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VOLUNTEERING KEEPS OUR COMMUNITIES ALIVE

Volunteer groups are the lifeblood of our rural communities. Often physically isolated from infrastructure and services, our Suffolk villages have historically thrived through villagers working together on common goals.

Take a look through any issue of the Box River News and throughout you will find a huge number of events and services run not by profit-making companies, but by volunteer individuals banding together for their communities and giving up their time and expertise to help others. From official governance groups like parish councils, emergency-response groups, events organisation, church-helpers and village hall committees to friendship groups, travel assistance, historical, sports clubs and music groups - there's a huge wealth of activities and services all crying out for help in the form of new volunteers. Many groups have recently been in contact with the BRN to let us know just how badly they need new people to help keep them running.



It's easy to just take them for granted - but these groups all consist of unpaid members who donate their free time to keep them running. All too often they are crying out for more help as existing helpers move away or for one reason or another can no longer donate the time they once did. New volunteers also breathe new life and bring fresh ideas to groups who could benefit from a change of tack, and so with this in mind it's essential that new people join regularly.

With Britain having faced austere local government spending cuts, public services in Suffolk have been prioritised in favour of large population centres. This means that rural areas are increasingly having to fend for themselves. Volunteers are necessarily filling the gap by providing essential transport services, home-help services and similar.

The benefits of volunteering are huge, both to your community and your neighbours but also to yourself. Whilst unpaid, you'll soon find that you reap huge benefits to donating your time for whatever activity you choose to help with. The Royal Voluntary Service (www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk) say that benefits to volunteers include gaining new skills, increasing mental and physical wellbeing, improving confidence and making new friends, not least creating and strengthening community network bonds at a time when rural villages are threatened with being turned into dormitory settlements.

Many employers actively encourage their employees to take time off to volunteer, providing them additional leave in order to do so, knowing that those employees are less likely to suffer from stress at work, take less sick time off, and gain new-found skills in the process. It's a win-win solution. The NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations - www.ncvo.org.uk) ran a report in 2019 that found 10% of volunteers were able to do so via employer-sponsored schemes. The same research found that 96% of volunteers are very satisfied with their experience of volunteering and over 90% felt that their contributions had a positive material benefit on their local communities.

If you have never tried volunteering before there are so many ways in which you can invest even a small amount of your time and still see amazing returns to your own wellbeing and that of your community. Select an activity or organisation that interests you (there are many within these very pages!) and contact them in the first instance to ask if they need any more help. More often than not the answer will be yes! It's often worth asking your employer if they will consider providing you with time to do so, especially if the group activity takes place during work hours. Such companies will also often consider financially supporting volunteer organisations by way of 'paying back' to their community, making it a double-win.

If you've never tried volunteering your time before, we highly recommend you give it a go! Everyone benefits!

JUBILEE: SEND US YOUR SNAPS

The BRN would like to take the opportunity to congratulate HM The Queen on her amazing achievement of being the first ever British monarch to celebrate a platinum jubilee with an incredible 70 years of service.

This is an unprecedented anniversary, and throughout the UK and the Commonwealth people are celebrating in style to honour our iconic and much-beloved Queen. In the UK a special extended bank holiday from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June culminates year-long events. The Box River Benefice is marking this auspicious occasion with a gigantic number of events and activities in and around the area. You'll be hard pushed to attend them all! See our Events Calendar on p41 or the back page for a quick run-down.

Thank you to all the unsung organisers of these events who put in so much time and energy for us all to enjoy them. There has been so much work behind the scenes for many, many months. Thank you all!

The BRN would love to publish as many photos from this historic weekend as possible in the July issue - if you are attending any events **please take lots of photos** and send them to editor@boxrivernews.com or get in touch with us on social media and we'll give you a shout-out in the next issue.



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Deadline date for the July 2022 Issue is:

June 15th at midday

SPINNEY & SCOUTS VACANCIES

Boxford Spinney – Minutes Secretary

Boxford Spinney, Scout and Guide Headquarters and Campsite are keen to recruit a volunteer minutes secretary to assist with:

- Administrative support to the running of the Executive Committee of Boxford Spinney, not the Scout or Guide Groups.
- Taking accurate and accessible minutes of Spinney Executive Committee meetings. (Approx 6 a year including AGM)
- Distributing agendas, minutes and supporting documents for Spinney Executive Committee meetings.
- Assisting in the preparation of appropriate administration for the Annual General Meeting

For more info about Boxford Spinney vacancies only please contact Mark Miller mark.miller@talktalk.net 01787 211596

1st Boxford Scout Group

The scout group have an urgent requirement to fill the following volunteer positions:

Group Treasurer

- Manage and monitor the financial activities of the Group and its Sections. This includes, leaders' expense and membership subscription accounts, not the accounts for Boxford Spinney.
- Prepare and present financial reports and accounts to the Executive Committee.
- Ensuring that all financial reports, annual statements of account and supporting documents (including receipts, cheque books and bank statements) are maintained accurately and in accordance with legal regulations.
- Prepare the Annual Statement of Accounts for independent examination and approval by the Executive Committee and presenting these at the Annual General Meeting.

Beaver Scout Leader

Leading activities of children aged 6-8

Outline: Manage and lead the operation of the Section. In particular, the planning and delivery of the Balanced Programme, with the help of Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and members of Scout Active Support as appropriate. Some of the tasks for which the Section Leader is responsible may be delegated to others in the Section, including other Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and Section Assistants.

Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Leading activities of children aged 8 – 10 ½

Outline: Support the operation of the Section. In particular, the planning and delivery of the Balanced Programme, with the help of other Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and members of Scout Active Support as appropriate. Some of the tasks for which the Assistant Section Leader is responsible may be delegated to others in the Section, including other Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and Section Assistants.

Appointment requirements: Requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies). It's expected that whilst volunteering for this role you will undertake regulated activity.

You will be required to complete a DBS check for these roles. A full description of each of the roles is available online at: <https://bit.ly/scouting-roles>

For all Boxford Scout Group job vacancy applications and for further details, please contact Group Scout Leader, Diana Taylor at dianavmtaylor@hotmail.com

BOXFORD BOUNTY IS RELAUNCHING - PLAY TO WIN!

The Boxford Bounty is a local lottery for Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. Through the Community Council, the Bounty provides financial support for many local groups and interests. The following groups have benefited from direct grants in the past few years:



1st Boxford Brownies, Boxford Guides, Boxford Fireworks, Carpet Bowls Club, Boxford Village Hall, Breast Cancer Care, Boxford Bowls Club, Boxford Cycle Club, Boxford Spinney, Sunflowers Playgroup, Edwardstone Mill Green Trust, Friends of Boxford School, Boxford Playing fields, BoxRiver Club, Boxford Bridge Club, Boxford Scouts, Boxford Rovers, Boxford United Charities.

The activity of The Bounty was frozen during the pandemic as it was felt to be too difficult to collect during periods of lockdown. A draw of prize monies still held by the fund was made at the Community Council AGM on Thursday 28th April and we are pleased to announce the following winners:

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Nick Mace
Fen Street

J Long
The Causeway

£30

K Worriker
Ellis Street

Mr Morris
Daking Avenue

Mrs Rudkin
Brook Hall Road

J Flockhart
Daking Avenue

Our intention is now to re-launch The Bounty and collection lists are being distributed for collection from current members, collectors will be visiting soon.

Tickets are available at a single cost of £10.00 per year for entry to six draws.

If you would like to buy a ticket for the Boxford Bounty and have not been visited by a collector please apply directly to:

Boxford Bounty, 39 Daking Avenue, Boxford, CO10 5QA

Or contact Mark Miller: mark.miller@talktalk.net or 01787 211596 and we will arrange a call from your local collector.

The Boxford Bounty is organised on behalf of Boxford Community Council

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WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT THE SPINNEY

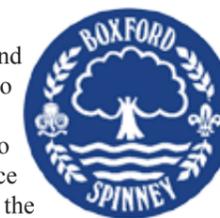
Boxford Spinney, Scout and Guide HQ and campsite are looking for adult volunteers to join us weekly between 09:30 and 12:30.

We have a regular group of people who carry out light cleaning and maintenance tasks, improve the facilities, help maintain the grounds and generally potter about.

We have a relaxed attitude and a cup of tea and a biscuit are always available.

If you would like to come and join us to do some general cleaning, mowing, painting, ground maintenance or just chill out in the woods for a couple of hours please contact Mark Miller: mark.miller@talktalk.net – 01787 211596 (answer phone)

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June 2-6
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We urgently need leaders and helpers for our Beaver section as well as the Cub, Scout and Explorer sections or, if you would prefer - we need a Treasurer, Marquee Team members and someone to take on arranging marquee bookings.



email us at dianavmtaylor@hotmail.com

WE'RE HALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

How would you like to become a Friend of Boxford Village Hall and help out with the running of this lovely venue? We're on the lookout for volunteers to join our friendly crew that help keep BVH available for use by the very many groups and private hires that book it each month.

We divide all the work up into small tasks that allow you to do as little or as much as you can depending on how much spare time you can afford. Many of the tasks are very easy, but when there's lots of them it all becomes hard to do for a just a few of us. With more volunteers everything becomes so much easier and each job diminishes in size considerably. Why not email Joe Barrett at joe@joebarrett.me for more information?

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WELCOME TO THE GLOW PRO!



Hi! My name is Heléna and I work as a Clinic Manager for Suffolk Medical & Beauty Clinic. With a degree in Journalism and a passion for the aesthetics and beauty industry, I'm excited to dedicate this space to discuss the latest trends, explore beauty topics and offer tips around wellbeing to help you glow! As summer is peeping around the corner, I thought I'd kick things off with a skincare round-up of my favourite products to keep my skin hydrated and healthy.

Cleansers

A must-have cleanser that we recommend is **Profilo Cleansing Micellar Water** (coming to the clinic soon). This micellar water is a universally friendly product and gently removes make-up and impurities. I recently switched from another leading micellar water and I can honestly say I haven't looked back. With minimal use, my makeup effortlessly glides off, leaving my skin feeling hydrated and moisturised. I also find it soothing on my skin with its anti-inflammatory abilities!

On days where I wear heavier make-up I tend to use a cleansing balm such as **Clinique 'Take The Day Off' Cleansing Balm**. This is my go-to as I love the velvety texture which gives a deep, nourishing cleanse. It's particularly effective at wiping away all remnants of my mascara (avoiding the unsightly 'panda eye') all whilst being kind to my skin.



Exfoliators

When it comes to polished, dewy skin, a good exfoliator is key in the process. I've been loyal to **PIXI's Peel and Polish** for years and use it two to three times a week following my cleansing routine. If your skin feels dull in tone and rough in texture, then an exfoliator could be the missing staple in your skincare collection. I love its gentle but effective ingredients and after each use my skin feels revived and renewed.



If you find that your skin suffers from sun-damage, epidermal marks and enlarged pores, then the **ALLSKIN|MED AHA Retexturising Serum** could be an option to consider. This medical-grade product includes a high concentration of glycolic acid and is clinically proven to improve the skin's texture with its exfoliating and calming ingredients. We stock this in the clinic, so if you're not sure whether it's right for your skin, pop in - we would love to have a chat and help!

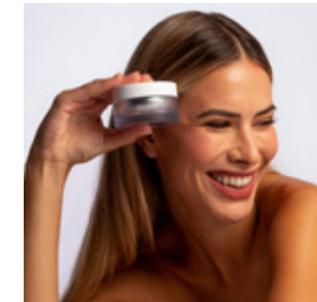
Sunscreen

We all enjoy making the most of the sunshine when we finally see it, however the same can't be said for our skin! Working on every layer, **HelioCare 360° SPF 50** (stocked in clinic) is a professional sunscreen range that serves one of the best daily defences against the sun. One of the reasons it's my number 1 choice is because there's a product to suit different skin types and lifestyles, all year round. Personally, I find the Gel Oil-free SPF works in harmony with my combination skin and is easy to apply, doesn't clog my pores and has a great finish!



Facial Moisturiser

During the summer, I swap out my regular foundation for **No7 Shield & Defend City Light Tinted Moisturiser (SPF 15)** as I prefer a more minimal look. I've tried a few tinted moisturisers but this is by far the best I've used as it gives a natural, sheer coverage and doesn't dry patchy (which is never a good look). I love how it helps to protect my skin from the drying effects of pollution and acts as a great base for my make-up routine, giving an effortlessly radiant complexion.



Although a little more expensive, the **ALLSKIN|MED GF Rich Replenishing Cream** is worth it! Packed with active and nourishing ingredients, I am hooked on this product as I find it unmatched in terms of putting moisture back into the skin. This medical-grade product is intensely hydrating, feels luxurious and is non-greasy, even during the warmer months when my skin can become shinier. We stock this in the clinic also and I use it once or twice daily to give my skin the healthy boost it needs!

Lip Balm

Burts Bees have been serving natural goods for years and their **Burts Bees 100% Natural Origin Tinted Lip balm** is lightly tinted, affordable and one of my handbag essentials, especially in the summer. My lips feel moisturised for hours and I love the hint of colour and subtle shine which is wearable during the day but can be built up for the evening. Pucker up people!



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THE BUTCHER'S WIFE

BBQ season is upon us but more importantly, flip flop season has arrived! I do love my flip flops and because I tan quite quickly, I normally have a solid flip flop tan that lasts through to the winter months. Tanning quickly is both a blessing and a curse. Last year I went on a dog walk in shorts and a t-shirt on one of the first sunny days we had and ended up with a t-shirt tan that I couldn't shift all summer. I'm not one of these people that can just sit in the sun either, I have to keep moving to ensure an even tan. It's actually quite stressful and takes a lot of commitment.



18 years ago this June I officially became the Butcher's Wife. Our wedding day was the hottest day of the year and I ended up with a wedding dress tan for the first year of our marriage. I really loved my wedding dress and think we should normalise women wearing their wedding dresses in everyday life. It's such a shame that mine is sitting in a box in the loft when I could be wearing it down the pub on a Saturday night. Saying that, when Prince William got married we had a street party with our neighbours and I did put my wedding dress on to sit in the garden with a Pimms so maybe I'll dig it out for the Queen's Jubilee weekend. Watch this space!

Whilst I love BBQ food, I think the process of actually having a BBQ is a bit of a faff. I've also been helping the Butcher with all the outside catering he does and it means I get a bit BBQ'd out. So when everyone else is lighting up their BBQs, we opt for something a bit easier. Pulled pork is the perfect substitute, it's like having a hog roast at home!

BBQ Pulled Pork

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

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| • 2kg boneless pork shoulder | For the BBQ sauce |
| • 2tbsp olive oil | • 350g ketchup |
| • 3tbsp brown sugar | • 150g Dijon mustard |
| • 1tbsp smoked paprika | • 80ml apple cider vinegar |
| • 1tbsp salt | • 50g brown sugar |
| • 1tsp garlic powder | • 2tbsp Worcestershire sauce |
| • 1tsp onion powder | |
| • 1tsp ground cumin | |
| • Black pepper for seasoning | |
| • 350ml lager | |

Method

- Heat the oven to 200°C. Mix the brown sugar, paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin and black pepper in a small bowl. Rub this all over the pork.
- Add the pork to a large oven proof dish, pour over lager, cook for 30 minutes uncovered to seal and brown the meat.
- Remove from the oven and reduce the oven temperature to 130°C. Cover with foil or a lid and cook for 5.5 hours basting it every hour with the juices to keep it moist.
- Meanwhile, mix the BBQ sauce ingredients in a small saucepan and simmer gently over a medium heat until the sauce thickens, about ten minutes. Once thickened, remove from the heat and let sit until the pork is done.
- When the pork is done, leave it to rest for about 10 minutes. Mix any juices from the pan to the BBQ sauce and then use two forks to shred the pork. Serve with the BBQ sauce, brioche buns and coleslaw.

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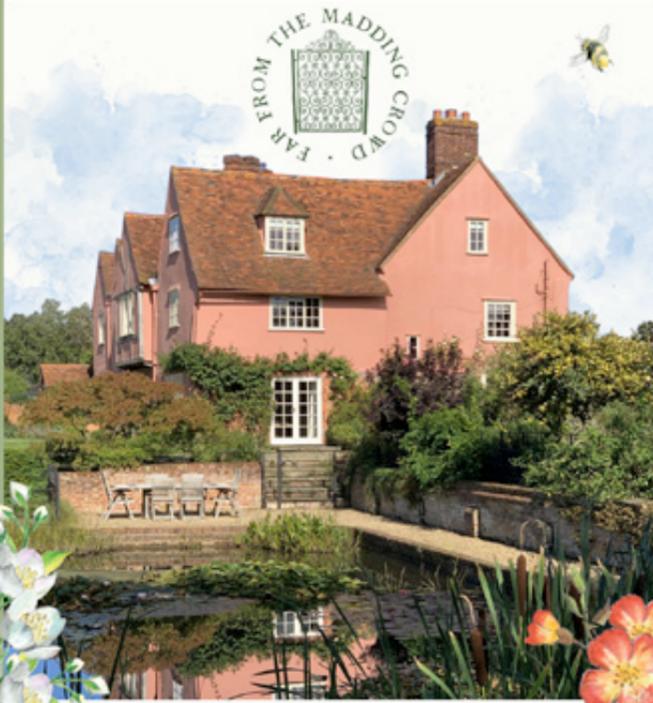
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THE JUNE LETTER FROM FATHER ROB

Jubilee Jubilations

Dear Friends,

June begins with something for us all to be joyful in – a celebration of the Queen’s 70th Jubilee. Whatever your political persuasion, it is difficult to see the Queen as anything other than anyone who has a remarkable sense of duty, service and constancy. For the past seventy years, as politicians have been forced to scramble to impress the media elite and massage their own popularity ratings, the Queen has held a longer-term view. She has not had to bend to the whim of popularism, nor the cult of celebrity. Her sense of duty, service and constancy have steered this country through so many ups and downs, often without recognition or reward.

My guess is that we will see a lot of positive reporting about all of this over the coming weeks. We are sadly far less likely, however, to see her Christian faith being held up as something to also be celebrated – though I will be delighted if I am proven wrong. For the Queen, her Christian faith has remained her constant through all the ups and downs of leading this country. Indeed, she has expressed many times how, were it not for her faith, she would not have been able to do the job at all. At her coronation, she was anointed and ordained by God to serve this country as our Queen. She considers God to have called her to serve the people of this country without limit and she has taken this calling very seriously indeed. To do so requires formidable faith and this faith has enabled her to stand resilient in the face of so many challenges.



country; an elderly gentleman dying in peace assured that God is close to him even during the most difficult journey he will ever have to make. But this kind of Christian resilience and faith does not happen overnight, nor does it happen by chance. It requires us to be in it for the long haul and takes nurturing, dedication and perseverance.

Many of you may know that I have a close relationship with a Monastery in Yorkshire. It provides me with stability, structure, nurture and encouragement. But the one thing I benefit from most of all, is experiencing the monks’ ability to ‘simply turn up’. Five times every day, three hundred and sixty five days a year, they simply turn up. It doesn’t matter if they are grumpy, how tired they are or what other things they could be doing. It doesn’t matter if the worship has become a little mundane or if they have fallen out with a fellow monk. No matter which way the wind is blowing, they still turn up. They turn up because God has called them to the community; not to turn up would be to let the rest of that community down.

If I were to be asked to identify which one of the Queen’s attributes I felt we could learn most from, it would likewise be her holiness in ‘simply turning up’. Whether that be her regular Sunday attendance at church or regular state engagements, both are treated with equal importance. The demands on her time are huge and yet she prioritises those things that keep her spiritually grounded so that she persevere and provide stability to our nation.

It is no secret that our country is going through a volunteering crisis. As society has begun operating in ever smaller silos and sound chambers, and our lives have become more individualistic and private, so volunteering organisations all over the country have struggled to find people to help maintain their services (the Church included). Too many people either don’t volunteer at all or they do so only on their own terms. But what does this say about our modern values? Surely we can’t just follow an ethic of ‘as long as me and my family are okay, everyone else can look after themselves’? It seems to me, we either look after community or eventually that community will cease being able to look after us.

As we celebrate the Queens’ Jubilee and with it her remarkable last seventy years of service under God, we have an opportunity to consider again how God might also be calling us into the service of him and each other.

Pray, the sun shines both on our picnics and on our lives together. Many blessings,

Fr Rob

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Her Christian ethic is in unison with the same ethic that runs through the very centre of our political, legal and societal make-up and has proved vital over a long period of time in stopping the UK from lurching to the kind of political extremes that we so often see in other nations. Or, at least, when there have been political mistakes, that same Christian moral compass demands an accountability and redress sooner or later. Neither is she alone in possessing the kind of Christian faith that gives balance, stability and resilience in a role that is subjected to intense scrutiny or extreme challenge. We see similar examples in so many individuals faced with highly pressurised situations: Premier League footballers confronting racism and widespread abuse on social media; judges sitting on the benches in courts up and down the

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
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and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
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SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2022



Wednesday 1st June	10:00	<i>Midweek Eucharist</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
Sunday 5th June Pentecost Queen's Jubilee	09:30	<i>BCP Mattins</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	16:30	<i>BCP Evensong for Queen's Jubilee</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 8th June	10:00	<i>Midweek Eucharist</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday	09:30	<i>Morning Praise</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 19th June Trinity 1	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	17:00	<i>BCP Evensong</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
Wednesday 22nd June	10:00	<i>Midweek Eucharist</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
Sunday 26th June Trinity 2	09:30	<i>Pilgrimage Eucharist</i> <i>For all stages of the journey and all ages of life</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	All Saints', Newton
Wednesday 29th June	10:00	<i>Midweek Eucharist</i>	Mary's House, Boxford

(Morning Prayer online, most weekdays from 8.30am)
Please note that there is no Midweek Eucharist on Wednesday 15th June

All our churches across the Benefice are OPEN EVERY DAY
for Private Prayer, if you need support, please contact Fr Rob or the Benefice Office

JOIN US FOR
Tea at The Rectory
FOR BEREAVED SPOUSES & FAMILIES

Friday, 1st July
12 - 2pm

An informal gathering to meet other families and the opportunity to talk freely and openly about your loss.



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, are gratefully received.

Thank You

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd June 10:30am *Coffee Morning*, St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

Friday 3rd June 10-4pm *Art & Crafts Exhibition*, Mary's House, Boxford

Saturday 4th June 10am *Boxford Open Gardens*, Boxford

Saturday 4th June 4pm *Keld Ensemble*, St Mary's, Boxford

Tuesday 7th June, 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House

Tuesday 14th June, 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House

Saturday 18th June, 10am *Coffee Morning*, St Mary's Boxford

Saturday 18th June, 12:30am *Wedding*, St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone

Tuesday 21st June, 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House

Tuesday 28th June, 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House

Friday 1st July, 12noon *Tea for Bereaved Spouses & Families*, The Rectory

Please contact Father Rob for more information by emailing:

rparkermcgee@gmail.com

Boxford Treasurer

VACANCIES

We are looking for someone with a love for accounts and figures, who sees the benefit in supporting the community through volunteering. For such a person, this is the perfect opportunity for using their gifts in a way that would greatly benefit the wider community. The right person does not need to be a full member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the role can easily fit around other work/life commitments. All that is required, is to keep a good set of up-to-date books, provide a quarterly financial update to the PCC and advise it on available funds, and produce a final set of accounts in time for the Annual Church Meeting in April/May each year.

Boxford PCC Secretary

We are also looking for someone who enjoys taking minutes. Again, the right person does not need to be a formal member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and much of the role can easily fit around other work/life commitments. All that is required is to be a central point for collating documents and forwarding them to members of the PCC in time for meetings and to attend PCC meetings to record the minutes (of which there are around 4 a year).

ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION
FRIDAY 3rd JUNE
10am - 4pm
MARY'S HOUSE, BOXFORD



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Benefice Office

Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ

01787 828046 email: boxriverbenefice@gmail.com

Fr Rob Parker-McGee SR

01787 210434 email: rparkermcgee@gmail.com



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Contact the Benefice Office for further information.

01787 828046 or boxriverbenefice@gmail.com



COFFEE TIME

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

Every Tuesday @ 10.00,
Mary's House, Boxford

Friday 3rd June, 10.30 - 12.00
St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

Saturday 18th June, 10.00 - 12.00,
St Mary's Boxford

Join us for coffee, cake and conversation

EVERYONE WELCOME



GROTON VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd June 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of Groton Village Hall will be held in the Hall (formerly the WI Hall) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report & Accounts for the period to 31st March 2022
2. To elect members of the Management Committee
3. To conduct any other relevant business.

All residents of the Parish of Groton, aged 18 or over, are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

By order of Groton Village Hall Management Committee
9th May 2022



1st Boxford Scout Group

Gives notice
44th Annual General Meeting

on

Saturday 18th June 2022 6pm

Preceded by fun at the Spinney from 5pm

The meeting is open to all adults with an involvement in Boxford Scout Group, including parents of children in all Sections. Giving an opportunity to influence and support the Scouting Activities of the Group.
We look forward to seeing you!

ST. MARY'S CONCERTS

The 2022 Boxford fundraising concert season got off to a rousing start in May with a splendid concert of trio music performed by Boxford residents Ed & Rhianwen Gold who were joined by Colchester based pianist Caroline Finlay.

They played two works in the concert: Frank Bridge's haunting *Phantasie* trio, and Beethoven's monumental *Archduke* trio. It was an absolutely lovely way to spend a sunny late afternoon and was enjoyed by young and old, human and canine!

The next concert has been specially planned to coincide with the Jubilee celebrations and the Boxford Open Gardens. Boxford will be playing host to the Keld Ensemble who will be performing string orchestral music by Mendelssohn and Rossini and will be joined by Neil Carlson to play a concerto for *Oboe D'Amore* by Bach. This will be the perfect way to unwind after viewing the beautiful gardens of Boxford. Treat yourself to tea, coffee and cake in St. Mary's church before the concert begins, then kick back and relax to the most beautiful musical sounds in our historic and inspiring building.

Adult tickets are £12.00 each, Under 18s go free. Tickets are available at Boxford Post Office or on the door or from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxford-concerts



Rhianwen Gold, Caroline Finlay and Ed Gold playing in St. Mary's Church.

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.

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY
ROGER HANCE
Wild flowers of the British Isles



Tuesday 7th June 7.30pm
at Boxford Village Hall

Boxford Drama Group presents



FARNDALE AVENUE HOUSING ESTATE 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 16th, FRIDAY 17th AND SATURDAY 18th JUNE @ 7.30PM. LICENSED BAR.
TICKETS FROM BOXFORD POST OFFICE

FLEECE JAZZ
Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel presents

Sara Oschlag/Jonny Hepbir Quartet
Wednesday 8th June 2022 8pm - Tickets: £18/£14*



The band offers a vibrant blend of Gypsy Swing, funky Latin tunes and cool Jazz standards, spanning the '20s, '30s and '40s, all mashed up with some snappy arrangements and played from the heart.

Sara Oschlag – Vocals
Jonny Hepbir & Jason Henson – Guitars
Dan Sheppard – Bass

Terry Seabrook's Milestones play Kind of Blue
Wednesday 22nd June 2022 8pm - Tickets: £22/£18*



Miles Davis and his sidemen made musical history when they recorded the iconic album *Kind of Blue*. More than sixty years on, this all-star sextet revisit the album and celebrate Miles' music.

Martin Shaw – Trumpet
Alan Barnes – Alto Sax
Andy Panayi – Tenor Sax
Terry Seabrook – Piano
Spike Wells – Drums
Paul Whitten – Bass

Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath CO6 4PZ
Ample parking; fully accessible. Directions: www.fleecejazz.org.uk
Tickets: 01787 211865 or via WeGotTickets (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)

BOXFORD DRAMA GROUP THE CHRISTMAS CAROL THAT DOESN'T GO QUITE RIGHT!

The ladies of Boxford Drama Group once more take on the guise of the "Ladies of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society" (take a breath) in an endeavour to put on a production of *A Christmas Carol* which, in the hands of the Farndale ladies, never goes quite to plan!

Wrong sound effects, misplaced props and actors who often don't know the exact lines, or sometimes know the right lines but in the wrong place, are the hallmark of the Farndale Ladies as they keep calm and plough boldly on and in the process, come hell, high water (or falling sets), relate the story of Scrooge, Cratchit and Tiny Tim in a way you have never have seen before in a gloriously sunny Spring..

"*The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol*" by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr received rave reviews when premiered in 1989.

The Independent said, "Another classic, dramatic massacre with an awesome, convincing idiocy that enthral," and the Guardian wrote, "Hilarious moments of delightful inventive silliness."

Boxford Drama Group's production, in which every disaster is professionally and meticulously planned and staged with hilarious results, is at the Boxford Village Hall from 16th to 18th June at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 and are available from the Boxford Post Office. There is a licensed bar - during the performances - not at the Post Office!

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

Newton Green Jubilee Picnic on the Playing Field

Music, Fun & Games for all the Family
Sunday 5th June 2022
12noon - 5pm BBQ BYO Drink

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022



Boxford Celebrates

Thursday 2nd June - in The White Hart Car Park

7.00 p.m. Live Music until late with It's Fete Function Band

9.09 p.m. Piper 9.15 p.m. Lighting the Beacon

BBQ - Outside Bar

Sunday 5th June - at The Playing Fields

The Big Jubilee Lunch 12.00 - 4.00

Bring your own Picnic - Beer Tent - Games

Madrigalia - Boxted Silver Band - Boxford Drama Group



POLSTEAD FILM NIGHT



POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL
Friday 24th June - Doors open 7pm

THE DUKE

Starring: Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren

In 1961, a 60-year-old taxi driver steals Goya's
portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in
London. He sends a ransom notes saying that he will only return
the precious painting if the government decides to invest more in
care for the elderly.

Wine, tea, coffee, ice creams.

Tickets £4.50 each

To reserve email: polsteadfilms@gmail.com

Or buy in advance at Polstead Community Shop

All proceeds in aid of Polstead Village Hall Charity No. 304933

URGENT! CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

ARTS AND CRAFT EXHIBITION DAY

FRIDAY 3rd JUNE
10am - 4pm
(Note: just the one day)
in
MARY'S HOUSE, BOXFORD
on the JUBILEE WEEKEND.

Potters, artists, lace makers, embroiderers, knitters et al!!
Please get in touch if you would like to exhibit your talents
- it is always interesting and inspiring to be able to see what
many people do in their spare time.
as it's the one day only more artistes may feel
they can show their wares!

Please contact Alison 211067
or Pauline 210360

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Open every day over the Jubilee holiday

Jubilee Afternoon tea, £12.50 per person
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Try our special-edition guest beer
'Elizabeth' from Earl Soham brewery

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 2nd JUNE
7 - 10.30PM on the Playing Field
POP UP PUB AND LIGHTING THE BEACON

FRIDAY 3rd 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 5th JUNE
2 - 5PM in the Parish Room
AFTERNOON TEA:
BRING A PLATE/BAKE A CAKE

Coffee Morning

22nd June 2022 10am - Noon

Raffle - hamper and other prizes
Games, Jigsaws, Crafts and Plants
Cakes, Jams, Bottles

Run by the Newton Ladies in the Marquee at the Golf Club



MELFORD MUSIC
presents

LUNCHTIME RECITALS
WEDNESDAY 1.10pm
ADMISSION FREE

Light Refreshments available

Retiring Collection to aid preservation of this Historic Building

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FINE MUSIC IN A FINE CHURCH

JULY

- 6th **THE ROCK CHOIR**
SPONSORED BY HELLO@BREAKOUT
- 13th **GILL GERRARD** Oboe
RHIANWEN GOLD Violin
MARY BLANCHARD Piano
SPONSORED BY THE HARE INN
- 20th **ROSEWOOD ACOUSTIC TRIO**
Multi-instruments & Vocals
SPONSORED BY EDWARD CHARLES INTERIORS
- 27th **TOM COGAN** organ

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
LONG MELFORD

For details of the individual programmes visit
The Village Website/What's On at



www.visitlongmelford.co.uk

M.E.B.C.C. VINTAGE RALLY

Monks Eleigh Bygones Collectors Club are holding their annual vintage rally on the 18th & 19th June 2022 10am - 5pm

Gt. Waldingfield Airfield, Ten Trees Road, CO10 0RY

Entry: £5 adults, children free. All proceeds to charity.

Vintage tractors, steam engines, cars, motorcycles, stationary engines, stalls and displays, catering and bar.



STOKE BY NAYLAND SPRING FAIR

Saturday 4th June 11am - 3pm

The Spring Fair will see the return of lots of favourite stalls including bric a brac, plants, children's toys, clothes and books. In addition, there will be plenty of fun games to enjoy and, of course, delicious cream teas. It'll be a great day out for all the family!

LEAVENHEATH JUBILEE

Leavenheath Platinum Jubilee celebration

Saturday 4th 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.

BOXFORD FRIENDSHIP GROUP

JOIN US
on Monday 27th June
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



BOXFORD FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We were so pleased to be able to start the BFG in April, following a very successful fundraising coffee morning in March. The fundraiser highlighted the amazing amount of support we received from the village on the day, with donations of cakes, raffle prizes, offers of help, and on the day, people kindly turning up to the Pavilion. The 'sunshine' was ordered for the morning and also turned out. We all had a lovely time in each other's company, and we revelled in being able to listen to gentle laughter and the hum of conversation. This may have been the first time, for some, to be able to relax in the company of others, after the loss of such events in the last 2 years. A reminder of all those things we took for granted, previously, and a time now, to thank our 'blessings'.

During our first meeting in April, the committee, and helpers, constitution, and a programme of events for the year to come, were introduced.

This was followed by a very interesting and entertaining quiz, about Boxford, arranged and conducted by one of our Chairpersons, Wendy Hills. Copious amounts of conversation and laughter took place as a result.



A raffle, refreshments and birthdays followed. We were lucky to have David Lamming in attendance at the meeting to take some very good photos. Many thanks to you David for these. Everyone looked very glamorous!

We hope to continue our monthly meetings with the support of our members. Our meetings are every 4th Monday of the month, from 2 until 4pm, at the sports Pavilion, with the next one on the 27th of June. You are very welcome to attend.

In setting up the BFG, may we also give our thanks to Boxford Parish Council and the Community Council, for their help and encouragement. Also to the Box River News for giving us some publicity.

Many thanks to you all,
Alison Warren and Wendy Hills, Joint Chairpersons, BFG.



THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH SUFFOLK

"SUMER IS I-CUMEN IN, LHUDE SING CUCCU"
Medieval Rota: Summer Canon

SO WHY NOT JOIN US - THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH SUFFOLK FOR THE LAST LECTURE OF THE SEASON

The Arts Society offer a series of 10 illustrated hourly talks given by experts in all aspects of the Arts in the Village Hall, Long Melford CO10 9JQ.



THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH SUFFOLK

The new season's programme commences in September. Watch this space for full details. In the meantime, **TRY US FOR FREE before planning your autumn diary!**

Contact: Carole Ashton Membership Secretary by tel/email, 07766 107880 / creevesashton@gmail.com quoting code BRN13.

TUESDAY 21 JUNE at 2pm

FROM PEASANTS TO CZARS:
A PORTRAIT OF 19th CENTURY RUSSIA

From the snowy enigmatic landscapes of painters Isaac Levitan and the majestic forests of Ivan Shishkin to the moving portraits & epic panoramas of Ukranian born Ilya Repin (1844-1930) only hardened cynics will fail to be unmoved by the power of Russian realism art.

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Special Opening Event and
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June 3rd - 5th 10-4pm,

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Food & Drinks Party & Film Shows

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Contact Paul Goodchild on 01787 372 478 for more details.



THE MIDSUMMER MUNCH

Newton Green Fireside Club is pleased to announce the return of a much loved village event

SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022 FROM NOON

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!
CONTACT SUE ON 07881 383 998
ADULTS £10, CHILDREN £5
FAMILY TICKET £25

THE JUBILEE GARDENS/VILLAGE HALL
MUSIC FROM DJ STEVE
BBQ INCLUDED
BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

OLLIE'S NEWS FROM SESAW

There goes Kenneth, the smallest dog at SESAW, strutting around the garden like the big boss. He is oblivious to me, quietly sunning myself whilst engaged in a little bird watching. Of course I have no chance of catching the blue tits as they dart in and out of an old nesting box. Those conscientious parents enter with fat grubs and exit with their babies' white droppings. I'm glad I'm a cat!



A robin accompanies Tanya as she loads the wheelbarrow with the dogs' evening meals. He helps himself to the dinners, flying back and forth to his family. Blackbirds forage about the garden for food, probably descendants of those nursed back to health by Mother. Avian Flu



restrictions were lifted at the beginning of May, just in time for our geese. The female is sitting on a clutch of eggs and woe betide anyone who gets too close!

Turning to the animals awaiting rehoming, this is an appeal for Polly, a devoted mother cat and her one remaining kitten. She was found in a poly tunnel with five offspring, all but one now rehomed. Why? Because, like me, they are black and so they are overlooked. If you are the person who can offer them a loving home, please leave a phone message or email straight away.



It's nearly dark and time for a snack before to patrolling the grounds. One of my ex-SESASAW pals who now lives outside Hadleigh says he is tantalised by Nightingales singing at night. He will have to resign himself to dinner in the kitchen, just like me,

Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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BEYOND SURFACE & THE FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK

We're proud to be joining forces with the Festival of Suffolk this year. The Festival encourages communities across our wonderful county to get together to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and what better place to get us all together than at the Mill, celebrating the beauty of the Suffolk Countryside and the river Stour. www.festivalofsuffolk.org

Beyond Surface

Photography and poetry inspired by walking the river Stour.

'No place is mundane; each has some magic to offer and rewards those with time enough to pause and engage. Very often it's as simple as taking time to notice the overlooked or disregarded elements in nature. It's out there, in the most ordinary of places, happening every day. My work celebrates the visual, textual, sensual and visceral aspects of the landscape'. Terry Flower.



Terry Flower in the studio

Art Exhibition and Workshops – Celebrating the beauty of the Suffolk Countryside and the river Stour, in words and images. It includes creative bookwork making workshops, run by artist Terry Flower, poetry, photography and drawing.



Terry Flower Small Bookwork

The exhibition begins with a Preview day on Saturday 4th June where the gallery will be open until 7pm

The exhibition continues to Sunday 31st July 2022

For more info and to RSVP: www.milltyegallery.co.uk/exhibitions

Time-out, responding to landscape

A talk and workshop to create a small bookwork under the guidance of Terry Flower.

£48 per person (Three workshops available)

Workshop dates: Tuesday 14th June 9:30am to 12:30pm

Thursday 30th June 6pm to 9pm To book a workshop please visit:

www.milltyegallery.co.uk/book-online

The Mill Tye Gallery can be found at 3, Cornard Mills, Mill Tye, Great Cornard, Sudbury CO10 0GW.

It opens Thursday to Sunday from 11:00am to 4:00pm and admission is free. There is a shop selling locally handcrafted gifts and local works of art.

Visit <https://www.milltyegallery.co.uk> for further information.

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MILL TYE GALLERY & ARTS CENTRE

Terry Flower Beyond Surface Exhibition/22

Starts: Saturday 4 June — Ends: Sunday 31 July

Mill Tye Gallery & Arts Centre
3 Cornard Mills, Mill Tye
Great Cornard, Sudbury
Suffolk CO10 0GW

Opening Times:
Thursday to Sunday
11am to 4pm
Free entry, everyone welcome.

Mill Tye is sign posted off the Burnt Road in Great Cornard, approximately a mile out of Sudbury Town Centre. The turning is opposite the Kings Head Pub. Parking is in the car park before the level crossing. The gallery is a short walk opposite the Mill Pond, before the river, in the old Bakers Mill Building.

RSVP
Beyond Surface Exhibition @
www.milltyegallery.co.uk

STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

The Early Days of Boxford National School



The National School (now Boxford CEVC Primary School) with its two separate buildings for infants and juniors.

Last month we followed the history of Boxford Grammar School. Throughout its chequered history it was never intended to reach all or even *most* of the village children. Traditionally, throughout the Middle Ages in England, a few children had been educated in chantries by a cleric who assisted the local priest. A chantry chapel was usually built on land given by a rich patron with money to finance it and a priest to say masses for the souls of the paying dead and their families or other named persons. Many such chapels, however, also had an educational function. Boxford's chantry chapel was on land beyond Stone Street and Wash Lane belonging to Peyton Manor, but we have no record of children going there for regular education.

From medieval times there existed wills in Boxford containing bequests for the education of poor children. These show that there were forms of schooling for some through home tutors or at the church-owned 'Scole House'. Later came 'Dame' schools which were often little more than child-minding facilities run by elderly women, usually in their own home. It was not uncommon for people to leave money to help the poor with basic literacy. In 1713 Robert White, the elder, of Boxford, gave 40 shillings a year for the education of poor children in Boxford. Later in 1802 Alexander Bennet sold land at Hadleigh Hamlet (part of Boxford) and the proceeds formed a charitable education bequest. This provided 40 shillings a year for educating six poor children of the parish.

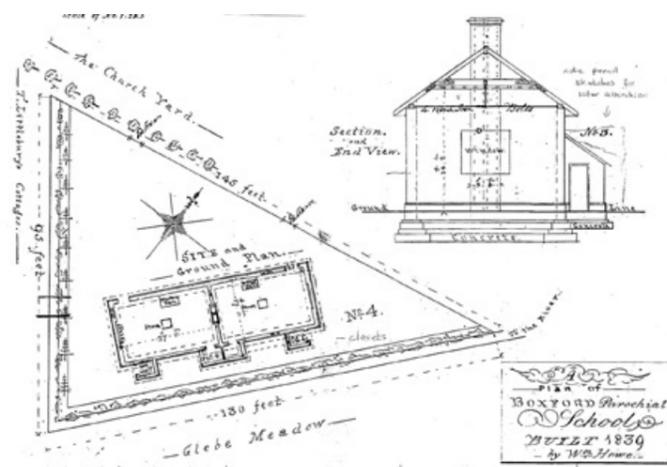
For a while a small school existed, attached to the independent chapel in Swan Street, with 40 pupils on roll in 1884. This came into existence after non-conformists nationwide objected to their children being taught Anglican doctrine, as they usually were in other schools.

In 1839 the first national department with specific responsibility for education was set up by the Whig government. In the same year, glebe land (church lands held by the Rector) was transferred to trustees for building National school rooms near the church in line with the new government orders. The trustees were Rev. AF Phipps, William Green of Coddenham Hall, Brooke Mitchell Lungley of Peyton Hall, Thomas Smith, Abraham Daking and Simon Boggis. The site was on Stone Street Road on land abutting the church yard and the cottages belonging to Thomas Littlebury, which were later demolished. Before this land transfer there is evidence that a school room of some sort had already been erected on this site 'for the education of poor children in the principles of true religion and useful knowledge'.

The money for the actual building of classrooms had been at least partially raised in 1836 by the sale for £100 of two almshouses in the parish, which it was hoped would provide places for 50 children.

In 1849 further land was granted for 'the education of the poor and adults of the labouring, manufacturing or poor classes' and a playground and teacher's residence. National grants were made available in 1850 for more school improvements, and, after a struggle, Boxford finally got a grant in December 1854 for new floors and desks.

Simultaneously, in 1839, work started to establish an infant school-room further down Stone Street Road on the west side, approximately where the bypass crosses Stone Street today. Negotiations took place to obtain glebe land in the Rectory plantation for this and records show there was a school there by 1841, next to late Mr Isaac Strutt's cottage which had just been erected, and on part of his garden. It too was a National School and was 'to be in unison with the principles of the "Incorporated National Society"', subject to the management of the Committee'. There was a separate committee for this schoolroom with a slightly different make up. The members were the Reverend (presumably Phipps), William Green, Brook Mitchell Langley, John Daking, Charles Parker Mann and Theophilus Goate Gurdon. The last two were village doctors.



1839 plans for the school built by W Howe. Stone Street Road runs down the left edge of the plan. The building was set back from the road because the land abutted the then existing Littlebury Cottages.

The 1880 Education Act finally made school attendance compulsory between the ages of five and ten, though by the early 1890s attendance was still falling short at 82% nationally, as it was in Boxford.

The Elementary Education Act 1891 provided for the state payment of school fees up to ten shillings per head, making primary education effectively free to parents for the first time. There do not appear to be any further changes until 1904 when the English Education Board took over the National Schools and they became Public Elementary Schools. New building was approved in order to accommodate 147 mixed juniors (including beyond 11 years old), and there were already 70 infants at the infant school room further down the road. (Can you imagine what 70 small children crammed in one room for a whole day might be like? The eldest 6 and 7 year-olds would be perched on the gallery seating. No wonder the reported curriculum of the time was horrific, with a lot of folded arms, hands-on-heads and sitting-still, or each child placing one brick at a time on top of another on demand and every child's result checked by the teacher!)

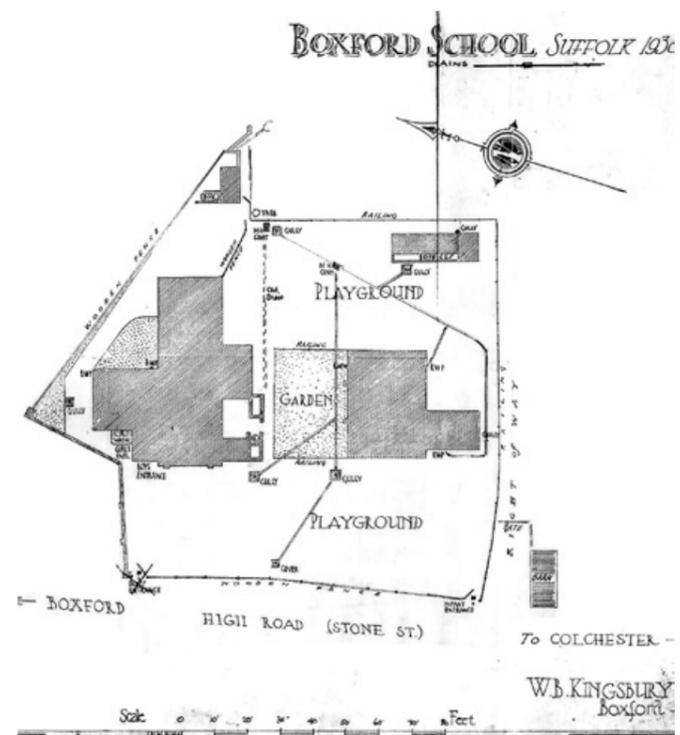
It does not appear that the two schools were totally independent, as staff records show teachers moving between schools. The first teachers for whom there are records are Mrs Hannah Hazell and Mrs Elizabeth Vine. Mrs Hazel was married to a carpenter in Boxford and had three children. Mrs Vine, originally from Bury St Edmunds, was a widow at 40 in 1851 and taught at the main school. By 1864 Mrs Vine is at the infant school and her place at the national school for juniors has been taken by Mr William Morphett and his wife Dinah. In 1874 an inspection report says the children received a good elementary education. In 1881 the Morphetts then had Miss

Mary Ann Ward and Miss Ellen Eliza Gage to assist. Mrs Morphett figured in the Boxford community for the next 40 years.

The population of Boxford was declining in the 1880s, but the number of enrolled children at the school had risen to 200, perhaps due to the 1880 Education Act making it compulsory. Mr Morphett was fully engaged with the village having become the choir master and secretary of the Foresters - a benefit society that met at the independent chapel, but he died in 1884. Miss Morphett, his daughter, was a 'pupil teacher' in 1881. Mr Porter and his wife May later took over the main school. By 1896 Mrs Morphett had set up a private school in her home at Belsize Cottage in Broad Street, but closed it by 1904. When Mrs Morphett left the infant school Miss Harriet Trett took her place and stayed with the infants for 25 years. According to Kelly's Directory, the separate infant school was still functioning in 1922, but, by 1924, new infant classrooms had been built next to the main school.

Both schools will have had 'pupil teachers'. In 1851, for example, Adelaide Hazel, the 14 year-old daughter of the teacher Mrs Hazel, performed that role at the Infant school. Some of these pupil teachers went on to become qualified teachers after years of experience and after a few days at a college for final examinations. A good illustration of this was John Ardley (1841-1925) who was mentioned in our previous article about windmills. It seems that John was educated at Boxford Grammar School up to the age of 14 when he passed exams and became a pupil teacher at Boxford National School. Just before this, he started playing the organ in church assisting his brother who was the organist. He kept up his music throughout his time in Boxford, eventually becoming the official organist. He was examined annually for 5 years at Ipswich on his teaching knowledge and skills. In August 1860 he passed exams which he sat at Highbury College, London. He continued in Boxford on higher pay and later returned to the college for his final exams which awarded him his Queen's Scholarship certificate. His apprenticeship at Boxford School was now over. He then spent 2 years at Birkenhead and 25 years at Earl Darnley's School at Cobham in Kent, as well as spells elsewhere in the country. He retired in 1900 to his old home at Rose Cottage, Boxford, (now The Hazels on the A1071) with his wife and unmarried daughter Kathleen Florence Ardley. Kathleen also taught at Boxford School until 1923, when she left to care for her father.

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W.B.Kingsbury's 1938 plan for modifications of the school 99 years after it was first built, showing the separate recent 1925 infant building to the right of the 1839 original building.



Presumed to be Mr George Morphett of the Junior School 1884. There appear to be four female monitors and a male monitor. However the windows look like the original Infant School, although the pupils are clearly juniors.



Miss Harriet Trett, aged 28 years and Miss Agnes Morphett (daughter of the Master) at the Infant School c1900.



Miss Malyon, Junior teacher c1912 aged 21ish and her class.



Infant children c1920 and possibly Miss Trett two years before she retired at 50 and the school closed. Geoffrey Alfred Gunn from Parsonage Farm above the number 555. Photo probably taken at the main school.

These extracts from the school log book throw light on the everyday running and events at the school during the 1880s.

Measles

15th October 1883. The village Doctor and Medical officer Alfred Thompson closed the school for 3 weeks.

Harvest

8th August 1884. Gleaning caused so much absence, school closes a few days early and both the Master W.L Cock and the Assistant Miss Jarrold 'cease their connection with the school'. (This was related to 'very difficult circumstances'. One can only wonder what they were, as their tenure was a very short one).

25th June 1886. Boys absent picking garlic.

2nd July 1886. 23 children absent over previous 7 weeks due to pea and garlic picking.

Staff

12th September 1884. Mr Ernest Castle becomes new Master. He is not pleased about the poor attendance at the start of his new job!

Inspection

1885 School Master Ernest Castle and Assistant Grace Castle get their first inspection. It looks as if this is their trial period. The inspection shows much progress in a short while, with the children 'seemingly more intelligent' and good discipline. There is still much work to be done on children's carelessness and inaccuracy in spelling and arithmetic.

Truancy

25th June 1886. William, George and John Wright played truant nearly the whole week.

9th July 1886. The Wrights attended regularly.

Discipline

7th October 1887. Mrs Elmer of Parsonage Farm takes exception to son Fred's supposed ill treatment by the Master. Master denies pulling Fred's hair with both hands and asks the children if they witnessed this event. Mrs Elmer says they are too frightened to say and complains to the Rector who monitors the school for the Committee. We do not know how it was resolved and where the truth lay, but I notice the Rector was visiting more frequently in the next week or so. The Master says punishment is 'only ever caning on the palm or keeping them beyond hours'. Not much changed in the ensuing years as Kenny King reported that 40 years later 'I spent a lot of time in the girls' cloakroom, as that was where the caning took place. If I went home crying as a result of this, my father gave me another hiding.' Kenny was glad when his school days were over and who can blame him?

14th October 1887. Female monitors are 'very careless over their classes, the children being allowed to talk and otherwise noisy'. (Monitors are the pupil teachers who should be at least 14 years old, but they were often younger, being illegally employed).

Leavers

20th February 1886. Lily Ratcliffe, Kate Rice and Abraham Arbon leave school as over 13 years old.



The school badge (1920s?) with a lily. The lily usually represents purity and virtue and is also the symbol of St. Mary.

Many of the old practices, unacceptable in the present day, will have taken many years to change. Boxford Primary School has moved on greatly with modernised teaching, curriculum and buildings into present times. Our school, like the majority of schools, has gone from strength to strength as the years passed. There have been many developments in education which benefit both our children and society. We can only wish the school, its staff and children success as they navigate the ever-changing demands and requirements thrust upon them. Last but not least they all need our recognition and congratulations on the way they have tackled and surmounted the enormous challenge of the Covid-19 crisis, during what has been a tumultuous two and a half years for our education system.

(Some dates have been difficult to estimate so help from villagers with further information would be a helpful addition to the archive.)

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EBONY'S DIARY

As you can see from the photo, not everyone WALKED the May bank holiday walk! However those boys did complete the route to Polstead, congratulations to them for their energy and good humour. Our thanks to all the people who came up to the centre on 1st May and strode out in our support, raising over £800 towards our running costs. Thank you to the cake makers too, their reputation always ensures a good turnout for this fundraiser!



Our riders continue to enjoy themselves, and we are slowly adding in clients off the waiting list. Our new pony Ruby is being very useful and well-behaved, she is the perfect size for many of our younger participants. Sadly it takes longer to accommodate adults into the system, their wait is usually longer because of needing bigger mounts. It's where I try to help out, of course.



We shall be celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's long reign very quietly as the business of grazing occupies the live herd, and we two mechanicals will be switched off and shut up over the Jubilee weekend. Isn't it amazing what service H.M. has given to this country and the Commonwealth without let-up? What we like best is her knowledge and love of horses of course, so 'thank you' Ma'am!

Have a great celebration all you humans and enjoy the moment. June will be really busy at The Shelley Centre so here's to a great month for our family of riders, volunteers and supporters.

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JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT BOXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL!

On Friday the 20th May children and families of Boxford CEVC Primary School were invited to be involved in the schools Jubilee Celebrations. The day was a successful one with the Great Boxford Bake off and an ice cream van, we were also entertained whilst sitting on picnic blankets by the Ipswich Over 50s Brass Band.

The over 50s Brass band is a group of self-supporting musicians that play music together solely for pleasure. They provide live music for the local community at fetes, charity events and their own concerts throughout the year. They played more contemporary pieces from Queen and Abba and finished the set with Jerusalem and the National Anthem. The children have also been learning the national anthem in choir club and assemblies.

This was the first major event held at the school since the pandemic began and it was lovely to see the community come together. It was also a great introduction to brass for the children as all the children in 2 classes will be receiving weekly brass tuition from a specialist in September.

We are very proud of how the children have behaved and taken on challenges this term. The children have taken part in school events such as the Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands, Bikeability in Year 5 (ensuring all children can ride a bike safely and understand the highway code) and Forest School. We are lucky to have our own forest area at Boxford and all classes have the opportunity to have specialist teaching exploring the environment including gardening, sustainability and much more.

We have been delighted to have parents back into school and taking part in additional events such as family assemblies, bingo night, open afternoons and have other exciting events planned for the rest of term.

It has been lovely to get to know the community more and we are looking forward to working with you all in the future.

Mrs Lea
Headteacher
Boxford CEVC Primary School

BECOME A FIRST RESPONDER!

Three Parishes Response (3PR) is looking for new recruits to join our team of volunteer Community First Responders (CFRs).

Official emergency medical resources are stretched perilously thin as a result of Covid-19 and dangerous levels of NHS underfunding. Rural areas such as the Box River Benefice need first responders now more than ever to deliver vital first aid and life support to parishioners facing life-threatening medical emergencies. Ambulance delays due to A&E handovers at hospitals mean paramedics are sometimes unable to reach us in those vital first few minutes of a cardiac arrest or stroke occurring.

First Responders are urgently required to deliver that crucial emergency medical treatment to neighbours fast. We can often be on scene within a minute or two of that initial call to 999, when every single second really counts.

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Call Group Coordinator Rich Wild on 01787 210 946 or email office@boxfordresponders.com for a chat and more information.



School badge (1960s?) with St Mary's Church, a lily and 'loyalty'.

SMALL OBJECTS, BIG STORIES

Over the past few weeks, I have been taking part in a landscape and nature writing course, and during a recent session with writer Rebecca Giggs, she talked about being able to find an object in the environment or landscape which is on a human scale, but which we can draw inspiration from to tell a much bigger story. This intrigued me, and I spent some time revisiting some of my previous creative projects, wondering if there was a small object which could have enabled me to tell a larger story And there was.

Several years ago, I flew into the UK overseas territory of Gibraltar to visit a friend living just over the border in Spain. I remember stepping off the plane and being confronted by the colossal north face of the Rock of Gibraltar, it was epic. This encounter gave rise to an obsession with this eccentric place, which is still ongoing to this day. At the heart of my own art is always the focus of place through its landscapes. I spent many months researching Gibraltar, returning with all my photographic equipment (and my research) to document it, experience it, unpack it and immerse myself within it. I walked around the entire peninsula, up and down that travertine rock...this huge effigy of natural violence from millions of years ago. I wanted to find the Gibraltar which wasn't so well known and to form a deep connection. What my research unearthed (no pun intended), was that Gibraltar was the site of the first ever discovery of an adult Neanderthal skull. I remember when I came across this information for the first time, I was speechless. What a monumental story for such a small place – the story of us and our human lineage.

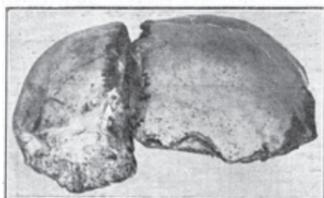
On one of my return trips to Gibraltar, I wanted to find the location of the Neanderthal discovery, a place known as Forbes Quarry. I wanted to have a real and visceral experience of such an important location. In a strange paradox, it was located at the back of an apartment block carpark, forgotten and unloved, and off limits due to rock fall. I'd hoped it would have been more celebrated – a wall plaque or information board or something! Whilst there, I decided to document it anyway, there was an irony about it which was captivating, and I began setting up my equipment. In the meantime, a man exited the apartment block with his dog, walked across the carpark to the quarry, lifted the wire fence from underneath and let his dog in for a toilet stop. It was in part quite comical, but also rather shocking, I wonder if he knew about this place. I suspect he thought me odd for photographing what, on face value, was a bit of an eyesore. I took my photograph, packed my equipment away and was ready to move on but lingered for a few moments, contemplating its poignancy. During this moment, I found a piece of that Travertine rock on the ground, a few



Forbes Quarry by Katie Hayward



20,000 YEARS OLD.
A full-front view of the Gibraltar skull, of which there are the first photographs. It shows the low and ridged forehead of big brain apes. Sir Arthur Keith puts the Gibraltar skull at the top of the list of skulls from 40,000 to 20,000 years ago.



THE SKULL IN PROFILE.
It was found embedded in travertine on the hill at Gibraltar. Sir Arthur Keith describes it as the first complete and representative Neanderthal skull of a man which New Guinea gave a record of her find at the recent meeting of the British Association.

centimetres in size. I popped it in my pocket and brought it home with me and I still have it to this day. As part of my documentary project of my visit to Gibraltar, I took a formal portrait of this little rock, this prodigious symbol of all of us which had been waiting within the rock. I urge all those creatives among us, go out into the landscape, find that small object, unfurl its layers, tell us its story through your artistic endeavours.

I hope you will all be forgiving for me being slightly self-indulgent this month and telling a story of my own, but I hope it may provide a point of inspiration.

Katie Hayward



Travertine Rock by Katie Hayward

FAIR'S FAYRE FOR TWO HEADS KERSEY

On April 28th the whole of Kersey School's Key Stage 2 group went to the Suffolk Schools Country Fair, run by the Suffolk Agricultural Association on the Suffolk Show Ground. The children loved learning about where their food comes from, the farming machinery required for all stages of planting and harvesting crops, different livestock and much, much more.

A definite highlight was meeting the 1-week old Suffolk Sheep lambs - special because they are the symbol of this small village school and also they came from Bridges Farm in Kersey which has close links with the school.

According to Headteacher Claire Dunnell Paley, the visit isn't just about a small rural school keeping in touch with its heritage – but it's also important that children understand more about where food comes from and how we can be better stewards of the environment.

"The first thing everyone thinks when they come to Kersey is what a beautiful place it is - but that beauty is fragile, and it will be down to our children to preserve it for future generations."

The Tilian Partnership - the small-school specialist Multi-Academy Trust of which Kersey is a part - has also this week shared some excellent news with parents: long-time headteacher Jessica Damant is returning from maternity leave, but Claire Dunnell Paley will also be staying in a job-share with her. Not only does this mean that Kersey gets two Heads for the price of one, it also means that they'll be able to take on more teaching - with the result that Key Stage 2 will now be exclusively taught by two top-level, experienced teachers with complimentary interests in English and Maths. With Tilian providing the latest guidance in educational thinking and constant, hands-on support and advice, Kersey is ideally placed to, in the words of Tilian CEO Andrew Berry, "become again one of the highest-performing schools in Suffolk". As well as being in a beautiful spot of course!



READERS' LETTERS

Erica Pomerans

It is with great regret that I have to report the death of my mother, long-term Polstead resident Erica Pomerans. She died in Ipswich Hospital on Easter Sunday morning of congestive heart failure.

At her request the family had a private cremation, but there will be a memorial gathering at Polstead Church in the near future, open to all those who knew her. The date will be announced in next month's issue.

Erica was a former member of the Parish Council and its Chairman for many years. She was also a Trustee of the Village Hall, but the contribution to the village of which she was most proud was her role as one of the founder members of the still-thriving Polstead Community Shop.

We are putting together a memory book, to include as many memories of Erica as possible – if you would like to contribute, please write your thoughts on a postcard and drop it in at Polstead Village Shop, if possible by June 15th. Also, any photographs that you may have would be gratefully received.

Jan Pomerans

Dear Editor,

Pace Chloris and David, the balance perhaps lies in Arthur Mee's judgment: "He was the narrowest of the Puritans, having all the great qualities but tolerance. All the miseries that hampered religion in America sprang from the absence of that one quality, yet the intolerant Winthrop helped to make the wilderness bloom and to transform a scene of primeval savagery into a thriving civilisation" ("The King's England: Suffolk", 1941).

Yours sincerely,
Stephen Watkins

Dear Editor,

HELP GIVE AFGHAN REFUGEES A GREAT DAY OUT IN BOXFORD

There are still, after eight months, many refugee families living in hotels, unable to work or plan ahead.

Let us get the five families in Colchester over to Boxford for an activities day of fun and friendly contacts.

I hope the generous people of Boxford will offer to help organise physical activities and games for older children. Painting, sewing, singing and music making, gardening, English lessons, help with technology and health problems. Maybe the Afghan women would like to cook with you or to cook us lunch on the village hall cookers.

My most urgent need is for a couple of hours help from a technology whizz-kid to contact the various refugee agencies and the Afghan families.

Anyone interested please contact Mrs Etain Todds 01787 210344 etodds@btinternet.com and I will try to arrange a preliminary planning meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Etain Todds



Dear Editor,

Thank you for printing my article about my mother's time spent in Groton Hall during the war in the May issue of the BRN. I would really love to hear from anyone else in wider BRN readership that has any recollections or information on other families taking in evacuees during the Blitz. Please get in touch with me via the BRN and I'd love to have a chat.

Many thanks,
Jeff Harris

Dear Editor,

From the mid-1940s to the early 1950s my parents, myself and two sisters lived at The Spong, Groton.

My parents had an extension put on the house built by Kingsburys. Do they still exist and/or do you have any information about them? They also made a model ship for myself - named the 'SS Robin' my first name. I was no more than three at the time, I still have it.

We used to have a Mrs Herbert as a home help. I wonder if that name sounds familiar at all. I enclose a black and white photograph of her and her future husband - known as 'Mod' - taken on their engagement in 1906.

Many thanks,
Robin Brown, USA



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WOMAN WHO WALKS



Cowslips and cuckoos: 10 mile meander to Little Waldingfield via Priory Green & Edwardstone.

A fresh, spring day and it's time to start listening for the first cuckoo to confirm what the early swallows and lambs have already hinted: summer is nearly here.

I started from Butcher's Lane, following the road through Horner's Green, then left at the stream and up the footpath along the edge of a field, with Groton church ahead and far-reaching views towards Castling's Heath to the right. I turned right at the road, then left through Groton Croft, past the venerable mulberry tree of Winthrop fame, looking for the tiny lambs which had appeared here the last time I visited. Sadly, those symbols of spring were elsewhere today.

I followed the path across the Croft and on to the Edwardstone road, where I went right, then first left at the footpath sign. This path leads along the edge of a field, past a farmyard, then bears right to a junction. Here, there's a choice - left and back on to the road towards

Edwardstone church, or right, straight across the middle of an arable field, towards Mill Green. Today, I chose right, intending to return via the lovely footpath from Edwardstone church into Sherbourne Street. The recent dry weather was welcome: after rain, I have often ended up dragging a heavy mud canoe on each boot by the end of the path and spending several minutes stamping in circles like an excited toddler to rid myself of them.

At the road, I turned right, then first left, past the White Horse, round the corner to the left, past "the guinea fowl house" (because a flock of them often assemble by the hedge to hurl abuse at passers-by), then on to the end of the road at the junction with the Gt Waldingfield road. I continued on the road to a footpath sign on the right, pointing straight across a large field of rapeseed, now just reaching the custard-yellow stage and starting to emit its strange signature scent. Here there are extensive views across to Hagmore Green, with its landmark fir trees, and Assington, with its twin masts.



At the path end is another choice: left towards the road, or straight ahead to Priory Green and the path across the field to Little Waldingfield. I intended to walk one way up, the other back, so I opted for road first. It descends into a small valley, then winds up the hill, at times with the Little Waldingfield church tower appearing directly ahead as though growing out of the road, perfectly framed by overhanging branches. At other times, the

squat tower of Great Waldingfield, to the left, peeped mysteriously out of its cover of woods.

At Little Waldingfield, I passed the handsome church, then right at the junction with the main Sudbury road. The pavement soon runs out abruptly just before a bend, leaving me abandoned to the mercies of endless traffic. I was glad to get off the road again at the footpath on the right which leads back towards Priory Green, down a long sweep of a hill with wide views to either side. Again from some angles, Gt Waldingfield church tower gingerly poked its head out from the greenery. Then another head appeared from an unseen hiding place - a hare bolted across the open field to the right, a shooting star across the landscape.

The path emerges on to a tiny road which I followed to a signpost on the right. Here, the footpath follows the edge of several fields with blossom-filled hedgerows. Cherries took over from the wild plums some time ago, but now they have been joined by the first wild apples, just opening their scented mini-roses, to the mumbled delight of thousands of bumblebees.



A herd of cowslips, hundreds strong, were holding up defiantly under the hedgerow, against the onslaught of the new season's grasses. A few decades ago, it was rare to come across cowslips. I remember none from my childhood rambles (more than a few decades ago, if I'm honest!). As a child, I knew them only from an illustration in a book by Cicely Mary Barker.

At the far side of the last field before Priory Green is a tall, dead tree, probably an oak. Although some way from the footpath its shape against the horizon gives it a presence which adds to the sense of remoteness here. It appears ancient, the victim of a stormy night and a random lightning-strike beyond living memory.

After the Lightning Tree field, the path leads round the edge of another field, where I have often seen more hares and - oddly with no water in sight - herons. The footpath leads back to the road past a huge oak with a gnarled trunk, defying its great age by displaying a full canopy of red-tinged young leaves against the blue sky.

Priory Green is a pretty hamlet with a single row of houses, each very different from its neighbour and covering just about every architectural style. The gardens here today were all shimmering with pink and white blossom. I walked left, then back down the road to the junction with the rapeseed field path, then on to the Edwardstone road.

Following it left to a stile on the right a short way from the turreted lodge at the end of the Edwardstone church drive. The path leads up across a meadow with a pretty stream running through it, a collection of equally picturesque old oaks and hawthorns -

Edwardstone church completing the scene at the top. I walked to the left of the church and back across the fields to Sherbourne Street, stopping

as usual to admire the lovely meadow, where a line of ancient horse-chestnut trees, just starting their annual candle-parade, frame another wide-reaching vista across the countryside to the west. And suddenly, there it was: "Cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo!"

Lisa
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BRIAN TORA'S SOAP BOX

I am not really a very techie person. That said, I find that much of my life is governed by the use of computers and smart phones. Writing articles for the Box River News and other publications, for example, demands a laptop to create the Word document, the internet for research and email for despatch. And if you want to travel anywhere, the chances are you'll need to do your research, make your booking and print out your ticket all through a computer.

So, you can imagine that when two of the several items of equipment that I use to link me to the World Wide Web decided to throw in the towel, more than a few problems were created for me. Fortunately I had a spare laptop (on which I am writing this article), but the fact is that so much of my day to day life is stored on the hard drive of one of the items that no longer works that I am now faced with considerable problems. It is all a little frightening to realise how much we now depend on laptops, tablets and smart phones.

My wife, who tries to avoid having anything to do with computers, considers the way in which modern technology has insinuated itself into so many aspects of daily living as very much a negative influence. She does not own a smart phone or laptop and the iPad I bought her several years ago has never been used by her and is one of the technology items that gave up the ghost recently. Perhaps it was because it felt neglected. In truth it was.

Of course, modern technology does have some very important and useful applications. The migration of meetings to the likes of Zoom, WebEx and Teams during the pandemic allowed some semblance of normality to persist. Shopping over the internet has contributed to keeping prices down, though at the expense of our high streets to some extent. And the internet has made the business of research that much easier and quicker.

One area where this is undoubtedly true is the business of tracing long lost relatives and establishing family trees. The popularity of such programmes as "Who do you think you are" and "Long Lost Family" shows there is an appetite for these journeys of discovery. Watching such programmes gives the viewer a degree of vicarious excitement. But when it happens to you it is particularly exciting. I should know, because it has.

To set the scene for what happened to me I need to make a confession that may well come as a surprise to many who know me. Until the age of eight I had a different surname to the one I presently enjoy. My parents were married during the Second World War and I came along shortly after hostilities ended. Unfortunately, like I suspect many wartime liaisons, the marriage did not survive the peace and they parted not too long after I was born. My surname changed when my mother remarried and my stepfather formally adopted me.

My mother seldom talked about my birth father and sadly she died when I was only 25, so I never really had the chance to ask about him. As my stepfather was the only Dad I had ever really known, it didn't seem right to try to find out about my mother's first husband while he was alive and he outlived my mother by over 34 years. Knowing my real father came from Ireland, I did set about trying to trace him after my stepfather's death, only to discover that he had a particularly common surname in Ireland.

And so I abandoned the task. However, it transpired that he lived until close to his 98th birthday and at his funeral at the end of 2016, it was revealed to his second family that he might have had a son in a previous marriage. So, the three sons from his second marriage set about trying to find me. It took them nearly three years – hardly surprising as my surname had changed. But they persevered and, using LinkedIn, were able both to determine that I had been to school near where they knew my father had been living at the end of the war. My photograph on that social media site convinced them they had found the right person.

I mention this because I have just returned from Dublin where I have been meeting some of my very many cousins that still live in Ireland. It transpired that my father remained in England and did not return to his birthplace until he was in his seventies, but he died in the little town in which he was born and is buried there. The pandemic delayed making this journey, but I am glad I did. From believing I had just one brother, I now find I have four, plus a sister. And a mere handful of cousins has been turned into a veritable army. And it was all made possible by the internet.

Brian Tora

CITIZENS ADVICE

I recently applied for a job at a local pub which offered National Minimum Wage. I did a short interview and at the end the manager asked me for some documents and also how old I was. After telling her I was 25 she told me she would be in touch, but it would be unlikely I'd get the job because they wouldn't be able to afford to pay me the required wage. She said she would prefer to hire someone younger. Is this legal?

Nobody should be asking you how old you are in a job interview. Being 25, you're entitled to the National Living Wage. On the Citizens Advice website, www.citizensadvice.org.uk there are full details of the wages people are entitled to by law. But these rules shouldn't mean employers avoid hiring people because of how old they are. That's known as 'direct age discrimination' in the Equality Act 2010. You're also protected by the National Minimum Wage Act 1998, which says employers can't not hire you (and they can't fire you) because your age means you're entitled to a higher rate.

We have a lot of information on our website about what to do if you're being treated unfairly when applying for a job. If you've been discriminated against, there are steps you can take to either get compensation or convince the person to give you a job.

Make a note of what happened as soon as you can - noting down exactly what you were asked and any other remarks the interviewer made. This will be useful as evidence later.

Next, you should write a letter of complaint to the employer. Keep a copy of this letter for your own records. There's advice on the Citizens Advice website on what this letter should include and you can also speak to an adviser at your local Citizens Advice to get help writing it.

If the letter doesn't get an outcome you're happy with, you could take the employer to an employment tribunal. You'll need as much evidence of discrimination as possible. Evidence should include the job advert, the job description, your notes about what was said at the interview and any contact you've had with the employer since - like your complaint letter.

Remember that you only have three months minus one day from the date that the 'discriminatory act' (in this case, the comments in your interview) happened to start tribunal proceedings. You do this by contacting the government organisation ACAS and telling them that you intend to bring a claim.

Nobody should have to worry about being discriminated against when job hunting.

For more advice on your rights when searching for work, visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call Sudbury and District Citizens Advice on **01787 321400** and leave a message and someone will call you back when available. We will attempt three times to call you back, so please expect a call from a withheld number. Alternatively, contact us via email at advice@sudburycab.org.uk or by using the contact facility on our website, www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact

We are providing advice by telephone and email Monday – Thursday, 10am – 1pm.

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FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

Hello to our readers, I hope you have enjoyed the Spring weather. It is so nice to see the flowers and trees coming back to life and all the wildlife activity. Talking about activity, we had some on our World Donkey open day. It was lovely to see families greeting and feeding our donkeys and saying hello to our ponies that live next door to them. Let's start with our first thank you, which must go out to Julie, Bex and Laura, they raised £175 in the White Hart in Boxford, great job ladies!

Locals in Boxford were also kind enough to fill our donation pot in the Boxford post office, so thank you for your kindness and thank you to Richard who runs the post office for taking our donation pot into his shop. The pot is empty again now, so please carry on putting your coins in for us at French's when you visit the post office next time, as I always say every £1 counts in keeping our charity going.

One of our volunteers Debbie is raising money for French's Care Haven and BNatural by doing her yearly Scarecrow competition. The Grand Draw will be in Bildeston for on Friday 3rd June at 8pm. Here is a great photo of Debbie and her husband playing the parts of Worzel and Aunt Sally. They will be selling tickets on Bildeston market square from 10am - 1pm on Saturday 28th May Prizes to include: Meal for two at the Bildeston Crown, £50 Amazon voucher, Meal for two at the Lindsey Rose, Two cases of Mauldons beer, Corncraft cream tea, ITFC goody bag, Fish and chips for two from The Travelling Friar.....plus hampers and lots more.

If anyone cannot attend and would like to donate, call Debbie on 07948 083769.



Pamela (who we previously told you is doing an 80mile bike ride for her 80th birthday to raise money for us!), also does a great job volunteering at our farm. Some days she brings her granddaughter Flo to help. Flo loves Lucy our therapy dog and here is a sweet photo of them both together.

We are looking forward to our BBQ open day, which is on the 26th June. Make a note in your diary for this great day out. We look to start at 12.30pm and will be selling cakes and books on our own stalls and we welcome any other people who would like to reserve a place for their stall/table for £8. Last year we had such a lovely open day with lots of smiling people and a very busy chef Dr John Flather, who cooked up some tasty treats. John is one of our weekly volunteers and will be back on chef duty on the 26th. Please come along and have some lunch while seeing our animals and saying hello to them all. For more information call Sharon on **07999 051401**. Please tell your friends and family about our open day as we would like all the local villages to know about our events and come along so you can see all the hard work we do to help animals and people in need. Our address is: Mannings Farm Barn, Castlings Heath, CO10 5EU. The entrance is a metal gate to the right of Mannings, with FCH on the gate posts. You can also arrange a visit by appointment on any other day. If you would like to be one of our volunteers and join our small team, we would love to meet you and show you what is needed daily and how you can help keep our animals happy and loved.

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

Website: www.frenchscarehaven.org.uk

HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

All eligible patients i.e. 75plussers and those immune suppressed, were invited to the Hadleigh Health Centre for their spring booster on two Saturdays; one in April and the other in May. Total jabs on those days was 1257. We have a couple of Thursday mornings for those who were not able to attend those vac sessions. In all approximately 2000 patients have now had their booster jabs.

Those unable to attend because of Covid will be called for theirs. There are no plans to call other age groups for spring boosters. The mini art exhibition in the Old Pharmacy area has been changed. There is now a fine display of Jane Haylock's creative textile work. A few of the pieces are for sale with a percentage of the revenue going to the Practice's Charitable Trust.

Website: www.hadleighhealth.co.uk

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/Hadleigh-Group-Facebook>

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Jane Haylock - Needlewoman Extraordinaire



Jane Haylock's creative career path has been long, varied and impressive. From the age of 11 she enjoyed embroidering on linen. A move to a small Hertfordshire village in 1966 brought her into contact with the local WI and an opportunity to try other crafts like corn dollies, lace making and some tatty tatting. However, it was to sewing that Jane returned, this time making a

range of soft toys from finger puppets to large furry bears. These were not for family consumption but rather to sell at craft markets.

With the advent of new fabrics, fabric paints and different techniques, traditional embroidery styles were soon replaced by less formal and more individual, personal designs.

Relocating to The Idler Bookshop in Hadleigh in 1980, Jane decided to train in these new styles and she enrolled at Suffolk College. Having commuted from Hadleigh for 5 years, Jane successfully completed part 1 and 2 of their City and Guilds Course in Creative Embroidery. After a few years' break, the same college offered various part-time degree courses. Jane opted for 'textiles' and 4 years later completed a degree.

On completion of the C&G course Jane had a large amount of leftover fabric and threads with no motivation to use them and no longer a sound excuse to avoid tedious housework. The problem was soon solved after a rendezvous with like-minded ex-students and friends saw the start of the "Textile Art Group Suffolk" (now affectionately known as 'TAGS'). The group agreed to meet monthly with the aim of holding an annual exhibition of their new work. Apart from 2021, this has been a popular event for over twenty years.

Jane's inspiration comes from nature and the Suffolk coast with the occasional cheeky figure putting in an appearance. Although she doesn't draw, she does paint in fibres and fabrics using a wide range of material and techniques to considerable effect.

We are delighted to exhibit some of Jane's work at the Hadleigh Health Centre.

TAGS 2022 exhibition will be at The Pond Gallery, Snape from 7th – 20th July.



MILDEN CRICKET CLUB

Milden had a disappointing start to their 2022 cricket season, losing their first three matches. Batting first on a sunny but breezy afternoon on 25 April against newly-promoted Melton St Audry's, Milden found run scoring difficult. Four wickets fell for 22 runs in the first 14 overs before a partnership of 72 between Tom Duffy (32) and Joe Smith (31) advanced the score to 94 with six overs to go. However, Duffy's wicket, lbw to Crowley, precipitated a collapse, with the last five wickets then falling for three runs to leave Milden 97 all out—three runs short of a batting point. The small target was never likely to challenge St Audry's and at 103-2 they won by 8 wickets, the game ending with Matt Davies (41 not out) hitting a six.



Milden opening batsman Andrew Simmons loses his wicket to the bowling of St Audry's' Josh Bowyer. Photo: David Lamming.

On 8 May at Brantham (the other club promoted from Division 5) Milden's bowlers restricted the home side to 69 for 1 from the first 20 overs, mainly due to a miserly spell of 10 overs by Joe Smith in which he conceded just 17 runs. After the drinks break the scoring rate accelerated, Brantham finishing on 229 for 4 from 40 overs (Jason Pembroke 114 not out.) For Milden, Tom Duffy took two smart catches behind the stumps. In reply, Milden were 66 for 1 at drinks, Simmons (19) being the only wicket to fall, and reached 100 in 26 overs without further loss. However, with wickets then falling regularly, they were unable to match Brantham's acceleration and ended 52 runs short at 177 for 8. Captain Alex Cunningham top scored with 47 (Duffy 32 and M Irshad 31 not out the other principal scorers.)

Back home on 15 May, Milden were able to manage only 133 against BT Waldringfield – a disappointing total after an opening partnership of 85 between Simmons (32) and Cunningham, who again top-scored with 48. For the visitors spinner Sharma took five wickets for just 4 runs in 3.1 overs. Waldringfield reached the winning target in 20 overs for the loss of only two wickets.

Forthcoming fixtures (when it is hoped Milden will record their first win):

22 May	Long Melford (away)
29 May	Stansfield (home - friendly)
12 June	Old Newton (home)
19 June	Bardwell (away)
26 June	Battisford (home)



The Milden team against Melton St Audry's on 24 April.

BOXFORD ROVERS

A very hot and sunny Boxford Rovers Youth Awards day was attended by all the club's players supported by parents, grandparents and relatives. The day started with a four team 8-a-side mixed under-12 and under-14 competition with competitive matches and close results.

The under-12 and under-14 teams' players then received their individual season's player awards presented by their team captains followed by the Best Goal Of The Season, the Most Goals Scored. Players' Player, Most Improved player and Manager's Player trophies presented by the under-12 coaches Jason and Nick and under-14 coaches Andy, Jon and Melvyn.

A super BBQ provided by Alan and Laura Leeder of Leeders Butchers followed, thoroughly enjoyed by all 80+ attendees.

There now follows a summer break with the teams moving up to both under-13 and under-15 leagues for the 2022-23 season.

As a youth team we are keen to start our Minis training 6-9 year olds and to reestablish other age-group teams so please contact the Chairman Melvyn Eke by email on m.eke@btinternet.com for further information.



SbN MENS' GOLF NEWS

The Dick Chalmers Trophy was held at Stoke-by-Nayland GC on Sunday 8th May on the Gainsborough course.

This is an annual event held in memory of club member Dick Chalmers who sadly lost his battle against Prostate Cancer a few years ago. The event is organised by John Walker and is attended by Dick's wife Pat. 115 members entered the event with prizes for best team, best male and best female.

The winning team award went to "The Bandits Swindle". Best Male was Ian McKay with a score of 40 points and Best Female was Mandy Byham with 39 points. All in all, £660 was raised for Prostate Cancer UK.

Great fun was had by all that attended and John, Ian & Maria can now start organising next year's event.



"The Bandits Swindle": Carl Matthews, Steve Evans, Tony English, Adrian Dent, Kyle Eadie & Ellis Bowman

TIM'S TOP TIPS



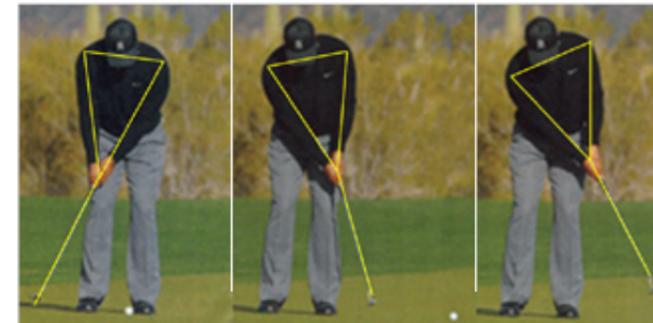
Using the putter when playing can make up more than 50% of the total amount of shots played. I would therefore say it is the most important part of the game.

Over your next 3 rounds of golf simply count how many putts you have had for the round.

You shouldn't be taking more than 36 putts a round (2 putts per green) the PGA Tour players will be looking at 28 putts per round.

If you want to improve your putting here are some drills for you to check and try.

1. Grip pressure - your pressure on the club for a standard iron shot is around 5/10. When using a putter you want it to be much softer and lighter, so only around 2/10. The lighter the grip is, the smoother and better the stroke will be.
2. Check your eye line - make sure your eyes are over the ball. To check use a spare ball and drop from between the eyes and it should land on the ball below.
3. When putting, keep the head and body still, you don't want any early head movement. Nick Faldo always said he listened to the ball drop into the hole from 6ft - he didn't watch it go in.
4. Putt like a pendulum (as pictured by Tiger). Rock the shoulders and everything else will follow.



If you would like a PUTTING LESSON I will be running a 30 minute putting session for £25 so book yours and find the easy and effective way to reduce those scores!

Tim Cooper

PGA Advanced Professional

Newton Green Golf Club, Old Joes Golf Range & The Golfing Hub.

SbN LADIES' GOLF NEWS

On Thursday 12th May the SbN ladies played their Spring Meeting on the Gainsborough course, handicaps 0-20 play for the Salcombe Salver and the 21-36 play for the Suzetta Platt Memorial Cup. It was a beautiful day and the ladies played some good golf with the dry fairways giving their balls plenty of run. After the 18 hole competition and a quick lunch break most of the field then went out again to play a friendly 9 hole Greensomes Competition whilst the remaining ladies leisurely changed for dinner and enjoyed an afternoon of catching up with their friends.

Winners of the day were as follows.

Salcombe Salver 0-20 - Margaret Bentley nett 74

Suzetta Platt Memorial Cup 21-36 - Sue Gregory nett 69



Winner of the Suzetta Salver Margaret Bentley (L), presented by Ladies' Captain Sue Gregory (R) who also took won the Suzetta Platt Memorial Cup.



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FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH Your County Councillor for the Stour Valley

National Grid consults on East Anglia Green Energy Enablement (GREEN) proposals

East Anglia GREEN is a second proposal by National Grid Electricity Transmission (National Grid) to reinforce the high voltage power network in East Anglia between the existing substations at Norwich Main in Norfolk, Bramford in Suffolk and Tilbury in Essex, as well as connect new offshore wind generation. The consultation is running for eight weeks from Thursday 16 June 2022.

The project is still at an early stage of development and this public consultation gives local communities the first opportunity to see the plans and to provide feedback. National Grid will listen carefully to the views of local people and will take their comments into consideration as they develop the proposals in more detail. There will be another opportunity in 2023 to comment on the proposals before National Grid submits a planning application to the Planning Inspectorate in late 2024.

A new substation is also proposed on the Tendring Peninsula to connect two new offshore wind farms to the electricity network.

Local Face to Face meeting before the end of the consultation:

- 27th May –1pm-7pm at Needham Market Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market IP6 8BB
- 28th May–10.00–4.00pm at Lawford Venture Centre, Bromley Road, Lawford, Manningtree CO11 2JE

Please ensure you share your views and ask your questions now before these outline plans end up in “tablets of stone”. More Details are available on the “National Grid East Anglia Green Website”.

Suffolk County Council to freeze post-16 travel costs to schools and colleges

It was announced on April 28th that Suffolk County Council is to freeze charges for travel for over 16s to schools and colleges from September.

The council’s Cabinet agreed fares should remain at 2021/22 levels for another 12 months to help families faced with soaring living costs. The decision means costs for the 2022/23 academic year will remain at £930 per year for mainstream transport and £750 for pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEND).

Fire service delivers much-needed equipment to Ukraine

It was announced on April 19th that Staff from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service embarked on a 1,000 mile journey to transport vital firefighting kit to help their counterparts in Ukraine

The deployment team, consisting of six volunteers, will drive across Europe to deliver Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service’s donation of two fully operational fire engines and accompanying equipment, which forms part of the wider National Fire Chiefs Council and Fire Aid initiative.

Their journey will see them travel to Kent to join the national convoy of vehicles departing for Ukraine. From there, they will head to Poland, where they will hand over the vehicles and kit to the Polish Fire Service, who will distribute the items to the Ukrainian fire stations most in need.

Suffolk digital care project CASSIUS hits unprecedented milestone – 1000 referrals

A team of social care professionals in Suffolk is making strides in digital transformation by achieving a milestone in referrals for its digital care service.

Suffolk County Council, in partnership with Alcove and Rethink Partners, is pleased to have achieved a landmark number of 1,000 referrals for care technology in under nine months since the groundbreaking Cassius service went live on 19 July 2021.

The service has seen over 1,600 devices installed in people’s homes to enable Suffolk residents to stay at home and live independently and delay the need to access additional care or move to

supported accommodation.

Public Health new Film ‘Just say hello, just listen, just reach out’

A new film featuring various partners from across Suffolk has been released which aims to prevent suicide.

Featured in the film is Terry Waite who used to work as a hostage negotiator in some of the most dangerous parts of the world and unfortunately was captured and spent almost five years in strict solitary confinement. He says, “Each year in Suffolk alone, 65 people die this way. And those figures are frankly tragic and unacceptable.”

The ‘Just Say Hello’ campaign aims to raise awareness of how a simple ‘hello’ can make the difference to a person’s mental wellbeing, whether it be a loved one or a stranger.

With evidence suggesting that 75% of people who die by suicide have no contact with mental health services, or even their GP within the 12 months preceding their death, it is important that everyone knows they can play their part. Simply reaching out and starting a conversation can be enough to help someone or by interrupting their thought process and encouraging them to get further help.

This video highlights suicide being the biggest killer for men under the age of 45, with 3 in 4 deaths by suicide being men.

Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley

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

To book a place please email Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Your Babergh District Councillor

So pleasing to see and hear our brilliant success in the Eurovision song contest on May 14th. While some countries’ juries still did not vote for our entry, despite it being the best by far, many did cast their votes our way, which could mean the beginning of a new dawn or just a temporary reprieve. The jury is certainly out on that one as well at this moment. What was even more amazing was the huge public support for Ukraine and its people who are earning support and respect for their bravery and resilience in such tragic circumstances as they find themselves in. The arts, history, ancient and modern, are often closely linked and the words of the song, “It ain’t what you do it’s the way that you do it.” have never been truer than now.

Of huge concern to myself, the council as a whole and indeed us all, is the shocking rise in costs and goods, especially the cost of essential utilities like electric, gas and food supplies. While imports of food and consumables was expected to rise around 15% due to no longer being tariff free after the Brexit debacle, the cost of our basic fuel, heating and lighting tariffs have now doubled and added even more to the costs. Some of this is due to circumstances beyond our control and the world situation, but what is so offensive is that the energy producers, along with the government, are raking in billions of extra profit and taxes due to the high prices, while the rest of us on a fixed income have to make crucial decisions about what we can make do without. Eat or heat, eat or rent, is there enough food for the children if mum eats as well? Fuel in the car must go further, so no clubs, trips or sport for the young ones. If only Jacob Rees Mogg could walk a mile in our shoes, even he might appreciate the dilemma here, but then again probably not. Many of our elite ministers and PM were apparently educated at Eton and have

created a true mess, they are obviously too far removed from reality to see what is happening to those at the bottom of the food, health and education chain. Never have so many been let down so badly by so few. A little compassion here and some common sense would be good, but probably that is not going to happen any time soon. A few crumbs promised before the autumn onslaught will be the best we can hope for.

The most controversial debate at this moment in the Suffolk constituencies is whether UK power networks should be allowed to string miles of massive pylons across the Suffolk rural and urban landscape to convey the power from the North Sea windfarms down to south Essex and London, the answer is obviously “No” and “No, again”. A modern forward-looking country would route them in the sea around the coast, just as we route cables carrying power and telecommunications across the English Channel and even across the Atlantic Ocean and all other waterways to carry our services. It would not be too difficult to eventually establish a ring main around mainland Britain to carry all our green energy to where it is needed without ruining our vista and sacrificing our tourist industry for the profits of big utility businesses who no doubt have the ear and pockets of our present government. It would cost a considerable sum of money but much cheaper than the now well-pruned HS2 vanity scheme and also the wasted billions on PPE and misappropriated contracts to dodgy firms set up to supply it.

What is being debated and offered is in fact a few miles of undergrounding in 70metre wide trenches in and near the AONBs while the other 95% of the cables will be hung in the air and on our horizons for us all to view. This is a false debate and an affront to our intelligence. Do we not ever learn by our mistakes? If only we could have a government that looked after the best interests of all of us and not just the greedy few and big business interests. The green revolution can bring huge benefits to us all, not drive us further into debt and impoverishment.

On the local front, I am more determined than ever that Babergh continue to give good value for the £3.50 per week that it costs each band D household, (more if you are in a higher band). I think at that rate, along with our BBC radio and TV service we are really good value for money, it is truly surprising that so much can be done to help and enrich our lives for such a small amount, long may we both continue. The new BDC cabinet will meet for the first time later this month and it is to be hoped that it will carry us forward well throughout this coming year’s business and that we continue to make the best decisions that we can during what are difficult times for local government. Our joint local plan is progressing well, albeit slower than we hoped due to its complex nature. This will mean that the local planning authority can once again determine where development can take place and not be bullied by speculators and developers as in the recent past. We are also valiantly keeping up our housing numbers to at least try to fill the voids left by the ever-increasing cost of purchasing and renting on the open market.

Hopefully our village and market town shops and services can also survive and prosper into the next economic year and manage to make a reasonable income for their owners and proprietors. Running a business as a self-employed person is a very hard gig as I well know. It could be that with the increased cost of fuel and travel we can all support a higher proportion of local trade which will keep local shops and pubs viable. Also, our post offices that now offer many of the banking services that have been moved out of the rural towns and are within walking distance of most of us. I am sure that Mandy at Monks Leigh P.O. and Richard at Boxford P.O. will be only too pleased to assist and save you fighting with the wretched computer and chat to you all at the same time.

Please all stay well and try to keep smiling, although things are difficult, we will all get through somehow and I do feel the green shoots of a calm revolution are coming.

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

BOXFORD

Summary of Council Meeting 26th April 2022

Vacancies – Please note we have 2 Councillor Vacancies on the Parish Council. Applications would be welcomed.

Meetings – Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday each month except in August and December. We now hold meetings in the Village Hall with a video link when requested. The start time is 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 24th May ahead of the Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall.

Public Forum – The member of the public suggested the Parish Council purchases a dog bag dispenser and a supply of bags to go near the bins at Homefield Playing Field. He also reminded about his previous points about the Churchyard and Cemetery gates and the Church Clock. He confirmed the notice board in Gunary Close is in need of attention. All of these points were already noted and on-going. Cllr Moles explained about bottles left dangerously on the Playing Field and also the necessity for the Police to attend the Village in recent times more frequently. Finally it was noted that Open Reach had attended to the telephone box, however, no maintenance was carried out to the kiosk, only the telephone. It was agreed for the Clerk to get onto the contact at BT again to report the need for maintenance.

County Council Report – County Cllr J Finch attended via video link and had not issued a full report. He confirmed he visited the ditch along Stone Street Road and he was hoping County Highways would carry out the clearance ahead of the winter. The white lining had been done on Sand Hill. He agreed to report the need for Butchers Lane repairs to the ruts either side of the highway. A resident reported an issue with Ash Street bollards and reminded about highways speed surveys in various locations in the Village. Cllr Finch confirmed he had asked for the surveys, however, there was a waiting list. The resident then reminded about a potential hatched area in front of the bus shelter to give a car free space for residents to get onto buses. Cllr Finch agreed to raise as a request again.

District Council Report – District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and reported about the crisis talks at Babergh District Council since the cabinet folded. They had agreed a mixed cabinet in principle. He was arranging visits to the Energy from Waste operation and encouraged Councillors to attend if they would like. Dog fouling signs were given to the resident who had requested them. The access path to Primrose Wood was being investigated by Planning Enforcement. It was agreed to provide details to the Clerk of the representative from Flagship dealing with the strip of land they own along the Croft. Further bottlebanks seem to be needed and Cllr Hurren agreed to discuss with the Playing Field Management Committee in the first instance. He outlined what was happening to house Ukrainian Refugees and so far 60 have applied to come to Babergh. Cllr Hurren explained that he and Cllr Wortley have been investigating with the Sustainable Travel Officer the need to improve safe walking along the A1071.

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 soon. This is a project where substantial funding is available to both collect water for future use and also protect the Village from flooding. Cllr Wortley was pleased to confirm we now have two new Footpath Wardens and the leaflet project will also be resumed. The Community Governance Review was being considered. District Cllr Hurren explained the history of this review and that it was an opportunity for Parishes who wanted change.

Cemetery – It was agreed to authorise further work to the Cemetery Gates between meetings, so the Village is looking its best for the Jubilee. It was noted that County Cllr J Finch was hoping County Highways will carry out the ditch clearance along Stone Street Road. Cllr Edwards agreed to update the contractor who quoted for a comprehensive scheme in this respect. It was agreed to include an Agenda item of Restoration of Clock Face for the May Meeting and in the meantime Cllr Edwards was to discuss with the Church to assess their reaction to this idea.

Neighbourhood Planning – The Neighbourhood Plan was with Babergh District Council currently and matters were proceeding. H Phillips, joint Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group had reported in advance that the Babergh Regulation 16 Consultation Process is nearly at 6 weeks and was due to end on 29th April. The results were expected to action. The next stage is the Examination phase. The End of Year procedures had been followed in respect of the grant monies.

Finance – In addition to the usual business, the Annual Service Level agreement was agreed and further consideration of the working hours was agreed for future meetings. Three tenders had been received to restore the Churchyard Boundary Wall and these were discussed following the meeting. The Contract was awarded to Elford & Sons Ltd and will be carried out in the School Summer Holidays with appropriate traffic management.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday 24th May

Full minutes can be found at:

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

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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Summary of Council Meeting 5th May 2022

Election of Chair & Vice Chair.

Cllr Chris White was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Tim Sheppard was re-elected as Vice Chair. Cllr White will also take on the duties of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer until a new Clerk can be appointed.

Planning Applications - The Council were consulted on 2 planning applications and it's decisions were as follows:

Application DC/22/01694 Priory Farm, Priory Green, Edwardstone, Part In The Parish Of Little Waldingfield CO10 5PN - Alterations and refurbishment, including partial demolition and rebuild works, and associated landscaping works.

Members agreed to support the application.

Application DC/22/01614 Land To The Rear Of The Grange, The Street. Full Planning Application - Erection of 2 detached dwellings.

Following careful consideration members resolved to object to this application as it did not accord with several of the adopted Neighbourhood Plan Policies, concerns were also raised by the Footpath Working Group regarding the proposed rerouting and narrowing of the footpath.

Finance - Members discussed a further donation to Go Start Community Transport. It was acknowledged that the 112 bus service was an essential amenity for some villagers and should be maintained if at all possible. Members resolved to donate £100 to Go Start, and to review the position later in the year.

Governance - Meeting dates for 2022/23 were agreed. Principal meetings will be held on Monday 6th June (Year End meeting); Tuesday 5th July; Tuesday 6th September; Tuesday 1st November;

Tuesday 10th January 2023; Tuesday 7th March 2023. Further planning meetings may be required in the intervening months. All meetings will take place in the Parish Room starting at 7:30pm.

Highways & Footpaths - Cllr Wheeler presented an update from the Footpath Working Group: The Footpaths Group has aspirations to enhance and develop the network of paths, most especially to link existing paths and establish a safe and permitted circular route on the west side of the village. The group is in the early stages of this work. The cutting of the footpaths was discussed and it was requested that confirmation was sought from the contractors as to when the footpaths were due to be cut or had been cut. Contacts have been established with all the neighbouring Parishes promoting the idea of working together on issues of common interest.

Streetlighting - The Chair reported that Suffolk CC have stated that replacement bulbs for the Streetlights in Croft Lea are no longer available and recommend they are upgraded to LED bulbs which are more energy efficient. As these are the only streetlights in the village and the Neighbourhood Plan is advocating a dark skies policy for future developments, it was agreed to seek the views of the residents in Croft Lea as to whether the streetlights should be retained and upgraded.

Closed Churchyard - The annual safety checks were completed with no potential issues identified. Following the recent clearance work in the Cemetery and Closed Churchyard the Contractors have been requested to keep those areas maintained.

Babergh Community Governance Review - It was agreed that the PC had no initial submissions to make and would respond to any relevant draft recommendations once they were published.

Chairman's note - The Parish Council is currently operating without a Clerk and is looking to co-opt 2 new Councillors. Councillors are voluntary posts and only take up a few hours per month. If you would like to get involved in making decisions about our local community, representing their views, and make a significant contribution to shaping the future of our village, then please get in touch. For more information please contact Chris White: cwhite.lwpc@outlook.com; 07541 133535

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

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Edwardstone parish council minutes can be found at: <http://edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/minutes>

Groton parish council minutes can be found at: <http://groton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/documents/>

Newton parish council minutes can be found at: www.newton.onesuffolk.net

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.

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Papaver commutatum 'Ladybird'

Opium poppies are easy to grow and self-seed prolifically. I am surprised that we are allowed to grow them as the milky latex they contain provides such a powerful narcotic. I suppose the process involved in making use of it is too complicated for domestic use. I am very glad we can grow them as they are a useful addition to the summer garden. I have grown the red and white 'Danish Flag' but my favourites are *Papaver somniferum* 'Lauren's Grape' which is a rich purple and the sumptuous *Papaver somniferum* 'Black Peony'. This is fully double and gorgeous, you do get single flowers coming up too but I always weed these out.



Papaver rhoeas 'Amazing Grey'



Papaver somniferum 'Black Peony'

By June, oriental poppies are lolling about languorously all over my garden. But they are so beautiful that I don't mind their laziness. I feel I should provide a *chaise longue* for them, rather than rudely corralling them with bamboo canes. I have a bright red one called *Papaver orientale* 'The Beauty of Livermere'. He is very tall and when he is staked he looks very military, standing to attention in his scarlet jacket. But I find red difficult to place in the June garden amongst all the pinks and purples. So I think my favourite oriental poppy has to be *Papaver orientale* 'Patty's Plum' which has ruffled petals and is a luscious sort of juicy plum. This poppy was found on a compost heap of all places; what a wonderful find.



Papaver orientale 'Patty's Plum'

Like all oriental poppies the flowers don't last long but they are so gorgeous whilst they last. Unfortunately Patty doesn't die elegantly; the flowers turn a rusty brown as they die.

Cedric Morris used to say that his namesake, *Papaver orientale* 'Cedric Morris' was a washed out colour and reminded him of dirty knickers, which is very rude and rather unjust as it is such a delicate shade of pale pink. If you like a darker pink then 'Raspberry Queen' is gorgeous.

There are now quite a few white oriental poppies; most of them are snowy white with a black blotch at the centre. I have 'Checkers' and 'Royal Wedding' and they are very similar. If you like your poppies with a fringe then 'White Ruffles' is for you. Early in the 20th century there were no white poppies, and we owe them all to the nurseryman, Amos Perry. He tried to breed different shades of poppies and he longed to breed a white one but had no success. One day he had an irate letter from a customer complaining that one of her red poppies had come up white. He swapped it for one of the required colour and the poppy 'Perry's White' was born.



Papaver orientale 'The Royal Wedding'



Papaver orientale 'The Beauty of Livermere'

Poppies leave a mess of unattractive hairy leaves when they finish blooming but this needn't be a problem as you can simply cut them to the ground without any harm to the plant. They will reappear in autumn and persist through winter. They are easy to propagate from root cuttings. But I have increased them by digging some up and moving it; you always leave a bit of root behind which will grow. Poppies produce copious amounts of seed and if you grow them on you can perhaps produce the next 'Patty's Plum' or something else gorgeous which will take the gardening world by storm. The seeds remain viable for an astonishing 40 years, that is why you often see poppies on newly ploughed fields and of course they appeared when the trenches were dug in the First World War and were to become such a potent symbol.

Chloris.

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MAY 2022

23 MON	Boxford Friendship Group	2:00-4:00
24 TUE	Boxford Pavilion	
24 TUE	Fireside Club Guest Speaker	2:00pm
24 TUE	Newton Village Hall	
24 TUE	Boxford PC Annual Parish Meeting	7:30pm
24 TUE	Boxford Village Hall	
28 SAT	Mission 760 Illustrated Talk	7:00pm
28 SAT	Lavenham Village Hall	
29 SUN	Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market	10:00-1:00
29 SUN	Boxford Village Hall	

JUNE 2022

1 WED	WI Talk - Me & My Cello	2:00-4:00
1 WED	Boxford Village Hall	
2 THU	Boxford WI - Games Afternoon	2:00pm
2 THU	Boxford Pavilion	
2 THU	Live Music & Lighting the Beacon	7:00pm
2 THU	White Hart Car Park, Boxford	
2 THU	Pop Up Pub & Lighting the Beacon	7:00pm
2 THU	Little Waldingfield Playing Fields	
3 FRI	Arts & Crafts Exhibition	10:00 - 4:00
3 FRI	Mary's House, Boxford	
3 FRI	Big Jubilee Lunch	12:30-5:00
3 FRI	Little Waldingfield Playing Fields	
3-5 Fri-Sun	Sounds of the Past Opening Party	10:00-4:00
3-5 Fri-Sun	The Old Chapel, Monks Eleigh	
4 SAT	Stoke-by-Nayland Spring Fair	11:00 - 3:00
4 SAT	Stoke-by-Nayland	
4 SAT	Boxford Gardens Open	11:00 - 4:00
4 SAT	Boxford & Edwardstone	
4 SAT	Leavenheath Jubilee Celebration	11:30am
4 SAT	Leavenheath Village Green	
4 SAT	The Keld Ensemble Concert	4:00pm
4 SAT	St Mary's, Boxford	
5 SUN	The Big Jubilee Lunch	12:00-4:00
5 SUN	Boxford Playing Fields	
5 SUN	Afternoon Tea	12:00-4:00
5 SUN	Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms	
5 SUN	Jubilee Picnic	12:00-5:00
5 SUN	Newton Green Playing Fields	
7 TUE	Wildflowers of the British Isles	7:30pm
7 TUE	Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall	
12 SUN	Little Waldingfield Open Gardens	11:00-5:00
12 SUN	Little Waldingfield	
16-18 THU-SAT	Boxford Drama Group Production	7:30pm
16-18 THU-SAT	Boxford Village Hall	
18 SAT	1st Boxford Scout Group AGM & Fun	5:00pm
18 SAT	Boxford Spinney	
18-19 SAT-SUN	MEBCC Vintage Rally	10:00-5:00
18-19 SAT-SUN	Great Waldingfield Airfield	
21 TUE	Fireside Club Suffolk Day Cream Tea	2:00pm
21 TUE	Newton Village Hall	
22 WED	Newton Green Ladies' Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00
22 WED	Marquee Outside NGGC	
22 WED	Groton Village Hall AGM	7:30pm
22 WED	Groton Village Hall	
24 FRI	Polstead Film Night - The Duke	7:00pm
24 FRI	Polstead Village Hall	
26 SUN	Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market	10:00-1:00
26 SUN	Boxford Village Hall	
27 MON	Boxford Friendship Group	2:00-4:00
27 MON	Boxford Pavilion	

JULY 2022

3 SUN	SbN Family Fun Day	11:00-3:00
3 SUN	SbN Golf Club	
5 TUE	Pétanque or crazy golf	2:00pm
5 TUE	Old Joe's Road	
5 TUE	Gods in the Garden Statues & Myths	7:30pm
5 TUE	Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall	
6 WED	WI Talk - Power of Colour	2:00-4:00
6 WED	Boxford Village Hall	
19 TUE	Majestic Wine Tasting (tbc)	2:00pm
19 TUE	Newton Village Hall	
24 SUN	Midsummer Munch	From Noon
24 SUN	Newton Jubilee Gardens & Village Hall	
25 MON	Boxford Friendship Group	2:00-4:00
25 MON	Boxford Pavilion	
31 SUN	Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market	10:00-1:00
31 SUN	Boxford Village Hall	

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