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## WORKING FOR BOXFORD

The new Boxford Parish Council has been in place since the early part of May this year. During the past few weeks, apart from dealing with routine procedural matters, we have organised ourselves into 'Working Sub-Committees' to enable us to better move forward on projects identified as being of importance to Boxford.

A *Chairman's group*, responsible for putting our management structure in place (committees and responsibilities), HR matters, communications on council focus, liaison with district and county council representatives to ensure that the respective services are being provided during these difficult times. Also to provide liaison with other key groups in our community. This group will for the present moment be responsible for a review of the bus service needs for the community and also the review of speed limits in the village.

The *Public Realm sub-committee* is in place to focus on high-way matters, drains/gullies, street lights, cleanliness of village, tree maintenance.

An *Environment and Ecology group* is to work on a strategy for Boxford.

The *Cemetery and Churchyard sub-committee* is to oversee the maintenance of these facilities both now and into the future.

An *Operational and Strategic Planning group* which, apart from taking the lead on planning matters/applications, will manage the process of assessing the options for improved parking in the village, improvements to the Croft footpath, housing needs survey etc.

A *Finance sub-committee* to ensure financial procedures in place, to be a lead in recognising the support needed for other key organisations in the community as appropriate, determining the precept needs for Boxford and to be in search of external financial funding to support the vibrant community of Boxford.

### Current Key Projects

*The 91 Bus Service:* The Saturday bus service has been continued until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. We are moving forward on conducting an assessment to assess the bus travel needs of our parishioners - in this respect we are working with both county and district councils and the bus company to assess those needs for Boxford and the neighbouring communities. David Burden, whom most of you will know, has joined the working group to lead this assessment which we hope will then go on to review the options available for a continued bus service. Please can all respond to this survey constructively so that we can attempt to achieve a satisfactory outcome.

*20mph speed limit for Boxford.* BPC is embarking on the process of understanding the feasibility and support for this reduction in speed within the village. Boxford, by its very nature, has a significant interaction between vehicle and pedestrians of all age groups - safety of all is important and now is the time to commence this review. In this respect we are helped by Henry Kimbell who has agreed to join the working group focusing on this.

*Village Hall* - BPC is working closely with the Village Hall Committee to support them in firmly establishing the improvement needs for that key community asset and then to assist with implementation.

We shall also be striving to pretty up parts of Boxford going forward - we may need the help of some volunteers to assist here.

Finally just to say, that we have two organisations in Boxford, Boxford Community Council and the Playing Field Management Committee, which do great work for the community but both at the moment are in need of some secretarial support. In essence, an average of 2/3 hours per month for each organisation will normally suffice. If there is anyone out there who could volunteer to help, then please let me know. These organisations cannot continue to provide ongoing services way into the future without some local help - please help if you think you are able.

As always your feedback on any matter is important to us.

Colin Parr

Chairman, Boxford Parish Council

## WINTHROPS RETURN TO GROTON

The village of Groton is intrinsically intertwined with the history of the Winthrop family, members of which left their heart here when they emigrated to America in the 1600s. In honour (perhaps best spelt 'honor'!) of them, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, the 'Stars and Stripes' flag flew proudly over St Bartholomew's Church gates to celebrate a brief homecoming of the descendants of those intrepid settlers.

John & Libby Winthrop, from Charleston, South Carolina, spent a few days catching up with old friends and making new ones to add to their memories, one of which took the form of a lunch at the church with beautiful entertainment harmoniously provided by the Madrigalia choir.

John is a direct descendant of the 'first' John Winthrop, who led the pilgrims aboard the *Arbella* to New England in 1630, becoming the first Governor of Massachusetts and founder of the city of Boston. They have regularly returned to England, maintaining their link not only with their historic roots in Suffolk, but also with the church where they were married. Their last visit, in 2015, was with US Ambassador Matthew Barzun (see BRN 08/2015 - [www.boxfordsuffolk.com/box-river-news/2015/August](http://www.boxfordsuffolk.com/box-river-news/2015/August)).

Around 45 people enjoyed the choral entertainment followed by an excellent and abundant buffet provided by Jayne Foster and helpers, the proceedings overseen by Groton's own town-cryer, Bob Bowdidge. Father Rob can't possibly be left out, who by kindly anointing the new toilets on the day has now added another somewhat invaluable string to his bow!

It's John and Libby's dearest wish that their link with Groton should continue. Their son, Jay, is keen to take up the reins and form a relationship with a new generation, a wish that it is suspected will be readily and enthusiastically granted.

Photos: David Lamming



Groton descendant John Winthrop at St. Bartholomew's Church.



Local choral group, 'Madrigalia', led by Sue Price, delighting the audience

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Deadline date for the October 2023 Issue is:

**September 15<sup>th</sup> at midday**

# RECLAIM THE RAIN

We're excited to bring you an update on our ongoing project, Reclaim the Rain, which aims to improve Boxford's resilience to the impacts of flooding and drought. At present, we find ourselves at the vital options selection stage in collaboration with the Boxford community. Our dedicated Community Working Group made up of Boxford residents has been instrumental in generating a range of innovative ideas that hold promising potential.

As we dive into the options, several exciting possibilities are taking shape. Among these, we're exploring concepts such as wetland plantations, natural flood management, seasonal water storage, reservoirs, community water storage and more. These ideas offer unique and innovative opportunities for Boxford's sustainable water management.

Our collaborative journey is far from over – in fact, it's just beginning! We're excited to continue working with the community and local land owners to narrow down these options further and make sure we deliver schemes which make a difference. Your input is valuable, and we'd love to hear from you. So, if you'd like to get involved in the project, join our mailing list for updates, or share your ideas, please get in touch via our website or [reclaimtherain@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:reclaimtherain@suffolk.gov.uk).

We also want you to be a part of our mission to gather evidence! If you've captured any recent photos or videos of flooding in or around the village due to the recent bouts of heavy rainfall, we encourage you to share these with us please.

Keep an eye out for our update in next month's edition where we'll share more about what the options might look like and how they could support Boxford in years to come. Your community's involvement and support are vital to Reclaim the Rain's success. Together, let's pave the way for a more resilient Boxford.

*Reclaim the Rain Project Team*  
[www.reclaimtherain.org](http://www.reclaimtherain.org)

## THE GARETH MEREDITH MEMORIAL WALK

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Boxford to Hadleigh walk on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. We were completely overwhelmed by the response. The total donations made by the walkers, plus the many contributions we received personally from non-participants amounted to a magnificent £1,935. Our own contribution paid off the balance for the full cost of an Infrared Vein Finder for the Hadleigh Health Centre.



Special thanks must go to: Jan Devey for liaising with the Health Centre and all advertising, Steven Harvey for help with the signage, Elaine Evans and Connie Tregidon for path clearance and Joanne and Tony Nunn for 'sweeping up' after the last walkers left Boxford. We may try and repeat the walk next year, not as a fundraiser but purely to remember Gareth and enjoy the Suffolk countryside.

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*Alan & Beryl Meredith*



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## BOXFORD BOUNTY RETURNS!

Winners rejoice! After a necessary Covid-induced pause, the Boxford Bounty is being re-launched soon. The Bounty is our own local lottery for Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton which raises money for organisations, events and clubs through the Boxford Community Council as well as giving entrants the opportunity to win big cash prizes!

This time around the Bounty will feature a draw every two months with 3 money prizes available each draw. The more people join - the larger the prizes, so get your friends, neighbours and family ready to sign up!

Boxford Community Council are working hard to finalise the finer details and more information on how to join will be released soon. Residents in Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton will be getting a visit and a flyer from one of our volunteers in the near future. Watch this space for more details!

## MADRIGALIA NEWS

Madrigalia has had a busy few weeks culminating in our seventh combined concert with the harp ensemble Melody of Harps on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. It was our first concert in Long Melford Church, and the audience of roughly a hundred people clearly enjoyed the mixed programme and slightly unusual musical combination of folk harps and voices.

Then on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, we gave a light choral concert in Groton Church to entertain guests including Mr & Mrs John Winthrop who had travelled especially from the USA to mark and celebrate the historic link between their ancestors in Groton and Massachusetts.

*Sue Price*

## TEDDIES WANTED

We are in need of preloved teddies and soft toys for our teddy tombola that we will be running at St Mary's Church, Boxford Patronal & Church Fete on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 12:30 -3:30pm

If you have any teddies or soft toys in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact Sarah at [boxriveractivities@gmail.com](mailto:boxriveractivities@gmail.com) or drop them off at Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford.

*Sarah Parker McGee*



## NEW BOOK BY LOCAL AUTHOR

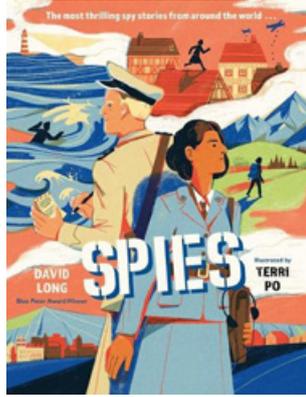
The latest children's book by award-winning Boxford author David Long has recently been published in paperback by Faber & Faber.

SPIES tells the thrilling stories of more than two dozen real-life agents and double agents including a dare-devil RAF pilot with a personal connection to two former Boxford School pupils.

From Harry Ree, a teacher turned saboteur, to Lancashire lass Margery Booth who famously sang for Hitler while spying on his henchmen, the stories are beautifully illustrated by Terry Po and explore some of bravest and most astonishing missions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The book follows the format of SURVIVORS, a bestseller which was awarded the prestigious Blue Peter Book of the Year prize when it was first published.

This new edition normally sells for £12.99 but David is offering a limited number of signed copies to readers of the Box River News for just £10. These can be collect in person from Stone Street but please contact the author first via [www.davidlong.info](http://www.davidlong.info)



## GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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The Trustees will meet on 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stephen_watkins49@yahoo.co.uk)

Completed forms should be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> August.

## SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE 2023

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored Ride and Stride (an event which was started in Suffolk and has now spread around the country).

Richard and I plan to take part in this year's ride on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Yet again we would be grateful for any sponsorship. Half the money we raise will go to All Saints, Newton and the other half goes towards the repair and upkeep of Suffolk churches

Thanks

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## SAND HILL APPEAL LATEST

It was reported in the July BRN that Babergh DC had requested that Catesby Development Land Ltd's appeal against refusal for building up to 64 houses on land east of Sand Hill, should be decided following a 'hearing', rather than Catesby's preferred method of written representations. The request for a hearing instead was also supported by Boxford Parish Council.

After a two-month wait, the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') in Bristol have agreed to a hearing. In an e-mail to the parties on 14 August, Chris Nash, Planning Casework Team Leader, wrote "Upon review of the appeal file, we have decided that this appeal is no longer suitable for the Written Representations procedure and will therefore change to the Hearing Procedure. Although there is only one reason for refusal, it's quite substantial in terms of highway improvements. Also, the site has some weighty history with a quashed decision (although not on highway grounds, it was raised as a serious issue by the parish). The Council has undertaken its own traffic/highway assessment which reveals unacceptable impacts on one road, even with just 7-8 additional movements. Several other appeals are also brought in as evidence. Therefore a Hearing is appropriate given the amount of highway evidence that the inspector may wish to question both parties on."

It is not yet known who the appointed inspector will be nor when the hearing date is. The PINS team will shortly announce the proposed date alongside further further details. It is likely that highways issues will form a large part of discussions although, as explained in the July BRN, other planning policies, especially those in the Boxford Neighbourhood Plan, should also be in play.

David Lamming



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A new school year can put pressure on lots of people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available. A good place to start is the Citizens Advice website where you'll find lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs.

The help you can get to cover school lunches will vary depending on how old your children are and if you claim benefits. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website, [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

You mentioned concerns about travel costs. If your child can't walk to school because of special educational needs or disabilities, they should get free school transport. You may be able to get help with transport costs from your Local Education Authority if your children can't walk because it's dangerous or too far. Your Local Education Authority is part of your local council that deals with education in your area, you can find yours on GOV.UK. Contact it directly to find out exactly what support it offers.

If you're on a low income, your Local Education Authority may also be able to help you with activity and school uniform costs. You're likely to be considered to be on a low income if you get means-tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. In some places there are also local charitable schemes that can help. A good place to find out about these is the school itself or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) both will usually know if these kinds of schemes exist.

A lot of people are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs and you're not alone. For more information visit the Citizens Advice website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

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# JACK'S HOME TRUTHS

Are we past the worst?

In the interests of complete openness and transparency, my previous two columns have struggled to find a great deal to be positive amount with reference to the present housing market.

The well documented rapidly rising interest rates have caused an increase in the average length of time of marketing campaigns, a decreasing number of purchasers looking to part with cash or consider increased borrowing and the compounding effect of lots of property chains breaking down at various points through the process.

The nature of a cyclical sector is however that the tough times are rarely as dramatic as they could be and equally the good times are never quite as indefinite as they appear to be at the time. Whilst not quite out of the woods yet, there have been a number of signs in recent weeks that brighter times may be on the horizon for both the regional and national property market.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) continue to report a sharp decline in new buyer enquiries (-45% in July, a similar reading to the -46% from June) with a subdued outlook, principally due to higher mortgage rates.

Whilst respondents to the RICS survey are certainly at the sharp end of housing market activity and their feedback is not to be dismissed, news of 11<sup>th</sup> August that Halifax, Natwest, HSBC and Nationwide have all cut mortgage interest rates by up to 0.71% suggests that the major mortgage lenders expect inflation and interest rates to remain stable with a gradual decrease on the horizon.

Whilst we won't know which of these viewpoints comes to pass until we get there, this is the first market comment since April that has seen projected mortgage rates cuts to this scale.

In terms of how this slight change in sentiment has affected the local housing market, we have seen a significant increase in sales conversion with buyers across the spectrum more confident to stick with a purchase on the basis that current conditions feel more stable than in recent months.

Buyer activity is still very consistent (you will note more 'sale agreed' and 'sold' boards in the area than you would have done a few months ago) and our teams have a renewed spring in their step as more of their hard work is coming to fruition.

The lettings market still remains exceptionally hot as long term landlords look to recalibrate their portfolios in line with upcoming energy efficiency regulations in 2025 (should they come to fruition...) with tenant demand showing no sign of waning.

We are well into peak holiday let season and whilst too many of our guests have left with the impression that Suffolk is permanently underwater in August, they have still had a wonderful time and we have had plenty of heart warming reviews extolling the virtues of our beautiful county.

*Jack Thornley*

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## THE BUTCHER'S WIFE

As I write this I am exactly half way through the 6 week summer holidays. I'm now well and truly into the habit of not going to work and with the mini Leeders not so mini anymore and the Butcher butchering, it means I've spent the last 3 weeks doing whatever I want. I have found that with so much time on my hands I don't actually get much done. My new routine is to wake up early and walk the dog and then only do one or two things a day. For example, this morning I met a friend for a coffee (thing number 1), came home to have lunch and read my book in the sun (thing number 2). I've come to realise that I'm very good at pottering about - fold some washing, plant some flowers, do a bit of a puzzle and after every 'job' I have a cup of tea and a sit down. I've also taken to having a little mid afternoon nap because by that point I'm absolutely exhausted. I'm not really sure how I'm going to fit in going back to work full time in less than a month.



I'm sure you'll all be pleased to know the Butcher's bowls career is going well. Turns out he's actually pretty good at it and has made it through to the final of the bowls novice singles and if he's not playing bowls, he's talking about bowls! I should probably stop making fun of him and instead be more encouraging, he might make the Olympic team and I could take early retirement.

In other news, the air fryer has completely changed my life. Not only is it super easy to use, it's so quick! The other day I cooked a full English breakfast in it: bacon, sausages, mushrooms, hash browns (eggs and beans on the hob) and it took 11 minutes from start to finish. 11 minutes! I don't really care that it's supposed to be more cost effective to use, the fact I can cook things in half the time is a game changer for me. I might never use my oven again.

## Air Fryer Harissa Chicken Gyros

Serves 3

### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp harissa paste
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp Cajun seasoning
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 500g skinless, boneless chicken thighs
- Salt & pepper
- 3 gyros, flatbread, pitta or wraps
- Handful of rocket
- Pickled pink slaw (the recipe calls for pickled red onion but the pink slaw was all I could find and was lovely!)
- 3 tbsp pomegranate seeds

### For the sauce:

- 5 heaped tbsp. Greek yogurt
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed

### Method

1. Combine the harissa, lemon juice, paprika, Cajun seasoning, cumin and salt and pepper in a bowl. Coat the chicken with the mixture. Air fry the chicken at 200C for 12 minutes (times may vary slightly depending on your air fryer).
2. While the chicken is cooking combine the yogurt with the lemon juice and garlic.
3. Once the chicken is cooked, load up the gyros, flatbread, pitta or wraps with the chicken, rocket, the slaw and then top with the pomegranate seeds and drizzle over the sauce.

This recipe is from the 'Bored of Lunch: The Healthy Air Fryer Book' by Nathan Anthony, Ebury Press - <https://amzn.to/30BDGey>

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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends,

In the coming months, I will use this space to respond to some questions people often ask me. If you have a question, please do send me an email. This month's question is, **why should I become a Christian?**

In Britain over 50% of us say we follow some kind of religion (world-wide that rises to 90%). Christianity is the fastest growing religion in the world, but has declined in western countries in recent years.

Becoming a Christian stems from one conviction. If you are considering becoming a Christian, you don't have to explore every other religion / spiritual self-help guide to decide which you prefer. All you have to do to know if you are going to be a Christian for the rest of your life is to ask and answer one question: is Jesus who he says he is?

Jesus said clearly that he was God. That is objectively true. He didn't say "I am *like* God", he didn't say "I am God if you *want* me to be. I'm not God if you *don't want* me to be". He said "I am God".

There is a thing called the law of non-contradiction. It asserts that contradictory propositions cannot both be true in the same sense at the same time. Using that principle, Jesus cannot both be and not be God - he claimed to *be* God. So the question we have to ask is, is that true? It is an objective claim that is either true or false, regardless of whether I like it or not.

In the Bible, after Jesus is arrested but before assassination on the cross he stands trial in front of Pontius Pilate. Jesus does not make excuses or plead innocence. He simply says, "You say that I am a king. For this reason I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate, conflicted and aware of the huge consequences for his own safety responds with the famous words, "What is truth?"

Perhaps there have always been those who have tried to deny the existence of truth in order to prosper materialistically. Truth can be inconvenient. It can disrupt our lives and our plans. It most certainly does mean that we cannot just do whatever we want without consequences. It is independent of our feelings and opinions. Whilst we may pretend to ourselves that truth doesn't matter, truth is still truth. Right is still right and wrong is still wrong. Our opinion doesn't matter - what we believe in does!

The other day, a philosophy student asked me was I worried about the apparent decline of Christianity in this country? I said "no"! I said I was obviously concerned at the decline in the commitment people show towards church, community, relationships, charity, compassion, goodwill, which is seemingly a result of Christianity's declining influence, but I am not concerned at the Church's apparent decline per-se. Astonished, he asked me why not and I said "because God is still God and truth is still truth. What is true will always be no matter how many choose to believe it."

I continued, "what I do know is that in God things flourish and grow – individuals, relationships, communities, nature. Without God they shrivel and die". The pendulum swings: sometimes we have to be on the verge of losing something before we realise its worth. Maybe that is what the Church is experiencing in some Western countries. We are in the middle of an experimentation of a worldview where truth does not seem to matter and individualism, materialism, self-gain, and greed are principal pillars. When that fails, we will return again to the life of compassion, mercy, self-sacrifice, community and love, where everyone has value and dignity – all things we see from God in Jesus Christ. Food for thought.

Many blessings,

Fr Rob

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|--|-------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b><br><i>Trinity 13</i>                                | 09:30 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>  | St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield  |
|  | 11:00 | <i>Forest Church</i>   | Rectory Woodland                |
|  | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>  | St Mary's, Boxford              |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | 9:30  | <i>Midweek Communion</i>   | Mary's House, Boxford           |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>Trinity 14</i><br><i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 10:30 | <i>Patronal Festival with Benefice Confirmations, Baptisms and Blessings</i> | St Mary's, Boxford              |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Communion</i>   | Mary's House, Boxford           |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>Trinity 15</i><br><i>Holy Cross</i>          | 9:30  | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>  | St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone |
|  | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>  | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|  | 17:00 | <i>BCP Evensong</i>  | St Bartholomew's, Groton        |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Communion</i>   | Mary's House, Boxford           |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><i>Trinity 15</i><br><i>Matthew</i>             | 8:00  | <i>BCP Holy Communion</i>  | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|  | 8:45  | <i>Benefice Breakfast</i>  | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|  | 9:30  | <i>Pilgrim Service for all the family</i>                                    | St Mary's, Boxford              |
|  | 11:00 | <i>Sunday Eucharist</i>  | All Saints', Newton             |
| <b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | 10:00 | <i>Midweek Communion</i>   | Mary's House, Boxford           |

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Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,  
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 7:30pm** Confirmation Class, St Mary's, Boxford  
**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 10am - 5pm** Flower Festival, St Lawrence's, L.W.  
**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 10am - 5pm** Flower Festival, St Lawrence's, L.W.  
**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am** Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House  
**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 10:30pm** Patronal Festival & Confirmations, St Mary's, Boxford  
**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 12:30 - 3:30pm** St Mary's Fete, St Mary's, Boxford  
**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am** Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 3pm** Bible Study Group, 47 Swan Street, Boxford  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 3pm** Joint Benefice Council Meeting  
**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am** Coffee Morning, St Mary's, Boxford  
**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am** Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House  
**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am** Coffee Morning, All Saints', Newton  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 12 - 2:30pm** Afternoon Tea for PCC members and volunteers, The Rectory Garden  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 7:30 - 11:30pm** Harvest Horkey, Dove Barn, Groton  
**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 3pm** Licensing of Lay Ministers (Sarah Parker McGee, Maggie Cogan & David Ball), St Edmundsbury Cathedral  
**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am** Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House

## NEWS FROM THE BENEFICE OFFICE

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer, despite the temperamental weather! The summer has been busy throughout the Benefice.

We were delighted to baptise Oliva and Jessica Gill at Boxford in August, may they grow strong & courageous in faith. It was lovely to welcome their family and friends to St Mary's Church. The summer has also been busy with weddings, and we have been blessed to join together Courtney and David (Lt Waldingfield), Romaine and Isabella (Boxford), Hannah and Daniel (Groton), Jack and Agatha (Groton), Sophie and Mark (Boxford) and Hettie and Guillaume (Edwardstone). May their marriages be life giving and lifelong. Our final wedding this year will be in September at Newton, and we wish Rachel and Mark all the best on their special day. Benefice Baptisms and Weddings are wonderful occasions. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Benefice Office.

The monthly Happy Hour Concerts at St Mary's Church, Boxford, were a great success and we are looking forward to next year's concerts already. The sun shone for the Groton Garden Party, fundraising for St Bartholomew's, by kind permission of Steve and Jayne Foster.

We have said goodbye to our Lay Minister Christopher Kingsbury and Father Patrick Morrow, we thank them both for their dedication and service to the Benefice.

We are now looking forward to September, October and beyond! There is lots going on in the Benefice this month, please check our 'Dates for the Diary' and adverts so that you don't miss-out, some events are ticketed. The month starts with St Lawrence's, Flower Festival, admission is free. There will be stalls and refreshments in the church. It promises to be a floral extravaganza. St Mary's Boxford will be holding their Patronal Festival & Confirmations followed by the Church Fete on September 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be something for everyone. It's not too late to get involved (baking, volunteering etc) contact Sarah at [boxriveractivities@gmail.com](mailto:boxriveractivities@gmail.com) for more information.

Father Rob and Sarah will be hosting Tea at the Rectory on 23<sup>rd</sup> September for Parochial Church Council members and volunteers. Our volunteers are vital for the smooth running of our churches, and we could not do what we do without you. If you volunteer at any of our churches and would like to come along, please contact the Benefice Office. St Bartholomew's, Groton are holding their

Harvest Horkey at Dove Barn on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, I can assure you that this is a great evening, full of music and laughter. Our final event in September is the licensing of our Lay Ministers at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on 24<sup>th</sup> September. We are thankful for Sarah Parker McGee, Maggie Cogan and David Ball for their work and dedication to the Benefice.

October will bring Harvest and we will be holding a Harvest Service in each of our churches, along with a Harvest Tea at Newton, Harvest Lunch at Edwardstone and Harvest Supper at Boxford.

We are very much looking forward to the next few months and hope to see you in church and around our villages.



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As always proceeds will go to the church and SESAW, a local animal charity already known to many of us and always in need of support.

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Our Autumn season of meetings is starting soon and the first two speakers are:

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm:** Creating a Nature Space & Building a Nature Network with Lisa Matthews, Nature Citizen, Polstead

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct at 7.30pm:** The Secret Gardens of East Anglia with author Barbara Segall

All meetings will be at Polstead Village Hall on the green in Polstead (CO6 5AL). Free to members.

Non-members are welcome £5 (cash or cheque please). Entrance includes a drink and nibbles.

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## KERSEY FLOWER & VEG SHOW

Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> Kersey Village Hall 2:15 - 5pm

Refreshments, Tombola

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## CHARITY CRAFT FAIR

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 10-4pm at Whatfield Village Hall, IP7 6QU

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## AUTUMN FASHION SHOW

Stoke by Nayland fashion show, in aid of Breast Cancer.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023, doors open at 6:30pm in SbN Village Hall. Showcasing collections from Woodbridge boutiques *Laura Jane* and *Tilley & Grace*.

A chance overheard conversation whilst shopping gave us the idea to organise a fashion show for charity in the village hall this year. A range of women's fashion will be on display and for purchase, to suit all styles and depth of pockets. We will have a live catwalk displaying what is on offer.

Laura Jane is an independent women's clothing and fashion boutique, situated in Woodbridge, stocking a wide range of styles for women of all ages. It is chic and stylish with affordable prices.

Tilley & Grace was founded by Sally Hicks in 2012 with her late husband. It started with a tiny pop-up shop in 2013, in Aldeburgh. They now have 5 boutique stores across Suffolk and North Norfolk. They are described as "affordable, colourful, welcoming and evocative." Entry to the show is £10 and includes a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles. Tickets should be purchased in advance and are available from SbN village shop and from both boutiques in Woodbridge.

Why not come along to get some ideas for autumn, perhaps pick up an early Christmas outfit and have a drink and chat with friends?

*Beth Baker and Marian French.*

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## BRIAN TORA'S SOAP BOX

Living, as we do, in the very heart of Little Waldingfield, right opposite the road to our church which goes eventually to Edwardstone and Boxford, we have recently had a series of temporary road signs placed by our front wall. More often than not they simply say "Road Closed". They are also likely to be accompanied with a "Diversion" sign, including the necessary arrow to show you which way to go. Seldom do they have anything in the way of useful additional information, such as where the actual closure is and for how long the diversion is likely to be in place.

It seems as though hardly a week has gone by without at least one road locally being blocked so traffic has to take lengthy – and often hazardous – diversions. I say hazardous because two of the routes that are used as an alternative to the B1115 which runs through our village in front of our house are very narrow and winding, with few passing places, necessitating a slow drive and extreme caution, with the probability of having to reverse back down a narrow country lane with hedges depressingly high on both sides of the road.

Why are there so many road closures at present? They appear to be taking place for a variety of reasons. We had a telegraph pole knocked down just outside our village recently. This took an inordinate amount of time to be fixed. Indeed, I'm told there are still people in the village without a landline service two months after the incident. It was, I understand, a collision with a telegraph pole that closed the Lavenham/Brent Eleigh Road recently. But there are many other reasons that roads are closed

There is, for example, that notorious bridge as you travel from our village on the B1115 to Monks Eleigh. This was closed for a month. As the litany of accidents that result in part of the bridge over the river Brett being demolished at regular intervals, I doubt this will be the last time that such a road closure there is deemed necessary. With lorries and farm vehicles using this stretch of road, why they don't widen the bridge beats me. It must be cheaper in the long run than the constant repairs that are needed.

Anglian Water are also contributors to the interruption of smooth travel through the leafy lanes of our particularly pleasant part of Suffolk. To be fair, they do not often demand a full road closure, but traffic management through temporary lights or a board wielding member of the team working there can be equally frustrating. And just as frustrating is the number of times an apparent work issue in the road has nobody around to demonstrate that anything is happening or that the problem is on the way to being solved

Closures to allow repairing of our roads, in a pretty parlous state so far as I can see, are much less frequent. There was a news story carried in the national press recently regarding the halving of expenditure by local councils for infilling potholes over the past decade. I know that local authorities are under the cosh from central government when it comes to receiving grants to carry out much-needed work, but potholes represent a real danger. Damage to your car when hitting one could result in a claim to the local authority, though I wouldn't hold your breath when it comes to getting early satisfaction.

A friend sent me a picture of a roadworks sign which I most sincerely hope was genuine. Black writing on a yellow background, which they usually are, and headed with the logo for National Highways, it simply said "we are working out of sight, so you may not see us". Well, how many times have you seen roadworks without any sign that anyone is there or anything is happening?

Quite why we are having such a plethora of road closures at present is beyond me. When I served on the Parish Council, we knew that the time to get the local authorities to take action over the state of our roads was a month or two before the end of their financial year as they could well have unspent resources to use up. And use them they did, just in case their budget was reduced in the following year to reflect the actual expenditure that had taken place. Of course, local councils have been put under increasing financial pressure from central government, but that doesn't explain all these road closures.

Brian Tora

## BOXFORD WI UPDATE

Boxford WI's summer outing in August was a very relaxing and educational boat trip along the river Stour. The boats were crewed by fully trained volunteers and operate on the three mile stretch of the river from Sudbury, navigating a lock, through Great Cornard to Great Henny.

Here, we enjoyed a superb lunch at the Henny Swan before returning to Sudbury. The River Stour Trust is a volunteer-led registered charity dedicated to restoring and conserving the River Stour Navigation.



If you are interested in hearing about Suffolk Punch Horses then why not come along on September 6<sup>th</sup> where you will be able to hear from our guest speaker, Nigel Oakley, ambassador and breeder of the Suffolk Punch horse.

Other interest groups within the WI are:

- Dining Divas (lunch group)
- Chatterbox (afternoon with tea and cake)
- Knit and Natter
- Book club
- Women who wander (walking group)

New members are always welcome, so if you are interested please come along to the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm or contact our secretary.

Annie Phillips, Secretary, Boxford WI

01787 211729 [annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annie-phillips@hotmail.co.uk)

## FRANK'S NEW BOOK

Is there someone in your family, perhaps a relative or friend, who loves to read? Maybe it's you. If so, with the publishing of my third (and probably last) book "*It All Kicks Off On Sunday*" in mid/late September, I am offering you the ideal gift. By then, I will have written and published three books. The first two proved to be very popular. They chronicled my life so far - from birth in 1934 through to the present day. To date, they have raised £2,500 for SESAW, the local small animal rescue and re-homing charity.

I have been told my two first books make good reading, as will "*It All Kicks Off On Sunday*". You may gather from the title that it covers the incidents witnessed or involving me during my 42 years as an East Anglian soccer referee. It will be published in late September and royalties from sales will once again be given to SESAW.

I have decided to make gift packages of the above three titles, probably for £12.00+P&P - a decidedly affordable gift for readers who will enjoy a trio of true incidents that happened during my 89-year lifetime to date.

To order please e-mail me at [cahors@live.co.uk](mailto:cahors@live.co.uk) and I promise all orders received will be dispatched well in time for Christmas.

Frank Payne

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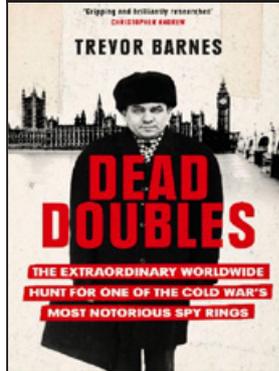
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Boxford Village Hall

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | <b>Enron</b>                 | <i>a play by Lucy Prebble (Methuen)</i> |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct | Reading Week                 |   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct | <b>The Leopard</b>           | <i>Tomasi di Lampedusa (Vintage)</i>    |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | <b>The Leopard</b>           | <i>Tomasi di Lampedusa</i>              |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov | Reading Week                 |   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov | <b>Milkman</b>               | <i>Anna Burns (Faber)</i>               |
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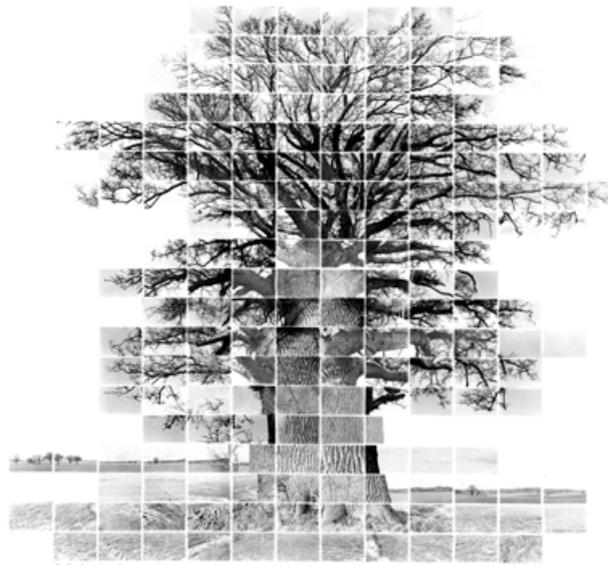
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## COAST

'Coast', the current exhibition at Mill Tye Gallery, has coincidentally sparked a lot of interest in Noel Myles 'still films of Oak Trees' that is on the ground floor of the gallery.

'Wormingford Oak', part of this collection, has generated significant interest. A platinum copy is currently part of the National Collection housed at the V&A Museum. It has previously been on show in one of the Summer Exhibition's at the Royal Academy, as well as Gainsborough's House when Noel had a one-man exhibition.



*An Oak at Wormingford by Noel Myles*

The tree itself grows just outside the Wormingford home of the English writer, Ronald Blythe, who wrote about the oak and surrounding countryside in his record of Wormingford throughout the changing seasons.

Mill Tye Gallery has produced an exclusive edition of ten permanent pigment prints of 'Wormingford Oak', and only five remain on sale.

It's on show in the gallery and can be viewed on the Mill Tye Gallery website [www.milltyegallery.co.uk/noel-myles](http://www.milltyegallery.co.uk/noel-myles)

Open to the public from Thursday to Sunday 10:30am – 4pm, Mill Tye Gallery features exceptional new works from renowned and undiscovered talents in the world of printmaking, painting, pottery, textiles, and sculpture, including several exclusive pieces of work created especially for Mill Tye Gallery.

Set by the idyllic River Stour in Great Cornard, just outside the historic market town of Sudbury, Mill Tye Gallery and Arts Centre is located in a historic mill building at the heart of Gainsborough territory, boasting spectacular views across the Stour Valley. It offers a unique destination to be enjoyed by art lovers and visitors alike.

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# STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

## Policing in Boxford

Newcomers sometimes ask if there was a railway to Boxford as we have a residential area called 'Station Field'. Of course there never was a railway station here, but instead it refers to the imposing red house beside Station Field that was originally the police station, courthouse and holding gaol for Boxford 'town' and the surrounding villages.



*Boxford Police Station c1910 viewed from across Sand Hill.*

Boxford's first known lock-up was built in Broad Street in two halves in 1828. The left side held prisoners, drunks and vagrants overnight and the other housed a hand-drawn fire engine. Court proceedings took place in The Fleece Inn. The gaol was built by the parish and cost £100. It is now a listed building and used as a bus shelter. In 1848 the gaol half was purchased by the newly formed West Suffolk Constabulary, Boxford Division for £50. At that time the new police station and courthouse was already under construction but not ready for use. It was built off Cox Hill on land then just inside the parish of Polstead. In the 1930s this land was transferred to Boxford. The whole complex, together with an impressive arch entrance (no longer standing) was built by Kingsburys, a longstanding Boxford family of builders, for £900.

The police station was built with two cells, and run by 1 superintendent, and 2 constables. The house at the back was for the superintendent with kitchen and bedrooms upstairs where the policemen also had rooms. They dealt with the public at the front of the house and 'went up the stairs' to the police station and courthouse. There were bells in the front office, kitchen and superintendent's bedroom should he be required urgently during the night. The superintendent had a pony and trap and the constables had bicycles. Outside there was a water pump in the courtyard and a pigsty in the corner of the yard for a pig. Constables would practice their drills there on Fridays.

The last magistrates court (petty sessions and pre-trial hearings of major cases) was held there in 1962 or 1963. We know that in 1916 these were held monthly on Fridays at 11am at Boxford Courthouse. The Boxford Division and police service covered eleven surrounding parishes: Assington, Boxford, Bures St. Mary, Edwardstone, Groton, Milden, Newton, Nayland, Polstead, Stoke by Nayland and Wissington.

The most well documented resident of the police station is Superintendent Frederick Peck and his family who moved there in October 1911. Along with the family's living accommodation were a married constable's quarters and a single quarters for a constable plus the court room and cells. Superintendent Peck had three sons and a daughter. There is evidence from letters and postcards home that the sons were soldiers during WWI with one in Gallipoli and

one in Egypt. In 1919 Superintendent Peck died in Boxford aged 57 having served with West Suffolk Constabulary for 38 years and 331 days. He had an outstanding service history in numerous Suffolk towns and villages before he came to Boxford. He was buried in Groton Churchyard.



*Above: PC Fred Peck in Suffolk police uniform in the early 1890s.*

*Left: Supt. Peck moved to the Boxford Division from Ixworth in 1911 to live at the police station with his family*



*Right: Ellen Peck, by this time a widow, living in Falcon House or 26 Swan Street.*

*Below: Hilda Peck, Fred Peck's daughter, of Swan Street.*



His wife Ellen Peck and daughter Hilda Peck first moved to Falcon House, Swan Street and then on to 26 Swan Street (Ogilvie House) during June 1927. Hilda took on a role at Mount Bures School until 1935 when she left to look after her mother. Ellen died in 1948 and was buried with Frederick Peck in Groton. Hilda remained in Swan Street where she

helped a few infants with their education (they remember it well! Outdoors and nature study figured large). Hilda passed away in 1986.

It appears that the police station was a cold and uncomfortable building for staff and families living there. From 1953 to 1956 Police Constable Ralph Ambrose and his wife Joan lived in the accommodation quarters in the police station with their three daughters. Constable Ambrose told his daughters that there were stables at the back where they parked the pram, and that the rooms inside the accommodation were vast and cold. They created 'islands' of furniture around the fire to keep warm but also because

they couldn't afford to lay linoleum or furnish the whole space. There were shutters on the windows which the bats flew around at night. Constable Ambrose used to light the fire in the courtroom when a sitting was to take place and the magistrate had the closest spot to the fire. The fire was so fierce they put rush screens on the backs of the chairs by the fire while everyone else in the room froze. The courtroom was also used by the family as a nursery for the oldest child who was beginning to become mobile. They left for a Bury St Edmunds posting in 1956.

It finally closed as a Police Station in 1969. Sgt George Beeton (1963-69) was "the last man standing" (woe betide anyone with a trailer behind a tractor in the village with no numberplates). Sgt. Beeton had a policeman in each village, one of whom had a motorbike. John Horton was also a PC for Boxford at some point and was apparently a great artist, drawing cartoons of their experiences. How we would like to see these! Has anyone saved them?



Sgt. George Beeton, "the last man standing" when Boxford Police Station closed in 1969.

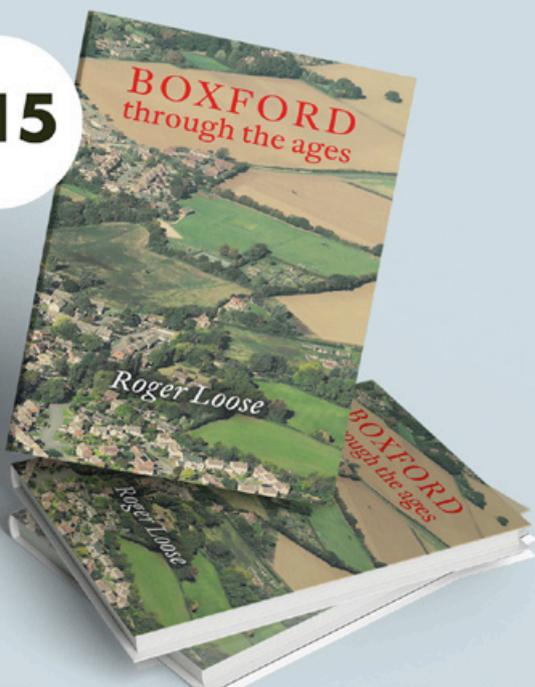
After 1969 the complex was converted into private housing and so it remains.

Grateful thanks to Superintendent Peck's and Constable Ambrose's families for their contributions to the archive.

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## KENNY'S NEWS FROM SESAW

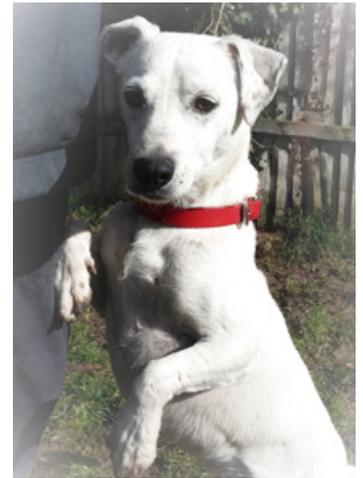


"Oh no, it's that time of the year again!" Mum groaned as she cleared another swarm of flying ants off the table. Presumably these annoying insects have their place in nature, but preferably not in the kitchen!

All living creatures are welcome at SESAW, whatever their traits. We see a variety of personalities, particularly in dogs, from quiet couch potatoes to adventurous daredevils. Most settle in new loving homes but occasionally one bounces back and becomes a permanent resident.

Such was Bobby, a delightful, mischievous terrier, completely unfazed by deafness. Unfortunately, he hated being alone and came back to us after causing much damage in the short time his new owner was out.

He was an exceptional character and seemed to be Houdini in canine form. If someone exclaimed "How did he get out?" you knew Bobby was up to his old tricks again. The fences were all made higher after a bemused householder in the next village phoned about a strange dog waiting for dinner in her kitchen!



Bobby

At the age of seventeen years, Bobby has made his last great escape and our lives are the poorer for it.

Meanwhile we have Nico, a big, boisterous lad waiting for an experienced home with no small children. He is strong and bouncy, loves attention, long walks and swimming in lakes. He will make a fantastic dog with patience, kindness and on-going training. Please leave a message or send an email if he is the dog for you.

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# FUN-GUY

I was excited at the opportunity to write a short piece for Box River News so let me introduce myself! My name is Austin and I am the new Seasonal Ranger within the Dedham Vale AONB. I'm a recent university graduate having studied Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Science at the University of Suffolk with a subject interest in Fungi, which I hope to study at a postgraduate level next year. I have decided to write a short piece on fungi and its importance within the countryside.

I should start by clarifying that I'm no expert, I do however have a strong interest in the subject area and I guess I should start by explaining what fungi are! Fungi are by definition spore producing organisms that consume organic matter with mushrooms being the fruit body of some fungi. The Dedham Vale AONB is rich in different habitats and provides a plethora of opportunity for a diverse range of fungi. When we think of the countryside and the conservation of areas of natural beauty we often think of what we can



*Spindleshank – Gymnopus fusipes*  
directly see, however the most diverse and arguably important aspects lie below the ground within the soil.

Fungi are made from vast networks of Mycelium which are the root-like structures of

the fungus consisting of many threads of individual hyphae that can be found within soil. This is often referred to as the *wood wide web!* But why are fungi important, you ask? Well, fungi offer crucial ecosystem services and act as the decomposers of the world. Without fungi, the areas of natural beauty we all love would be completely covered under a mountain of dead plant material and all the plants and trees would simply not grow without the nutrients they receive from this cycle! Bringing us onto the next service offered, the cycle itself!



*Flame Shield – Pluteus aurantiorugosus*



*Shaggy Parasol (fit myself) – Chlorophyllum rachodes*

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*Rooting Bolete – Caloboletus radicans*

A hobby of mine is visiting different places with different habitats and surveying for mushrooms. This allows you to get really close and appreciate the diversity of sizes, shapes and colours. The Dedham Vale AONB is as good a place as anywhere for this and you don't need any special equipment except a good set of eyes and maybe an identification book! I implore you to go for a walk, take photographs of fungi you see and have a go at IDing them. There are also plenty of social media groups that love to help people to ID and develop an



*Ruby Bolete – Hortiboletus rubellus*

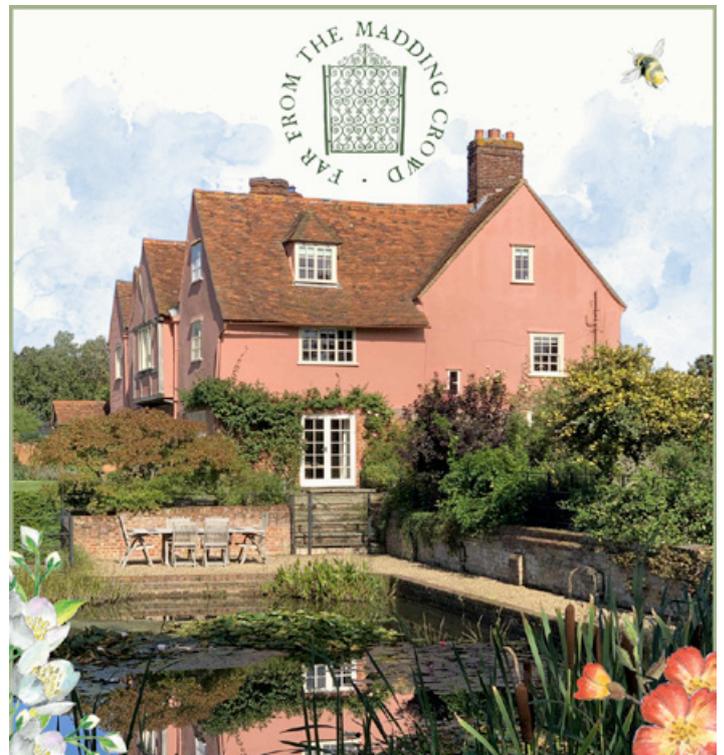


*Collared Parachute – Marasmius rotula*

learning to be had and I hope this provides a newfound appreciation to the role fungi play within the ecosystem.

I am planning to host walks within the Dedham Vale AONB involving being outside, finding mushrooms and having a go at IDing them. If this sounds of interest then keep an eye on the local social media pages!

*Austin Tolton*



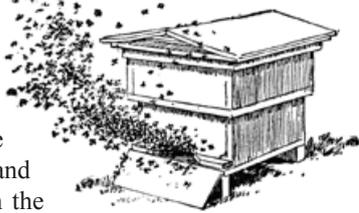
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# NOTES FROM A BEEKEEPER'S DIARY

Wasps and hornets make their nests out of dead wood chewed up and formed into thin paper like sheets of grey tissue. Bumble bees and others make their nests in holes in the ground, but honey bees are unique in that they use beeswax as their standard building material.



Beeswax is made from honey and extruded as tiny soft transparent wafers from eight glands on the underside of the bees' abdomen. Approximately six grams of honey are consumed to produce one gram of wax. While still soft the bees form the wax into six sided tubes with a base. Another tube, or cell, is formed on the other side using the same base, and the structure is attached to the walls of the nest cavity or in a beehive, to the edge of the frame. As soon as one cell is partially formed the bees start building additional cells, each one attached to the wall of its neighbour. Each cell is just the right depth and breadth to contain the larva and pupa of a honeybee once sealed with a wax capping.



Eventually the cells reach the side of the nest cavity, and the bees will start work on building a replicate sheet alongside. The space between each sheet is critical and just wide enough for two bees to work back to back. The cell walls are a standard thickness, and so thin that when filled with the food stores of the colony one kilo of beeswax is sufficient to contain ten times the weight of honey. Quite how the bees are able to build perfectly formed comb in the dark, without measuring equipment, plumb line or spirit level is a mystery still to be resolved.

Wax comb, unique to honeybees both in structure and composition, is a work of genius compared to which mankind's proud invention of the wheel is depressingly crude. The form of opposing hexagonal cells, separated by a common base and sealed on each side by a continuous membrane combines the maximum amount of storage capacity with the minimum amount of material, cost and weight. At the same time the structure is immensely strong and resilient, so that any damage to the comb will be contained within the immediate point of impact.

It took many hundreds of years for human engineers to realise quite how useful the honeycomb structure could be, combining the minimum amount of material with the maximum amount of strength. Nowadays composite materials formed in a honeycomb shape are used in many applications where strength and weight are critical. These include military and civil aircraft as well as Formula 1 racing cars.

Honeycomb has always held religious significance, not only in the Bible, where St Luke 24-42 tells us that after the Resurrection the disciples gave Jesus honeycomb, but also in the Koran. So it is not surprising that honeycomb inspired Arab architects from the very origins of Islamic building. Most typically the honeycomb form was reflected in the *Muqarnas*, a form of ornamental vaulting, creating

a smooth, decorative zone of transition in an otherwise bare, structural space. The *Muqarnas* is the archetypal form of Islamic architecture, integral to the vernacular of Islamic buildings, most likely first developed in eleventh-century Iraq. The spiritual symbolism of the *Muqarnas* is as rich and varied as successive creative interpretations and decorative variants found from Granada to Lahore, and from Istanbul to modern Sydney, Australia.

Meanwhile, back in Europe there is plenty of evidence that beeswax was used in most forms of domestic activity from early times. Fishing spear points bound with hide strips and glued with beeswax date from the late Stone Age in 11,000 b.c. Damaged human teeth restored with beeswax found in Slovenia date from the Neolithic period 6,500 years ago.

In Roman times wooden tablets with a beeswax insert were widely used for writing, but the earliest example was recovered from the wreck of a ship that sunk off the coast of Turkey around 3,500 years ago. A similar ivory tablet made in Iraq in 700 b.c. still carries traces of beeswax with a cuneiform inscription.

Beeswax liquifies at around 65 degrees centigrade and can be cooled and resolidified repeatedly without degradation. For this reason it is well suited for making both delicate castings in precious metals and large bronze memorial statues. It has a low flash point and beeswax candles burn with a soft, warm smokeless flame and are said to purify air through ionisation.

Beeswax has been replaced by modern technology in many traditional applications such as lighting, food storage and (happily) dentistry. However, beeswax still plays a valuable part in our lives. It is used in hip replacement and thoracic surgery, cosmetics and jewellery manufacture, and nothing evokes the spirit of Christmas more than the soft steady glow of beeswax candles. And all thanks to the honeybees.

*Tony Rand*

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## HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PPG

The Gareth Meredith Memorial Walk was a huge success with over 65 participants and more involved in the Meet and Greet Team at the Hadleigh Practice which was open that day.



They raised over £1,600 for an Infrared Vein Finder in the newly created Phlebotomy Unit. Alan and Beryl Meredith were delighted with the response to the walk especially as it was a pastime much enjoyed by their late son Gareth. There is a display of photos from the event in the Waiting Room.

Suffolk artist Jenne Foulger is beavering away as I write to make sure she has sufficient artwork to fill the blank waiting room walls for September to October. You don't have to be ill to go in and view her unusual work.



Congratulations are in order and well deserved: the recent national NHS Survey indicated a high level of patient satisfaction with the Hadleigh Boxford Health Centre. On all counts, according to its users, they did well but Receptionists came in for special recognition scoring 100% approval of their service. To check our performance ratings or those of any other practice visit the links given below.

Although you may feel making a list of your ailments before your face-to-face appointment is helpful, that is not always the case. Unfortunately, doctors have to limit their patient time to 10 minutes per person. You can better prioritise your health issues and use your appointment time to tackle the most serious. Sadly, many patients focus on a lesser problem and mention something more serious just as they are leaving.

People are still using the patient car park when they are not attending appointments at the Practice. This includes town shoppers and visitors to either pharmacy. Using the many alternative parking areas in the town would free up more spaces for ailing, less fit patients.

Finally, many patients are concerned about the change in the arrangements for a repeat prescriptions. This only applies to Boots' customers. Previously your repeat prescription has been dealt with internally by the pharmacy. This has changed. Patients will now be given their repeat prescription when they pick up medicine. This must be delivered to the Practice post-box for a doctor's approval. The Practice will then send confirmation to the chemist who will prepare your drugs for collection as usual.



All this can also be done online via the Practice website, the NHS app and Email. Using IT precludes the need for you to personally deliver your repeat prescription to the Doctors.

You could also use Pharmacy 2U who provide an online delivery service.

**Please note there is no change for patients using the Practice's, Boxford's or Mill Pharmacy.**

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## CHARITY BOOST FROM SENIORS

The annual Seniors Captain's Charity Day at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club this year raised a staggering £5,860.

More than 60 members of the Senior Section played in a betterball team event followed by lunch with a raffle and an auction for many donated lots.



Malcolm Norton, Seniors Captain, has been raising money during his year for the East Anglian Children's Hospice and he and his team of helpers (and family) had worked hard to make his Charity Day a success.

The event was played on the Constable Course – with 10 of the holes being sponsored by local businesses or individuals.

The total of over £5,800 raised on the day came from this sponsorship, plus the proceeds of the raffle and the combined bids for lots including fourball vouchers for numerous other local golf courses, holidays and even a flight in a light aircraft piloted by another club member.

Malcolm said: "I am just overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who supported me financially, or with their time. EACH is a wonderful organisation and do a fantastic job looking after sick children so it is an honour to raise something to help them."

## LADIES CAPTAIN'S DAY

50 Stoke By Nayland ladies turned out for Ladies Captain Corinne Jackson's special day. She arrived at the club house in her decorated buggy to a sea of colour. The theme for the day was bright and colourful 80's neon. And the ladies did not disappoint! They played a team game, best 2 scores of 4, holes 1-6, best 3 of 4, holes 7-12 then all 4 scores to count on the last 6 holes.



Ladies' Captain Corinne Jackson with her decorated buggy.

Professional Simon Dainty very kindly hit the ladies second shots over the 10<sup>th</sup> lake for a donation towards Ovarian Cancer and McMillan cancer care, this made approx £250 on its own.

There was a very tasty halfway house with Pimms to help celebrate the day, followed by an excellent meal afterwards with an auction and raffle.

We raised an amazing £850 for Ovarian Cancer Research, Do it for Daisy, McMillan cancer care and Blood Cancer UK.

Winners of the day were: 1<sup>st</sup> Fran Chandler, Jacqui Trudgett, Amanda Hall and Hilary Cairns with 133pts ocb.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesley Munro, Betty Cox, Fiz Grundy and Susan Swan with 133pts ocb.

3<sup>rd</sup> Nora Hutchinson, Edel Rew, Alison Jennings and Sue Spittlehouse with 132pts.

4<sup>th</sup> Diana Harris, Johanna Stonehewer-Smith, Caroline Lowe and Karen Lewis with 127pts.

Winners of the 9 hole competition were: Penny Willsher, Christie Kettle and Barbara Caden with 47pts.

Nearest the pin winners: 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Lewis, 7<sup>th</sup> Alison Jennings, 9<sup>th</sup> Johanna Stonehewer-Smith

Nearest the line winner: Johanna Stonehewer-Smith

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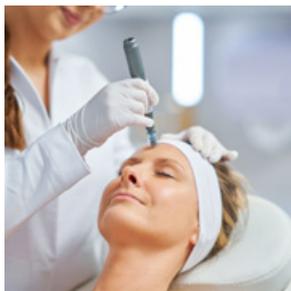
Facial treatments can be a bit of an enigma if you're not a skincare junkie. With the numerous options and fancy terms, it's natural to wonder which ones are really beneficial...But trust me, once you experience a high-quality facial treatment using medical-grade skincare - whether it improves your pores, revives that glow, or just feels really good... you won't look back! In this article, I'll explore the different treatment options available to you.

## 'Vitamin Energiser' Micro needling £150 – Pokey

A 1-hour intensive treatment designed to banish dullness and energise tired-looking skin. This comprehensive treatment involves a deep cleanse, an exfoliation, and an AHA peel. Our skilled therapists then take it up a notch by needling Vitamin C (the powerhouse skin brightener) into the skin, before applying a vitamin mask to really infuse the goodness. Next, you'll unwind with a detoxifying massage, preparing you for a relaxing experience using Dermalux® LED light therapy, which calms redness and triggers the skin's rejuvenation process.

**Main benefits?** *Brighter, refreshed skin | More even skin tone | Strengthened skin barrier | Reduced dark spots | Minimised fine lines.*

**Downtime?** *Temporary redness*



## 'Dermal Rejuvenation' Micro needling £150 - Pokey

Is your skin yearning for revitalisation? This powerful 1-hour facial treatment works wonders in cell growth and tissue repair, giving your skin a new lease of life. Experience a thorough cleanse, a skin polish, and an AHA peel. Growth-factors will then be expertly needled into your skin, activating the production of collagen and elastin. Next, a reparative growth-factor mask is applied, accompanied by a massage to melt away any tension. The final pick-me-up is provided by Dermalux® LED light therapy, which helps to repair and stimulate dormant cells.

**Main benefits?** *Improved skin texture & firmness | Minimised fine lines | Enhanced skin appearance | Repaired skin barrier | Stimulated collagen & elastin.*

**Downtime?** *Temporary redness*

## Intensive Radiofrequency Skin Tightening £190 – Pampering



Discover the ultimate facial experience for a contoured jawline and plump-looking skin with this 1-hour and 30-minute treatment. This unique treatment combines a facial and Endymed® radiofrequency skin tightening, which is loved by celebrities such as Victoria Beckham. By using radio-frequency to tighten the skin, our therapists sculpt the lower face, delivering impressive results immediately. Known as the 'Cinderella face-lift', this treatment also includes a growth-factor mask along with a heavenly décolletage massage, making it the ideal choice for pre-wedding prep or special occasions.

**Main benefits?** *Firmed & tightened skin | Sculpted jawline | Dewy complexion | Hydrated skin.*

**Downtime?** *None*

## Microdermabrasion £75 - Pokey

A game-changing treatment for lacklustre complexions, sun-damaged skin, uneven textures, and more! This 1-hour resurfacing treatment promotes cell turnover and utilises a mechanical device to exfoliate the outer layers of your skin, addressing facial congestion and removing lifeless cells.

This treatment also enhances your skin's ability to absorb products, resulting in improved clarity. As a finishing touch, a nourishing mask is applied, replenishing your skin's moisture.

**Main benefits?** *Reduced blackheads/whiteheads | Minimised pore appearance | Improved dehydrated skin | Improved skin tone & brightness | Minimised acne scarring & pigmentation.*

**Downtime?** *Mild skin redness and sensitivity*



## Express Facial £40 - Pampering

Short but oh-so-sweet. This customised 30-minute facial is a great all-rounder, including all of the essential steps you'd expect from any fabulous facial: a double-cleanse, a gentle massage, and the application of carefully chosen products. Whether your skin craves hydration and a little TLC, or you're simply pressured for time, this facial is the perfect lunchtime solution. Plus, if you're new to facials, it will allow you to explore the world of skincare and medical-grade products without a significant commitment.

**Main benefits?** *Nourishing | Quick & non-invasive | Relaxing | Suitable for all skin types*

**Downtime?** *None!*



## Rejuvenating Facial £70 - Pampering

If you're seeking a blissful and yet effective way to achieve smoother, healthier-looking skin, this 1-hour facial is the one for you. Focusing on improving the skin's texture, this facial includes a skin polish, a peel, and a rejuvenating treatment mask, packed with active vitamins to revive fatigued skin. The result? A silky-smooth complexion!

**Main benefits?** *Intensely moisturising | Non-invasive | Relaxing | Brighter complexion | Suitable for all skin types*

**Downtime?** *None!*

## Repairing Facial £70 (relaxing) – Pampering

Similar to our 'Rejuvenating' facial, this 1-hour treatment will feel like a revitalising treat, however, it has been specifically curated to reinforce the skin's barrier and tackle signs of dehydration. Incorporating a double cleanse, an exfoliation, a peel, and a potent growth-factor mask, your skin will receive a much-needed restorative boost, leaving your complexion dewy and with a newfound vibrancy.

**Main benefits?** *Restorative | Relaxing | Hydrating & soothing | Non-invasive | Suitable for all skin types*

**Downtime?** *None!*

Helena x

# EDWARDSTONE CRICKET CLUB 2023 AND BEYOND...

A call for enthusiastic new players of all ages and cricket lovers in the community! We need help to continue.

Edwardstone Cricket Club needs more players and proactive members to help run the club.

For over 50 years the club has been part of the Boxford and Edwardstone community, playing Adult matches around the county, going on cricket tours and giving local children the chance of starting their journey to playing competitive cricket through training sessions on Saturdays in the summer months

Fielding teams, firstly in friendlies and in recent years playing in the Hunts County Suffolk leagues on Sundays while also entering competitions such as the Sudbury six a side against other local teams.

Sadly this year we have struggled to get enough players to honour some of our fixtures and also need new input to help prepare pitches and run the club.

It is a story that many local clubs, societies, village halls etc are familiar with. Without local input to keep these very worthwhile activities going and contributing to our community we risk losing them!

If you might be interested in playing cricket and bringing your sons and daughters to enjoy playing this great game, we are a friendly and sociable group and would welcome you to our club.

We are having an Extraordinary General Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Pavilion at Homefield to discuss the way forward. Please come along and have your say in the future of the club.

If you are interested in playing or being a member of the club please contact:

Tim Beven ([timbeven@aol.com](mailto:timbeven@aol.com)) or through the website [www.edwardstonecricketclub.com](http://www.edwardstonecricketclub.com)

## MILDEN CRICKET CLUB

Sadly, no wins for Mildens to report this month. Instead, three defeats, in the friendly at home to Stansfield on 23 July and in league matches away at Stowmarket on 30 July and in the final home match of the season against Mildenhall on 13 August. Like much cricket in the county, the home fixture against Elmswell on 6 August (a match Mildens expected to win) fell victim to the downpour the previous day: two inches of rain (according to my weather station in Boxford) rendering the ground unfit to play.

Unlike the home fixture on 18 June, there were no bees at Stowmarket to interrupt the game on 30 July. In a match reduced to 30 overs-a-side, the home side posted 173 for 5 wickets. Keith Gooderham was the most successful bowler, taking 3 for 41 with his leg spin. In reply, Mildens reached 143 for 8 to lose by 30 runs, having at one stage been 128 for 2. Alex Cunningham top-scored with 37, and Steve Lucas was left stranded on 35 not out. For Stowmarket, Oscar Lewis started the Mildens collapse and finished with the remarkable figures of three overs, six wickets for 10 runs.



Top: Adult full team Bottom: Adult six-man team



Cricket at Mildens: Mildenhall v Mildens, Sunday 13 August 2023

On 13 August, Mildens, with an under-strength bowling attack, were pleased to restrict Mildenhall – one of the stronger teams in the division – to 201 for 9 from their 40 overs, thanks to some tight fielding and good catching. Wickets were shared, Willis and Lomax each taking three and Cunningham, Vaughan and Gooderham one each. In reply, Mildens never really got going against tight bowling, but were successful in keeping their opponents in the field for the full 40 overs, ending on 97 for 9. Alex Cunningham top-scored with 23 from 75 balls, while David Willis ended on 20 not out, with Mildens just 3 runs short of a batting point. An enjoyable game, with another good Mildens tea!

No promotion for Mildens this season, but two away games left to improve their league position: at Haverhill on 20 August and at Long Melford on 3 September.

*David Lamming*

## BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

As part of our Centennial celebrations, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, the President of the Suffolk Bowls BE (Bowls England) and his selected team of Suffolk players challenged the Boxford Bowls club to a match. The President's Team won the overall match, with a win by Boxford on one rink and very close final scores on some of the others. The President presented Boxford Bowls Club with a beautiful engraved glass decanter commemorating the evening and the Centennial Year of the Club.

A huge thank you to all the ladies of the Club who put on a fine buffet spread after the match, and to everyone in the Club who helped in any way to make this evening such a success.



Competitions continue to be played and we have had some great results so far.

Gillian Barnes won the Suffolk Bowls BE National Senior Singles match, and she now goes on to play in the National Finals in August. Good Luck Gillian.

Steve Marszal won his semi-final match in the Suffolk BE Champion of Champions and will be playing the final of this competition later in August. Good Luck Steve.

And our men's BE team won their final league match 6-0 and finished on top of the league. They now go forward to the County semi-final in September. Good Luck to Gary and all his team players.

Watch the next newsletter for more updates on how our teams and players are getting on in the many competitions they are still playing.

# FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

## County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### Councils share concerns as public consultation opens for National Grid Norwich to Tilbury proposals.

National Grid has opened its consultation to anyone wishing to comment on its Norwich to Tilbury proposal, previously known as East Anglia Green. This is an eight-week non-statutory consultation period which closes on 21 August 2023.

The project will see a new 400kV electricity transmission line built between Norwich and Tilbury, running a distance of 111 miles. It will be made up mostly of overhead lines and pylons, along with some underground cables and a new substation.

The new consultation reveals the route for the pylons, passing through Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. It shows the line will run underground through the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the Essex-Suffolk border.

The consultation is open to anyone interested in commenting on the revised proposals. Consultees can participate online or via face-to-face events. Essex CC, Norfolk CC and Suffolk CC are also being consulted on the proposals as statutory consultees. All three councils have already raised concerns to the initial consultation undertaken last year.

I believe we must be looking to a coordinated offshore-centred approach to energy transmission. Given our long-term energy security goals and the infrastructure that will be required, simply installing more pylons, and digging trenches cannot be the only viable solution. We will continue to stand strong on behalf of all the communities affected by these proposals.

You can read more about the Norwich to Tilbury project and view a calendar of consultation events on the National Grid website. You can also comment on the proposals by:

- completing National Grid's online feedback form
- sending a completed paper feedback form to Freepost N TO T (no stamp or further address needed)
- completing a paper feedback form at a consultation event
- emailing your comments to [contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com](mailto:contact@n-t.nationalgrid.com)

### Summer is the time to think about how you heat your home!

Although it's the middle of summer, now is a good time to think about making your house more energy efficient and cheaper to run during the colder months. **Warm Homes Suffolk has new funding available for eligible households, to put towards energy efficient measures such as insulation, solar panels, or heat pumps.**

The scheme is administered by SCC, and delivered by East Suffolk Council, on behalf of all Suffolk councils. It has been funding energy efficiency improvements for over a year but has recently received further funding from the Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero, to continue the work.

An average of £18,000 in funding per property is available for homeowners meeting the following criteria:

- Homes that are not heated by mains gas
- Homes with an EPC rating of D, or below
- A combined household income of under £31,000 (though this is only for certain postcodes)

Landlords and tenants are also eligible to apply, with qualifying rental properties getting up to two-thirds of costs, as an average grant of up to £12,000.

Since Warm Homes Suffolk began in early 2022, 558 properties have been improved across the county.

Priority for this new funding will usually be given to homes which are not well-insulated and leaking heat. We are also keen to support landlords and privately rented properties, so their tenants can have confidence that they are moving into energy efficient homes.

### Waste transfer station fire sparks fresh warning over disposing of safe battery disposal

People are being reminded of the importance of disposing of waste batteries properly following a fire at a Suffolk waste transfer station. Operations were briefly disrupted at Haverhill WTS after fire broke out amongst 50 tonnes of rubbish on June 16.

Waste batteries should be disposed of properly and never thrown away with household rubbish. The waste transfer station takes refuse material collected locally and bulks it for onward reprocessing.

The precise cause of the fire has not been determined but FCC Environment, which manages the 11 recycling centres and four transfer stations around the county on behalf of Suffolk County Council, said that when a fire starts in piles of waste it is usually caused by a battery that has managed to spark.

In June 2022 a fire at the Materials Recycling Facility in Great Blakenham, near Ipswich, which recycles waste from across Suffolk, is suspected to have been started by a battery dumped with household recycling. Lithium batteries are a particular problem but standard household batteries are also culprits, as well as vapes and small electricals plus items that do not look like they have a battery such as Christmas jumpers and light toys.

### All batteries should be disposed of either at recycling centres or in collection points at most large stores where they are sold.

Thankfully the fire at Haverhill was resolved quickly and with manageable disruption to operations, but this incident serves as a reminder to us all of the importance of disposing of batteries properly.

Fire and Rescue Services attend around 300 significant fires at waste sites per year in the UK. There are many other smaller fires that are dealt with before they become significant.

More information on hidden batteries can be found at the Suffolk Recycling website - <https://bit.ly/suffolk-recycling>.

### Free exhibition 'Wolsey's Ipswich' this summer at The Hold as part of Wolsey 550 celebrations

Suffolk Archives' free summer exhibition 'Wolsey's Ipswich' opened on Friday 14 July at The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront and will explore the legacy of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The exhibition forms a key part of the Thomas Wolsey 550 project, a programme of events and activities planned to celebrate the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Wolsey's birth across Ipswich.

Curated by the team at Suffolk Archives, a Suffolk County Council service, the exhibition includes items from Suffolk's own archive collections, as well as items on loan from organisations across the country.

Made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Ipswich Central and Ipswich Borough Council, the exhibition will explore the legacy of Thomas Wolsey, reconnecting him with his hometown and examining his position on the world stage.

Born and raised in Ipswich, Wolsey rose from humble beginnings to become the most powerful man in England, working alongside King Henry VIII. The 'Wolsey's Ipswich' exhibition will unearth a story of ambition, aspiration, determination, and the possibility for anyone to succeed.

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

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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

### Babergh District Councillor for Box Vale Ward

A more personal report this month - although I do not take much holiday now, due to time constraints I did decide to take my annual day off and once again spend it at the Cropredy Music Festival, down at the village of Cropredy, in the Banbury, Oxfordshire canal vale. This year's event was possibly the best ever and had village and valley 'rockin' as never before.

I have always thought that one can take the political temperature of the country from its artists and musicians and this year was no exception. The utter condemnation and hatred for this current government and the way they have feathered their own cause to the detriment of the country and much of its people was palpable.

As to the event itself, after the acoustic opening set from Fairport, we moved into a brilliant performance from up-and-coming Folk Rock band Merry Hell who had the fields and valley rocking with one of the best performances ever seen at this event. This was followed by Wilson and Wakeman who are sons of famous fathers who delivered a 90 minute set of quality music from stage and screen, culminating with the beautiful *Bring it Home* from Les Miserables.

The mood changed again then when the 65 year old Toyah Wilcox came pogoing onto the stage to deliver a non-stop electrifying 90 minute set that even had the trout in the canal dancing above water. They must have fallen back in when the whole stadium suffered a power failure but, brilliant pro that she is, she carried on unamplified with the aid of her drummer keeping the beat going until the sound returned, this truly was a mystery.

Then Nile Rogers with his Chic band stormed into action and his brand of music from the last four decades split the night storm into half with clouds parting each side of the valley, while underneath the field arena enjoyed dancing towards the midnight hour in complete dry weather. All this was before 28,000 attendees who between them drank 138,000 pints of ale, cider and lager, along with lots of other stuff.

Back home to reality now, I am having to concentrate on the up-and-coming planning appeal for the very unpopular application for 64 (mainly unaffordable) houses at Sandhill. This will probably happen in autumn with the verdict known sometime in the new year.

Hopefully if that is seen off, as most people hope, then will be the time for Boxford PC and myself to try to deliver another much-needed small estate of genuine affordable houses for local residents. Along with a village car park and a really good swimming facility, this should be our ambition for our current and future residents and hopefully should be achievable within the next three years.

Always looming at the moment is the cost-of-living crisis which is biting hard now and will get so much worse in the ever-nearing winter to come.

On the housing front we have already allocated £100,000 to our tenants through our housing support grants, along with council tax support to a value of £150,000 to those most in need.

We have also given a 30% uplift to grant aid the two CABs in our area, who are doing so much to alleviate the hardship to local needy families.

Homelessness has also become a major issue in Babergh Mid Suffolk with 1,200 individuals and families presenting themselves as potential homeless across the joint council area last year and still rising as the weeks go by. Once the council is aware we try to negotiate terms for private tenants and work out an affordable plan for our own residents. A horrible situation indeed for those who find themselves in this position, but BDC officers and councillors alike are determined to pull the region through this and somehow

come out the other side.

The Council's investment strategy continues to do well and during the last financial year brought in around £2.5m - a huge help to be able to do more for our residents and businesses alike. This has now made £11.5m since the investment scheme began - a truly solid performance.

While Babergh Mid Suffolk is classed as quite a small council, we certainly punch above our weight for our residents.

This is so important now to get our big decisions right as taxpayers' money is now being swallowed up by the great white elephant called HS2, which is now becoming obvious was a very bad destructive idea. When will it be realized that the cost outweighs any benefits that were tangible anyway, along with the catastrophic line of pylons destroying our countryside?

When will our politicians listen to the voice of reason and common sense? I think the present crop will never be more than an abject failure but some starting their political careers do seem to have some idea of the green agenda needed now and some policies to match, we can but hope. If you need your councillor, then I am always around, flag me down. Carefully please.

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

## GROTON

### Summary of Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Present:** P Roberts (Chair), R Cheeseman, N Chapman, S Price, C Hearn, R Jones (Clerk).

Guests: J Finch (Suffolk County Council) B Hurren (Babergh District Council) M Mackay Morris, A Dixon-Smith

**Co-option of Councillors:** Following due process and in line with the Council's Co-option Policy, May Mackay Morris and Adam Dixon-Smith were co-opted as members of the Council. Formal co-option to take place at the next meeting of the Council.

**Minutes of the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023:** Approved.

Item 13 was brought forward as follows to be discussed whilst Cllr Finch was still present. Poor quality of pothole repairs – SCC were in the process of changing contractor due to poor service. All poor-quality repairs were to be made good. Any issues could be reported via the SCC Website Highways reporting page <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

Cars coming at speed past the Fox & Hounds and going straight across junction; and car speeds in general, particularly when verges haven't been cut – Cllr Finch offered to arrange for speed checks to be carried out at locations to be agreed. Groton Street and Church Street were particular areas of concern. Once data had been gathered, then the best course of action could be agreed.

**Questions From Members of the Public:** A discussion took place about the proposed electricity pylons crossing the county to Brantham.

**Financial matters:** The Statement of Finances & Orders for Payment were approved and cheques signed.

*Solicitors' fees for renewal of the village hall lease:* the clerk presented 3 quotes for carrying out renewal of the village hall lease. The quotes were from Gotelee, Hadleigh, Holmes & Hills, Sudbury and Wayman & Long, Sudbury. All quotes were for the same provision of service. It was agreed that the contract be awarded to Holmes & Hills. The clerk to find out whether these fees could be paid for out of Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

*Clerk's Salary:* It was agreed to approve the backdated salary increments due since 2021.

**Nomination of Boxford and Groton United Charities' Trustee:** The PC had been asked to approve Truusje Barkham as its nominated trustee to Boxford and Groton United charities and unanimously approved the nomination.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update:** A meeting with Babergh DC officers was scheduled for 18 July to translate and transfer data collected so far. As it was a pilot project this would also be of benefit to Babergh as an example to take forward. He was also pushing for a meeting with a senior planning officer to test some 'hypothetical' scenarios. Other considerations were how to include a climate change plan and adapting the area to enable better access to services, in particular, pedestrian access between Groton and Boxford.

**Wildfires and Emergency Support Plan:** The Chair and Cllr Cheeseman had attended a further meeting with representatives from local parishes and it had been agreed to produce a joint plan to include Edwardstone, Boxford, Great Waldingfield and Little Waldingfield Parishes.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 5 September at 7pm

Full minutes can be found at:

<http://groton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/documents/>

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## EDWARDSTONE

### Summary of Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Present:** P Baker, M Gibson, T Wood, R Norman, D Williams, R Jones (Clerk). Guests: J Finch (Suffolk County Council) Apologies for Absence: L Smyth, J Morgan

**Co-option of Councillors:** R Norman and D Williams were co-opted to the Council.

**Financial matters:** Statement of Finances & Orders for Payment and Q1 accounts were approved and cheques signed.

*Purchase of new laptop:* the clerk reported that due to ongoing problems with the PC's laptop, he had sought advice from a local computer repair man who had advised that the hard drive was failing and the device could not cope with the latest technology. In view of this, approval was being sought to purchase a replacement. It was agreed that the clerk source and purchase a new laptop up to the value of £400.

*Bus shelter update:* As the repair work had now been completed it was agreed that Cllr Wood make further contact with the local Air Cadets to carry out the painting as previously discussed. Approval was given for a donation of £100 to be made to the group.

*Other financial matters:* As Richard Norman, the previous auditor was now a member of the council, the clerk would need to employ a new auditor to carry out the annual internal audit.

**Banking:** Cllrs Baker, Wood and Gibson to meet with the clerk on 25<sup>th</sup> July to complete change of mandate forms.

**Planning Matters:** Planning applications received - DC/23/03089 Edwardstone Lodge, Sherbourne Street: application for listed building consent - alterations to outbuilding including insertion of new first floor window approved under DC/21/00412. Replacement of modern glazed window & adjoining vertically boarded timber door. – No Objection.

DC/23/01474 Sommet, Mill Green: householder application - erection of two storey side extension, insertion of rooflight and construction of 11 solar panels to front elevation and detached cartlodge (following demolition of attached garage). – No Objection.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Cllr's Baker and Gibson had met with MP James Cartlidge and had raised concerns over the lack of clarity from the Government on whether funding would continue. At things stood, it was still not clear if funding to continue the project would be forthcoming.

**20's Plenty Campaign:** The Chairman presented a report on a webinar he had attended, with representatives of other PCs, presented by the 20's Plenty Campaign. The campaign were seeking PC support to put pressure on SCC to adopt a 20mph speed limit on all roads where people live, work, shop, play or learn. The Chairman said that the response from most of the other PCs who attended had been positive. Whilst councillors' agreed that speeding was an issue on certain roads in Edwardstone, they were not convinced that a 20mph speed limit would make a significant difference. The PC decided not to support the 20's Plenty for Suffolk campaign, but to remain open to concerns being raised about speeding.

**Climate Change: Wildfires and Community Emergency Plan:** The Chairman reported that five local PCs were now involved and had met again on 11<sup>th</sup> July. The next step would be to agree a joint plan although it was possible that the plan could be divided into smaller or individual plans with the proviso that resources would be shared across the parishes.

**Defibrillator Update:** The clerk had received communication that an inspection was due. This information to be passed to Cllr Morgan.

**Highway & Footpath Matters: Footpath cutting:** In view of the admin and time involved in setting up an annual contract, the clerk was proposing the adoption of a multi (3)-year contract. It was agreed that the clerk present a report to the next meeting to enable a three-year grass cutting contract to be adopted from 2024.

*Footpath leaflet:* Still awaiting feedback on the draft from SCC representative.

**Other Highways & Footpath Matters:** Litter bin missing at War Memorial. Cllr Norman to advise the Clerk of measurements. Broken dog waste bin on Millenium Green. Clerk to source replacements.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 18 September at 7pm

Full minutes can be found at:

<http://groton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/documents/>

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## BOXFORD

### Summary of Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Public Forum at the Parish Council Meeting** - A resident reported that the hedge at Homefield Court had been trimmed, however, the bollards are yet to be repaired. The clerk has checked and the work was scheduled to happen in August. He asked about the traffic survey and the chairman confirmed that would be discussed during the meeting. He asked about grants towards the pavilion changing facilities. Cllr Phillips updated the meeting in this regard. Meanwhile the project for flood lighting is progressing with the final quotation awaited. The CIL grant for the changing facility upgrades will go before cabinet in September. District Cllr Hurren agreed to investigate the earliest date for approval.

**On-going Matters** - Regarding the buses, a meeting has been arranged at Endeavour House on the subject and a transport survey will be arranged to support future actions. Cllr Munson updated the meeting about the wild fires and emergency planning. Meetings are proceeding and the response likely to be agreed is of a basic nature such as opening halls as emergency centres. Cllr Warren explained the results of recent tests of cemetery trees and some trees will need to be felled. The urgent work is likely to prove costly and as this council was not scheduled to meet before the end of September it was agreed to delegate agreement of urgent work between meetings. The contractors authorised to restore the churchyard boundary wall have cancelled as they no longer have capacity for next summer. The Church are still happy as long as the alternative contractors work to the same specification. Cllr Warren will get further quotes.

#### **Sub-committee's were formed as follows:**

*Environmental and Ecology Sub-committee:* Cllrs Carpenter, Munson and Wortley.

*Public Realms Sub-committee:* Cllrs Parr (PC Chairman), Warren and Watts.

*Chairman's Sub-group:* Cllrs Parr and Carpenter.

*Planning Sub-committee:* Cllrs Phillips, Watts and Wortley.

*Cemetery Sub-committee:* Cllrs Warren and Phillips.

*Finance Sub-committee:* Cllrs Parr, Phillips, Warren and the Responsible Finance Officer (clerk).

All decisions continue to be made by full council at parish council meetings held in public.

**Finance** - In addition to the usual business, it was agreed to end the electricity and telephone contracts at Bell House as the Parish Council now meets at the village hall. The clerk's telephone number will be used **01376 425744**. New bank signatories will be appointed at the September parish council meeting.

**District Council Report** - District Cllr B Hurren confirmed the District Council has had two full council meetings since the elections. They are environmentally focused and also ambitious in the help they can give to young people. They want to support strong communities, housing needs and help residents take pride in where they live. They are supporting the local Citizens Advice Bureau. Fly tipping is a problem, so he urged vigilance. He contacted Flagship and is assured the bollards will get repaired and Flagship have already cut the hedge both at Homefield Court.

**County Council Report** - County Cllr J Finch attended and delivered his report (see August 2023 BRN, p30) On local matters, the traffic survey data was from 2017, so Cllr Finch is commissioning new data. The monitoring takes place 24 hours a day and it was agreed after the summer holidays would be more typical. Cllr Finch agreed to add Stone Street to the list of locations in view of recent findings from the parish council survey. The Chairman agreed to feedback anything significant to Cllr Finch and would like to get some dates in the diary for the survey to take place. The Chairman confirmed this PC can work on the other criteria for a reduced speed limit in the village in the meantime. Cllr Watts asked about reporting pot-holes and Cllr Finch and the clerk explained about the Suffolk Highways reporting tool. <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk> The Chairman concluded by confirming the poor state of some roads would need to be addressed by re-surfacing and he will discuss with Cllr Finch between Meetings.

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

Full minutes can be found at:

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

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## NEWTON GREEN

### Summary of Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**23/158 Finance** - a. All payments made and due for authorisation, as itemised in the RFO Report (Appendix A) were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting.

b. The councillors resolved to approve and accept the external audit report produced by PKF Littlejohn for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. There were no issues raised by the auditor.

**23/159 Planning** - The councillors reviewed Planning Application DC/23/03525 Little Barn, Sudbury Road - Creation of a vehicular access (re-submission of DC/22/04495 and resolved to support the application.

**23/160 Allotments** - The councillors reviewed the proposed documents for the transfer of the allotments to NPC. Cllr Schwenk outlined two changes that were being incorporated before NPC could sign and complete the transaction.

**23/161 Questions to the Chair** - The councillors reported that the Rectory Road sign at the junction with the A134 was broken; the 30mph signs along Rectory Road required clearing of vegetation. The issues surrounding the development of three properties in Rectory Road were reviewed, as well as the lorry fire off Rotten Row. Babergh has confirmed that the owners of Rogue House will need to clear the tree encroachment from Plampin Close.

**23/162 Next Meeting** - The next meeting of NPC will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 starting at 7.30 pm in Newton Village Hall.

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

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# The Blooming Garden

## On the Brink.

Petunia is a genus of only 20 species of flowering plants from South America. The name comes from the word 'petun' which means tobacco in the local Tupi-Guarani language. They are part of the *Solanaceae* family which includes tobacco, potatoes and tomatoes.



one in a rather sophisticated shade of black which I like better than some of the flouncy ones.

I also quite like this pink and white one with the veining and the dark throat.



Jenny Robinson, who was well-known to local plant enthusiasts and called 'the grande dame of horticulture' by Roy Lancaster, would refer scathingly to popular annuals such as petunias as 'hanging basket plants' and that certainly wasn't a mark of approval for Jenny. They are not for everybody as the hybridisers have perhaps been a bit too over-enthusiastic with many of them. But they can make a beautiful and eye-catching display and many people find it difficult to resist them. If kept fed and watered and grown in a sunny position, they will get better and better as the summer goes on. All these modern petunias come originally from a hybrid of two species; the beautiful white *Petunia axillaris* and the violet *Petunia integrifolia* which is used as a hallucinogen in Ecuador; apparently, it gives the sensation of flying. The scented hybrids get their scent from *Petunia axillaris* which has the most gorgeous, heavenly scent at night. It can even turn into a climber if given support. I have never tried growing this plant but I see that Plant World Seeds lists it. I shall certainly be trying it next year.

Beautiful and showy as these modern hybrids may be, I think none of them can compare with *Petunia exserta* which is a delightful species petunia from ancient and isolated pampas grassland of the Serras de Sudesta in Southern Brazil. It was only discovered in 1987 and at the last count in 2007 there were only fourteen true *Petunia exserta* plants left in the wild. Of course there are the usual pressures of loss of habitat and climate change, but the other problem for this dear little petunia is that it hybridises readily with the wild, white *Petunia axillaris* which I already mentioned as being the parent of all our modern bedding plants. *Petunia exserta* is clearly doomed in the wild but thanks to the efforts of Derry Watkins of Special Plants Nursery, seeds became available here in the UK. Derry received seed from a collector in America and has vowed not to grow any other petunias to keep her stock of seeds pure. Now you can get seeds from several seed companies and I strongly recommend it as it is a delightful little thing. It is easy to grow; I just scatter the seeds thinly in the pots where they are going to live so I don't have to bother pricking them out.



Maya and Inca people believed that the perfume of petunias warded off dangerous underworld monsters and spirits, but *Petunia exserta* would be no use for this as it has no scent at all. In the wild it grows in shady nooks on rocks. No scent is necessary as it is pollinated by humming birds that have no sense of smell but are attracted by colour. The bright red flowers are star-shaped.



'*exserta*' means projecting or thrust out and it refers to the extended stamens and stigma which are designed for these exotic pollinators.

If you grow this beauty and want to save seed you have to make sure that you don't grow any other petunias so as to prevent hybridising. I think it is well worth any effort to keep this pretty little plant going. It feels a little like keeping a dodo in your garden, helping to preserve this pretty little flower from extinction.

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## AUGUST 2023

- 26-28 Polstead Exhibition** 10-5pm  
SAT-MON Maria Martens Cottage, Polstead CO6 5AG
- 28 Boxford Friendship Group** 2-4pm  
MON Boxford Village Hall

## SEPTEMBER 2023

- 2-3 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival** 10:30-5pm  
SAT-SUN St Lawrence's, Little Waldingfield
- 3 Stride Out For Shelley** 10-11am  
SUN Shelley Centre, IP7 5QY
- 5 BGS - From Sea to Soil** 7:30pm  
TUE Boxford Village Hall
- 6 Boxford WI - Suffolk Punch Horses** 2pm  
WED Boxford Village Hall
- 8 Boxford Society Summer Outing** 10:30am  
FRI Lavenham
- 8 Relaxation & Sound - all welcome** 6-7:15pm  
FRI Boxford Village Hall
- 9 Macmillan Coffee Morning** 10-12pm  
SAT Newton Village Hall
- 9 Kersey Flower & Vegetable Show** 2:15-5pm  
SAT Kersey Village Hall
- 9 French's Care Haven Barn Dance** 7pm  
SAT Boxford Village Hall
- 10 Lavenham Airfield Guided Walk** 10-1:30pm  
SUN Lavenham Airfield
- 10 Church Fete** 12:30-3:30pm  
SUN St Mary's, Boxford
- 15 Film Night - The Unlikely Pilgrimage Of...** 7pm  
FRI Polstead Village Hall
- 15 Defibrillator Seminar** 7pm  
FRI Milden Pavilion
- 16 Nayland Family Festival** 1-10pm  
SAT Webb's Meadow, Nayland Village Hall
- 20 Get Into Golf - Ladies Free Taster Session** 2-3pm  
WED Newton Green Golf Club
- 20 LWHS - Inconvenient Truths** 7:30pm  
WED Parish Room, Little Waldingfield
- 23 Get Into Golf - Ladies Free Taster Session** 2-3pm  
SAT Newton Green Golf Club
- 23 Harvest Horkey Barn Dance** 7:30pm  
SAT Dove Barn, Groton
- 23 Quiz Night** 7:30pm  
SAT Little Waldingfield Parish Rooms
- 24 Family Dog Show** 1-4pm  
SUN Shelley Centre, IP7 5QY
- 24 French's Care Haven Open Day** 12-4pm  
SUN French's Care Haven, CO10 5EU
- 25 Boxford Friendship Group** 2-4pm  
MON Boxford Village Hall
- 30 Boxford Farmers, Arts & Crafts Market** 10-1pm  
SAT Boxford Village Hall

## OCTOBER 2023

- 3 BGS - Unusual Abundance** 7:30pm  
TUE Boxford Village Hall
- 4 Boxford WI - Shanty Folk** 2pm  
WED Boxford Village Hall
- 6 Autumn Fashion Show** 6:30pm  
FRI Stoke-by-Nayland Village Hall
- 6 Piano Trio Concert** 7:30pm  
FRI St Mary's Church, Boxford
- 7 Boxford Society Talk - Dead Doubles** 7:30pm  
SAT Boxford Village Hall
- 14 Murder At Milden Manor** 7pm  
SAT Milden Pavilion
- 15 Charity Craft Fair** 10-4pm  
SUN Whatfield Village Hall
- 18 LWHS - The De Veres of Castle Hedingham** 7:30pm  
WED Parish Room, Little Waldingfield
- 20 Relaxation & Sound - all welcome** 6-7:15pm  
FRI Boxford Village Hall
- 23 Boxford Friendship Group** 2-4pm  
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