am to 5pm

Admission £5 per Adult  
Includes programme with map from  
Parish Room, Church Road

Children under 16 Free

Refreshments  
Plant and Produce Stalls  
Parking on Playing Fields

Proceeds go to our St. Lawrence  
Church



## BOXFORD Gardens Open

Saturday 4th June 2022 11.00am-4.00pm  
some gardens will remain open till 5pm - please ask!

Gardens open in Boxford & Edwardstone  
PLUS  
Plant stalls  
Artists Studios open to the public

Tickets £6 (children under 16 FREE)  
Main ticket stall at the Church or look out for the  
'Garden Open' signs and pay at the first garden you come to

For more details contact:  
Sarah Williams 01787 210276  
Sarah.williams@rncurtis.co.uk

All funds raised benefit  
St Mary's Church Boxford

## 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!

## Little Waldingfield Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

DECORATE THE VILLAGE!  
GET OUT YOUR BUNTING, FLY THE FLAGS,  
GET THE VILLAGE READY TO PARTY!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**  
7 - 10.30PM on the Playing Field  
POP UP PUB AND LIGHTING THE BEACON

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**  
12.30 - 5PM on the Playing Field  
BIG JUBILEE LUNCH & BAR:  
BRING A PICNIC/DONATE A PLATE  
BAKE A CAKE COMPETITION  
BEST CROWN COMPETITION

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
2 - 5PM in the Parish Room  
AFTERNOON TEA:  
BRING A PLATE/BAKE A CAKE

# LITTLE WALDINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 11am - 5pm

We are looking forward to opening our lovely gardens again, and welcoming you to our friendly village. Admission is £5 which includes a programme with map, obtainable from the Parish Room in Church Road, where we will be serving refreshments including delicious home-made cakes. There will also be plant and produce stalls. Plenty of parking on our Playing Field, about 150 yards from the Swan Inn. All proceeds will benefit our beautiful St. Lawrence Church. For more information go to [www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)

# CHILTON CHURCH EVENTS

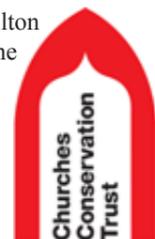
The Friends and Trustees of St Mary's Church, Chilton have arranged three exciting events for May and the Jubilee.

On Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May, *This is My Theatre* will be performing *A Comedy of Errors*. Shakespeare's comedy about mistaken identity starts at 7.30pm (doors 7pm). £15 adults / £12 children. More info/tickets at [thisismytheatre.com](http://thisismytheatre.com)

Charlie Haylock's new talk about being Ralph Fiennes's dialect coach in the film "The Dig" will be on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May. Doors open at 7pm, tickets £10 from [visitchurches.org.uk/whatson](http://visitchurches.org.uk/whatson)

On Sat 4<sup>th</sup> and Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June, a Collectors Exhibition, book stall and refreshments will be held in St Mary's to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Free entry on both days 10am to 4pm.

For more information on any of the events please contact Jane on 07392 086936 or email [jhatton@theccct.org.uk](mailto:jhatton@theccct.org.uk)



Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society  
Registered Charity No. 268104

## NAYLAND OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY  
12<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
2022  
2pm-6pm

TEAS in the Village Hall  
Tickets £5 (children free)  
in advance from:  
[www.naylandevents.org](http://www.naylandevents.org)  
or on the day at  
the Gardens or Hall

[www.naylandconservation.org.uk](http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk)

# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

## Boxford Celebrates

Thursday 2nd June in The White Hart Car Park  
7pm Live Music till late with 'It's Fete Function Band'  
9.09pm Piper - 9.15 Lighting the Beacon

Sunday 5th June at the Playing Fields The Big Jubilee Lunch  
Beer Tent • Music • Bring your own Picnic

NEW events announced over the coming weeks

Boxford Community Council  
Supporting Community Activities in  
Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton  
Website: [boxford.me.uk](http://boxford.me.uk)

# BOXFORD'S JUBILEE

Boxford is joining in with two National Jubilee Events. On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, the village beacon will be lit (9pm) and there will be live music all evening in the garden of The White Hart.

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June we invite you to celebrate the Jubilee and join us for The Big Jubilee Lunch on the Playing fields. The afternoon will start at 12:00 with a Royal crown competition, with prizes for the best crown, and will finish at 4pm. This will be an informal afternoon with groups coming together to share a picnic and relax with friends and family.

You are encouraged to bring a game or activity that you can share with others. There will be a beer tent and activities including; games of rounders, tug of war, royal tournament display. Music will be provided by Boxted Silver Band and Madrigalia who will be performing during the afternoon.

More events will be advertised soon.

Bring your picnic and activity to the Playing Fields to share in the celebrations!

# LEAVENHEATH JUBILEE

Leavenheath Platinum Jubilee celebration  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 11:30am

Fun Day & Picnic on Leavenheath Village Green to celebrate the Jubilee. Attractions:- music for dancing, local choir, the Leavenup Band, Karate demo, Gymnastics, a Games Bus, Magician, craft stalls, games, cream Teas, fire engine, beer tent, big raffle first prize £200 a fund raiser for new playground equipment.

Free entry and free parking.





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After rave reviews last year, EA Festival returns to Hedingham Castle on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June with a star-studded line-up, including **Maggi Hambling**, **Paul McKenna**, **Anne Glenconner** and **Bessie Turner**.

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Anne Glenconner



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One such subject is mental health. **Dr Lauren McDonald** and **Dr Joanna Neill** will discuss the success of psychedelic drugs for treating severe mental conditions and the need for legal reform for further progress. **Keith Abraham**, who served with the army in the Middle East and consequently suffered from mental health issues, joins the panel to talk about how psychedelics helped alleviate his condition.



Paul McKenna

**Paul McKenna**, the world famous hypnotherapist, will be talking to John Lloyd about how to overcome self-doubt whilst psychiatrist **Dr. Sue Stuart-Smith**, will be discussing her book “*The Well-Gardened Mind*” which explains the therapeutic benefits of gardening and connecting with nature.

**Michael Sheridan**, author of “*Gate to China*”, will explain how British miscalculations and the rise of the People’s Republic under Deng Xiaoping accelerated the takeover of Hong Kong despite the promise of 50 years of freedom after 1997.

**Lea Ypi** talks about growing up in Albania as it shook off socialism and embraced political pluralism. Her book “*Free: Coming of Age at the end of History*” was chosen by multiple national newspapers as their book of the year. It was also serialised on Radio 4.

**Francis Morris**, Director of Tate Modern, will tackle some of the biggest questions confronting art museums whilst artist **Maggi Hambling** will chat about creativity with the art critic and historian James Cahill.

**Hannah Rothschild**, novelist and former Chair of the National Gallery talks to William Sieghart about her career built on reinvention, whilst **Justine Picardie**, former editor of Harper’s Bazaar will explain why her latest book centres on the *sister* of Christian

Dior rather than the legendary designer.

At the end of each day the talk stops and the music begins! On Saturday, classical lovers will be treated to a concert by violinist **Elly Suh**, followed by a diverse cabaret of opera tunes from mezzo-soprano **Clare Presland**. Sunday’s musical finale will feature of East Anglia’s own **Bessie Turner** and hot newcomers, **Maya Law** and **Mosiah Levi**.



Maggi Hambling

**Cambridge Art Fair**, led by art dealer **Charlie Hart**, takes over all 3 floors of Hedingham Castle’s Norman keep, giving audience members a feast for the eyes to complement the food for thought provided in the Festival marquee.

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Boxford residents Ed and Rhianwen Gold will be joined by Caroline Finlay to play music for violin, 'cello and piano. There are two pieces on the programme; a 'Phantasie' trio by English composer Frank Bridge (who was

Benjamin Britten's composition teacher), and a perennial favourite the 'Archduke' trio by Beethoven.

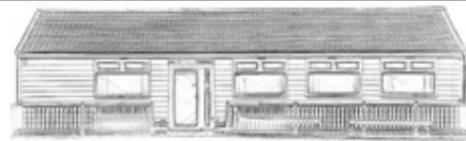
The concert is on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm**. Tickets can be bought on the door, from Boxford Post Office, or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxford-concerts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxford-concerts) and cost £10 for an adult, while under 18s are free.

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## CHARLIE HAYLOCK AT MILDEN PAVILION REVIEW

The audience at Milden Pavilion was entertained by Suffolk dialect master Charlie Haylock on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. During the evening he delivered a very amusing and informative talk about The Dig and his work as dialect coach on the BAFTA nominated Netflix film. There were lots of humorous stories and anecdotes too, many of which the audience could resonate with. He also provided an interesting insight into how the Suffolk dialect is spoken and how it has evolved over the years. His amazing ability to speak an array of dialects from across the United Kingdom was very entertaining too. If you do get the opportunity to see him it really is worth it and you will gain an understanding of how unique the Suffolk dialect is plus why Suffolk folk are often mistaken for Australians when travelling abroad!

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## READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone that turned out and lined the streets for Derek's send off for his funeral. We were all overwhelmed by it, even his dog walking friends lined Homefield with their dogs.

What a village to live in.

Thanks to everyone for their support, all the lovely flowers I received and all of the cards and letters.

My family have been such a wonderful support to me they are ace.

Please everyone do come along to the village hall for a celebration of Derek's life, date to be announced shortly.

Big thank you to all,  
*Di Butler and family x*

Dear Editor,

Parish Council minutes are not, perhaps, the most riveting read in the BRN, but they do serve a valuable role both in keeping readers informed of council decisions and reminding us of the work councillors do on behalf of their local community. That said, I wish to question one decision by Groton PC reported on page 34 of the last issue, namely to re-site a new noticeboard "on the green by the war memorial." While the purchase of a new noticeboard to replace the dilapidated board outside the Fox & Hounds pub is good news, I suggest that its proposed location is wrong. Placing it on the green, commonly known as the 'war memorial triangle' where the only other structure is the Groton sign, would detract from the simple memorial, dedicated "to those of Groton who gave their lives in war." I would ask the parish councillors to reconsider this decision.

Yours sincerely,  
*David Lamming*

Dear Editor,

Like many of us I started walking more during the lock downs, so much easier living in the countryside. The upsetting part of the walks was the amount of rubbish thrown out on to the verges of the lanes I walked down. The result is that I now take a shopping bag with me and seldom return home without it being full.

I have for some time cleared the lane my house stands on, and do so about every two, three weeks, so it is no longer a surprise to pick up a dozen discarded coffee cups (Costa being the most popular) MacDonalds paper bags and wrapping and other paper rubbish, and usually ten to twenty empty cans of drink (why is it that if Red Bull gives you wings the wings fall off when the can is near a verge?).

Amongst the more unusual finds have been 97 empty beer bottles in boxes on an embankment, this clearly was not a casual throw out of a car window. Then there was the pair of pink knickers in the grass. No I don't want to know how they got there but there they were.

The result of this thoughtlessness is having a LET'S TIDY OUR VILLAGES campaign, yet we can do it all the time by taking a shopping bag when we go walking.

Yours sincerely,  
*Richard Gates*



Dear Editor,

I must confess to being a little surprised at David Lamming's letter last month taking exception to my description [in the March BRN] of John Winthrop's beliefs as 'joyless Puritanism'. I assumed this view was uncontroversial these days!

John Winthrop is much lauded for his city on the hill speech (the only one that ever seems to be quoted) and is often held up as a paragon of justice. But political scientist Matthew Holland argues that Winthrop "is at once a significant founding father of America's best and worst impulses", with his calls for charity and public participation offset by what Holland views as rigid intolerance, exclusionism, and judgmentalism. He only allowed the vote to members of the church. He thought "unconstrained democracy was the meanest and worst of all forms of government"

The Massachusetts Puritans wanted to introduce the laws of the Bible which in their view included hanging for adultery. In 1641 Winthrop diarised his approval about the hanging of 18-year old Mary Latham for adultery.

He was instrumental in getting the Antinomian Mary Hutchinson expelled from the colony for, essentially, believing in the 'wrong' kind of religious bigotry. Interestingly, she ended up in Rhode Island where there was a more tolerant colony which even welcomed Jews and Quakers.

Enslavement in Massachusetts began shortly after the Pequot War of 1637. In July, Governor John Winthrop wrote about Pequot Indians: "We had now slain and taken, in all, some seven hundred. We sent fifteen of the boys and two women to Bermuda." In 1641 he helped write the Massachusetts Body of Liberties which justified and legalized the enslavement of Africans, Native Americans, and mixed-race people.

I will concede, however that Winthrop was seen as something of a moderate among his more rabidly bigoted peers!

Yours sincerely, *Chloris*

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# STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

## Queen Elizabeth I Grammar School Boxford



Pen and ink drawing of Old School House (the ex Grammar School) by Christina Newns 1977.

The old Grammar School at the top of School Hill, Boxford, now a private house, was established in 1596 and was an ambitious venture by local residents. In this year William Shakespeare was writing *Romeo and Juliet* and the rest of the population was rioting because of food shortages caused by a run of poor harvests. There were schools or places of education within Boxford before 1596: the Church Wardens Accounts show that money was allocated for work on a 'skole house' in 1532 and 1551 and in 1583 St. Mary's Church had sought a licence for Thomas Chambers M.A. to teach grammar in the village. Before this, chantry priests spent some time educating the poor.

In the 1560s and onwards various boys aged about 14 left Boxford for Trinity, Caius or King's Colleges at Cambridge University. William Ames, born 1576 in Ipswich, was one of them, brought up by his uncle John Snelling, a clothier of Boxford. Snelling later became a major force in establishing the Grammar School and his wife Ann owned the cloth Dyehouse next to 'dyhows ditch' at Peyton House in Broad Street. William Ames left Boxford in 1594, then aged 18, for Christ's College, Cambridge. He became a very controversial Puritan minister, philosopher, religious author and University lecturer, a credit to his Puritan family and friends left behind in Boxford.



William Ames 1576-1633, famous Puritan philosopher and "son" of Boxford.

In 1609, whilst a Fellow of Christ's College, Ames gave an important sermon in Great St. Mary's Church in Cambridge. In it he sharply rebuked "lusory lotts" (overindulgence) and the "heathenish debauchery" of the students during the Twelve Days of Christmas. Not very much has changed since then! He got a suspension for this and, due to his outspokenness, he eventually fled to the Netherlands where many Puritans were living a freer Puritan life before they moved on to America. It is said that few Englishmen have exercised such a formative and controlling influence on European thought and opinion as Ames.

He did contemplate moving to New England in America where he was held in high esteem by the early colonists. However, he was offered very high status roles in the Netherlands so did not leave. It was only after his death in 1633, aged fifty seven, that his second wife, son and daughter emigrated to America. Educated up to 18 in Boxford, he was a truly important "son" we can be proud of, and his Puritan beliefs were quite typical of Boxford at that time.

In 1596, two years after Ames went to Cambridge, Queen Elizabeth I granted the charter for a Grammar School on land at School Hill given by Adam Winthrop and further land purchased from Susan Brand. On the right is pictured both sides of the Second Great Seal of Elizabeth I which would have been used on the Charter. Note the Tudor Rose (England); the Fleur-de-Lys (France) and the Harp (Ireland). On the reverse it shows Queen Elizabeth on horseback. The motto reads "Elizabeth, by grace of God, Queen of England, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith". This seal is now missing: believed to have been broken and thrown in a waste paper bin in the 1940-50s!

John Snelling of Boxford and Philip Gosling of Groton were pious, yeomen clothiers and also keen to acquire this chartered Grammar School for the village. There were to be six free pupils, two each from Boxford, Groton, and Edwardstone. These places were funded by people who left money in wills for bright-but-poor boys' education. It was usual for such schools to begin at 6 in the morning and finish for lunch at 11 am. The afternoon lessons began at 1 pm, and the day finished at 4 or 5 pm. Attendance was six days a week and Sunday church attendance was compulsory. The day was shortened by an hour at either end in the winter months. There were 37 designated governors for the school, 'discrete and godly men', gentry, merchants (particularly clothiers), clergy and other up and coming men from a wide area. They were like-minded with a range of Puritanical leanings, intent on the further reform of the Elizabethan Church. The oddest appointment was Edward Coke of Norfolk, the Attorney General (the chief legal adviser to the Queen and government). He had Cambridge University acquaintances in the area but few other known connections, and he worked in London. He, like many governors, rarely attended meetings as they did not live locally and could be 5 or 6 hours away by horseback.

A generation later there were too few Governors (17 had died, some of the plague) so a selection of higher status men were appointed to the vacancies. Governors continued to be poor attenders at meetings and the high ideals of the men of the previous generation were not upheld. The main subjects were Latin and Greek and, at one point, Hebrew. All lessons were linked to religious study and Masters appointed held divinity degrees. There was often an acknowledgement in the record that things had been allowed to slide and there were often difficulties in removing 'inappropriate' Masters. In 1638 James Alderson, Master, 'of evil fame' was up against the Governors and it took a long time to remove him. An accusatory climate was rife in the mid 1600s and one had to demonstrate particular Puritan beliefs. This also included the period of "witch hunting", so it is difficult to assess the actual 'crimes' of Alderson. According to the Governors he "twice offered violence to the chastity of Bridgett Ede" and another woman offered similar testimony.

Less is known about the school in the 1700s but again the governors made a poor choice and in 1722 they refused to pay Mr Tatham, the then Master. Sometimes the Rector had to take over the school whilst things were sorted out. In 1777 John Gurdon of Assington



Carved Tudor beam, interior Old School House.

negotiated a financial deal through which free places were created for two boys at the school from his village, in return for taking on responsibilities for the well-being of the school. Free pupils were now eight in number. From 1781 the Master insured the school against fire damage with Royal Exchange and he was given permission to enrol boarders to help pay for insurance, as long as it did not interfere with the education of the eight free pupils. The school clearly had serious financial problems.

In 1788 the Master decided to teach the free pupils Latin grammar only and he began charging their parents for books, pencils, ink and slates for teaching English grammar. The Governors found this to be 'perverting the good intentions of the School's Charter' to demand money in this way. The records show that the only books available in the school in 1790s were in Latin. New rules for studies were laid down and pauper children from families on Poor Relief were barred. All pupils were required to attend church services and sit in the school pew. Could the carved initials on the remnants of those box pews in the Lady Chapel of St Mary's Church today be those of pupils from the school?

In the early 1800s the school is reported to still have had its official eight free scholars, two each from Boxford, Groton, Edwardstone and Assington. It appears to have been successful at this point as it had 40 pupils in total, half of whom boarded. All but the designated eight free pupils will have been fee-paying. An arithmetic book kept by Thomas Cook, a pupil at the school in 1817, is neatly and meticulously laid out. It gives examples of addition and subtraction, including calculating bills for Ells of Dowlas (measures of coarse linen cloth), scarlet cloth, gallons of rum, reams of paper and Warwickshire Cheese. We hope it all came in useful later as an adult (unlike the rods, poles and perches of our early 1950s arithmetic books)! By 1828 the curriculum was grammar, reading, and writing. Pupils had to be fluent readers of 6-8 unseen verses of the Psalms on admission to the school. At this time only six of the free places were taken up, and those pupils were often absent.

In 1842 the Hon. Augustus Phipps, Rector of Boxford, was elected as a Governor and he tried to solve the lack of drive in the school. A new set of rules were written, making appropriate demands on the Master and designed to ensure the fair selection of free pupils. Full records of the free pupils were required. An age limit of 9 to 14 was

set for pupils, with review after three years based on achievement and standard of behaviour. Also pupil dismissal arrangements were now formalised to establish fairness. However, there continued to be a huge turnover of Masters and the school's decline was not permanently slowed. In 1852 the Charity Commission was set up nationally to inspect some English endowed schools. Boxford Grammar School did not come out of this well and it was transferred to the Official Trustees of Charitable Lands. From this point on it was no longer a requirement for the Master to be in Holy Orders.

In 1862 the Charity Commissioners offered the Grammar School a way out if the curriculum became identical to that of the Boxford National School. This had been established in Stone Street Road in 1839 and became today's primary school. The Governors turned the option down on the grounds that the Grammar School was viable because it met requirements not provided for elsewhere in the village! (What could this be? Scriptures, Latin and Greek perhaps?) Surely this must have been because it was free for those eight pupils and the National School made a small charge. The limited curriculum the Grammar School provided and poor opportunities for learning certainly did not warrant this justification.

By 1864 the curriculum was prayers, Bible instruction and the history of Scriptures, followed by reading, writing and arithmetic. No boy had gone on to higher education in 5 years. Only three or four Governors out of 37 regularly attended meetings. Things at the school were going seriously downhill again.

By the time the school was inspected in 1867 it had serious competition from the National School 'for the education of poor children in the principles of true religion and useful knowledge'. There then appeared to be no fee-paying pupils at the Grammar School at all, though there were still eight boys on the free list. Pupil vacancies were probably difficult to fill as parents generally preferred to make a small payment to the National School for the better education it was offering.

The 1867 inspection report by Mr Richmond said 'five scholars of humble parentage were in attendance, the average daily number. Of these one boy of good natural abilities passed a fair examination in arithmetic and dictation. The others were backward in arithmetic and their work was purely mechanical. In spelling they were also very deficient; while in history, geography, and English grammar almost nothing was known. The Master is an aged man, in holy orders and holding a small benefice in the neighbourhood, but he resides at the school. It is not too much to say that he is now totally unfit to keep a school by reason of bodily infirmities.' He concludes by saying; 'the Grammar School is now but a feeble and useless competitor' with the National School.

In 1878 a School Master was advertised for in The Guardian and there was a petition from 62 inhabitants of Boxford for a gentleman in holy orders. This was no longer a requirement under the new Trust and their petition was ignored.

The school had effectively 'fizzled out' by 1878. It was given a market value of £194 and a caretaker was paid one shilling a week.



Old School House from School Hill mid 20th century



Old School House today from School Hill.

In 1881 Revd W.H. Langworthy insured the school, furniture and gardens for £200. We must assume he was its caretaker. In 1894 Mr Charles Porter, headmaster at the National School down the road, was the caretaker of the old Grammar School and he was resident there for some years. He insured the school for £200. Dr Thompson's (of Knollgate) wife's family lived there after Mr Porter and it was finally sold to Sir William Edwin Brunyate in 1906 for an undisclosed sum. He retired to the Old School House in 1924 having been a very important colonial administrator in Egypt and Hong Kong.



Boxford National School pupils c1912, with Mr Charles Porter, Headteacher, who was also previously caretaker and resident at the Old Grammar School.

The Trust was by this time merged with the other Boxford Charities.

Grateful thanks to the late Jenny Robinson for her work on this, her favourite topic, and to Boxford Society researchers including the late Martin Wood. More can be read about the Grammar School in Jenny Robinson's *Boxford: A Miscellany* and Roger Loose's *Boxford through the Ages*.

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"Didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Long Melford?!" One of our volunteers was singing a parody of a Fiddlers' Dram song after our Easter Fair last month.

Not all will remember the 1970s hit but the fantastic response to our event was reminiscent of our pre-pandemic fundraisers. Familiar friends (and dogs!) arrived to browse the stalls, enjoy a snack - and the icing on the cake?

Nearly £4,500 raised including a generous donation from an anonymous supporter.

Mum said it would be too cold for me to attend because there was a constant flow of fresh air through the building to blow away the virus. It was fortunate that our volunteers were on hand to help rescue a fledgling found on a nearby footpath, popular with dog walkers. The fluffy bundle was quickly brought home to Mum who identified it as a Tawny owllet. It is coming along nicely and will eventually be returned to its home territory for a soft release.



We are looking for more enthusiastic people to join our fundraising team and reliable volunteers to care for the animals one morning a week. Please leave a message on our answerphone or send an email if you would like to help.



Top: Easter owl just rescued, Bottom: same owl one week later.

There are still spaces on the Nayland 10K family-friendly run on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. This raises money for local charities including SESAW, there are routes to suit all ages and abilities through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Book your place at [www.nayland10k.co.uk](http://www.nayland10k.co.uk)

The only place I'm running to now is the kitchen where Mum is preparing dinner for all the dogs including me,

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## BRIAN TORA'S SOAP BOX

I can start with some positive news on this occasion. My Ukrainian friend in Portugal succeeded in collecting her mother from her home country to bring her to the Algarve. It was, by all accounts, a journey fraught with difficulty and frustration, involving many days of driving across numerous national borders and dealing with seemingly endless bureaucracy. But it worked and mother and daughter now feel safe, something many of their compatriots can only dream about.

It happened that, at around the time this rescue journey was taking place, I telephoned my younger son only to find he was in Poland, close to the Ukrainian border, where he was working for a charity assisting in processing refugees as they fled the conflict. He is in full time employment and had chosen to take part of his annual leave to join the rescue efforts so sorely needed. He even managed a brief sortie into Ukraine, but he – like his co-workers – did at least have somewhere safe to return to once their task was fulfilled.

The less good news is that he and the rest of the team he was working with contracted Covid on their trip, but only discovered they were positive once they returned home. This was not good news as his wife is classified as clinically vulnerable and inevitably she caught the virus too. Fortunately, neither had severe symptoms and simply added to the rather alarming statistics of the people who have succumbed to Covid. The pandemic may have passed, but this awful disease seems to be here to stay.

Returning to the dreadful situation in Ukraine, I was surprised to receive an email from the parish priest that looks after the Anglican community in the Algarve reporting on the fate of those members of the Church of England who worship in Kyiv. It seems that, as part of the Diocese of Europe, they had been taking part in the virtual

services that were held during lockdown. As a result, the church warden of All Saints church in the Ukrainian capital was familiar to many through the opportunity to “meet” via Zoom. An article setting out the current situation was attached to the email.

The Anglican church there usually meets in the German Lutheran church located in the city centre. Following the invasion, the congregation has become scattered, though apparently the physical church itself has remained unscathed throughout the conflict. The church warden, Christina Laschenko-Stafiychuk, left by train to Poland with her daughter in early March and is now in Switzerland, leaving her husband behind as he is a reservist in the territorial army. The article that accompanied the email from Father Rob in Portugal really brought home the suffering that the Ukrainian population is experiencing.

As I write this, hostilities in Ukraine have entered a quietish period, though fighting continues and a further push from the Russian invader into the east of the country may be only days away. It seems remarkable that Putin remains committed to pursuing his “special military operation”, given the massive losses suffered so far. According to the BBC’s Frank Gardner, in seven weeks of conflict, Russian losses already exceed those incurred during several years of occupation in Afghanistan.

But the fighting seems set to continue, at least until the Kremlin achieves something it can present to the Russian people as a victory and thus justification for the action taken and the losses suffered. Unfortunately, this can only mean more hardship for the Ukrainian people and an even greater destruction of their country. In the article sent to me from Portugal, we were urged to pray for peace and for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of the Russian forces. It is the very least we can do.

Brian Tora

## FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

Hello to our readers, this last month has been a bit brighter for me and our small team at French’s. We have had some amazing people come forward to help us like Julie Leach from Hadleigh, who wanted to help by paying for the repairs and for the field shelter company to get the shelter back up. Thanks to her kindness and generosity it is now fixed, which has pleased our donkeys no end, happy donkeys!

Another lady called Pamela stepped in too. She is an animal (especially cats) lover. Pamela made a donation towards our £2,900 vet bills, some of which was for the medication Hercules our beautiful cat needed with his brain tumour, when coming to the end of his life.

Thank you must also go out to lovely Romina who came to the farm, met the animals and has asked to be a monthly sponsor. Of course I said “Yes please”. I was tired after a long day at the farm, but I certainly picked up speed when running to get the sponsor forms for Romina. I am not afraid to let my desperation and excitement come through sometimes!

Thank you also to Josephine and Karen for their donation. These ladies have picked me up when I felt so beaten and down, they have given me the push I needed to get on with the repair work and pay something off our huge bills. It is so lovely to meet people like these ladies that have stepped into help us at French’s. I would like to meet more, so if you want to do something for us with a donation, it will definitely keep my spirits up and keep our charity going. I am still calling out for new helpers to put the shed up that has sat packed on pallets for months, if you have any spare time, please give me a call. I am also looking for a part time person who is reliable and hard working.

Here are a few dates for your diary: World Donkey day is on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, you are welcome to come along on the 7<sup>th</sup> between 10am-1pm and meet our donkeys. We are planning an open day with BBQ on 26<sup>th</sup> June and a Barn dance at the Ansell centre in July. Our next quiz will be on a Saturday evening 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We have sadly had to cancel our quiz night in May, as it clashed with the Hadleigh show.

One of our volunteers is going to do a bike ride fund raiser for us, the fundraiser is called: “80 Miles for 80<sup>th</sup> Year”. Pamela (shown in photo) volunteers weekly at French’s Care Haven and is soon to be celebrating her BIG 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. She has set herself a challenge to complete 80 miles cycling around the local area in 2 weeks!



We hope that you will support Pamela by sponsoring her. All money raised will be going to our charity to help in providing care for our animals and to providing amazingly effective



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Also pictured is one of our donkeys, Frankie. I am sure you recognise this beautiful boy from our posters. Frankie was very curious and was so gentle saying hello to Lottie, Lissy’s new puppy.

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## HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

By the time this goes to print volunteers will have returned to their posts both inside and outside the Practice to assist with the Covid booster vac clinics. The long awaited fourth jab will soon be a reality for the 75 plussers and immune-suppressed cohorts. Patients in this category, with six months since their last booster, will be sent a letter giving them an appointment to attend the Practice clinic for a Moderna jab. The first vac clinic was on 23<sup>rd</sup> April with a second to follow on 7<sup>th</sup> May. If patients are unable to attend for whatever reason, they do not have to call the Health Centre and cancel. There has been no word from Government about further boosters for any other age groups.



A new PPG work group has been set up to work alongside the Practice with a view to improving patients’ access to their medical services via the telephone and internet. They will take a critical and analytical look at ways of accessing and improving patient information and appointments. Once this has been simplified there will be a move to encourage patients with computers to book on line. This will help free up telephone slots for those without IT access.

### THANK YOU ‘DREAM TEAM’

The special evening was the result of a joint effort; organised by the Patient Participation Group (PPG), sponsored by the partners of the Hadleigh and Boxford Health Centre and hosted at St Mary’s, Hadleigh.



A corner of the Church had been transformed into an ambient party setting with subtle table lights, fresh flowers and a welcoming Bar. The gathering was to say thank you to all the volunteers who had given their time during the many Covid vacc clinics

since 2021. In spite of the success of the latest Covid variant, Practice Partners, Managers and a good number of volunteers were able and delighted to attend. Guests enjoyed meeting up with fellow volunteers, many of whom hadn’t seen each other since their last duty and certainly not without the all-invasive face covering.

Hadleigh-based Hibberd’s catering, provided the most delicious selection of canapés which guests were more than happy to sample throughout the evening. Dr Nabarro thanked the volunteers for their dedication and support for the 61 clinics they had held dispensing a staggering total of 30,000 vaccines throughout the worst of the pandemic. In recognition of their efforts, the partners have decided to give the volunteers £1,000 for a charity of their choice. There was a collective gasp of surprise and approval before team leader, Jan Devey replied on behalf of her ‘Dream Team’. She thanked the Practice for the generous donation which was very much appreciated. However, from the feedback received, the volunteering had actually been a two-way exercise; help for the Practice and a sociable, useful activity for the participants. The charity chosen by the volunteers is East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA). Sincere thanks to all involved in the success of the evening Jim Wilding, John Devey, Jill Howlett, The Very Rev’d Jo Delfgou, Alisma and Ash Hibberd, Tessa and Robert Salter for tdc Cordless Lighting.

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## CITIZENS ADVICE

citizens advice

*I am a single parent, with two young children. I am already struggling to stay on top of my household bills; my weekly food shop isn’t stretching as far anymore and now my energy bill is going up too. I don’t know how I’m going to afford all of these price rises. What can I do to stop my finances spiralling out of control?*

First of all, you are not alone in this and there’s support to help you.

It’s always worth checking if there are benefits you don’t know about that you’re eligible for, including support with your energy costs and living costs. On the Citizens Advice website, [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk), there’s a benefits calculator, advice on how to reduce living costs and information on other ways to increase your income.

There’s also emergency support that you may have access to, such as food bank vouchers or fuel vouchers. You could contact your local council to see if they could also offer support.

If you’re struggling to stay on top of bills, it’s really important to understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. Citizens Advice has a budgeting tool on its website that can help with this.

And if you’re already behind on bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if they can help you repay your bills sustainably.

We know that times are incredibly tough but please remember, you don’t have to face this alone, do contact your local Citizens Advice to help you find a way forward.

If you need advice and support Sudbury & District Citizen Advice is currently providing advice by telephone and email Monday – Thursday, 10am – 1pm. Please phone **01787 321400** and leave a message and someone will call you back from a withheld number when available. Or email [advice@sudburycab.org.uk](mailto:advice@sudburycab.org.uk) or contact facility on [www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact](http://www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact)

The drop-in session at the Ansell Centre, Hadleigh is every third Thursday of the month 9.30am -12.30pm.

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Having just moved into the Boxford/Hadleigh area Maisy was delighted to share with us some details of the service she offers to our readers. 'I don't remember how I got into feet', Maisy tells us, but she certainly fully into them now. Foot health is really important and often overlooked, you think by putting your feet 'away' into your socks and shoes that they are all okay, but this isn't necessarily true. Many people have things wrong with their feet and they might not even be aware of it. Minor things that irritate, itch or ache, or major things that need treatment before they get worse; there is often an easy fix for all of these.

Maisy started her career as a care worker and 'home visiting' many clients Maisy saw a niche in the market for a 'foot care specialist' - Someone who could sort out the little problems that people 'assumed' they had to just live with. Many of her clients had bad feet, they were in pain, struggling to walk properly or simply couldn't put pressure on their feet. She knew there had to be a solution to this.

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Don't be embarrassed about your feet and don't suffer in silence. No one should have feet that hurt, ache, itch or 'feel' wrong, why not let Maisy come and have a look and start some treatment for you, don't suffer in silence when there is a solution round the corner.

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## EBONY'S DIARY



A great clean and clear up operation last month saw SJ Sargeant Contractors rebuilding the field fencing we had lost to storm Eunice.

The 'girls' are back in their rightful paddocks with the friendship groups re-established, so they and Lyn can heave a sigh of relief. Part of the cost of the fencing is being met by a special Storm Damage grant from Sport England for which we are most grateful.



We also want to say a big thank you to the Cauduceus Lodge for their generous donation of £1,000, received last month. Alfie is pictured accepting the big cheque outside his stable, along with our Chairman Jan.

All funds are much appreciated, and the 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' quiz on March 26<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Jan hosted and kept a close eye on proceedings to make sure there was no cheating! 20 teams enjoyed the fish and chips supper washed down by beer or wine, the many great raffle prizes, and raised between them £900 for the Centre. The herd and the riders we look after all say a big thank you to Jan and Bob Derbyshire and the fund-raising team for this their first indoor fund-raising event since they came out of lockdown.

A raffle organised by the Tuesday team of volunteers will be drawn on April 5<sup>th</sup> to find the lucky winner of a giant Easter Egg. Can't wait to see who that is!

Well done everybody, you make us feel secure and we do love you for your efforts.

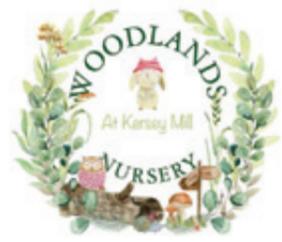
After working in shirt sleeves at the end of March to freezing



temperatures with driving sleet at the beginning of April, the work has continued uninterrupted. All our special riders continue to benefit from what we do here and we absolutely love being part of this team. Wanna join us?

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## PERSPECTIVES & VIEWPOINTS

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to you all, I am Katie Hayward and I am very excited to be a new contributor to the BRN. I'll be bringing you a column each month which is arts and creativity-based. As an artist myself, located within this local community, I really wanted to focus on raising awareness of our artistic and creative activities. I hope to bring you interesting reading, and some unique and alternative perspectives along the way.

Speaking of such alternative perspectives, from 9<sup>th</sup> April until 29<sup>th</sup> May at the wonderful Mill Tye Gallery in Sudbury, photographer and artist Rachel Spender is exhibiting 'Saltmarsh'. Having attended the opening of this exhibition, the body of work on display depicts the saltmarsh landscapes of this area, but from an exceptional viewpoint - the open door of a light aircraft! If that wasn't challenging enough, her prints were singularly and expertly hand-crafted by her in the darkroom. Prior to the introduction of Google Earth, it was a perspective only available to those with wings. Rachel's thought-provoking imagery elevates us, literally and metaphorically into a position where we see abstract forms and patterns, but on closer viewing the finite detail becomes familiar and recognisable as the Earth's surface, punctuated with man-made interference. The vastness of our landscapes are revealed and it reminded me of just how small we are in scale, but huge on the impact we have upon it and the text which accompanies the exhibition offers great context and speaks more in-depth regarding the impact of man's activities. It is poignant and relevant work, which holds a palpable tension between the abstract forms, aesthetically well-considered compositions and grave concern for our natural environment. The exhibition was shown previously at Firstsite, Colchester so this is a fantastic second chance to see the work.



There is exciting news in the form of a new arts project space opening in Braybrooks, an old dairy in Ballingdon, Sudbury. The name is Pasture Project Space and is an initiative created by local artists Ruth Philo and Stuart Bowditch. For more information be sure to check [www.pastureprojectspace.co.uk](http://www.pastureprojectspace.co.uk). 'Test' artist retreats are being run this summer.

As an artist myself, I know that sometimes there are moments when you are struggling for ideas or just looking for that 'thing' that may give you inspiration for your next piece. I thought it would be a nice idea to share words, phrases or ideas I have come across which may help another creative to get, well, creating!

**UHTCEARE** (pron: *OOT-key-ARE-a*) - An Old English word for the sorrow before dawn, when you wake too soon but cannot get back to sleep and can lead to feelings of worry and despair while we wait for the sun to rise and for hope and positivity to be restored. It may sound rather downcast but I was curious as to how this may manifest itself in artistic and creative expression as I'm sure many of us have experienced this at some point, particularly over the last couple of years.

Katie Hayward

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## EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB

### Edwardstone Cricket Club Prepare for the 2022 Season

Members of the club came together to prepare the Homefield ground in Boxford for the new season. Ray Gibbons has once again been preparing the pitch over the winter months for our upcoming matches. With the support of club members further preparation was completed during an April weekend with the sun shining.



The team will play its first match of the season away v Bury St Edmunds (24<sup>th</sup> April) and following a winter of net sessions are hoping to make a positive start following promotion to Division 1 of the Hunts County league. Bury St Edmunds have always been one of stronger teams in the league, so it will be a good challenge to start the year. The club's first home game will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> v Leavenheath.

On the same weekend, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the junior coaching sessions will also be starting. Boys and girls from 6-13years old can make a start playing the game and developing new skills. We look forward to welcoming new players to the club and seeing their progress over the next few months. Details of these sessions and registration forms can be found on our website.

[www.edwardstonecricketclub.com](http://www.edwardstonecricketclub.com)

## MILDEN CRICKET CLUB

Milden Cricket Club begin their 2022 campaign in Division 4 of the Hunts County Bats Suffolk Cricket League on Sunday 24 April with a home fixture against Melton St Audrey's CC.

Spectators are always welcome at Milden Sports Field and (good news) cricket teas are back!

### Early fixtures:

24 April	Melton St Audrey's (home)
8 May	Brantham (away)
15 May	BT Waldringfield (home)
22 May	Long Melford (away)

Matches start at 1.30 pm (except on 24 April, when the start time is 1.00 pm)

Visit the club website for the full fixture list: [www.mildencricketclub.com](http://www.mildencricketclub.com). Results of all matches will be on the League website: <https://suffolklccl.play-cricket.com>

Please contact Andrew Simmons for further details, including if you are interested in playing: e-mail [apsimmons93@gmail.com](mailto:apsimmons93@gmail.com); mobile 07951 055643.



Hopefully the sun will shine more in 2022! Photo: David Lamming

## BOXFORD ROVERS

With two teams playing in the Suffolk Youth League the seasons league matches finished in April with the Under 12 team competing in Division 5 as 9 a side and finishing with results of played 17 won 7 drawn 1 and lost 9 with 61 goals for and 49 against and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in a league of 13.

An entertaining season with very good performances from all players with the team well managed and coached by Jason Nick and Ryan and looking forward to stepping up to 11 a side next season.

The Under 14 team competing in Division 4 finished with results of played 16 won 9 drawn 4 lost 3 with 46 goals for and 24 against and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in a league of 12 plus had won both games against the team who finished first in the league. A very competitive and promising season using all of our 20 squad players in most games with managed and coached by Melvyn, Andy and Jon.

The Awards day is on May 14<sup>th</sup> with a inter teams 5 a side competition, BBQ by Leeders Butchers and season Trophies & Awards.

## SPORTING MEMORIES STARTS IN SUDBURY

In May Sporting Memories launches in Sudbury aimed at those who love talking sport, suffer from dementia, depression, loneliness, discharged from hospital & looking to gain confidence.

The launch on May 18<sup>th</sup> includes 2 ex-league Colchester United footballers (Micky Cook & Micky Packer) who played over 1000 league games between chatting to host Tony Brightwell (ex Sudbury Town & England Woman's physio) about their times in league football.

Starts: **Sudbury Kingfisher, Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm.** It's free. If interested reserve your place by emailing: [andy.read@talk21.com](mailto:andy.read@talk21.com)



Micky Cook

## Sbn SENIORS STABLEFORD

The April, Seniors monthly stableford took place on April 13<sup>th</sup> on the Constable course. It was perfect golfing weather for the 57 entrants, ideal spring temperatures and very little wind.

The conditions were reflected in the superb scores with the top five, in both Divisions 1 and 2, scoring 40 points or more.

Nearest the pin was won by Ross Buchanan



Kevin Price, Div 2 winner, receiving prize from Seniors Cpt Pete Robins.

### Division 1

1st Graham Vandervord	46pts
2nd Barry Hitchcock	43pts
3rd Reg Reid	42pts

### Division 2

1st Kevin Price	44pts
2nd Alan Finlayson	43pts
3rd Paul Sheffield	42pts

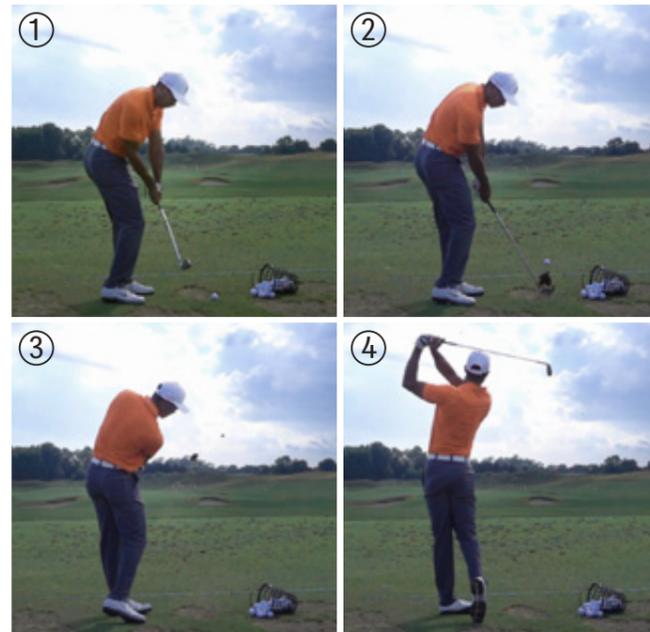
## TIM'S TOP TIPS

Hi all, and welcome to a lovely sunny Spring that's just begging you to get out onto the course! This month, having perfected the takeaway and backswing in previous issues of the BRN we're now completing our mini-series with the last part of the manoeuvre - the downswing.



This month I thought how better to illustrate the downswing than with the master, Tiger Woods, in action. If you look at the sequence of photos you can see how he moves each element of his body and club in the right order at the right time to minimise the effort and maximise the power and control over the ball's flight.

Working from left to right photo 1 shows how legs and hips



initiate the downswing naturally pulling the club down slightly on the inside. The swing should be initiated by the hips first then shoulders, never the other way around. Maintain the hinge between wrists and club that you set up in the backswing - avoid the temptation to unfold this, or 'cast' the club (good on the fishing lake, bad on the golf course!). Casting will lose the power in the swing by the time the club gets to the ball - remember, the hands should get to the ball before the club head.

Photo 2 shows the impact position - the hips and body are clearing, the hands have already passed the ball and the club head strikes the ball first and then the turf (divot) with a nice low shot.

Photo 3 shows the body rotating towards the target with the club and swing extending down the target line after the ball.

Photo 4 shows the completed balanced follow-through with the body facing the target.

The key to these movements is to swing within yourself and let the core muscles do the work, not the hands and arms - most golfers try and hit at the ball rather than letting the club do it. You are just the engine delivering it to the right place to do its work. With a bit of practice, it should be an unhurried, natural movement of little effort.

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

### MY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

As we are now coming up to the season of Parish Annual Meetings, I am giving below a summary of the report I will give at these meetings in April and May:-

#### Children's Services & Adult Care at the heart of Suffolk County Council's 2022/23 budget.

In February 2022, Suffolk County Council confirmed how it plans to spend more money on public services in 2022/23.

#### • More money to support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) with an increase of £1.1m in the revenue budget.

This follows a review carried out by a team from Lincolnshire, including Lincolnshire County Council and a parent carer network. The review made nine recommendations and they used these to draft an action plan, which can be read online. One of the recommendations made in the review was to work with a third-party organisation to deliver improvements. The council has since secured Impower as a strategic partner, who will bring capacity and extensive experience of working on SEND systems across the country.

There is an £45.1m capital programme agreed in 2020 to create an additional 870 specialist education places over a 5-year period to 2024. At the moment, more than 6,000 children in Suffolk currently have a health and care plan to identify what support they need to help with their special educational needs. The number has nearly doubled from 3,000 in 2014. A further 12,000 pupils have special educational needs and do not require a health and care plan. Currently, there are 2,000 places at either special schools or specialist units for those with more complex needs. We continue to increase the number of places. Children's education and welfare is fundamental.

#### • Extra resources for adults in need of care launches the new CASSIUS SERVICE for an improved home care service.

In early June 2021, it was announced that SCC are partnering with Alcove, Rethink Partners and Provide CIC to deliver their innovative care technology service to people in Suffolk over the next 3 years.

From July 2021, the Cassius service gave our social work practitioners, occupational therapists and other front line professionals, new ways to support people to live better and independent lives. Initially the service launched with a high impact, targeted range of technology that will continue to grow into the full Cassius collection. This means that the technology can be customised to meet people's needs and to address individual challenges which will help them live independently at home for longer. More details on the Suffolk Website – search “technology to help you live independently in Suffolk”. <https://bit.ly/scc-technology>

#### • Additional funds to prevent flooding and fix footpaths

In December 2021, the Council committed an extra £20 million over the next three years into further improving Suffolk's high-way drainage systems and footpaths.

In recognition of the increasing maintenance demand on these areas, councillors approved the use of £10 million to specifically deliver an increasing number of drainage schemes that deal with problems that affect larger numbers of people, and a further £10 million to improve footpath quality and access.

The council's spending budget for 2022-23 is rising by 4.5% (from £598.2 to £625.4m). This additional money is generated by a 2.99% increase in Local Council Tax, and an increase in grants received from the Government. The proposals were approved by councillors in February 2022.

#### Another Year of COVID 19 but with restrictions easing – however still be aware !!

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the first lockdown. We have all learnt a lot to manage this prevalent virus and many of us learnt to avoid it. Last year I said “my belief is that there is always good that comes out of bad”.

Here is some of the good we have learnt to overcome the unprecedented incident of Coronavirus throughout the year.

- The collection and dissemination of local data and advice to guide the local policy for best practice control.
- The organisation of Home Schooling with the local authority in maintained schools with
- The introduction of “Home but not Alone” free phone line for the lonely.
- The follow up to Test and Trace and now recently totally co-ordinated at the local level since March 2021.
- Local co-ordination of the Vaccination programme with Clinical Commissioning Groups via the Director of Public Health – Stuart Keeble.
- We have all learnt to handle the technology to enable on line virtual meetings
- We have saved travelling time and as a result become more productive.
- We should all thank each other for the collaboration that has been achieved.

#### Leaders earmarked major investment on road to Covid recovery

It was announced in late June 2021 that a significant investment of £6.238m was approved to support Suffolk's long-term recovery beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders (SPSL) approved a significant investment of £6.238m towards a range of strategic, community focussed projects and programmes that support efforts in Suffolk's long-term recovery beyond the Covid-19 pandemic. This money will be used to increase the offer for young people and families, to improve access to housing, to help local businesses get back on track, to address the climate emergency commitment and to drive future public engagement plans. This includes £2.6m to invest in future housing projects, improve literacy, identify families most in need of support and strengthen the local care offer for young people.

#### 99% of pupils receive a preferred primary school on National Offer Day

In April 2021, 99% of children were offered a place at one of their parents' three preferred schools and 95% were offered a place at their first preference school.

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

In May 2021, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service unveiled three new vehicles, packed with the latest technology, to support firefighters at emergency incidents. The Command Support Vehicles will typically be used as a hub at large, complex incidents, from which officers can manage operations and work with other emergency services.

Some of the new features on the vehicles include:

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

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has invested £360,000 in the new units, which replace the three existing Command Support Vehicles. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service have also unveiled state-of-the-art rescue vehicles and equipment to provide firefighters with the latest technology for rescues.

#### HRH The Duke of Gloucester officially opens The Hold

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester officially opened The Hold, a new archives and heritage centre on Ipswich's Waterfront. The Duke was given a tour of the £20million building, a partnership between Suffolk County Council and the University of Suffolk, which is home to more than nine centuries of history safely preserved by Suffolk Archives. The Duke was shown treasures from the Suffolk Archives collections spanning 900 years of Suffolk's history, including the oldest document - a Charter of King Henry I granting churches and property to the monks of Eye Priory from around 1119.

#### MPs from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex and County Councillors, unite to protect the countryside & communities from the worst impacts of new pylons & cables

In October 2021, the Offshore Electricity Grid Task Force (OffSET) was set up to review and respond to the Government's Offshore Network Transmission Review (OTNR).

A new group of MPs from across the region, under the chairmanship of Sir Bernard Jenkin, and including County Councillors from the region, has been set up to ensure that the emerging proposals of the Government's Offshore Network Transmission Review (OTNR), and proposals to change the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning regime, are effectively scrutinised.

OffSET supports the government's commitment to meet the target of Net Zero by 2050, and the aspiration to deliver 40GW of Offshore Wind, by 2030. *However, this will result in a succession of electricity generation and connection projects in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex, over the coming decades, which will have significant impacts on the environment and communities of the region.*

The group believes that these ambitions and targets cannot be met, on an “at any cost” basis. Therefore, the further development of the onshore transmission system, and the connection of offshore wind farms, and interconnectors, will require a new deal for communities and the environment. It remains a key priority that we speed up the Government's timetable to transition to the offshore transmission system, in order to protect our communities from the damaging effects of multiple cable corridors.

#### National Grid informal and Statutory Consultation on the Bramford – Twinstead Reinforcement of the Cables and Pylon connection through South Suffolk and the AONB

Much time has been spent by many in preparing for these important consultations during 2021 and early 2022. Enough has been said and written. Suffice to say my thanks go to all the work that individuals within the parishes have put into this important consultation for the area and my thanks also go for the support we have all received from the planning and technical team in Suffolk County Council. After much of a battle, I was pleased to have the opportunity of having face to face discussions with the National Grid Team which were most productive.

#### Annual Public Health Report focuses on Mental Health impact of Covid-19

Suffolk County Council, in December 2021, endorsed far-reaching recommendations to improve Suffolk people's mental health and wellbeing. This includes the creation of a dedicated fund of £2.5m and the development of a cross-system group to support community wellbeing in Suffolk.

The strains of the Covid-19 pandemic have meant that the issue of mental health has been in the public consciousness like never before. The unprecedented measures required to reduce the spread of the virus, have placed extraordinary pressures, and demands on the whole population, with around 1 in 5 adults in Britain experiencing some form of depression in the first three months of 2021.

See the report here: <https://bit.ly/2021-suffolk-health-report>

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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Your Babergh District Councillor

At last we seem to have some clear thought and direction from the Met Police. I am pleased that those who dictate the rules and make the laws that we must obey have been subjected to the same rules themselves. It is regrettable that it took the threat of legal action against the Met police themselves, from a group of lawyers and barristers working mainly for free, to persuade them at last to prosecute those in high places for breaking the law as many of us were prosecuted and fined, often for more minor breaches. We can but hope that the next Met chief is of a stronger and more decisive character than the last one, as we just cannot abide one rule for us and another one for government ministers and their friends, donors and lackeys.

When I was first a parish councillor and school governor, a dear now departed legal friend told me to remember that whatever happened in politics and however high one rises up the political ladder, whenever I looked up the law should always be above me.

I also clearly remember my dear old Dad who had no time for niceties and posh people, saying that the higher the monkey climbed the tree the more it would show off its arse.

This was his way of saying that those who aspired to high office, would have all their attributes, good and bad in clear view to those left below. Here endeth the lesson.

We can but hope that now we have at last reached this point, that we have at least 54 of our MPs in the ruling party (that's political, not more drinking) who will have the courage and backbone to do the right thing and send in their letters to enact the change so desperately needed at the very top. The rank and file Joe Public will demand nothing less, after this country suffering the worst ravages, hardship and death rate from the pandemic across Europe.

It will not have escaped those who follow local politics that the Babergh Cabinet that was selected from across the political divide to represent all views and be mainly representative of the way that you all voted is in trouble and has been disbanded.

The past three years have been the best and most successful for your District Council in what have been the most difficult and challenging of times. One of the reasons for this is that councillors have worked hard across the political divide with all councillors feeding ideas and contributions through their political leaders into a hard-working group of members and lead officers to do their best for all our constituents across Babergh.

What we have now is the extremes of the Conservative party, gaining a majority and forcing our council leader John Ward, who is a thoroughly decent man and good leader of the council, to expel another member of the cabinet whose outside views they did not agree with.

Who cares? If he was doing his job properly, and it seems he was, then this is just another shocking political own-goal. We have had so many of them nationally, please let's not repeat them locally, the people are more important and they will not forgive us for cocking things up and charging them more council tax for doing so. Our constituents are at breaking point both financially and politically, they will not tolerate such shenanigans.

Coming to local matters, I was quite surprised but proud to be called by a journalist and told that Boxford had been selected as one of the best places to live by the Sunday Times. While happy to give a positive quote and say what makes Boxford such a good place to live, it is, along with everywhere else, not without its problems. In fact, the village throughout the past five or six years been fighting for its very identity and future with difficult planning and housing issues, along with other social problems that affect us all.

Hopefully some of the isolation and public transport issues can be worked on and improved in the next year. I have been and will continue trying to highlight and help with these in the coming year and have floated several ideas that could help all my villages throughout the Box Vale area. We desperately need places to safely park (*cont...*)

cycles at the end of journeys to catch public transport and to visit shops and other attractions, also safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists across dangerous and overly-busy highways to connect with village centres. The national government for once has recognized this problem and has allocated significant monies to begin to remedy this. Alas, our ever-failing Suffolk County Council has spectacularly failed to land a single penny for the county of Suffolk and its projects. This is despite all our neighboring counties receiving many £millions each for their own projects and ambitions. Please let us hope that the devolution bid can be successful and rid us of this outdated political two-tier system with all its cumbersome practices and failings. We desperately also need a change in the way we elect our representatives that continue to fail us at local government level, the same people making the same poor decisions is a recipe for a continuous failing to implement the positive environmental and greener issues that we so desperately need. While not being a fan of the extreme tactics of the extinction rebellion movement, I do agree that we have to shout much louder at those who do not want to hear.

Despite the national disgrace of how we should help with the terrible Ukrainian refugee issues, here in Suffolk, Babergh and Box Vale the response has been brilliant and genuinely heartfelt with many offers of help and housing coming forward. These have all been forwarded to the relevant agencies and despite the best efforts of the (not so) Priti Patel MP, many are now beginning to come through on temporary visas. Eventually many of those fleeing from Russia's violence will want to return to their formerly beautiful country to pick up the pieces, if there comes a time when they are able, or if there is actually anything left of their country to return to when that time does come. Also, the many who will be widowed or orphaned, might actually be persuaded to stay and build new lives here to help them forget the atrocities they have suffered and also to help return this once proud nation to the welcoming and multi-cultural society that it once was, before the right-wing politicians, oligarchs, multi-national companies and tax-dodging billionaires took it over.

May all your Gods be with you over the current holiday period and those to come.

I hope to see lots of friends at the upcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations which are in every village or a neighbouring one, a good time for the young ones to come out with Mum and Dad and party.

It could well be the last chance for a very long time, so come out and give them something to remember for the years to come!

Don't forget I will be speaking (if spared and not incarcerated) and reporting at all the village AGMs and will be pleased to speak to anyone on any local or not so local matter.

*Much Love and Hope to All.*

*Bryn*

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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

### BOXFORD

#### Summary of Council Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

**Vacancies** – Please note we have 2 Councillor Vacancies on the Parish Council. Applications would be welcomed. Debbie Hattrell continues as Clerk to Council.

**Meetings** – Meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month at 7:30pm except Aug and Dec. Meetings are in the Village Hall (video link available). The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May ahead of the Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall.

**Public Forum** – The condition of the telephone kiosk and bus shelter and potential improvements to the Cemetery gates were raised. Cllr Munson explained about her liaison with the Community Wardens. The potential to improve the clock face on the Church was raised. A resident attending via video link objected to the application at 14 Holbrook Barn Road and urged the Parish Council to re-consider their views. This was to be discussed during the meeting under Planning. A resident at the meeting then expressed concerns about what a contractor is proposing regarding the ditch along the Cemetery/Stone Street Road. The resident proposed he could clear the ditch at cost and agreed to provide a quotation to the Parish Council to consider. Attention then turned to the application at The Brewers Arms which the residents attending gave their wholehearted support to approval. The applicant explained the application and the importance to the viability of the pub in the future. He confirmed the low cost housing would benefit Boxford together with the Farm Shop. It was reported that Polstead Parish Council are supporting the application.

**Ongoing items** – In relation to the Reclaim the Rain project, Cllr Munson was working with the project team and residents with knowledge in this area. A decision as to whether Boxford will be included in the project will be made by the end of April. This is a project where substantial funding is available to both collect water for future use and also protect the village from flooding. The tree from the Churchyard that had come down and landed on the school premises had been cleared. Cllr Wortley confirmed that our Footpath Warden resigned between meetings and a notice had been put in Box River News encouraging another volunteer or volunteers to come forward.

**Cemetery** – Cllr Edwards met contractors who suggested a new scheme for the ditch along Stone Street Road/the Cemetery. It was noted a resident disagrees with this approach and has offered his assistance. It was agreed to await quotes for consideration. Cllr Edwards is also investigating the potential re-facing of the Church Clock. The boundary wall tenders were to be considered at the April Meeting.

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

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Full minutes can be found at:

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

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### EDWARDSTONE

#### Summary of Council Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Minutes of the Meeting of 17/01/22** – Approved. It was noted that the broken Chevron sign in Sherbourne Street had still not been replaced.

**Highway & Footpath Matters:** Footpath Cutting 2022 – Garden Arbs had agreed to continue under the same terms and conditions. The Chairman to draft a revised contract to be signed for the Clerk to send. It was noted that Garden Arbs would need to

provide continued evidence of insurance cover before starting any work. Footpath Leaflet – No further progress. Footpath 16 – The Chairman had been in correspondence with representatives of the landowner who was asking about the possibility of installing a Kissing Gate and signage to deter cyclists from using the footpath and causing a potential danger to pedestrians. The Council raised no objection to this suggestion but felt that signage was the initially the best approach. The Chairman to write back with this response. Councillor's Norman and Wood both raised concerns about damage to steps on footpaths they had been walking. Both to send photographs and details to the Clerk so that the issues can formally be reported to SCC.

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

It was reported that rumours had been circulating about a new home being built in the garden of an existing property. It was agreed that nothing could be done until a Planning Application had been made which would enable the Council to comment.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update:** 159 questionnaires had been distributed with 46 replies received. The main headlines were: Likes: Quiet, rural location. Nice footpaths. Local pub. Dislikes: Bird Scarers, Potholes, lack of transport, speeding vehicles, bonfires. There were mixed views on development.

**Condition of Bus Shelter:** It was agreed that the Bus Shelter needed a general tidy up including re-painting. Councillor Wood suggested the Air Cadets may be interested in helping out and he agreed to contact them.

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

Phase 2 Charitable Donations 2021/22 – The following donations were approved:

Edwardstone PCC - £300.00. Edwardstone Millenium Green Trust - £375.00. Edwardstone Parish Hall - £350.00. As the Council's new Charitable Donations Policy was being introduced for 2022/23 it was agreed to place information for local groups on how to apply in Box River News. Review of Internal Controls – The Council's internal controls were reviewed and approved although it was suggested that certain sections may not apply and should be removed. The Clerk was asked to confirm that the Council's insurance policy included a Fidelity Guarantee. Banking Arrangements – It was agreed to open a Deposit Account with Union Trust Bank as the interest rate was among the best available and to align with the Council's newly opened Current Account. Defibrillator Pads would need renewing in June and finance would be needed for this

**Next meeting:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Full minutes can be found at:

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

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### NEWTON GREEN

#### Summary of Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

##### 22/068 Planning

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

##### 22/069 Babergh Community Governance Review

The councillors reviewed the plans for a Community Governance Review by Babergh and agreed to consider any issues that Newton wish to raise at the May meeting.

##### 22/070 Recreation Ground

The councillors reviewed a quotation to provide storage for the tennis net from Ged Fisher at a cost of £790 +VAT. In resolving

to accept the quotation the councillors thanked Lee Parker for his Locality grant of £500 towards the project. The councillors will consider options for the MUGA entrances at the May meeting. Picnic bench sponsorship will be raised at the Annual Parish Assembly.

##### 22/071 Defibrillators

With the order being placed for the 3 defibrillators, permission has been agreed for the siting in Church Road. The remaining permissions are being sought.

##### 21/072 Forthcoming Events

The councillors agreed to defer the official opening of the recreation ground facilities until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (QPJ) celebrations in the Recreation Ground. The subcommittee, with Lee Parker as Chair and Cllr Smith as Vice-Chair, are planning the QPJ event with other residents of the village.

##### 21/073 Community Allotments

The councillors received information from the Community Allotment group that they no longer required the support of the parish council for the scheme.

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

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## OTHER PARISH COUNCILS

Little Waldingfield parish council didn't meet until after the BRN publication date but their minutes can be found at:

<https://bit.ly/LW-parish-minutes>

Groton parish council don't meet again until 4th May for the AGM

Their full minutes can be found at:

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# The Blooming Garden



## The Darling Buds of May.

In early May, my excitement mounts as the buds on my tree peonies plump up. They have the fattest buds of any plant I grow. In ancient China these beauties were grown in the Emperor's garden, you can see why they were considered too special for ordinary mortals. Here in England the Tudors had strict sumptuary laws forbidding the lower orders to wear rich fabrics. A commoner could be fined or go to prison for wearing silks and satins and ermine was just for royalty. In my garden the tree peonies are certainly the aristocrats and no other plant, however lovely, is dressed so luxuriously in shimmering satin, I don't think they would dare. Flowers use colour and scent to attract bees to pollinate them, but the tree peony takes this to frivolous extremes; it has flowers of such enormous size and flamboyance.



Tree Peony

People are very impressed when I say I grew them from seed but there is nothing very clever about it. You just sow the black shiny seeds in individual pots and leave them outside. You can forget all about them and nothing appears to happen at all for the first year, but that is because they put down a nice root before anything appears on the surface. The next year you get a little shoot which is unmistakably a peony. At this point you have to protect them from slugs and mice. After three years you plant them in the garden. In their sixth year they might have a couple of flowers. After twelve years mine are big bushy shrubs and smothered in massive blooms. It may seem a long time to wait but other things are happening in your life and in the garden; you are not just nurturing peonies. They look after themselves and you get on with other things.

The May garden is a place of daily delights. In gardening books you read sometimes of the May gap in the garden, but there is no excuse for a lack of blooms when everything is so fresh and lovely and you can have a rainbow of colours. Every day brings new treats. I always like to try unusual plants and there are plenty of wonderful May-flowering shrubs to choose from.



Crinodendron hookeri

So let's start with the Chilean Lantern tree, *Crinodendron hookerianum*. This is supposed to need acid soil so I grow it in a pot and although the roots have long ago found their way into the ground, it seems very happy. I am not sure how hardy it is so I grow it against the wall of the house. The flowers are real show stoppers, waxy red lanterns and lots of them. It is evergreen but the leaves are rather dull and they are poisonous so don't eat it. Well, why would you, it doesn't look very appetising. Everyone who comes to the garden is drawn to this exotic tree. The flowers look rather like Christmas tree decorations.



Sophora tetraptera

I have an unusual, medium-size flowering shrub from New Zealand, *Sophora tetraptera*. I think its common name is *Kowhai*. It has pinnate leaves and racemes of pea-like golden-yellow flowers and it is quite eye-catching, especially against a blue sky. The flowers are followed

by large seed pods and so I have a few baby trees coming along. Another lovely plant from New Zealand is the unusual *Hebe hulkeana*. In its native habitat it grows from cliffs and rocks and I wish I could contrive something like that here for it. It has long panicles of lilac flowers and must look wonderful growing from a rock. The shiny leaves are serrated and edged in red. It likes a nice sunny protected spot. It produces its buds early in spring and last year they got frost damaged so this year I gave it a fleece hairnet. It is worth the effort because it is so pretty.



Hebe hulkeana



Magnolia laevifolia 'Gail's Favourite'

I am mad on magnolias but the flowers of so many of them turn brown with late frosts. But this is never a problem with the May-flowering *Magnolia laevigata* 'Gail's Favourite'. It used to be called *Michelia yunnanensis* 'Gail's Favourite' until the inscrutable powers that be decided that it is a magnolia. Whatever it is called, it is fabulous. It is a slow-growing shrub rather than a tree, with glossy evergreen leaves. When the buds appear, they are protected like those of all magnolias, by furry overcoats. In this case they look as if they are made of brown suede. The flowers are a gorgeous, creamy white with a boss of yellow stamens and they are fragrant. This shrub needs a sunny site and protection from winds. I don't know why such a wonderful plant isn't seen more often.

My last unusual shrub is a mallow called *Abutilon x 'Suntense'*. It has lovely saucer shaped lilac flowers and nice fuzzy felt buds. In my old garden it used to seed around but it doesn't here. Still it is easy from cuttings. It is a real eye-catcher.

*Chloris*.  
For more from Chloris follow:  
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### APRIL 2022

<b>25</b> MON	<b>Boxford Friendship Group First Meeting</b> Boxford Pavilion	2:00-4:00
<b>26</b> TUE	<b>Fireside Club Bingo</b> Newton Village Hall	2:00pm
<b>28</b> THU	<b>Boxford Community Council AGM</b> Boxford Pavilion	7:00pm
<b>29</b> FRI	<b>Boxford Society Spring Talk &amp; AGM</b> Boxford Village Hall	7:30pm

### MAY 2022

<b>1</b> SUN	<b>Stride Out For Shelley</b> Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding	10:00am +
<b>2</b> MON	<b>Nayland St James' Church Fete</b> Nayland Playing Field	1:00-4:00
<b>3</b> TUE	<b>Happy Healthy Roses</b> Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall	7:30pm
<b>3</b> TUE	<b>Little Waldingfield PC AGM</b> Parish Rooms	TBC
<b>4</b> WED	<b>WI Annual &amp; Resolution Meeting</b> Boxford Village Hall	2:00-4:00
<b>4</b> WED	<b>Groton PC AGM</b> Groton Village Hall	7:00pm
<b>8</b> SAT	<b>Classical Concert</b> St Mary's, Boxford	4:00pm
<b>10</b> TUE	<b>Fireside Club Plant Swap &amp; Quiz</b> Newton Village Hall	2:00pm
<b>21</b> SAT	<b>Hadleigh Show</b> Holbecks Park, Hadleigh	8:00am
<b>21</b> SAT	<b>Newton Coffee Morning</b> Newton Village Hall	10:00-11:30
<b>23</b> MON	<b>Boxford Friendship Group</b> Boxford Pavilion	2:00-4:00
<b>24</b> TUE	<b>Fireside Club Guest Speaker</b> Newton Village Hall	2:00pm
<b>24</b> TUE	<b>Boxford PC Annual Parish Meeting</b> Boxford Village Hall	7:30pm
<b>28</b> SAT	<b>Mission 760 Illustrated Talk</b> Lavenham Village Hall	7:00pm
<b>29</b> SUN	<b>Boxford Farmers, Art &amp; Craft Market</b> Boxford Village Hall	10:00-1:00

### JUNE 2022

<b>1</b> WED	<b>WI Talk - Me &amp; My Cello</b> Boxford Village Hall	2:00-4:00
<b>2</b> THU	<b>Boxford WI - Games Afternoon</b> Boxford Pavilion	2:00pm
<b>2</b> THU	<b>Live Music &amp; Lighting the Beacon</b> White Hart Car Park, Boxford	7:00pm
<b>2</b> THU	<b>Pop Up Pub &amp; Lighting the Beacon</b> Little Waldingfield Playing Fields	7:00pm
<b>3</b> FRI	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Exhibition</b> Mary's House, Boxford	10:00 - 4:00
<b>3</b> Fri	<b>Big Jubilee Lunch</b> Little Waldingfield Playing Fields	12:30-5:00
<b>4</b> SAT	<b>Boxford Gardens Open</b> Boxford & Edwardstone	11:00 - 4:00
<b>4</b> SAT	<b>The Keld Ensemble Concert</b> St Mary's, Boxford	4:00pm
<b>5</b> SUN	<b>The Big Jubilee Lunch</b> Boxford Playing Fields	12:00-4:00
<b>5</b> SUN	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms	12:00-4:00
<b>5</b> SUN	<b>Party In The Park</b> Newton Green Playing Fields	TBC
<b>7</b> TUE	<b>Wildflowers</b> Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall	7:30pm
<b>11-12</b> FRI-SUN	<b>EA Festival</b> Hedingham Castle	10:00am
<b>12</b> SUN	<b>Little Waldingfield Open Gardens</b> Little Waldingfield	11:00-5:00
<b>16-18</b> THU-SAT	<b>Boxford Drama Group Production</b> Boxford Village Hall	7:30pm
<b>21</b> TUE	<b>Fireside Club Suffolk Day Cream Tea</b> Newton Village Hall	2:00pm
<b>26</b> SUN	<b>Boxford Farmers, Art &amp; Craft Market</b> Boxford Village Hall	10:00-1:00

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