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CAT BURGLARS STRIKE!

The Box River Benefice has been the target for a despicable wave of thefts by an organised gang in the last month. More than 10 cars have had their catalytic converters ripped out causing thousands of pounds worth of damage and untold worry to the owners.

In a series of targeted hits the gang struck the villages of Boxford, Leavenheath, Newton Green and Stoke By Nayland multiple times, using the cover of darkness to cut the converters out with an angle grinder.

Eye witnesses in Daking Avenue, Boxford described how other gang members would keep a look-out, brandishing baseball bats to threaten residents that approached them. Because of the speed with which a converter can be cut out, police are reportedly powerless to intervene in time to prevent it.



Aiming mostly at Honda Jazz and Toyota Prius models because of the ease with which the converter can be removed, the thieves' motivation is apparently the skyrocketing price of the metal element Rhodium, used largely in the device. The Rhodium can be easily extracted from the converter in a recycling process and sold on for upwards of £700 per gram, up from £100/g just 3 years ago. As most converters contain 1 gram of the element, removing just 2 or 3 a night ends up being a lucrative crime for the thieves whilst hapless owners are left with lengthy insurance claims and even write-offs in a number of instances. A shortage of the components required to fix the damage, exacerbated by Brexit and the knock-on effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine has meant that repairs can take many months to be completed.

With a lack of forensic evidence Suffolk Police are appealing to owners to remain vigilant, install CCTV cameras to record thefts and look into fitting theft-deterrent shields to their catalytic converters. You can find suitable shields for your make and model of car here: <https://amzn.to/3QuMZwT>

The BRN contacted Suffolk PCC Tim Passmore's office about how they plan to deal with the spate of violent thefts in our villages, but they declined to comment. Anyone with any information should please report it to the case officer PC Kevin Miller: kevin.miller@suffolk.police.uk.

BOXFORD RECLAIMS THE RAIN

Boxford has recently been specially selected as 1 of 3 villages to be involved in an initial pilot scheme setting out to improve flood and drought resilience in Suffolk. The project's ultimate goal is to find more sustainable ways of managing our water in our rural communities by reducing flooding but also capturing excess water and putting it to good use.



Boxford was chosen as residents displayed a strong interest in sustainable water management and expressed a strong desire to be more involved with water management. Boxford Parish Councillor Theresa Munson has been liaising with Reclaim The Rain to help them understand our needs and situation. The selection process was based on various factors, including each community's vulnerability to surface water flooding, water resource needs, rurality and the likelihood of attracting funding outside of the project.

During the pilot the village's needs in terms of flood risk and water resource requirements will be assessed, which could result in provision of:

- Habitat creation and restoration.
- Natural Flood Management.
- Rain Gardens.
- Rainwater Capture and Reuse for community or business use.
- Retrofitted Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).
- Smart Water Butts.

Theresa Munson stated:

"It's thrilling to be selected to take part in this amazing project which will help to reduce the worst effects of both flood and drought. Not only will it give us the opportunity to investigate and develop strategies for slowing down and infiltrating water from extreme rainfall events before it hits the centre of the village, which could in turn improve biodiversity locally, but it will give adults and children alike access to tools and information for saving the rainwater we receive, as well as a better understanding of how saving this vital resource can reduce our dependency on tap water and maybe even save us money too."

So what comes next? Now we've been selected the exciting work can start. Reclaim the rain is using a "co-creation" approach. This means that they will work with Boxford to find out what issues, opportunities and opinions matter most to us. From there schemes will be designed which matter to those of us living and working with them. In the coming months the project team will be visiting and helping our community understand what happens next in more detail.

If you'd like to get involved, you can contact Theresa Munson **07786 448361** or contact the project directly on their website www.reclaimtherain.org/contact-us

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SINGING FOR HEALTH

If anything positive can be said to have come out of the pandemic, I think many would agree that we have come to appreciate some aspects of life which just a short time ago we took for granted. We are sociable beings and most of us will have missed the company of others whether family members, friends or colleagues.

The challenge throughout society as to how to balance physical and mental wellbeing with all the stressful demands of modern living is nothing new, but the pandemic has highlighted the need to do so posing immense challenges to organisations to find new ways to survive & give people continued access to whatever it is they offer.



Choirs are just one part of our very wide cultural heritage offering people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to engage in musical collaborations of many different types at all levels of ability and therefore offer a broad canvas of opportunity for cultural, social and community networking.

The wide-ranging physical and emotional health benefits of singing have long been recognised. Singing is for many a joyous experience and one which like most music is better shared. Music making releases endorphins which heighten the sense of enjoyment and the sheer act of concentration required can release us from anxieties which temporarily at least are forced aside.

The breath-control required in singing is an important factor, especially for anyone who has breathing difficulties or weakness to the lungs caused by conditions such as asthma. It serves to strengthen the lungs by encouraging deeper rather than shallow breathing which is likely to also give one a better sense of overall well-being.

Singing is such a natural part of our make-up. We only have to think of all the productions we are likely to have happily taken part in at school to realise that all too often as we grow into adulthood, we often gain inhibitions that make us think we can't do certain things or make us fearful.

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BRASS PLAYERS WANTED

Elmsett Fellowship Brass Band has played at local events from the 1980s until the onset of the Covid pandemic. The band is currently low on numbers and have only 11 regular players at their Monday evening practices at Elmsett Methodist Church. The band welcomes any players who would like to come and play, whether you are returning to banding after a break or just want to attend an additional practice on a Monday evening.

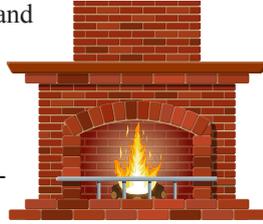
If you don't have an instrument, one may be made available to loan. Practices are at Elmsett Methodist Church, Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm.

For further information please contact one of the following: Bob Howe (Band Secretary) on **07786 354018** or by email: robertcharleshowe@hotmail.co.uk, Kath Sutton (Chairperson) on **07876 338836** or kath.sutton@thestocks.me.uk or Mark Miller (Band member) **07534 953843** or mark.miller@talktalk.net



NEWTON FIRESIDE CLUB

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



On Tuesday 24th May we had an excellent turnout to hear Anne Grimshaw give a talk entitled 'Collision in the clouds: who wore the goggles?'

Anne explained how she was able to discover the likely owner of a pair of World War II goggles found in France. Her investigative skills rival Sherlock Holmes. It was such an interesting, horrific and poignant story - I think most of us had tears in our eyes.

Many thanks to Marilyn for organising this well received talk.

Dates for the rest of this season are:

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| Tuesday 5 th July | Wine Tasting at Majestic Wines. |
| Tuesday 19 th July | Old Joe's Pétanque or Crazy Golf followed by tea in the cafe. |
| Sunday 24 th July | Midsummer Munch |

The 'Fireside Four' will be meeting shortly to plan our Autumn programme and we hope to see you there.

Further details are available from Sue on **07881 383 998**

Sue Presland

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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The Trustees will meet on 8th September at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford, to consider applications for grant aid for educational or training purposes from residents of Groton and those parts of Boxford included in the 'area of benefit', i.e. Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of the church - those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton 1881!

We hope that newcomers to the area will be made aware of this charity by those who have themselves benefited from grants. There is no means testing. Applications may also be made by organizations serving the area.

Recent grants have included help towards the costs of university education, travel fares to a sixth-form college, specialist sports coaching and library improvements at Boxford School.

Details and application forms are available from Stephen Watkins, Clerk to the Trustees, Whitewebbs, Daisy Green, Groton, CO10 5EN, tel 01787 210977, stephen_watkins49@yahoo.co.uk

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All profits are put back into our fabulous village for organising events or supporting one of our clubs or groups. The following groups have benefited from direct grants in the past few years:

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If you would like to buy a ticket for the Boxford Bounty and have not been visited by a collector please apply directly to:
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Or contact Mark Miller: mark.miller@talktalk.net or **01787 211596** and we will arrange a call from your local collector.

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Holiday season has arrived and there is nothing like a trip away to unwind. Whether you're flying to an exotic destination or visiting somewhere a bit closer to home, summer holidays provide the perfect opportunity to catch some vitamin 'sea' and cast away your daily stresses. Getting prepared, on the other hand, can feel the opposite, especially if you leave things to the last minute (whoops, guilty!)

So, let's get started with my mini holiday prep-list...

Bring a book!

In a digital world, it can feel all too natural to waste away hours aimlessly scrolling through your smartphone. Try instead to use your holiday to escape from your screen by investing in a good book. Reading guarantees some quality 'you' time and there is nothing more refreshing than disconnecting from the internet and the noise of social media.

Tidy brows

Well-defined eyebrows enhance your eyes and can help sculpt your entire face, so consider having them shaped before you go away. It's also worth noting that the sun can bleach your eyebrows (just like your hair), so if you rely on makeup to accentuate your brows, perhaps try tinting them to give you a long-lasting colour that's also smudge-proof!



Eyelash prep

Eyelash extensions give you thick, fluttery and impeccably curled lashes, 24 hours a day! They really do provide an effortlessly glamorous look and are fully waterproof, meaning there's no risk of clumpy lashes after a dip in the pool. They're not cheap though, so if you're not sure they're for you but still want great lashes on holiday, tinting is a great alternative.

Time to de-fuzz

Shaving can be extra-drying on your skin, especially when you're exposed to the sun. However, if you prefer smoother legs like I do, consider booking in for a salon wax and leave the razor behind! I love the long-lasting smoothness that waxing provides but perhaps what I love most is the amount of time and effort it saves.

Gel nails

Vibrant, colourful nails are the perfect accessory to any summer outfit. I recommend opting for gels instead of painting them yourself, as they'll be dry before you leave the salon and there's no risk of chipping them when you pack (agh!)

In Suffolk Medical Clinic, we stock the *NAF! Stuff Cuticle Oil* which has a delightful, fruity scent and is effective at maintaining healthy, strong nails - ideal for all of you gel-lovers.



Au naturel haircare

It's always the same story – you spend hours trying to perfect those natural beach waves but nothing quite styles it like the sea. Having said that, I find the *Bumble and Bumble's Surf Blow Dry Foam* to be a close contender as it adds just the right amount of texture to give my hair a little volume without feeling gritty. This combination product is ideal for fine-to-medium hair, giving it a little body that doesn't drop the minute you've left the beach.



Sunscreen and aftersun lotion

If you read my last column, you'll know that I rave about the *Heliocare 360° Professional Sunscreen* range. *Heliocare 360°* includes *ferblock®* and is clinically proven to prevent premature skin ageing caused by the sun. There's a whole range of luxurious yet affordable products to choose from in-clinic, with some even containing anti-ageing properties!

Now you've got your sun protection sorted, how about caring for your skin afterwards? Aftersun lotion is essential for replacing all the moisture that's lost after sun exposure. My go-to is the *Ultra Sun Aftersun*, as I find the cooling gel intensely soothes for hours and it helps prolong that sun-kissed glow.

Economise on luggage space

I've always had a complicated relationship with luggage space - especially when adding a giant beach towel into the mix! That's why I recommend a microfibre beach towel, as they take up less room, dry much more quickly and some contain antibacterial properties.

Why not purchase a set of mini travel bottles for your toiletries? Life is so much easier when you don't have to cart around full-sized products. There's less risk of opening your bag to a shampoo explosion too!



Book your beauty treatments!

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What does your holiday-prep list look like? We'd love to hear from you!

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THE BUTCHER'S WIFE

Anyone who knows me, knows that I'm a bit of a neat freak. I like everything in its place and the house to be clean and tidy. This has become increasingly difficult since a) living with the Butcher and b) having the mini Leeders. No one else in my house appreciates the system I have.



As an example, we have a coat rack by the front door. Pretty standard, right? Apparently not for the people in my house, instead they hang their coats / school blazers / hoodies on the back of the dining room chairs. And the shoe rack seems to be just for decoration!

We have a decent sized house and are fortunate that there is loads of cupboard space so it should be relatively easy to store things effectively right? Wrong. The Butcher likes to keep things 'just in case' and the mini Leeders are also mini hoarders. Every cupboard in our house is bursting at the seams and the majority of its contents are things we don't use or need. I am surrounded by stuff. Need an old iPhone box from 2014? We've got three! Need a box from a TV we don't even own anymore? We've got two! There's also a whole cupboard dedicated to wires, cables and chargers but no one seems to know what these are for so we hang onto them just in case!

Now I'm not going to push all the blame on my family members, there are things I'm guilty of hanging onto but I like to think my hoarding is for more sentimental reasons. For instance, I still have the mini Leeders' old primary school books, all the birthday cards they have ever received and their old baby clothes. I also have a box of all of their baby teeth. I know it's weird, don't judge me, I don't know why I've kept them. My dentist told me he once had a woman come in wearing a necklace she had made out of her children's baby teeth. So that's always an option.

So if one day the Butcher doesn't turn up to open the shop, it's because I've stuffed him in an old TV box in the loft (for legal reasons this is a joke...).

I've shared this recipe before on my Instagram page (@the_butchers_wife). It's one of the few pasta dishes that everyone in my house likes. Even the Butcher, Mr 'I hate pasta' had seconds! It's a quick and simple meal too so gives me time to hang all the coats on the actual coat rack and make a start on that necklace!

Tomato Sausage Pasta

Serves 5

Ingredients

- 8 pork sausages (the Butcher's Old English are great for this)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 5 cloves of garlic
- 3 tbsp tomato puree
- 1 tbsp dried basil
- 1 tbsp dried parsley
- 1 tbsp dried oregano
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 450g rigatoni
- 240g spinach
- 100g grated Parmesan

Method

1. Brown the sausages in a pan. Once cooked, remove from pan and cut into bite sized pieces.
2. Add 1tbsp oil to the pan and fry the onion and garlic for a few minutes.
3. Add the tomato puree, basil, parsley, oregano, and tinned tomatoes and simmer.
4. In a separate pan, cook the rigatoni as per packet instructions.
5. Once the pasta is cooked, add it to the tomato sauce along with the sausages, spinach and Parmesan. Give it a good mix and serve!



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THE JULY LETTER FROM FATHER ROB

Dear Friends,

We have just come through some lovely weekends of fine weather and celebrations. I am sure we will especially look back at the Queen's Jubilee weekend and see it as a real highlight of the summer. It was memorable not just for the parties and community activities, but also as a time when we were able to stop, reflect and recognise the value of long service and commitment. It was perhaps a time when we looked beyond ourselves and contemplated our wider calling in community.



Our society encourages us to obsess about ourselves: our body image, our careers, our wealth, our health, our fitness, our popularity... This self-obsession can lead us into all kinds of relationship issues, psychological illness, addictions and self-harm as we strive to be someone other than the person we are made to be. I think this may be why the Bible tells us that we will only find true contentment when looking outside of ourselves and serving others.

Maybe you don't believe in God, but he believes in you! He wants you to be the most complete you that you can be.

In the middle of June, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Holy Trinity. We continue through the forthcoming weeks to contemplate the nature of God and the reality of God in our lives. Theologians through time have tried their best to explain the true nature of God and have struggled. This is because God is essentially a mystery. We kind-a know he's there, but struggle to nail him down. Perhaps he doesn't want to be nailed down.?!

In the early scriptures God refuses to be named, simply identifying himself as 'I am'. The term 'I am' relating to God appears over 300 times in the Bible, beginning in Genesis (the first book of the Bible) through to Revelation (the last). When God gives his people this name to call him by, he is conveying his authority over all things, the source of his power and his eternal nature. In other words, he is self-sufficient and self-sustaining; a God beyond time and place; who was, who is and who will be. A God beyond, in and through all things.

God is identified in Christian scripture as relating to us in three ways: as God the Father (in heaven); God the Son (in human form) and God the Holy Spirit (the life-giver). This is what is described as the Holy Trinity. Now, forgive me if I am teaching granny to suck eggs, but these are not three separate gods! They are one God relating to us through three separate persons. If this all seems rather

baffling, then be reassured that even the most phenomenal minds have also struggled to intellectualise it.

At this point, you may be wondering why I am bamboozling you with a discussion about the Holy Trinity. What has that to do with community and service? Well, the most important thing to note about God as Holy Trinity is the way in which it opens to us boundless opportunities for communication and relationship. In the Holy Trinity we see no division, just a perfect union of love between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This models for us what it is to be in proper community.

Our loving and merciful Father in heaven offers us the means by which we can look up beyond ourselves and step outside of our worldly concerns. He also reminds us of the need for humility and compassion.

Jesus Christ, the Son, is more easily relatable to us precisely because he is human and knows to painful effect what that can mean. Throughout St John's Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as obtaining all things from the Father (Jn 3:31-36; 13:3-6 etc). He is the Truth (Jn 14:6) and speaks of later sending the Spirit of all Truth to guide and strengthen his followers and 'bring them into all truth' (Jn 16:13).

Whilst Jesus helps us to see the 'face of God', the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus speaks of sending, leads us into the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It continues his work in history and in the present. Thus, St Paul encourages us to contemplate on how the Holy Spirit 'pours the love of God into our hearts' (Rom 5:5). It counsels, comforts, consoles, guides and directs us. Reminding us of what Jesus has done for us through his death and resurrection, the Spirit brings us into the mystery of God's love for the world.

In this way, the Spirit draws us into the life of God. It invites us to share that love which is the essence of God. It enables us to establish those bonds of love and communion among ourselves in the image of the Holy Trinity.

What is most fabulous is that it gives us permission not to be so self-obsessed. It shows us how to truly be ourselves, laying aside our addictions and distractions in the service of God and each other.

You may not believe in God, but he believes in you!

Enjoy the summer and may you receive the copious blessings of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

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SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2022



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| Sunday 3rd July | 09:30 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i> | St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield |
| | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i> | St Mary's, Boxford |
| | 17:00 | <i>Compline</i> | St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone |
| Wednesday 6th July | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Eucharist</i> | Mary's House, Boxford |
| Sunday 10th July | 09:30 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i> | St Bartholomew's, Groton |
| | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i> | St Mary's, Boxford |
| | 17:00 | <i>BCP Evensong</i> | St Mary's, Boxford |
| Wednesday 13th July | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Eucharist</i> | Mary's House, Boxford |
| Sunday 17th July | 09:30 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i> | St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone |
| | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist & Holy Baptism</i> | St Mary's, Boxford |
| | 17:00 | <i>BCP Evensong</i> | St Bartholomew's, Groton |
| Sunday 24th July | 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 |
| Sunday 31st July | 09:30 | <i>Shared Benefice Service</i> | All Saints', Newton |

(Morning Prayer online, most weekdays from 8.30am)

Please note that there is no Midweek Eucharist on Wednesday 20th July or Wednesday 27th July.

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 Little Waldingfield and Newton*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st July 10:30am *Coffee Morning*, St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

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

Tuesday 5th July 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House, Boxford

Saturday 9th July 10am *Coffee Morning*, St Mary's Boxford

Saturday 9th July 1pm *Tea for Engaged Couples & Newly Weds and Families & Children*, The Rectory

Tuesday 12th July 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House, Boxford

Saturday 16th July 12.30pm *Wedding*, St Mary's Boxford

Saturday 16th July 5pm *The Elite String Quartet, Tea Time Tangos*, St Mary's Boxford

Tuesday 19th July 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House, Boxford

Tuesday 26th July 10am *Open for Coffee*, Mary's House, Boxford

Friday 5th August 10am *Coffee Morning*, St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield

Saturday 13th August 10am *Coffee Morning*, All Saints', Newton

Saturday 13th August All Day *Box River Pilgrimage to Walsingham*

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On 13th August 2022, we will be travelling to Norfolk for a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. We will leave the Benefice early and hope to arrive in Walsingham mid-morning. We will then spend a day joining in the Shrine's activities, sharing companionship and savouring the local delights before returning late evening.

Costs will be kept to a minimum with just a small contribution towards petrol and meals during the day.



For further information, or if you would like to book a place, please contact boxriverbenefice@gmail.com or telephone 01787 828046.

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 WELLY THROWING
 CRAFT STALLS
 REFRESHMENTS
 AND MORE



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)

Mark Miller, Treasurer and Bookings, 07534 953 843

Boxford Spinney Scout and Guide HQ, Fen St, Boxford



TANGOS IN THE CHURCH

The next music in the series of fundraising events for the church building sees the return of the Elite String Quartet to St Mary's Church, Boxford. The quartet, which features Boxford resident Rhianwen Gold on the violin, will play tangos and other dance music guaranteed to get your feet moving. This will be a very informal event, with tables and chairs for you to bring your own food and drink while the quartet play for an hour from 5pm on Saturday July 16th.

As with all the church building fundraising events, tickets are available on the door, from Boxford post office or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/boxford-concerts

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Boxford Church Building Fundraiser

Tea Time Tangos

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5 pm**

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GARDENING SOCIETY

MICHAEL BROWN

GODS IN THE GARDEN: Statues & Myths



Tuesday 5th July 7.30pm
at Boxford Village Hall



Fleece Jazz at
Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel presents

Bryan Corbett's Hi-Fly Quintet

Wednesday 13th July 2022 8pm - Tickets: £20/£16*



"A warm, brilliant tone and a formidable technique"
- *The Independent*

Bryan Corbett – Trumpet
Chris Bowden – Alto sax
Matt Ratcliffe – Piano
Tom Hill – Bass
Carl Hemmingsley – Drums

This outstanding quintet celebrate the year 1959 in jazz that saw the release of some of the most revered albums: Miles Davis' *Kind of Blue*; Charles Mingus' *Ah Um*; Ornette Coleman's *The Shape of Jazz To Come*; Dave Brubeck's *Time Out* and Horace Silver's *Blowing The Blues Away* amongst others.

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Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Keepers Lane, Leavenheath CO6 4PZ

Ample parking; fully accessible. Directions: www.fleecejazz.org.uk

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HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Saturday, 2 July 2022, 10 am – 4 pm

Hardwicke House Group Practice and Siam Surgery Patient Partnership Group are delighted to announce that our Health Awareness Day will now take place on Saturday, 2 July 2022 at Sudbury Town Hall (having been postponed for the last two years due to the pandemic).

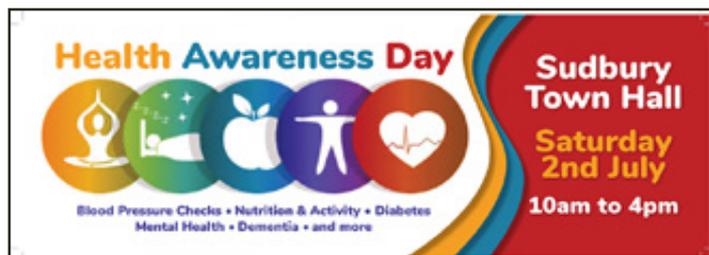
This is an event for everyone in Sudbury and surrounding villages to come along to learn about and experience the extensive range of health care support groups and professional services available in the Sudbury and surrounding areas.

To date, we have over 20 different organisations taking part encompassing a wide variety of health issues such as nutrition, physical activity, mental health, diabetes, mental health, first aid and community defibrillation demonstrations, heart disease, cancer services, dementia, hospice care, help with transport to and from medical appointments and many more. Visitors will also be given the opportunity to have pulse and blood pressure checks amongst others.

Representatives will include Healthwatch, Upbeat, Suffolk Family Carers, Macmillan Cancer Services, Success after Stroke, Our Special Friends, St Nicholas Hospice, Gryphon First Aid, Citizen Advice Bureau, GoStart, Sudbury u3a, The Christopher Centre Boots (health eating), Allied Physio and more. There will also be a children's table with fun tasks to complete.

Refreshments will be provided by The Bridge Project.

For information contact Lesley at: hhgp.ppginf@gmail.com



THE ARTS SOCIETY SOUTH SUFFOLK

THE FALLOW DAYS OF SUMMER ARE UPON US
BUT THE ARTS SOCIETY HEART CONTINUES TO BEAT !

SO WATCH THIS SPACE FOR the launch of the new programme
in August commencing in September.

Topics include:

‘Regency Revelations – the Lost Diary of a Dandy’ by Mark Hill,

the Antiques Roadshow expert on Miscellaneous items.

‘How to get down from a Yak – Adventures in Central Asian Textiles’

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LAVENHAM AIRFIELD WALK

Sunday, July 10th

Spend a morning with the ‘Gentlemen From Hell’

A guided walk exploring the airfield occupied by the US 8th Air Force’s 487th Bomb Group in WWII.

10am - 1.30pm. Adults £10, Under 16s £5

Limited places so booking is essential.

Tel: **01787 249939** or in person at Lavenham Information Point, 2 Lady Street. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat. 11am – 2pm.



SESAW TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 2nd July, 11am-2.30pm Newton Green Village Hall, School Lane, CO10 0QS.

Jewellery, accessories, homeware, pet goodies, books and much more. Play Cardola, 3 goes for £1! Homemade cakes and refreshments, Free admission and parking

All proceeds to Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare

LAVENHAM SINFONIA

The orchestra now turns its attention to the final autumn concert of its season on September 18th September at 7pm at Lavenham Church with Michael Coleby as guest conductor. Michael made his professional debut conducting the Deutsche Sinfonie – Berlin in 2017 and has gone on to conduct the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group.

The concert opens with the Overture to Weber’s Der Feischutz, followed by Gustav Mahler’s 5 Ruckert Songs and concludes with Robert Schumann’s fourth symphony.

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/lavenham-sinfonia

BOXFORD WI UPDATE

Hattie Bennett gave a thoroughly entertaining and informative talk and recital about life with her cello. From the first steps into the world of music in Manchester to her formation of Music in Felixstowe. The ladies at WI all enjoyed the music and the anecdotes of her life in music.



The speaker for the July meeting is Mandy Wild who will give a talk on the principal of how colour analysis works using scarves and drapes and will explain hue clarity and the value of knowing your colours.

Please come along to the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th July at 2pm, if you are interested.

Other interest groups within the WI are:

Dining Divas (lunch group)

Chatterbox (afternoon with tea and cake)

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

Annie Phillips. Secretary, Boxford WI

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Enquiries: Mark 07860 286688

THE SUFFOLK DISTILLERY

Many of you may have noticed the building going up near Stoke-by-Nayland over the last year and we are delighted to finally be able to invite you to our brand new, purpose-built distillery at Munros Orchard Barn on the Sudbury Road, Stoke-by-Nayland. The Suffolk Distillery has been trading since 2016 and during that period we have built up a range of 5 gins, 3 vodka liqueurs and a spiced rum.



We try to use local suppliers whenever possible wherever that be in our products or other local services.

Our new facility includes a retail centre where we can showcase our range of spirits directly to the public. You can also experience how our craft distillery operates through one of our tailored events, be that a distillery tour or a make your own gin experience. Where you can choose from our array of carefully selected Botanicals, creating your own bespoke flavour profile.

In addition, we will also be looking to host monthly events throughout the spring and summer months. Follow us on social media – @thesuffolkgin or visit our website – www.suffolkdistillery.co.uk for more information.

In the near future we will be adding to our portfolio by making whisky and brandy, again using locally sourced botanicals.

We really look forward to becoming a part of your local community and being a popular local destination. We have samples of our range and light refreshments with inside and outside seating so please feel free to pop in and see for yourself.



Pop in and see us in our new home
Located at Munros Orchard Barn,
Sudbury Road, Stoke by Nayland
CO6 4RS

10 - 4 Monday to Saturday

We have samples available of our
range of Gin's, Vodka's & Spiced Rum
Tea, coffee and cake are also available
with outside seating.

We look forward to seeing you.

www.suffolkdistillery.co.uk

SUMMER IN SEMER

Make the most of your summer holidays with Hollow Trees Farm. Visit our Farm Trail for a 'summer of fun' for all! Alongside our usual farm fun, we will have our Cresta Run sledges open, the return of our Mini Golf, Straw Stack adventures, and special activities and visitors to keep you and your little ones entertained this holiday season. Keep an eye on our social media, and our website, to find out 'what's going on' each week.



With so much to do, you really will have 'A Great Day Out' here at Hollow Trees Farm.

Our Farm Café has opened its outside seating area, which is the perfect place for alfresco lunches with friends and family and a cup of coffee and a slice of cake in the sun.

With a selection of local seasonal fruits, Suffolk beers, wines and soft drinks, BBQ essentials and more, our Farm Shop is your perfect summer stop. Check out our Farm Made range for ready-to-go picnic favourites too.

See you soon!

SUMMER PRINTWORKS EXHIBITION 2022

A celebration of work by talented printmakers from the region, showcased in the gallery's beautiful setting beside the picturesque Mill Pond, in Mill Tye. The exhibition includes exclusive pieces of work that have been created especially for Mill Tye Gallery. Profiled artists include Andy Lovell, Beth Knight, Clare Curtis, Georgia Flowers, Elizabeth Morris, Kieran Page, Hannah Forward, Paul Cleden, Colin Moore, Elaine Marshall, Max Angus and many more.



The exhibition continues until Monday 29th August 2022. For more information and to RSVP go to www.milltyegallery.co.uk/exhibitions

Mill Tye Gallery and Arts Centre

3 Cornard Mills, Mill Tye, Great Cornard, Sudbury CO10 0GW
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Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 0GW

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

Mill Tye is sign posted off the Bures 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.

www.milltyegallery.co.uk

Exhibition ends: Sunday 31 July 2022

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

The village kicked off its celebrations on Thursday evening with a pop-up pub and beacon lighting. The evening was warm and the sunset an amazing backdrop for the beacon! As we still don't have a permanent pub in the village the pop-up is an important event to bring people together.

On Friday more than 100 people gathered for a celebration picnic on the playing field. The event was really enjoyable as friends and families past and present came together to celebrate. So much food and drink was consumed!

We held a decorated cake competition for adults and children as well as a best crown competition for children. These were won by Hayley Ireland with wonderful iced cupcakes and Leor and Jesse Joseph with their Jubilee meringue cake and wonderful crowns.

On Sunday the Parish Room trustees held a tea party, welcoming more than 60 residents. Our bijou Parish Room was buzzing with conversation between friends old and new, fuelled by a mountain of cake, scones, tasty savouries and an endless flow of tea!

Our thanks to everyone who came to join in the fun and to all who donated cakes and helped set up and run the events over 3 wonderful but exhausting days.

The Parish Council also bought and installed a beautiful commemorative bench on the corner of Croft Lea as a permanent reminder of the Jubilee. (photo 7 shows Little Waldingfield Parish Council Chair Chris White professionally modelling on it) Photo 8 shows Mr. Bill Ward, 90 years young, suitably dressed for the occasion and ready to party!

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KENNY'S NEWS FROM SESAW



There was an excellent atmosphere at our village Jubilee celebration last month. The weather was perfect and we enjoyed meeting visitors at the SESAW Pets' Corner and gift stall. Our volunteers are holding a table top sale at Newton Green Village Hall, CO10 0QS, 11am-2.30pm on Saturday 2nd July. They will be selling jewellery and accessories, glass, china and homeware, pet goodies, books and more. Try a new, fun card game – Cardola, three goes for £1!

There will also be some fabulous homemade cakes and refreshments. Free admission and parking is available.

We have many animals for rehoming including a pair of older cats that arrived last summer because their owner was ill. It was hoped Lord Iffy and Winnie would be able to return home when things improved, but sadly, as they sometimes do, the circumstances changed and they are now looking for a calm, quiet adult-only household to live in. Both cats love to stretch out and lie in the sun and would appreciate a sunny window sill to bask and watch the world go by. If you can offer this deserving pair a loving home, please phone us and leave a message on the answerphone and we will return your call.



Lord Iffy & Winnie

Mum says we have new opening hours! We are now open to visitors from 10am in the morning to 1pm in the afternoon from Thursday to Sunday during the summer. Please check with Facebook or our website if you're intending to come from afar and have a long journey. Luckily for me I now have a short journey to the kitchen where dinner is ready for all the dogs.

Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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

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www.sesaw.co.uk

READERS' LETTERS

Erica Pomerans

MEMORIAL GATHERING

Following the announcement in last month's issue relating the sad news of my mother's death, I would like to invite all those who knew her to join me at Polstead Church on Saturday 23rd July at 12.00 noon for a memorial gathering to celebrate her life, followed by lunch at the Village Hall.

If you haven't already done so, please do share your memories of Erica by adding your contribution to the Memory Book envelope in the Polstead Community Shop.

There will also be an opportunity - for those who wish - to say a few words at the Village Hall.

Jan Pomerans



Dear Editor,

Re Stephen Watkins' reply to Chloris on John Winthrop, the only possible response is surely - "Up to a point Lord Copper". At least Winthrop's intolerance is beyond dispute – even with Arthur Mee, but to use Mee's judgement in his defence, that "he helped make the wilderness bloom and to transform a scene of primeval savagery into a thriving civilisation" seems a particularly egregious kind of special pleading.

Let us consider the bizarre American festival of Thanksgiving. According to the "Journal of John Winthrop (1630-1649)," the first official day of "thanks" was celebrated on Oct. 12, 1637, when the Massachusetts Bay governor proclaimed "A day of thanksgiving kept in all the churches for our victories against the Pequots. ...".

We are, of course, talking of the massacre of the Pequots, one of many indigenous people exterminated by the "pilgrims". These were the same pilgrims, including, John Winthrop, who had imported the first African slaves into the new colony in 1619. Winthrop has been personally estimated to have owned 60 slaves on his death.

The USA is a "thriving civilisation" founded on genocide, slavery and religious bigotry. John Winthrop was a much revered founder.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff Wells, Groton

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THE TRANSCENDENT ORDINARY

What we would often regard as ordinary are the everyday things, places, people. We experience them so regularly that we can often overlook them. Maybe you walk your dog along the same route each morning and have become almost blind to what is around you without even realising – it is an action, a part of your day you need to complete before being able to move onto the next



Horse Hair by Katie Hayward

task. But I do wonder what would emerge if you paused for a moment. To take five minutes to be still and quiet. What would you notice? What would emerge? The sounds, smells, textures, wind and light all become more apparent – and suddenly the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

When we take time, we can start to connect with the world around us on a deeper level, to go beyond our 'ordinary' state to something greater. Maybe next time you walk the dog or stroll to the shop for your pint of milk, take those five minutes out to be still and quiet. Even better -

take a notebook and see if you can describe what you experience – it may give rise to something. It may be something as simple as a fluffy catkin fallen from a tree and onto the surface of the stream below. It is too light to sink, so lays softly on the cool and cushioned surface, undulating gently with the movement of the water.



Summertime by Katie Hayward

I took a visit recently to the exhibition at the Mill Tye Gallery to see the work of Terry Flower. There are many references to the ordinary and everyday within Terry's work which resonate and the unfurling of the layers of a place are apparent in its construct. The artwork on display is the result of a focus on a specific part of the River Stour where Terry goes back time and time again, building a relationship with that landscape. It is evidence of what can come to the surface when we go 'Beyond Surface', the very name of this body of work. The exhibition is on until 31st July and I would highly recommend it.

I also wanted to mention that the newly opened Pasture Project Space in Sudbury will be hosting an event on Sunday 3rd July for their second artist in residence, Anna Lukala, where Anna will be displaying works created as a result of this residency. Anna states (from the Pasture newsletter recently sent out) that "I am keen to meet local folk and collect any oral histories attached to working on the meadows and learn about plants specific to the site. I will be experimenting with various alternative analogue photographic techniques and using plant matter and water found in the meadows in my processes. I will be looking at local soils and other natural plant and mineral colours that can be utilised during my residency."

It will be very exciting to see what work Anna creates from this residency and how a sense of this place comes through. The website for Pasture is www.pastureprojectspace.co.uk.

Katie Hayward

EBONY'S DIARY

How fast half the year has gone! Must be my age...



The centre closes after 8th July. Babs and I get firmly locked up so there's nothing for us to do or see. We can still hear the able-bodied riders coming up to the stables to exercise the live horses, the people on Lyn's team who check things out and the maintenance team members who never seem to stop their fantastic work.

I'm told that we may get an extension built to increase the size of our office and kitchen accommodation. Typical of the volunteers: any excuse for more cake-eating facilities! It's true that those poor humans get ever more paperwork too, and records need to be well looked after. So we may have more noises off than is normal this holidays.

The Centre's AGM will happen on Tuesday July 5th and will be back to normal: lots of volunteers, unlimited guests, food and drink in the yard, a veritable party after the previous two years. My ears will be wiggling.

Congratulations to the Wednesday team of volunteers who celebrated the Jubilee at the first opportunity after half term.



The arena and yard were decked in Union flags, everyone wore red white and blue, the riders' games were themed, and there was a cut out model of H.M.

the Queen actually in the arena! Look at Jo Goodlitt with Ruby in the yard, and Joseph, Daniel and Freya waiting to be called forward for their ride on a sunny June 8th. Good job everyone!



Thanks must also go to everyone who donated delicious cakes and plants for our stand at the Hadleigh Show - we raised a whopping £1375! Thank you so much!

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WOMAN WHO WALKS

Wildflower route round Groton and Edwardstone.

Here's a shorter walk for those tired-feet days. It's about 5 miles and takes in some fine views and, at this time of year, some lovely wild-flower sites.

I started by crossing the notorious Sand Hill field from the A1071. As it has been left fallow for several years now while its fate is decided, the camomile has seen its opportunity. Huge clumps of highly fragrant white flowers have taken over on each side of the path at the bottom of the hill. Their scent followed me for some time, wafting from my boots and trousers.

Following the footpath along the valley and through to Cox Hill, I found the recent rain had left the usual muddy puddles in the usual places. I dodged these, to avoid the gloop (a wide-legged waddle with one foot on each bank usually works, though can end with an undignified soft landing, backside first), only to find that an unseen bird had scored a direct hit on my trousers from the cover of the hedge. The hazards of countryside walking.

I walked up Butcher's Lane towards Horner's Green. The weather was typical "Flaming June" today – windy, cold, with a uniformly grey sky and threatening rain at any minute. Despite it all, the steep bank on the left side of the road is filled with oxeye daisies and red and white campion, fit for a proper summer's day.

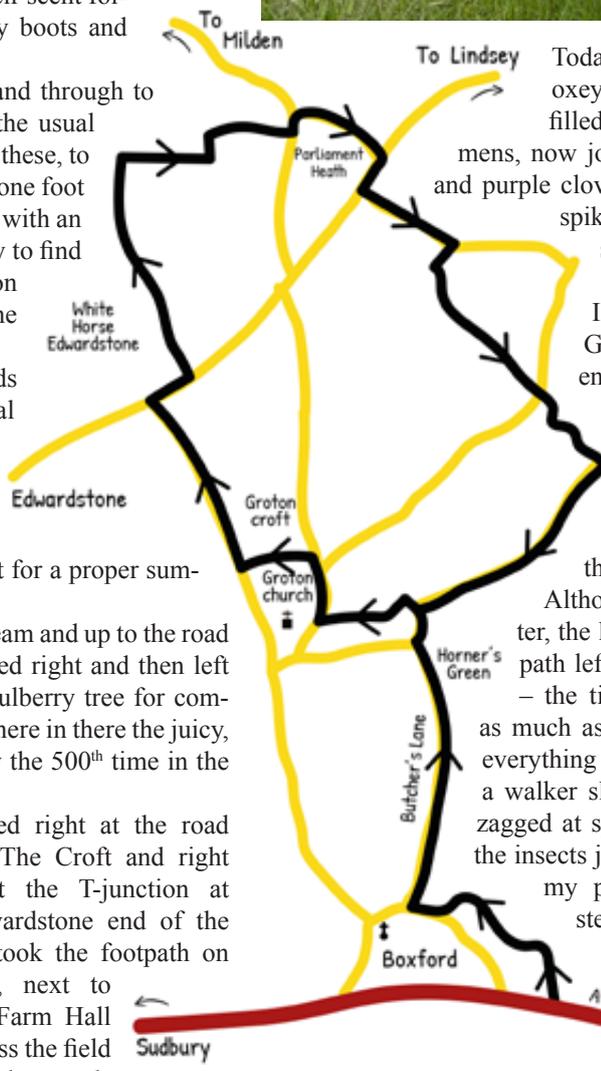
I took the footpath on the left along the stream and up to the road towards Groton Church. At the road, I turned right and then left into Groton Croft. Today, I had only the mulberry tree for company. It's in its full summer garb and somewhere in there the juicy, black fruit is just starting to form for nearly the 500th time in the tree's life.



I turned right at the road beyond The Croft and right again at the T-junction at the Edwardstone end of the road. I took the footpath on the left, next to Ladder Farm Hall and across the field towards the woods at Edwardstone. The barley is just starting to ripen and its slightly gold tinge lifted the gloomy grey of the sky.

I followed the path past Edwardstone woods. There are wide views here, across towards Hagmore Green and Stoke-by-Nayland. I took the footpath on the right towards the Mildren road. To the left of the path is a hedgerow with many different species: hazel, hawthorn and the occasional mature oak, interspersed with elder, now just coming into flower. Whole walls of pink and white dog-roses compete for attention from the bees. Somehow, the pink ones seem to be more desirable (they reminded me of a passage in Proust about pink and white hawthorn blossom, the exact colour of the meringues sold in the Combray patisserie, where the pink ones cost more than the white, even though they were in all other ways identical).

The path leads round a left-hand corner and along the side of another field. Here, there is a magnificent wild-flower meadow.



Today, there was a white stripe of oxeye daisies down one side, the rest filled with the remains of earlier specimens, now joined by flowering grasses, white and purple clover and some exotic-looking pink spikes which I don't recognise (possibly some kind of vetch?).

At the Parliament Heath road, I turned left, then right into Daisy Green. At the T-junction at the end of the road, I turned right, then almost immediately left towards Castling's Heath. At the footpath sign on the right, I took the path which leads through a series of fields and back on to the Groton to Castling's Heath road.

Although the sky still looked like winter, the long grasses and nettles along this path left no doubt about the time of year – the time for all things green to grow as much as they possibly can and to engulf everything in their way, making progress for a walker slow and wet. House martins zig-zagged at speed across the fields, harvesting the insects just above the barley and mocking my plod through the ankle-grabbing stems. A skylark added to the mockery by soaring above me, pouring out its song, before dropping like a stone into the grass close beside me,

instantly invisible.

I crossed the road and followed the path directly on the other side, along a ditch recently planted with young trees, then left over a footbridge, round a bend and into a tunnel of green. Somewhere behind the thick undergrowth is a small, sandy stream where my dog used to like to stop for a drink. It's now as invisible as the grounded lark.

The path leads uphill, Groton Church tower in the distance, along the side of a field of beans which are still filling the air with their sweet, but elusive scent. A very wet spaniel bounded out of them, followed by the only other walker I had seen today.

Turning right at the road, I walked back down the hill to Horner's Green, stopping to admire the distant view of the top of Boxford Church, the rest of the village and the end of my walk just out of sight in the valley.

Lisa

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BOXFORD'S BIG BEACON THURSDAY NIGHT BASH...



Hundreds of people turned up outside Boxford's White Hart for the national beacon lighting on Thursday 2nd June. The beacon was lit by Vic and Betty Rice, who this year are celebrating their platinum anniversary of 70 years of marriage. Their wedding took place just days after Queen Elizabeth ascended to the throne in 1952 and so they were the perfect choice to light the Boxford beacon!

Piper Joe Fawcett started the proceedings with a procession of Guides and Brownies and played *Diu Regnare*, written specially for the Queen's Jubilee. Father Rob blessed the beacon and opened the ceremony, with David Burden reading the Royal Proclamation, and Mark Miller played a bugle call, again, specially written for the Jubilee.

It was a wonderful evening, with excellent music provided until late by *It's Fete* band.

On Friday 3rd June Mary's House was totally transformed into an arts and crafts gallery with makers and artists filling the space with their amazing creations. It was a great success. Liz Law, one of the main exhibitors, is pictured opposite (photo 19) with some of her pieces.

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...AND SUNDAY'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH



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On Sunday 5th, despite nationwide warnings of bad weather, villagers gathered on the Playing Fields for the Big Jubilee Lunch. Although overcast, it was wonderful to see so many people there. Families met and mingled, something we all missed during the pandemic.

We were entertained royally by village vocal group Madrigalia, Boxted Methodist Silver Band and Boxford Drama Group. The bar proved a great success, along with teas, coffees and cakes provided by Boxford Friendship Group, crown decorating by FOBs, candy floss spinning by John & Marianne Weiland and a 'selfie' royal coach, expertly made by David Phillips.

Our thanks to everyone who helped arrange, set up and take down both events. It is so heartening that the village comes together in such an amazing way for special events such as this. Truly a memorable long weekend commemorating a once in a lifetime event, which will be remembered for many years.



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PHOTOS FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

1953 Boxford Celebrates The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II



William Sore - flagholder



The Carnival Queens pass Boxford Stores, where Mrs Grimwood watches from shop doorway



L-R Carnival Queens: Rose Carter, Madge King, Corinne May



Archie Rule as the Mad Hatter



Landlord of The White Hart, Mr. May on bugle, Albert Crighton on snare drum, and Reg Fletcher on bass drum.



William Sores's house. Hilda Rule, Archie's wife stands on the bridge



A coronation cycle race outside The Fleece Hotel.

The Curators of The Boxford Village Archive would love to hear your stories from the past. If you have memories, memorabilia, photographs or anything else of local interest, please get in touch.

Tina Loose

JUBILEE TORCH RELAY

Starting on 13th May 2022 in Brandon and ending on 1st June at the Suffolk Show, a specially-designed torch was carried by a total of 250 community champions throughout Suffolk's villages and towns to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.



Newton Green's Wendy Turner represented the village in the Festival of Suffolk Torch Relay. She was joined by Alan Vince as she approached the village hall where villagers gathered to welcome the torch and her with a glass of bubbles.



Boxford's selected Jubilee champions for the Festival of Suffolk torch relay were mother and daughter team Mel and Isla Ward. They paraded the specially engineered torch past cheering onlookers and the entirety of Boxford Primary School and Sunflowers Nursery's very excited children who had been given impromptu permission to miss classes for the event.



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BRIAN TORA'S SOAP BOX

When this particular column was retitled "Soap Box" (whether by Eddie the editor or me, I cannot recall), I know the idea was to provide a platform from which I could opine on issues that I considered important. In practice, all too often these articles simply represent what has been going on in my life, though I would like to think I can and do highlight important topics that have a relevance to the Box River readership. On this occasion my musings bring the two approaches together.

For a variety of reasons, I have had cause over the past month to reflect on what it means to grow older. Aside from the frequent visits to hospitals, the health centre and various doctors' surgeries, which seem to be part and parcel of advancing years, our need to move to a house with a smaller garden and the realisation that I will soon have to retire properly have rather concentrated the mind on what being a senior citizen is all about.

While I accept that getting older does limit what can be achieved in many fields, I do not believe it should prevent anyone from contributing in some measure to society in general or pursuing a hobby or pastime from which pleasure can be gained. However, in many areas, a mix of older and younger people can be of positive benefit when it comes to getting jobs done satisfactorily. The trouble is that getting the buy in and support from younger members of a community seems to be getting harder.

This was brought home to me when I attended the various well organised local events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. While there are those younger than I who do put their shoulders to the wheel for community gatherings, it did strike me that many of the core workers were the same people who had been involved with similar events over many years. One stalwart in our village is over 90. I worry what will happen when eventually those who perform the bulk of the necessary work finally draw stumps.

This was brought home to me again at a recent Rotary lunch. Much was made of the fact that nearly all the members of the Sudbury Club were retired and that attracting younger members was proving difficult in the extreme. In the absence of a natural successor to take the role of President, two past Presidents, both born in the same year as me, were persuaded to share the role. The future of the club looked somewhat precarious, but according to the speaker from the Rotary District to which we belonged, our problems were shared around the whole movement.

Part of the reason, of course, is that society has changed and how people work today is very different to when I started my career. The pandemic has not helped either. Younger, working professional people tend now to lunch at their desks in the office, rather than go out to a restaurant to mingle with other like-minded individuals. And the growth in importance of the computer, emails and smart phones in a business environment has meant that escaping from the tyranny of the office during the working day has become well-nigh impossible.

As for Covid, the joys, if indeed they are, of working from home have now been embedded in the minds of many office workers. This has both advantages and disadvantages, but from the perspective of community, it means that younger workers may not be relied upon to be in the office on any given day and thus are

unlikely to be able to attend a lunchtime social function, such as Rotary.

The growth of virtual meetings, and clubs for that matter, may alleviate this to some extent, but this does not help when it comes to finding someone to organise a fete or serve tea at a village function. We actually manage quite well in our benefice, thanks to the hard work put in by so many members of the community, but in my mind the writing is on the wall. We need more younger members of our clubs and institutions if they are to survive. You have been warned.

Brian Tora

MY WISH CHARITY

The cancer unit at West Suffolk Hospital care not only for their patients but they also support their loved ones too. We hear regularly how staff have been amazing while families are going through one of the most difficult times imaginable and donations of thanks are truly wonderful to help them continue as they go above and beyond.



One such donation came from the Logistica Masonic Lodge who are based in Newmarket. Sadly, their member Peter Brown passed away and his wife Jill and the Masonic members wanted to say thank you for all the care shown to Peter and his family. They held a fish and chip supper, which was the first event

they'd held since the pandemic started, and members generously donated resulting in a gift of £500 to the cancer unit which will make a fantastic difference.

Did you know, in order for the money to stay local to west Suffolk and to directly benefit you and your loved ones, that you need to donate to My WiSH Charity? By donating to your local NHS charity, we can ensure the money stays where we are all treated should we need it.

If you would like to support your local cancer unit then please contact the team and we would be happy to help you.

Are you a local business who wants to promote what you do to the community and to reach a new audience? Our Soapbox Challenge this September is a great way to meet people and let them know what you do.

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NEWTON GREEN'S PLATINUM PICNIC IN THE PARK



Despite the overcast, cool conditions over 120 people enjoyed a lovely party atmosphere on the village recreation ground at Newton Green on 5th June 2022. Everybody brought picnics, favourite tipples and for those who love a BBQ, burgers 'n' bangers were also on offer. People chatted, laughed and took part in traditional games.

Newton Green Golf ran taster sessions and PGA club professional Tim Cooper officially opened the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). *Vinyl Richie Events* played a great range of music and despite the heavy drizzle that arrived later in the afternoon, hardy villagers still sang and danced the afternoon away.

A huge thank you to everybody involved in organising this very successful celebration marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a big congratulations for so much fun!



MILDEN CELEBRATES THE JUBILEE IN STYLE!



It was a glorious day at Mildren Pavilion to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and a great start to the weekend of Jubilee celebrations by being with our neighbours, family and friends.

We enjoyed an afternoon with fun races followed by a Street Party Tea which was funded with a grant from The ASDA Foundation, we also received donations from the East of England Coop and Waitrose. During the evening we were able to play a game of Rounders and we finished off our day of celebrations by lighting our Beacon as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons. You can view more photos from our Jubilee Day on our website www.mildrenpavilion.co.uk



LITTLE WALDINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS

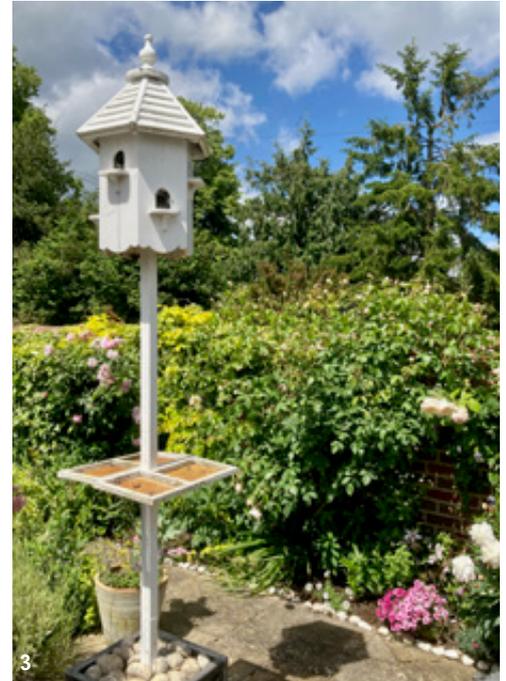
The weather was glorious, and we had a steady stream of appreciative visitors, who not only enjoyed our ten open gardens, but also the refreshments, plants and produce so kindly donated.

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone who worked so hard in the weeks and months leading up to the event, and on the day itself. We couldn't have done it without all our enthusiastic gardeners, cake-makers and fantastic team in the Parish Room. Last, but by no means least, thanks must go to all our visitors and their kind comments.

We raised the wonderful amount of £1,013 for our St. Lawrence Church. A successful and memorable day!

Fran Gregor-Smith

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NEWS FROM KERSEY SCHOOL

Acorns (Reception, Years 1 and 2)

We have had a great first week back at School this half term and have already begun exciting art and design creations. This half term the children will be focusing on mini-beasts and bugs and we cannot wait to watch our very own caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies! We also hope the children have enjoyed watching their sunflower and bean plants grow over the half term. I have seen some wonderful pictures of you replanting them in the garden or allotments.



Oaks (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

We have begun a new unit of learning in both English and Maths. In Maths, we are learning about statistics, revising our knowledge of bar charts and pictograms, and moving onto line graphs and even pie charts for the Y6s! In English, our learning is centred around a biography; so far, we have learned some of the features of the text type, to help us when we come to write our own. The focus of our writing will be the life of Sir David Attenborough and children may wish to do some additional research about him at home.



Our music lessons continue to be fun and enjoyable and we are busy preparing for an end of term performance to parents. We are looking forward to having a weekly French lesson led by Madame Miller, from Hadleigh High School; this will be

a great opportunity for us to get to know her before some of us move up to secondary school. Our brilliant art afternoons with Mrs Quinn begin again very soon; we have loved the activities and learning so far and can't wait to continue with our creations.

If you happen to make a telephone call to school and the lovely Mrs O'Halloran is not able to get to the phone, you will be welcomed by one of our Year 6 pupils who are now responsible for recording voicemail messages. Many thanks to Lilly for our current voicemail!

We are pleased to inform you of another exciting development from September: we will be moving to three classes. This will mean an average class size of ten pupils, which is better than in many private schools, ensuring a remarkable degree of individual learning support. For subjects such as sports we will revert to combining classes but this three class structure will be in place for the majority of the week:

Class 1 - Reception and Year 1

Class 2 - Years 2, 3 and 4

Class 3 - Years 5 and 6

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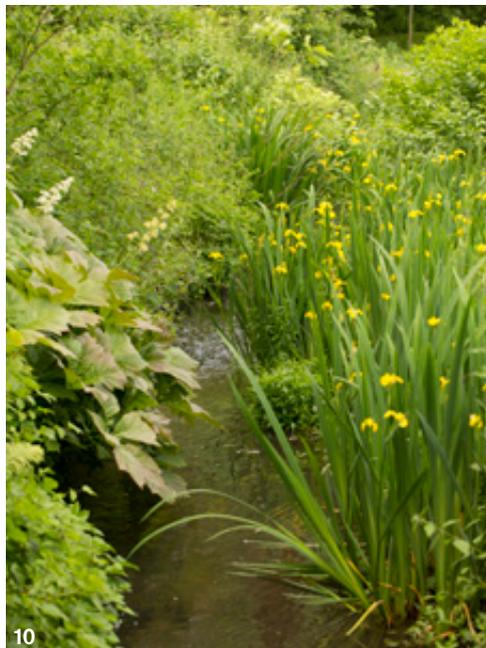
BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN 2022

The annual fundraiser for St Mary's, Boxford is now in its 24th year. Thank you to the organiser, Sarah Williams, her helpers and those who provided the extremely popular refreshments and lunches in the church. At the time of printing, the event had raised over £2,000.

This year the event fell in the middle of the Queen's Jubilee weekend surrounded by other large community events. In spite of the unsettled weather on the day, it was still busy with villagers and visitors. The church has to raise in the region of £850 per week to keep operating. Most years it records a significant loss which has to be covered by the Diocese, so the village support via fundraising events such as this are extremely important. Sincere thanks go to all those who hosted visitors in their gardens, provided food or catering on the day or who helped in any way to make Boxford Open Gardens a success and in doing so help keep St Mary's Church at the centre of our village.

Fr Rob.

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MILDEN CRICKET CLUB

With no fixture over the Platinum Jubilee weekend and rain preventing any play in the friendly against Stansfield on 29 May, there are just two matches to report this month: the first resulting in a disappointing heavy defeat at Long Melford, and the second a welcome first league win of the season for Milden.

At Long Melford on 22 May, the home side won the toss and elected to bat on a warm and sunny afternoon. Veteran John Stuck (very much the veteran at 78 in an otherwise young side comprised mostly of academy cricketers) predictably opened the batting and scored—accumulated might be a better word—48 in 90 balls before being bowled by Matt Archer: one of four wickets for Matt who was Milden's most successful bowler with 4 for 42. Two sharp outfield catches, one 'dolly', and one behind the wicket by Andrew Simmons, helped restrict the final Melford total to 178 for 9: a 'gettable' target, but one that would have been significantly less had Milden not conceded 53 extras - the top scorer. Sadly, Milden got nowhere near the target, being bowled out for just 58 in 19 overs with only Alex Cunningham (11) reaching double figures. For Long Melford, P Wright took 4 for 32, and Stuck struck with a catch and two stumpings to add to his 48 runs.

On 29 May, twenty-two frustrated cricketers watched as persistent rain led to the home fixture against Stanfield being abandoned without a ball being bowled and the 'tea' being converted into a late lunch!



Milden's Tom Duffy batting against Old Newton on 12 June



A smiling Harry Leitch walking off after scoring a quick-fire 40 against Old Newton.

Two weeks later, though, on 12 June against Old Newton, the sun shone not only on the ground at Milden but also on the home side. Winning the toss, Alex Cunningham chose to bat and saw his team post a satisfying 182 for 7 from their 40 overs. There were useful contributions from Cunningham (24), Ed Peters (21), Tom Duffy (16) and David Willis (17), but it was a quick fire 40 in 36 balls by Harry Leitch (including 3 sixes and a four in two overs from George Hines) that boosted the total after the second drinks interval, before Guy Evans (12) and Matt Archer (10) shared an unbroken stand of 34 in 5 overs for the eighth wicket. In reply, Old Newton were never up with the required run rate and, with wickets falling regularly, were bowled out for 95 in 35.2 overs to leave Milden deserved winners by 87 runs. Bowling honours were shared: Archer taking 4 for 18, Evans 3 for 12, and Willis 2 for 18.

July fixtures:

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| 3 July | Edwardstone (home - John Bailey Trophy) |
| 10 July | Battisford (away) |
| 17 July | Bardwell (home) |
| 31 July | Old Newton (away) |

David Lamming

BOXFORD ROVERS

Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club summer holiday MINIS training classes will be every Tuesday 10am -12noon at Boxford Playing Fields from July 26th to August 23rd. The price is £5 per child. Advance booking essential.

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Melvyn Eke, Chairman & Head Coach



CRIBBAGE CHAMPIONS!

Cribbage is a 17th century card game created by the English poet Sir John Suckling. It is played using a standard pack of playing cards and a customised board drilled with holes and pegs to keep score.

The Groton Fox & Hounds Crib Team would like to share their recent and very long-awaited achievement of winning the First Division Sudbury & District Winter Cribbage League 2021/2022.

All those long hours undergoing tortuously hard training in the pub have finally paid dividends. Well done team!



L-R: Steve Mayhew (Landlord), Gordon Williams, Mark Dye, Jack Clark, Glen Griggs (Team Captain), Elaine Allison, Ben Stacey, Andy Barnes

SbN SENIORS

The Stoke-by-Nayland seniors section held their club championship this month playing 2 medal rounds, one on each course. Round 1 was played on the Constable course on Wednesday June 8th and there was some superb scoring. The best nett score was 65, by Mike Moore playing off 13. Three other players came in with nett scores below 70, including Eric Fisher with nett 66 and John Smith, nett 67. The best gross score was from Mark Clark, last year's runner up, who came in with a 77.

Round 2 was played on Tuesday 14th June on the Gainsborough course. Although scoring was steady, the sense of the occasion led to some cautious play, that meant scores didn't reach the heights of Round 1. The best nett score of the day was from John Gove, who returned a nett 70, whilst the best gross score was from Simon Oliphant who carded 80.

Over the 2 rounds, the 2022 Seniors Champions were, handicap-John Smith, who pipped Mike Moore on day 2 to win on count-back with 141. Scratch was won by Mark Clark, who despite a disappointing day, managed to hang on and win with 161, just keeping out Ian Mckay by 1 shot with 162.

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

Your County Councillor for the Stour Valley

National Grid informal consultation on East Anglia “GREEN” proposals ended on 16th June 2022 with a large number of responses expressing the local views.

As this is such a large project, this attracted a lot of concerns by many residents all the way from Norwich to Tilbury – a stretch of 111 miles – a distance over which it is difficult to obtain co-ordinated messages.

SCC’s clear preference is for a coordinated, offshore-centred approach, delivered at pace, to minimise onshore infrastructure. This would need to deliver an alternative to East Anglia GREEN in a timely manner, without risking wider Net Zero, renewable generation, and decarbonisation targets.

At the same time, without prejudice to the above option, it is recognised that the scheme as currently proposed may eventually receive consent from the Secretary of State as this is another Nationally Significant Infrastructure (NSIP) project and so SCC and I will include in our asks and response the following conditions:

- supporting Essex County Council and the Dedham Vale AONB in asking for the undergrounding of the cables to and from Lawford Substation, and on the southern flank of the AONB which in the National Grid proposal for pylons is adjacent to the boundary
- mitigation around Bramford substation including potentially undergrounding and removal of existing 132kV lines; through West Essex
- support for tourism and skills development; avoidance of airfields and flight paths; avoidance of heritage assets including conservation areas and listed buildings.
- And, further afield, undergrounding cables in the Waveney Valley and the Gipping Valley on Mid and north Suffolk.

May I thank everyone who has responded to this informal consultation to express their views to protect our landscape. May I remind all, in the spring of May/June 2023 we will all have the opportunity to participate in the Formal Consultation and to check how many of our wishes have been recognised.

Suffolk waived fees on 185 Platinum Jubilee events across Suffolk Highways.

Communities across Suffolk are preparing to celebrate Her Majesty, The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, as SCC (of May 12th), approved applications for 185 events.

Thousands of residents across the county came together with neighbours and attend celebration events between Thursday 2 and Sunday 5 June

Originally, fees were only to waived for events taking place on Sunday 5 June only - which is being referred to nationally as the ‘Big Jubilee Lunch’. However due to the unprecedented demand for events taking place across the rest of the weekend, Suffolk County Council also waived fees for events taking place on Thursday 2, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 June.

The waived fees are associated with costs related to road closure applications and traffic management, such as signs and barriers. The approved celebrations were made up of smaller street party style events in roads and cul-de-sacs; held by residents and community groups, and bigger events organised by town, parish, borough and district councils.

Ambitious Vision laid out at Suffolk County Council Annual General Meeting on 19th May

The leader of Suffolk County Council, outlined the council’s priorities:-

- Supporting people’s health and wellbeing – This represents the greatest part of our current £625M budget, however money alone doesn’t make the difference in these areas, it is the collaboration with partners which delivers real substantial change for people. He outlined his commitment to Special Educational Need and

Development (SEND) improvement, and the ongoing work to integrate health and social care systems.

- Strengthening the economy - Our local Suffolk economy is the life blood of this county and its people. We are committed to working with local businesses, business organisations like the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, and others to ensure that the Suffolk Economy is best placed to fulfil its potential - so that everyone benefits - citing the planned works to improve the interchange A12 /14 at Copdock.
- Protecting and enhancing our environment - He confirmed the council has invested £12.8M on decarbonising council owned building and assets, marked the installation of over 100 electric car charging points across Suffolk and announced ongoing work to upgrade and build new Household waste and recycling centres in Stowmarket, Haverhill and Foxhall.
- Providing value for money are at the heart of the council’s new ambitions - sound financial management and providing real value for money for our residents. Providing value for money means investing in services which matter most to our residents.

Suffolk’s schools step up for Walk to School week

For this year’s Walk to School Week (16-20 May), Suffolk County Council is supporting schools to take part in its Keep Moving Suffolk Walking Challenge.

Following the success of last year’s challenge, almost 100 primary schools across Suffolk have signed up to receive a pack of free resources from the council, which aims to encourage 25,000 children, parents and staff to get active by walking to school.

The resources include a poster and daily reward stickers for each class, as well as an activity log for children to complete on their journeys to and from school, giving them fun daily activities to do and a printable certificate to recognise the achievements of children who walk to school during the week.

14th annual Suffolk Walking Festival kicks off at Clare Castle Country Park

Over 60 people celebrated the launch of the 14th annual Suffolk Walking Festival at Clare Castle Country Park on Saturday 14 May.

All in attendance were greeted by the Clare Town Crier on the warm and sunny morning which marked the start of one of the longest running walking festivals in the UK. Organisers then welcomed guest speaker Derek Blake, Chair of Clare Walkers who got the festivities underway by welcoming attendees on the first of many walks planned for this year’s festival.

Suffolk Archives invites people to donate Platinum Jubilee souvenirs for ‘memory box’

As the county prepares to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, Suffolk Archives is inviting the public to contribute souvenirs from their celebrations.

From Monday 6 June, people can donate items such as photographs, postcards, programmes, invitations and leaflets from local events.

After past royal events, the public has donated a variety of physical and digital items. With the Platinum Jubilee being a rare event in British history, this is an opportunity for local people to help build on the Archives’ existing 900-year records, providing valuable research content for future generations.

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.

My Priorities

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

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

MY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Firstly Budget news is that the District Council is increasing Council tax by 2% this year.

This seems quite small as it only amounts to a rise of £3.40 per year, but bearing in mind that Babergh only keep just under 9% of what we have to collect and others are asking for slightly bigger increases, it is likely that we will all have to bear an overall increase in council tax rates of just over £60.00 per band D households this coming year. Our Budget setting process was made a little more difficult this year by the indecision on whether to cut the free parking offer from 3 hours down to 1. It costs the council around £640,000 per year to run all car parks, of which £310,000 is business rates levied by government.

There is no such thing as free parking, the costs have to be paid by the user or by all Babergh residents through the Council Tax.

Also please bear in mind that local government receives no central funding from national government whatsoever any more and in the case of Babergh we fund all of our activities and duties with a mixture of your council tax (under 50%), new homes bonus, new business rates, the solar panel investment scheme, CIFCO and other investments and whatever charges that we can make from our services.

At a cost of about £3.50 per week per band D household, I do maintain that your District Council remains good value for money for all that we do and we do not reward failure or award knight-hoods to staff or councillors who perform badly, or to those that let us down.

I would also state from personal experience that all our accounts and services are thoroughly audited and to the best of my knowledge all of your hard earned tax is wisely spent and not wasted. Everything that we spend goes through a visible procurement process and in almost all cases we award contracts to local firms and increasingly provide services from in house.

I make no comment whatsoever here about what happens currently at national level.

It has been once again a year largely dominated by the Covid pandemic and we have done well to deal with all the monies sent down from national government to distribute to local businesses and also to keep all our own services functioning and on the road.

We owe a lot here to our very dedicated staff who have had to adapt to periods of home working which has been difficult for some, especially for younger members who were used to working as part of a team.

Councillors have also had to get used to contact and remote meetings and as much as I hate Zoom, it has proved very useful for quick contact and I have adapted well and no longer have to shout 'you're on mute' quite so much. We have adopted a version of hybrid working, with many staff working from home 2 or 3 days a week and many staff and councillors alike conducting meetings and briefings without the need to travel. We are finding that we are in fact increasing productivity this way as well as cutting down on needless travel.

Jacob Rees Mogg has not placed any cards on the desks of our staff and if he had we would no doubt tell him where he could put them.

There has also been a financial benefit as well and we will be giving up about a third of our space at Endeavour house which will bring considerable savings.

Having managed to survive and succeed during the pandemic, we are now facing other challenges. Following on from the need to house a proportion of the Afghan refugees we are now with others across Suffolk working to house many fleeing from the Russian ravages of Ukraine. Around 100 currently have, or are to be housed with host families here in Babergh in the very near future, and we

are expecting many more as visas are issued during the oncoming months. We can but hope and pray that they have something and someone to go home to when the carnage and madness is over.

Babergh/Mid Suffolk are landlords to nearly 4,000 tenants and we have increased our housing stock recently, despite the government RTB still being in operation and hemorrhaging many homes each year. This is through building more stock on land that we own as well as buying up stock from windfall sites and becoming landlord to them, instead of housing associations.

Despite this we are facing the greatest shortage of housing ever as a local housing authority. This present government's 'Build, Build, Build' policy has done us no favours whatsoever. All it has achieved is cheaper houses for those who already had expensive ones, a greater strain on our public services from an increased number of houses (not necessarily more populous) and an ever increasing demise on our greenbelt and farmland. We just need houses that the next generation and the low waged can actually afford to either buy or rent.

Our tree for life scheme has once again been a success this year and across Babergh/midsuffolk has attracted over 400 recipients across the area from parents of newborns, we hope that this scheme as well as providing and producing more trees, will raise more awareness amongst communities and the young about climate change and nature.

We have this past year converted our fleet of vehicles to run on HVO (hydrated vegetable oil) to decrease our vehicle emissions very drastically and have tried where possible to install air source heat pumps to our rented properties and Leisure centres. Also almost half our properties were fitted with solar panels back in 2014/15 which earns us about £350,000 per year in FITs as well as providing tenants with cheap power. We are now developing the need for charging points and terminals ready for the demise of the combustion engine and the switch to electric powered cars, with your district council being a leader in this new phase.

I seem to have been very active these past three years as your councillor and will I am sure remain so, in years to come. I have been pleased to support the fight against the 64 houses on the Boxford bypass which is once again coming to committee sometime soon. I have also been quite active in housing and planning matters including the completion and letting to local residents of the four little affordable homes in Groton and I am sure will remain so on many other matters and projects including the development and expansion of Boxford Playingfield.

Concerns for the future are the explosive increases in the cost of all sorts of energy and fuel.

The rapid rise in food and general living costs. The demise of police, dental and mental health services especially in the rural areas, along with the continued pressures on our NHS and its staff and the isolation issues which are being made worse by the near collapse in our rural bus service.

I am happy to answer questions either in this public forum or privately at the end of this meeting and would like to put on record thanks for the help and co-operation, I have received from the chairman, clerk and all members of the Parish Council.

With best wishes and thanks.

Cllr Bryn Hurren

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

BOXFORD

Summary of Council Meeting 24th May 2022

A brief Parish Council Meeting followed the Annual Parish Meeting attended by 21 people. The Chairman and Councillors were delighted to resume a face to face Annual Parish Meeting following interruptions due to COVID. Reports were delivered from various Village Organisations including crucial updates from the Neighbourhood Planning Group and exciting plans for the Jubilee. Questions and observations were made by those attending, relating to planning (including new build standards), the need for a village car park and the new Footpath Wardens were welcomed. They were hoping to build on the comprehensive work of the previous Warden. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank his fellow Councillors for working tirelessly on village projects and other valuable groups that commit their time to make the village a better place to live. He urged people to come forward to join the Parish Council and other Village Groups.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman – We are delighted to confirm that Julian Fincham-Jacques continues as Chairman and Lisa Wortley as Vice Chairman.

Vacancies – Please note we now have 2 Councillor Vacancies on the Parish Council. The current Parish Council includes Julian Fincham-Jacques as Chairman, Lisa Wortley (Vice Chairman), David Warren, John Moles, Mathew Wooderson, Pamela Edwards and Theresa Munson. Further Applications would be welcomed. Debbie Hattrell continues as Clerk to Council.

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 usual start time is 7.30 p.m.

Public Forum – Hedges encroaching footways were reported at Homefield on the bank and in Ellis Street. These were to be followed up politely with the respective owners. This may be a timely reminder for all to check footways are not being obstructed by your boundary hedges. Care should also be taken not to disturb nesting birds.

Finance – In addition to the usual business, the End of Year Accounts and Accountability Return 2021/22 was approved. Work to restore the Church Clock Face was also approved. A response was agreed to the Community Governance Review to maintain the current arrangements.

Planning – The following decisions were advised from the Planning Authority: -

A) Consent was granted to crown reduce protected sycamore at Knoll Gate, School Hill - DC/22/01806.

B) Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent were granted for swimming pool, pergola and external works at Kemball House, 22 Broad Street - DC/21/06832 and 06833.

C) Planning Permission was granted for detached, 3 bay, single-storey, oak-framed cart lodge at The Grange, Stone Street - DC/22/01664.

D) Planning Permission was granted for two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 11 Boxford Lane - DC/22/01760.

Report on observations to applications between meetings: -

1) There were No Objections to the application at Unit 1 Hawthorn Business Park, Calais Street for a dwelling - DC/22/02186.

2) There were No Objections to the Listed Building application at Peyton House, Butchers Lane for internal alterations to subdivide existing bedroom to provide family bathroom and an en-suite shower room - DC/22/02241.

3) Members had reviewed the changes to the proposal for detached outbuilding at 14 Holbrook Barn Road and on balance now had No Objections - DC/22/02148.

Any other urgent planning matters: Correspondence regarding the 30 Stone Street application - DC/22/02565 - was discussed and the need to discuss at a Parish Council Meeting held in public to enable public forum comments. District Cllr B Hurren agreed to ask for an extension and an extraordinary meeting was to be considered if necessary. *An extension has since been granted to enable it to be on the Agenda for our June Meeting.

Full minutes can be found at:

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

Debbie Hattrell

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NEWTON GREEN

Summary of Annual Meeting 25th May 2022

22/081 Election of Chairman

Cllr Presland was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council (NPC) and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

22/083 Election of Vice Chairman

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Everett be elected the Vice Chairman of NPC.

22/084 Code of Conduct

It was unanimously resolved that NPC adopt the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.

22/087 HR & Standards Committees

Cllrs Bower and Taylor were appointed to the HR Committee. Cllrs Smith, Everett and Schwenk were appointed to the Standards Committee. The Clerk to draft terms of reference for both committees.

21/088 Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

- Newton Green Trust Cllrs Taylor & Everett
- Village Hall Mgmt Committee Cllr Schwenk
- Alston & Plampin Charity Mrs S Presland, Mrs M Williams & Mrs J Taylor
- Cllr Presland was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).

21/089 Internal Auditor

The Clerk declared that he is a consultant for Heelis & Lodge. It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2022 / 2023 and the Clerk to send the letter of engagement.

21/089 Annual Subscriptions

It was resolved to renew the annual membership to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Community Action Suffolk and The Society for Local Council Clerks for 2022 / 2023.

22/092 Emails circulated

Following a review of the emails circulated by the Clerk the councillors noted the concerns of a golf club member on an issue surrounding the use of Rotten Row Farm. Lee Parker will raise the issue with Babergh's Environmental team and councillors agreed that an evidence log should be maintained regarding the use of the farm. The Clerk to update the person raising the issue on the actions taken.

22/096 Babergh Community Governance Review

The councillors reviewed the plans for a Community Governance Review by Babergh and agreed they had no comments at this stage.

22/100 Community Allotments

The councillors reviewed the offer from the landowner to transfer the allotment land to the ownership of NPC, subject to the council paying for all legal costs. The councillors agreed unanimously

to accept the offer and asked Cllr Schwenk to obtain a quote from BWB for the conveyance on NPC's behalf and the Clerk to liaise with the landowner.

Full minutes can be found at www.newton.onesuffolk.net

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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Summary of Council Meeting 6th June 2022

Public Forum - There were no issues raised by members of the public.

The Clerk informed Councillors that he had been contacted by a number of villagers regarding distress being caused by motorised and electric trail bikes being ridden on the public footpaths in the area.

Members noted that it is a criminal offence under the Road Traffic Act to use any motorised vehicle on a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway. It was agreed that the situation be monitored and the public would be requested not to use any motorised vehicles on local footpaths and bridleways.

Clerk's Report - The Clerk's report on matters arising from the last meeting is attached as annex B to the minutes and can be viewed on the Council Website.

He also reported that 40 Platinum Jubilee commemorative mugs had been presented to the children of the village, the remaining 35 had been sold and there were further orders outstanding. Members agreed to purchase a further 36 mugs.

Finance - The Clerk presented the End-of-Year audit and financial report. The Internal Audit was completed by SALC with only minor comments. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return Forms and financial statements were reviewed and approved.

All the Statutory Accounting documents are available on the Parish Council website in the Audits and Finance Section.

Governance - Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Members agreed that, with the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan, the NPSG work was complete and could now be disbanded. The Chair wished to record a vote of thanks to all the members of the group for their hard work and dedication in the production of the NP.

Footpaths: Cllr Wheeler reported that there have been background discussions with the definitive maps officer and Gt Waldingfield footpaths warden. Plans to develop the network of paths around the village are continuing.

Telephone Box - Following comments received regarding the upkeep of the telephone box Councillors agreed that it should be added to the list of Members Responsibilities.

Questions to the Chair - Cllr Wheeler enquired as to the progress of appointing a new Clerk. Cllr White informed Members that there had not been any response to the adverts and there appeared to be a widespread shortage of those prepared to take on such part-time posts. A discussion followed on how best to make the post more attractive. It was agreed to review the terms & conditions, working hours and remuneration of the Clerk. It was further agreed to table an item for the next meeting to formulate a more attractive package.

Date of Next Meeting - The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7:30pm in the Parish Room.

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

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OTHER PARISH COUNCILS

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/>

CITIZENS ADVICE



I've got loads of problems with my house that I've been putting off fixing - a faulty boiler, a window that won't shut properly, broken light fittings. The list goes on! I want to sort it out, but I've had bad experiences with dodgy builders in the past. How do I find someone I can trust?

Making home improvements can be stressful, but there are a few steps you can follow to help it go smoothly.

First, find a Trading Standards 'approved trader'. You can look for one in your area online or use the Government's approved trader scheme Trustmark.

It's also worth checking if they're a current member of a trade body. Trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.

For any gas and electric fixes, only use certified traders - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. You can check the Gas Safe Register for a list of traders and use a registered electrician who can certify their own work.

It's always helpful to get references or recommendations where possible. Ask your friends, family or neighbours if they know of anyone they'd recommend. You can also ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.

When you find someone, ask for a written quote - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding, and the tradesperson can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. It's worth comparing quotes from several contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.

Next, get a written contract. This should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, including timings, payments, who will pay for materials and any subcontractors if needed. When it comes to payment, it's best to opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Try to pay by card if you can - this can give you extra safeguards if something goes wrong.

Finally, make sure your trader is fully insured. Keep copies of receipts and your written contract. These will be important as evidence if things go wrong.

It's also helpful to take photos of any problems if they arise. If you have a problem with a contractor and you're not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline **0808 223 1133** or talk to an adviser online through the Citizens Advice website, www.citizensadvice.org.uk

For further help and support contact 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.

The Blooming Garden

July Blues.

After the heady delights of the June garden, July is a bit of a disappointment. The garden looks as if it has left its corsets off and is suffering from middle age spread. There are still plenty of flowers but everything has lost its freshness.



When the temperatures rise and everything is looking a bit overblown, I relish the coolness of blue flowers. True blue, without a hint of mauve or purple is instantly appealing. If you think about it, true blue flowers are quite rare; the flowers listed by nurserymen as blue are often shades of mauve or purple. In fact there is no blue pigment in the plant world and colours that appear blue to us are actually permutations of violet or purple. To make flowers appear blue, plants carry out some sort of biochemical magic using red pigments called anthocyanins. I have read the science but I can't get my head round it; it is magic to me. But however it is done; the resulting blue flowers are universally appealing and a welcome change from the multitude of daisy flowers in July.



Delphinium elatum 'Alice Artindale'

Delphiniums are fabulous; you can get them in such wonderful shades of blue and they look wonderful growing amongst roses. They are hard work and need plenty of feeding, they must be protected from slugs and staked, but they are worth the trouble. My favourite is a beautiful double called *Delphinium elatum* 'Alice Artindale'. Even people who are snooty about double flowers are beguiled by this one. It has lovely sky-blue flowers like little rosebuds. As the flowers fade they take on a pinkish tinge. It

is not always easy to get hold of as like most double flowers it does not set seed and has to be kept going from basal cuttings.

I have a pebbly area in front of my shed which I call 'the beach' and here I grow eryngiums. They like gravel as their natural habitat is growing on sandy beaches. Some of them are a shiny, metallic blue. Forget about the wishy-washy *Eryngium* 'Miss Willmott's Ghost' which Ellen Willmott is supposed to have spread around by maliciously scattering seed in other people's gardens. Incidentally, there is no evidence that she actually did this. Some true blue ones to look out for are *Eryngium zabellii* 'Big Blue', *Eryngium bourgatii* 'Picos Blue', or a lovely one called *Eryngium planum* 'The Hobbit'. Eryngiums are deep rooted so they can't be transplanted but they seed about if they are happy.



Eryngium 'Picos Blue'



Eryngium planum 'The Hobbit'

July is agapanthus time and they are very easy from seed. The Headbourne varieties are supposed to be the hardiest whereas the large-flowered varieties of *Agapanthus africanus* are supposed to be susceptible to



Agapanthus

frost. They are much showier though and wonderful in pots. I used to cover mine up with horticultural fleece in winter but I don't bother now and they survive happily. I have them in sky-blue and dark blue too and they are all grown from seed. They bloom in three years or even two if you are lucky.

Blue geraniums keep the summer garden going and they are beloved by bees. *Geranium* 'Johnson's Blue' is an old favourite but I love the newer *Geranium* 'Rozanne' which has saucer-shaped flowers with white centres.



Geranium 'Rozanne'

By July we have campanulas ringing their bells all round the garden and I love them all but for exquisite, miniature sky-blue bells you can't beat the diminutive *Campanula* 'Elizabeth Oliver' which spreads into mats of green bearing numerous blue pixie bells. It is lovely in pots.

Sweet peas are usually grown for their amazing fragrance but I grow a tiny one for its electric blue flowers which look particularly eye-catching in a little vase. It is called *Lathyrus sativus* var. *azureus*. Its common name is 'King Tut's Blue Sweet Pea'. Seeds of it were said to have been found in the tomb of Tutankhamen. I can't think why he would have wanted this little pea in the afterlife as it is so tiny and the seeds are toxic if eaten in quantity. Anyway an edible pea was found in his tomb too. It isn't fragrant but I love the colour and the dark blue veining and pink flush at its heart.



Lathyrus sativus var. *azureus*.

Pools of blue can be easily provided by scattering seeds of *Nigella damascena* which is commonly known as Love in-a-mist. It is so easy and long lasting in a vase too. They have a misty web of green bracts surrounding the sky-blue flowers giving them an ethereal look.

Centaurea cyanus or Cornflowers which used to be weeds of the cornfields are really easy too and incomparable for the rich blue colour. They have long disappeared from the wild and were very unpopular because they were said to blunt the scythes of reapers. The word *cyanus* comes from Greek mythology where a young man of this name was said to love the flowers so much that he spent all his time sitting around in fields making garlands out of them. When he died the goddess, Flora transformed him into the plant, which seems to me to be quite a nice way to end up. Although given a choice, I would prefer to be transformed into a rose.



Cornflowers

Chloris.

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A performance of *A Christmas Carol* in Summer? Hardly seasonal, and yet due to a scheduling cock-up the ladies of the *Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society* press on with the show regardless. These thespian stalwarts, experienced actors all, dedicated to their craft, rally to the clarion call to invoke the spirit of great stage actors of the past such as Gielgud, Olivier and Guinness to bring a flawless production of Dickensian theatrical artistry.



Oh wait, I've got the wrong notes here. No, sorry, I was thinking of a different Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society.

The *Farndale Dramatic Society's* production was a total cock-up from start to finish. Missed cues, infighting between the actors, stage props going awol, the sound engineer asleep at the helm and a stage manager with a broken coccyx all combine to create a perfect storm of the worst interpretation of the Dickens classic imaginable.



Of course, the *Farndale* production itself is all an act, hilariously played by the good members of the *Boxford Drama Group*. It takes some skill to purposefully get things so helplessly wrong and the cast of Elaine Carpenter, Hannah Carpenter, Lenka Netopilikova, Frances Korabik and Michael Munn (standing in for Angela Tolput



(standing in for Angela Tolput as the tallest Tiny Tim you ever did see) played the fools brilliantly and almost (!) convincingly.

The drama group used every trick at their disposal to make this a hilarious spoof. The set construction, sound and lighting all fully employed as jokes in and of themselves to make it a true team performance. The audience were laughing from start to finish.



This was the third successful outing of the *Farndale Ladies for the Boxford Drama Group*, the previous plays being *Chase Me Up Farndale Avenue*, *S'il Vous Plait* in 2017 and *Farndale Avenue Murder Mystery* in 2008. Writers David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr have another 7 *Farndale* plays written so let's hope it's by no means the last time we see them played by *Boxford Drama Group!*
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JUNE 2022

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| 26 | Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market | 10:00-1:00 |
| SUN | Boxford Village Hall | |
| 27 | Boxford Friendship Group | 2:00-4:00 |
| MON | Boxford Pavilion | |

JULY 2022

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| 1 | FOBs Summer Fete | 3:15-5:30 |
| FRI | Boxford School | |
| 2 | Health Awareness Day | 10:00-4:00 |
| SAT | Sudbury Town Hall | |
| 2 | SESAW Table Top Sale | 11:00-2:30 |
| SAT | Newton Village Hall | |
| 2 | Leavenheath Cinema - Belfast | 7:00pm |
| SAT | Leavenheath Village Hall | |
| 3 | SbN Family Fun Day | 11:00-3:00 |
| SUN | SbN Golf Club | |
| 5 | Fireside Club - Wine Tasting | 2:00pm |
| TUE | Majestic Wines | |
| 5 | Gods in the Garden Statues & Myths | 7:30pm |
| TUE | Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall | |
| 6 | WI Talk - Power of Colour | 2:00-4:00 |
| WED | Boxford Village Hall | |
| 10 | Lavenham Airfield Walk | 10:00-1:30 |
| SUN | Lavenham Airfield | |
| 16 | Tea Time Tangos | 5:00pm |
| SAT | St Mary's Church, Boxford | |
| 19 | Fireside Club - Pétanque or Crazy Golf. | 2:00pm |
| TUE | Old Joes | |
| 24 | Midsummer Munch | From Noon |
| SUN | Newton Jubilee Gardens & Village Hall | |
| 25 | Boxford Friendship Group | 2:00-4:00 |
| MON | Boxford Pavilion | |
| 31 | Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market | 10:00-1:00 |
| SUN | Boxford Village Hall | |

AUGUST 2022

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|-----------|--|------------|
| 2 | Garden Bugs | 7:30pm |
| TUE | Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall | |
| 19 | Singers Jo Harman & Mike Mayfield | 7:30pm |
| FRI | St Mary the Virgin Church, Edwardstone | |
| 28 | Boxford Farmers, Art & Craft Market | 10:00-1:00 |
| SUN | Boxford Village Hall | |

SEPTEMBER 2022

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|-----------|--|------------|
| 6 | Climate Change & Gardens | 7:30pm |
| TUE | Boxford Gardening Society - Village Hall | |
| 11 | Church Fete | 12:30-3:30 |
| SUN | St Mary's Church, Boxford | |



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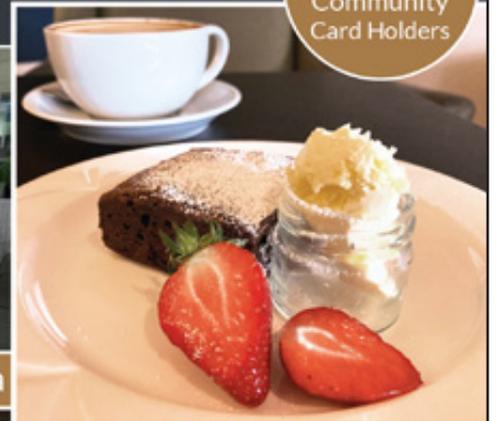
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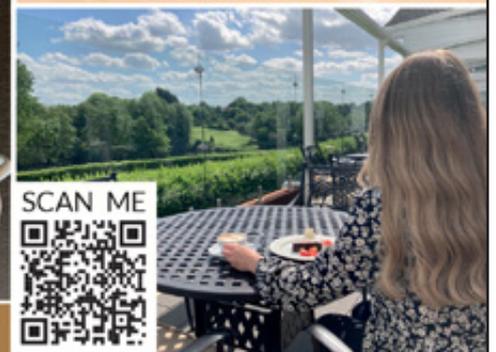
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