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NEW OWNER SET TO TRANSFORM WHITE HART

Boxford's iconic and historic White Hart pub has been closed for business since November 2023 when the previous tenant landlords, Spectre Leisure Ltd. shut it down after having been open for just 11 months. Situated in the heart of the village its closure struck a gloomy note in the locality and it has been sorely missed by many.

However, hot off the press the BRN can announce the freehold has been purchased from the current owners by local businessman and parish councillor Howard Watts. Howard, who has owned Riddelsdell's car garage on Ellis Street since 2001 has long been a huge fan of the White Hart's character architecture. He visited Boxford from Colchester as a school boy, viewed the Riddelsdell garage and told his father that it was his dream that one day it would be his. In a similar fashion he has always loved the White Hart along with the intrigue of its long history, so when the opportunity to purchase the freehold arose, Howard jumped at the chance. He told the BRN, *"The White Hart sits at the centre of the village and is steeped in history, as one of the main malthouses for the local brewing industry hundreds of years ago. It was also the home of local hero Tornado Smith and his Wall of Death. It's a valuable asset for the whole local population, so having it actively running as a pub and business centre is vital to the welfare of the village economy. Also, how many other pubs in the world can boast of having a lion buried on the grounds?"*



Howard plans to revive the fortunes of the pub by diversifying the business and providing a number of complementary services. Collectively, they will be known as The Hub @ The Hart.

In order to do this he has recruited a great management team. Boxford resident and parish councillor Kevin Couling will be the centre manager, taking bookings and handling the day to day aspects of the business. Colleen Pearce will run a tea and coffee lounge during the daytime, providing visitors with hot drinks, cakes and sandwiches. One of the rooms will be converted into a business hub so that local groups and businesses can hold events and meetings. The bedrooms will be refurbished and will sleep up to 8, run on a holiday-let basis providing important accommodation facilities for tourists to the area.

Howard is keen to make greater use of the property's exterior than previously. Whilst the car park will be free for all to use during the day, it will be patrons' use only during the pub opening hours. He can see parents dropping off or collecting children from the local school and meeting buses, using the car park and stopping for a coffee and chat with other parents in the coffee lounge, or just meeting up with friends.

Howard intends to clear the gardens along the riverside and work with environmental groups to improve the river itself, so

that this will be a serene and peaceful place for people to relax and encourage the wildlife that uses the waterway to be more prolific. He plans to bring back the tables outside the front of the pub and add some to the riverside area so that customers can enjoy the sunshine and watch the world go past.

He intends to have local food vans use the car park as a regular venue for their services, to agree evenings when they would like to come to Boxford. Howard believes that this will be popular with Boxford residents.

An all-year events tent will be erected on the car park, with open sides, to allow for special celebrations such as weddings and birthdays. It is planned that Kevin Couling, who is also a professional registered celebrant, will take charge of this aspect of the business, and will be able to arrange and conduct weddings and personal ceremonies. Howard has always wanted to be an auctioneer and also plans to use the space for semi-regular classic car and bike auctions.

"I'll be naming sections of the business after people that are important to me," said Howard. *"For instance, the coffee lounge will be named 'Fred's Lounge' after my father. The holiday-lets will be named 'Maison Gloria', after my mother. Meanwhile the site's fascinating history will be marked by the bar being named 'Briton's Bar' after Tornado Smith's lioness."*

Having been a Boxford resident for over 23 years, Howard is keen to stress that the objective of the pub is that it will be, front and centre, "community-focused". He would like to hear ideas from local residents about everything they feel is important, from beers and wines they would like to see served, to services and events that can be run from the premises to make full use of the buildings. He adds that for so long many of the outbuildings have been left to fall into disrepair, so the plan is to fix them all up and get them in use again.

Please stay tuned for regular progress updates in the BRN from the team as they refurbish the premises. The current aim is for it to be up and running as a pub in 4-6 weeks, with continual re-investment opening up the other functions. Howard says with the team he has in place as well as his lynchpin executive assistant Janice Powell, and with the support of the community, he is confident that it can become a popular destination and local venue, to raise the profile of Boxford and the surrounding area.

It is great to hear that the former White Hart is in capable hands with a locally-motivated team eager to make it a huge success; now operating as The Hub @ The Hart. The BRN wishes them the best of luck - watch this space!



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NATURAL BOXFORD

Well, we've had a few days when it has been warm enough to sit outside, shed some winter layers and start to get on with gardening, allotmenting and simply enjoying the colours, scents, sounds and vibrancy of the natural world at this time of year. Does it lift your spirits? Can you imagine life without birdsong? Without the thrill of trees bursting into green? The hum of bees... In some ways, because our lovely corner of the world still has some wildlife around, we risk being blind to the reality of what is occurring on our planet, and particularly in the British Isles: only half our biodiversity remains. We are verging on nature collapse as identified in the government's recent State of Nature report. It is key that we recognise that our survival as a species depends on the health of other species, and that all the small steps we each make do add up to significant positive impact. Let's have a look at **biodiversity and No-Mow May**.

Biodiversity refers to the variety of all living things in any area—plants, animals, fungi and bacteria, as well as the genetic variety within each species, and the way they are interconnected and work together as ecosystems – all interlinked as part of the one planetary ecosystem.

Why does it matter?

This web of life is what provides us with oxygen, water, food and shelter; it is a self-regulating system that when left to its own devices maintains balance always in the direction of life and abundance – it is the foundation of our human existence. If you look around the room where you are there is nothing you can see that has not come from the Earth (unless you have the odd bit of Moldavite meteorite crystal sitting around!)

You might be asking “*what has all this got to do with No-Mow May?*” May can be a famine time for pollinators before the main flush of flowering begins: we have lost 97% of our wildflower meadows since the 1930s. By giving the lawn mower a break for a few weeks and allowing grass to grow and wildflowers to flower we give insects such as bees, hoverflies and butterflies a better chance of surviving and going on to pollinate our food crops, as well as providing food for moths and seed eating birds. Some flowers you are likely to find appearing on your lawn are: daisies, common bird's foot trefoil, oxeye daisy, field forget me not, meadow buttercup, white clover, common mouse ear, self-heal and dandelion.....and possibly many more: our resident archivist and nature lover Tina Loose has recorded over 70 species of wildflower from around Boxford.



Letting the grass grow longer helps the soil retain moisture contributing to drought/flood mitigation, keeps temperatures down and provides habitat for amphibians, small mammals, beetles and other insects – some of whom are dinner for the swifts. Air quality improves and the increased buzz of life is joyful to experience.

Here's what you can do: beyond May you might like to continue either by just mowing every four to eight weeks, or experimenting with establishing your own wildflower meadow patch – they all add up to having a significant positive impact. Basic

principles are to see what is there already, let it seed itself before cutting, remove cuttings, maybe seed some yellow rattle on bare patches of earth as this keeps grass down so it doesn't swamp the wildflowers. See what grows in the local area in terms of adding any additional seed as this gives an indication of suitability. Then cut once or twice a year. Here is some helpful information: www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/your-no-mow-may-lawn-guide and don't hesitate to be in touch with any questions.

Swift Box project update: five sets of swift boxes are being installed: very exciting and in time for the swifts arriving early May – full report and pictures next month.

Boxford Open Gardens – Sunday 2nd June: Natural Boxford are happy to be having a stall. We will be in the churchyard sharing information about our projects and welcoming your ideas and involvement. There will be some activities to get up close with nature and maybe test your knowledge a bit! Do come and say hello.

Much love

Louise

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RECLAIM THE RAIN

We've had drone footage completed for Boxford, which is now available on our social media platforms; just search 'Reclaim the Rain' on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn to watch. Bar showing off the beautiful village, the purpose of this video is to record the catchment prior to project delivery. We'll repeat filming in 2027 as the project draws to a close, providing a 'before' and 'after'.



In other news, we'll soon be installing monitoring devices in Boxford! The purpose of these devices will be to monitor river and surface water flows, and rainfall data in real-time across the catchment. With the help of some external consultants, we've been able to identify the most suitable monitoring equipment and locations to install them. To support the project and success of Reclaim the Rain, it's essential for us to carry out monitoring in Boxford to form an evidence base for the project, demonstrating the impact of our water resilience schemes in your community following their delivery.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in treating this equipment with respect and minimal disturbance to ensure we collect the most accurate data. Your assistance in protecting these devices is greatly appreciated and helps support our continued work in Boxford to increase resilience to the effects of flooding and drought now and into the future.

So, keep an eye out for monitoring devices in your community and please reach out if you have any questions or are interested in learning more. Contact us at reclaimtherain@suffolk.gov.uk for further information.

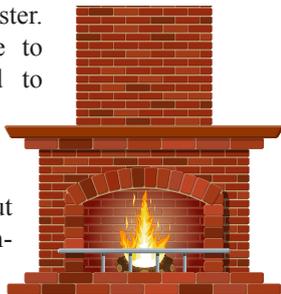
Best wishes,

Ruby and Sian

NEWTON FIRESIDE CLUB

We hope you all had a lovely Easter. Hopefully the weather will continue to improve and we can look forward to summer.

On our last meeting of term, we were fortunate enough to be joined by Hannah Powell who talked to us about Perrywoods and her new book. 24 members attended and everyone agreed it was a fascinating talk.



We have a very busy summer programme with lots of eating and drinking –after all, it’s what we do best! Please take a look at the planned events; you are welcome to join us for any of them. Tickets for our popular Midsummer Munch will be on sale shortly. Tickets are £12 for adults, £6 for under 12s, or £30 for a family of four.

SUMMER 2024 EVENTS

Tues 23 rd April	Talk - It Shouldn't Happen to a Vicar.
Tues 7 th May	Crazy Golf at Joe's Road with Tea & Cake
Tues 21 st May	Plant Swap, Bring & Share Lunch
Tues 4 th June	Film - 'A Man Called Otto'
Fri 21 st June	Suffolk Day Cream Tea
Tues 2 nd July	End of Year Lunch
Sun 14 th July	Midsummer Munch from noon

All meetings are held in the village hall and start at 2pm unless otherwise stated and anyone is welcome. Subs for members are £25 this term and must be paid in advance. This includes refreshments, activities and subsidised events. Non-members are welcome to come along to any session. The fee will be between £5 and £10 depending on the activity. New members are always welcome, the first session is free.

Please contact Moira on **01787 374652** or Sue on **07881 383 998** if you would like more details.

Sue Presland

UPDATE ON EDWARDSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Many thanks to all of you that provided comments on our draft neighbourhood plan last year. The steering group has considered all the comments received and made some changes to the document. The updated plan was accepted by Edwardstone Parish Council at its last meeting and has now been submitted to Babergh District Council.



Babergh will now review it and it will also be subject to an independent examination. Following this there will be a further public consultation on the plan later this year.

Once these are completed there will be a referendum where residents of Edwardstone who are eligible to vote will be asked if they want Babergh District Council to use the neighbourhood plan to help it decide on planning applications in the parish.

Once we know when the consultation and referendum are to be held we will let everyone know so please keep your eyes open for updates in the Box River News.

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BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

We have our annual parish meeting to be held in the village hall on the 23rd May – 7 for 7:45pm start. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. Please make time to come if you can. It is your chance to meet your councillors and listen to the projects and programmes that are being worked on – all undertaken with the objective of making Boxford the place we want it to be. It is an opportunity for you to make your constructive comments and influence future community development.

As always, an update on some key work-in-progress projects:

Bus Services

Negotiations are continuing with Suffolk County Council and interested parties to ensure that Boxford retains a bus service with improved connectivity and attractiveness.

Traffic, speed and safety

The first draft of the required highway engineer's report has been received – this incorporates the aspirations for speed reductions and some parking restrictions to enable traffic to flow in a safer way for the benefit of all. Boxford Parish Council is reviewing this stage of the process over the next few weeks. All areas of the built-up Boxford area including Stone Street hamlet are included.

Churchyard, cemetery and public realm

We are actively tidying up the village with the help of the Sudbury wardens, our selected contractors and volunteers. This work will continue. We are inviting volunteers to join us for a couple of hours or so over the weekend 11/12th May to help out in the churchyard and cemetery - please help if you are able.

Over the next few weeks you will begin to see some flowers on the railings of the bridge into Boxford (Church Street / Broad Street) – it's time to pretty up the village a little! I am sure that some volunteers would be appreciated to help here. We also continue to work on simple measures to improve the effectiveness of our street lighting.

Road maintenance, drains and gullies

The battle continues with SCC to get basic work undertaken. It is work which we, as ratepayers, expect to be done. There is a need for the modus operandi of the council works to change and to demand that we get what we believe we pay for. It is not always easy to engage with county executives, however we are not going to continue to accept the unacceptable service in these areas.

Planning

At time of going to press we await the expiry of the six week judicial review period relating to the Sand Hill appeal decision. This period ends on the 17th April. We have to be patient.

Flood risk mitigation

We are still wanting to setup a working group to take this project forward and to link into other village groups who are doing valuable associated work – sadly at present there is no resource to do so. Is there anyone who would consider joining the parish council to spearhead this piece of work – or even spearhead this work *without* joining the Parish Council?

I thank all of my colleagues who continue to support with enthusiasm all that we are trying to do – the 'can do' approach does cause a little stress and bureaucracy gets in the way sometimes.

We still have vacancies on the Parish Council.

Some changes on the horizon in Boxford. Listed building consent has been given for the left hand side of the bus shelter (The Old Gaol) to house a 'History of Boxford' exhibition as depicted through the ages. This section of the shelter will be gated and open to all during appropriate daylight hours. It is hoped that this historical depiction will appeal to both residents and more-importantly, visitors/tourists to Boxford. There is good news that new

life is to be injected into the White Hart premises – details to follow from the new entrepreneur [Ed - see page 3 for an update]. Also excellent news that the café will be given a new lease of life in the very near future together with an additional new business enterprise housed in the same premises. I would like to record my appreciation to the owners of the White Hart and of the coffee shop for having continued in their endeavours to ensure that these properties remain vibrant assets to our village life - it is recognised that difficult times have had to be weathered.

Finally, thank you to all our parishioners for the support you give us. Do come to the Annual Parish Meeting!

Colin Parr

Chairman, Boxford Parish Council

GROTON HISTORY SOCIETY

We have agreed to combine the work on the *Groton Through the Ages* projects with the establishment of the Groton History Society. The work on the former will run in parallel and provide focus subjects for the history society as we develop the agenda.

We are still looking for input from the community to share with us their histories and/or family ancestry passed down from generations' stories or research undertaken on houses or how living or working in Groton has changed over the years etc... Please let me know if you have something to share that helps us with the Story of *Groton Through the Ages*.

We are working on the details and potential schedule for the history society and will share with you in the coming months. There will be a mix of a small number of 'talks' (both from external speakers and members) alongside focus subjects for research and discussion through the year, recommended book and podcast lists, maybe even a history book library, who knows?

To that end, here is my recommendation of the month. For those of you interested in the new *Masters of the Air* TV series, I fully recommend listening to a series of 7-8 podcasts on the 'We Have Ways Of Making You Talk' podcast with Al Murray (yes the comedian who is a WWII specialist) and James Holland (the military historian author). This



specific series of podcasts take you through the whole story of the mighty 8th USAAF (based in East Anglia) within which the *Master of the Air* series focuses on a 100th Bomber Group with the 8th USAAF. It is an amazing story from beginning to end, pre-war to post-war. It is a great listen for those interested in the ups and downs and ups of the air war over Germany 1941-45.

If you have stories or research or are interested in being involved please contact me nigeljchap@gmail.com

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READERS' LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to complain about the dog that continually barks on Swan Street, Boxford. A number of neighbours are all collectively suffering because of the non-stop barking and we would like to raise the issue anonymously to avoid further measures.

The dog sounds like a large dog, barking day and night - it must be really stressed and we're worried about its welfare. Summer's coming and it's nice to sit outside but all day long all we hear is this dog barking.

Please can the owner do the right thing and address this antisocial problem.

Name supplied.

Dear Editor,

We were shocked and saddened to discover that the Boxford café has closed. The cakes were second to none and the staff were always friendly and welcoming. They will be greatly missed.

The Blatch Family

Nick Bristow 1947 - 2024

Nick Bristow passed peacefully with his family at his side on 29th March at Queen's Hospital, Romford, aged 76.

He knew this area well having been born in Sudbury and gone to school in Edwardstone and Stoke by Nayland.

When he retired he always wanted to return to the area he loved and so he came to Boxford with his wife, Cherry.

His great enthusiasm for walking led him to volunteer to become the footpath warden for a few years and plan out several routes to be included on the village website.

His funeral is on 26th April at West Suffolk Crematorium at 11:30am, followed by refreshments in The Bull, Long Melford. If you would like to attend, please contact Cherry by emailing nsbristow@btinternet.com

Thank you to all the friends and neighbours who have shown kindness and support to his wife and family.



CATESBY APPEAL DISMISSED

The latest (and perhaps final?) instalment in the Boxford Sand Hill/Catesby development saga came on 17th April, which was the date designated as the final date for any application by Catesby Development Land Limited to the High Court to try and overturn the Planning Inspector's decision to dismiss the appeal. It would appear on the face of it that Catesby have decided that appealing to the High Court to overrule Mr. Sargent's dismissal of the case wouldn't bear fruit and so no such challenge has materialised.

Further evidence of this comes from David Lamming who has sent this photo for the BRN that shows the field in question now having been cultivated and crops sown for the first time in four years - a sign that at least for the short term no new large-scale development application is on the cards for the land.



However, caution is urged against overconfidence in the land remaining development-free in future. Catesby's own website states that they are retaining the site on their promotion portfolio and that they are "currently considering the outcome of the appeal decision and any future steps".



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THE BUTCHER'S WIFE

Spending my childhood in America and then moving to Suffolk when I was in my late teens has given me an accent that sounds more at home in Bristol (the Butcher is always making fun of how I pronounce certain words). I've become accustomed to the Suffolk accent now but when I first moved here I had no idea what people were saying. The first time I met my father in law, I had to try to lip read to work out what he was saying, I'd never heard such a strong Suffolk accent!



It's not just the pronunciations that are different, the Americans have different names for things and when you're new to the country, it takes some time to get to grips with. There's all the usual things that everyone knows - pavement = sidewalk, crisps = chips, road = street, courgette = zucchini...and then there are ones that aren't as obvious. For years, I thought cilantro was some kind of exotic herb that wasn't available in England only to later realise it was what Americans called coriander.

Then there are the houses! Never before in my life had I seen a washing machine in a kitchen. Or a washing machine that had a door at the front for that matter (ours were all top loading). I have never referred to my living room as a 'front room' or a 'lounge' and we have couches, not sofas or settees. In America you would never ask to 'go to the toilet' and instead would go the 'restroom' or 'bathroom' (even if there wasn't a bath in it!). I remember someone greeting me with 'You alright?' and I genuinely thought they thought something was wrong with me. I didn't realise it was the equivalent of saying 'how are you doing?' and it was really confusing. The Suffolkisms perplex me too. What on earth is 'see you non' or 'wotcha' about?!

It was definitely a culture shock moving here. The day we flew out of LAX airport it was a clear blue sky, about 30 degrees and we landed in England on a grey, drizzly, cloudy day. I was absolutely gobsmacked by how green the landscape was. I had never before in my life seen green that vibrant and it blew my mind! The drive back to Suffolk from Heathrow was absolutely horrific. Not only was everyone on the wrong side of the street, the little country roads were terrifying! The smallest road I had seen in America was about the size of the Hadleigh bypass and that was considered a 'lane'!...

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Caprese Frittata

Ingredients (Serves 2)

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- 6 large eggs
- 2 handfuls of small mozzarella pearls
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 15 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- handful of fresh basil
- salt & pepper

Method

1. Whisk the eggs together in a bowl or jug, then stir in the mozzarella and oregano and season with salt and pepper.
2. Air fry the tomatoes and onion at 190°C for 5 minutes.
3. Pour in the egg mixture and air fry at 190°C for 25-30 minutes (cover with foil for the first 20 minutes so the cheese doesn't burn).
4. Remove with a spatula and serve with the basil leaves.

This recipe is from 'Bored of Lunch - The Healthy Air Fryer Book' by Nathan Anthony.

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RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECTORY

Fr Rob is in South Africa with the Community of the Resurrection, the monastery he trained with and is now a dispersed member of, so I am writing to you this month.

Rob is staying in the Diocese of Saldanha Bay, Western Cape, preaching and supporting with retreats, services and addresses. In a zoom call he told us that storms there are causing havoc and one of the churches he is supporting had its roof taken off and some members of the parish have lost their homes and cars when trees came down on them. Wildfires are also spreading due to the winds. We hold all the people affected in our thoughts and prayers.

So, who am I? Well, my name is Sarah and I am Fr Rob's wife but also, I am the Children and Families Missioner for the Box River Benefice.



I have been involved with children and young people ministry for about 16 years. As a family we have moved around the country a lot but wherever we have been I have been involved in the Sunday School, Youth Group, running holiday clubs, assisting in leading family services and fundraising – here in Boxford there is the Patronal Festival and fete in September. Outside of church I have been a parent helper with the Cubs and Scouts.

Through all of these I look to encourage children and their families to explore and develop their faith and integrate into all areas of Church life.

Here in the Box River Benefice on the 4th Sunday of the month at St Mary's Boxford we have the Family Service at 11am. During which we create a fun and inviting atmosphere by having a range of activities for the children and an opportunity for them to be involved in the service and help Fr Rob if they wish.



During the school holidays we hold Good Friday craft workshops and all-day holiday clubs. Where we have lots of fun activities including craft, singing, colouring, biscuit decorating and creating felt scenes.

Throughout the year we have several special services during which we encourage children, young people and their families to attend; Mothering Sunday where children give out posies, Easter Day includes an Easter Egg hunt, the pet service in September, bring along your furry family member; dogs, cats, rabbits, I even once brought one of my chickens! Harvest in October to thank God for the crops and to allow us to help those in need. And we have a Christingle service at Christmas where children and young people create light candles to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ.

Please join us for our next Family Service at Boxford on Sunday 24th May at 11am when we will be making badges to celebrate Trinity Sunday – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, it will be great to see you there.

Love and Prayers

Sarah Parker-McGee (Mrs Vicar)



"SOUP & PUD" AT MARY'S HOUSE "WARM HUB" 5 SWAN STREET BOXFORD

FRIDAY, 24TH MAY

12.00 - 2.00 PM

The meal is free but donations towards the upkeep of Mary's House welcome



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FRIDAY, 3RD MAY

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WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY

10.00 AM - COFFEE MORNING AT ALL SAINTS', NEWTON GREEN

SATURDAY, 18TH MAY

10.00 AM - COFFEE MORNING AT ST MARY'S, BOXFORD

CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS

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SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2024



Wednesday 1st May	10:00	<i>Communion & Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
	18:00	<i>Midweek Meditation</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 5th May <i>Easter 6</i>	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 8th May	10:00	<i>Communion & Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
	18:00	<i>Midweek Meditation</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 12th May <i>Easter 7</i>	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	17:00	<i>BCP Evensong</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 15th May	10:00	<i>Communion & Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
	18:00	<i>Midweek Meditation</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Sunday 19th May <i>Pentecost</i>	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	17:00	<i>Compline Night Prayer</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
Wednesday 22nd May	10:00	<i>Morning Prayer & Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
Sunday 26th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	08:00	<i>BCP Holy Communion</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	All Saints', Newton Green
	11:00	<i>Family Service</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
Wednesday 29th May	10:00	<i>Communion & Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford

(Morning Prayer online every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning from 8.30am)

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

If you need support, please contact Fr Rob or the Benefice Office

St Mary's Church, Boxford

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING




SATURDAY 4th MAY
6 - 7 PM

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, BOXFORD

"MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING"

2024



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6pm - 7pm

Saturday 4th May
Tom Cogan - Organ

Saturday 1st June
Mark Saberton - Baritone

Saturday 6th July
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The Box River Benefice

Boxford, Edwardstone, Groton,
Little Waldingfield and Newton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- MAY

Fri 3rd 10:30am *Coffee Morning*, St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield

Sat 4th 6pm *Music for a Summer's Evening*, Tom Cogan,
Organ Recital, St Mary's, Boxford

Sun 5th 12:15pm *Boxford APCM*, St Mary's, Boxford

Tue 7th 10am *Drop in for Coffee*, Mary's House, Boxford

Wed 8th 7:15pm *Benefice Joint Council APCM*, Mary's House

Tue 14th 10am *Drop in for Coffee*, Mary's House

Wed 15th 10am *Coffee Morning*, All Saints', Newton

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

Tue 21st 10am *Drop in for Coffee*, Mary's House

Fri 24th 12noon *Soup & Pud*, Mary's House

Fri 24th 7:30pm *Quintet Concert*, St Mary's, Boxford

Tue 28th 10am *Drop in for Coffee*, Mary's House

EASTER THANKS

We were delighted to welcome large numbers of people at our Easter Services across the benefice, where the joys of the resurrection rang out and were reflected through word, sacrament and song. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all those who gave their time to make all our churches look so beautiful, we couldn't do what we do without you.

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

A great time was had by all the children who attended our Good Friday Workshop, it was a busy morning. We heard the story of Holy Week, made Easter cards, made a biscuit "Easter Garden" and other craft activities. Thanks to everyone who came and to our volunteers for their time.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

We will soon be holding our Annual Meetings for each of our churches, each church is always on the lookout for new faces to join their communities, to provide support to our existing members and to inject a bit of fresh energy and insight. Please contact the Benefice Office if you would like to get involved or if you would like more information.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY 9TH JUNE

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

SUMMER COFFEE MORNING, ALL SAINTS', NEWTON GREEN

Save the date for our annual Summer Coffee Morning with stalls, it will be held on Saturday, 6th July between 10am and 11:30am. Everyone is welcome, all proceeds will go towards our kitchen and toilet fund. It would be great to see you there. Cake is guaranteed!

BOXFORD OPEN GARDENS 2024
SUNDAY, 2ND JUNE
11 AM - 4 PM

Tickets
£6 / free for under 16s
Purchase at the main ticket stall at the Church, or at the first garden you visit.

Things to Do

- Open gardens in Boxford and Edwardstone
- New gardens to see
- Children's trail
- Artists' studios
- Tea, coffee and snacks

More Information
Audrey Zuck
Audrey@a2zriskservices.com

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 9 June 2024

11am to 4pm

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

Children under 16 Free

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Plants and Produce
Parking on Playing Field

Proceeds go to our St. Lawrence Church

CHURCHYARD AND CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN

St Mary's Church, Boxford

Your help would be appreciated - no hard manual labour involved. Light work only, such as removing ivy and moss from head stones, graves and clearing dead leaves, twigs and fallen branches

Meet in the cemetery on **Saturday 11th May 10am - 12noon**
Please bring your own tools.



ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

We are a ladies tennis group and are looking for new members to join us for a game of tennis.

We meet every Monday and Wednesday morning from 09:45 to 11.00 at the Boxford playing fields tennis courts.

If you are interested, please pop along and have a chat or ring Sue on **07808 481 447**.



WHIST DRIVE

Wednesday May 8th 7pm in Monks Eleigh Village Hall Meeting Room. Entrance £3.

We play 18 hands of progressive whist and refreshments are served. We enjoy a social evening of cards and everyone is welcome, even if they have never played before. We hold a bring a prize, win a prize raffle.

For information contact Angela on **01449 740 414**.



BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM

Monday 29th April 2024
at the Pavilion

7pm Drinks & Nibbles
7:30pm Meeting

(Followed by an Executive Meeting)

All are welcome. Please email us if you intend to come to help us with catering numbers.

BoxfordCommunityCouncil@gmail.com

BOXFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

Thursday 23rd May 2024
in Boxford Village Hall starting at 7:45pm

Edwardstone Millennium Green AGM

on

Wednesday 29th May
7:30pm
in The White Horse, Edwardstone



Boxford Drama Group
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27TH JUNE – 29TH JUNE

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THE FARNDALE LADIES RETURN

Oh dear, Boxford Drama Group are terrified to announce that the Farndale ladies are back in June!

The ladies return after their triumphant rendition of Charles Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol' in 2022 to conquer yet another dramatic endeavour, well not so much 'conquer' more 'massacre'.

Their latest venture, 'We Found Love And An Exquisite Set Of Porcelain Figurines Aboard The SS Farndale Avenue', is set in the 1930s and sees them set sail on the luxury ocean liner across the Atlantic. What could possibly go wrong? Well, apart from a triangle of would-be-lovers, a myriad of mishaps, dodgy sets not to mention the acting, stuffed sea birds, and a drunken sailor for good measure. Oh, and the ship sinks, and they all get stranded on a desert island.

The ladies are back to prove that the age of elegance, glamour and enchantment is not dead...well, if it wasn't before, it soon will be!

So, remember the title, if you can, and put the dates in your diary; performances are on 27th, 28th and 29th June in Boxford Village Hall, with curtain up at 7:30pm. Tickets are £18 which includes a meal in the interval and will launch on 25th May from Boxford Post Office or via www.boxfordshows.uk/tickets. Email catering@boxfordshows.uk with any specific dietary needs.

For more information on this and all the other shenanigans we get up to, visit our website www.boxforddramagroup.com

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Wednesday 8th May 2024 8pm - Tickets: £20



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Wednesday 22nd May 2024 8pm - Tickets: £18



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Friday May 24th 2024
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Tickets are £10 on the door, however reservations are strongly
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There will be a donations bar, a raffle and Charlie will be selling
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Please come along - we promise you that it will be a thoroughly
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Is anyone interested in having ballroom dancing lessons from
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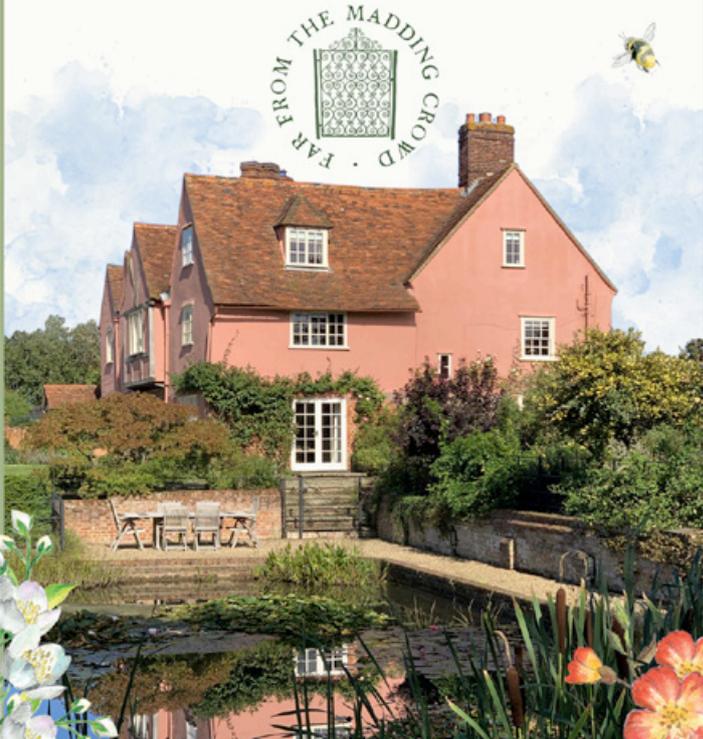
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Plus a wildflower meadow and garden to wander in, and refreshments.

Donations will be given to Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Cancer Research.

FUN DOG SHOW & TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 15th June 10-3pm

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Contact Marijke Morris for more information:
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marijke_e@yahoo.co.uk

THE BREWERY TAP HOLDS ITS FIRST BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

In April, The Brewery Tap in Sudbury saw hundreds of locals enjoy fresh real ales and ciders out in their courtyard.

Amandinus played live and Biddle's Bread served up fresh pizzas.

After the roaring success of the Spring Beer & Cider Festival, they're doing it all again...

On 1st August, they'll host a weekend of great real ales, fresh ciders, live music and food.

Come and get involved!



NOEL MYLES OAK TREES

Join us for a unique three day exhibition with Noel Myles for the launch of his latest oak tree compositions. For three days only enjoy exclusive access to the artist and his new work.

Mill Tye Gallery is pleased to announce it will be the first venue to exhibit Noel Myles's two latest tree compositions. These two pictures, measuring 3 feet by 4 feet, are highly detailed and richly printed, depicting the oak tree in both summer and autumn. They will be displayed by themselves in our upper gallery for just three days during the May bank holiday weekend. (Saturday 25th May, Sunday 26th May and Bank Holiday Monday 27th May).



Smaller limited-edition prints, exclusive to Mill Tye Gallery, will be available to purchase.

Myles is well-known for his tree pictures. His exhibition at Mill Tye two years ago was greatly admired and highly successful. He has been making compositions of this particular tree between Middleton and Henny for over two decades. Some of which have been exhibited in The Royal Academy, The Contemporary Art Society, The Minories and Gainsborough's House.

FOR THREE DAYS ONLY Be sure to put this special occasion in your 2024 diary and please RSVP to Mill Tye Gallery if you intend to attend. Noel Myles will be in attendance over the weekend to discuss his work with customers. Join us for drinks and nibbles. Gallery opening hours for this special event **10:30am – 4pm: Saturday 25th May, Sunday 26th May and Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2024**

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MYLES

 SATURDAY 25 MAY — MONDAY 27 MAY
 TREE COMPOSITIONS
OAKS
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 Open: Saturday 25 May, Sunday 26 May and Bank Holiday Monday 27 May 10:30am – 4pm.
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MADRIGALIA NEWS

We've had a good start to 2024 with five new recruits to the choir resulting in a quick dash to the New Year sales to purchase some more chairs!

We do have space for one more tenor to join our three wonderful lady tenors and complete our line-up. It would be the icing on the cake.

Coming up at the end of the month is our joint concert with Celtic harp ensemble 'Melody of Harps' which takes place at and is to raise funds for St Bartholomew's Church, Groton. It starts at **3pm on Sunday 28th April** and will last approximately one hour. Arrive a little earlier to enjoy a complimentary glass of Pimms. This is a non-ticket event so retiring donations will be welcome.

BOXFORD WI UPDATE

Boxford WI held their Open Meeting this month, welcoming members from Bures, Hadleigh, Leavenheath and Polstead WIs together with guests from elsewhere.

We were delighted to have 60+ members and guests at our Open Meeting in April. We also had some more exotic visitors too! Two lovely cuddly boys called Isaac and Hurricane from Hilly Ridge Alpacas. The boys brought along two friendly handlers! Jo Bridge who owns Hilly Ridge Alpacas told us that after 25 years as a police officer she left the force and following her love for dogs and horses, she bought some alpacas. When she acquired her first alpacas she knew nothing about them, but has progressed over the years to

become a respected international judge in this field. She now has 60 which is rather more than her partner expected! The farm produced 26 babies last year which was a record number. Jo gave us a fascinating talk about an alpaca's life and how their fleeces differ. Everyone was touched by her enthusiasm and love for these animals. Our members and guests were able to get up close and personal with Isaac and Hurricane who appeared completely unphased by all the strange hands on them. Jo answered a host of questions from our interested audience. We very sorry to see them leave and we felt quite privileged to make their acquaintance.

New members are always welcome, so if you are interested in finding out what the WI are up to in 2024 come along to the village hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm where you will receive a very warm welcome.

Once you are a member you will be able to enjoy the following interest groups which we hold on a regular basis:

- Dining Divas (lunch group)
- Chatterbox (afternoon with tea and cake)
- Knit and Natter
- Book club
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Starring Jim Broadbent & Penelope Keith

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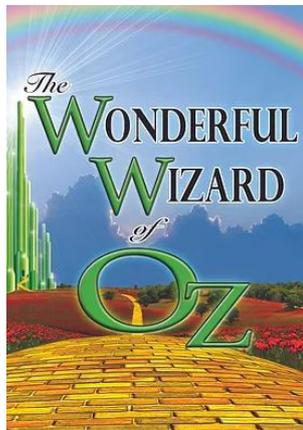
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STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

This is the third and final part of Roger Loose's serialisation of Reg Tricker's memories of growing up in the Box River Benefice. Parts one and two can be found in the March and April 2024 issues of the BRN respectively.

Reg Tricker, A Boxford boyhood - Part Three

I think it was July 1942 that my brother Frank married Rose King. Rose lived with her parents Jack (Tottles) and Emma in one of the little cottages in Brook Hall. The wedding was in Boxford Church and the reception at our house, 6 Bonsey Terrace. Quite a few were there including my Mum and Dad, Gordy and Lol. By that time Harry was in the Royal Army Medical Corps, which was quite fitting I suppose, him



Reg's brother Frank and Rosie Tricker

being a butcher. It was not long after that he was sent to the Far East, to India initially. I know he was in Bangalore, and later he spent a lot of time in the Burma jungle. I can't remember when Frank went into the Army; it could have been before he married or very soon after. He was in the Royal Engineers, being a bricklayer by trade.

I remember I hadn't been at work long in 1943 and going home one lunchtime and Mum telling me that my Dad was very ill and hadn't got long to live. I was only 14 years old and Dad sadly died in September that year. What with Dad dying and four of my brothers away at War, two of them being prisoners of the Japanese, and we did not know what was going on because there was very little information or correspondence coming through. All we were told was that they were prisoners of war and being well looked after, but of course that was far from the truth. They were taken up to Thailand in old cattle trucks to build that wretched railway where they were on starvation diets, on a handful of rice a day and brutally treated, being thrashed. They never had any clothes as such, just a loin cloth, nothing on their feet. How my mother coped with it all I never will know.

Lucky for us, Lol didn't have to go into service as he worked for the War Agriculture up at Daltons Farm, Leavenheath. So along with Lol, me and Gordy we carried on. We still kept the pigs and chickens and did all the garden and allotment. It was extremely hard work. As I say how my Mum coped I never will know. When I went home sometimes I could see that she had been crying and worrying. Daily life was a constant worry. Both Lol and Gordy were in the Home Guard. Lol was a Lance Corporal and they used to get called out. Some nights there would be a knock on the door for them to get on parade down at Boxford. The Home Guard had requisitioned Hendrick House in Swan Street as their headquarters.

There wasn't much going on socially in the village during the war years and as we left school and started work we were allowed to go in the pubs and have perhaps half a cider. Apart from the village bobby, no-one else seemed to mind. We were there for company; to play darts and someone would get on the piano and have a good old sing song. Occasionally we would bike to Hadleigh or Sudbury to go to the picture house, but it wasn't very often we did that because I only earned 15 shillings a week, that is 75p for a 48 hour week. I gave mother 10 shillings board money and had 5 shillings myself to do things I wanted, which wasn't much and of course clothe myself. As there was rationing there was very little to buy really even if you did have plenty of money.

We used to watch Ministry of Information films in the Village Hall and I remember having to get out quick one night when somebody came running in saying that there had been a raid on Stone Street and it was on fire. Luckily for us it wasn't true. They were incendiary bombs and they dropped further up Brick Kiln Hill. Of course we heard and saw lots of German aircraft, some being caught in the beams of the searchlights that used to be around the area. Ack ack guns would be firing trying to bring them down and there were also our fighter planes firing at them. Lucky for us, very few bombs were dropped around the area, although Boxford did have a near miss. Two very large bombs dropped up at The Marsh, which is at the far end of the Running Waters estate. They made two huge craters and I believe one of them is still there today. During the Blitz of 1940 you could see the fires of London glowing in the sky some 60 miles away, but of course remember everywhere was in total dark. Almost every day and night the sky would be full of planes coming home or going on a mission to Europe. A good many hardly made it back with engines being knocked out and holes in the plane.

When the Americans came over and set up a lot of aerodromes in the area we used to bike over to Great Waldingfield and Acton to watch the planes trying to land. Some were in a sorry state I can tell you. The most terrifying thing I remember was walking down Swan Street one night with some of my mates when two Doodlebugs (V1 flying bombs) came over just above the rooftops with the engines spluttering. Of course we knew that once the engine cut out they just dropped down and exploded. So we all dived for cover under the archway which is halfway down Swan Street. Fortunately for us and Boxford they came down a little way off near Assington I think. Later on in the War the worst things were the V2 rockets. On a clear early morning you could see the corkscrew shaped vapour trail in the sky as they were launched from Holland, but I don't recall any coming down around here. They were terrible things because you never heard anything until it was too late.

Although there were many Yanks stationed nearby, not many were in Boxford itself. They were mainly Military Police with the big Harley Davidson motorcycles. They requisitioned George Cady the baker's new house, which was built just before the War. It's the pebble dashed house standing slightly back in Swan Street. The American soldiers were very kind to us children. We would say "got any gum chum" and they would give us gum and candy, and of course we would cadge the odd cigarette off them such as Lucky Strike, Camel, or Philip Morris. We had to go and find a quiet place to have a smoke out of sight of the village bobby, who was always making you turn out your pockets to see if you had any cigarettes. If you had, he would take them off you. I suppose he found that a cheap way to get a smoke himself!

Sunday afternoons were the best as the Yanks would let you go round to their cookhouse and they would give us peaches and ice cream which was a real treat for us I can tell you. In those days we had nothing like that available.

The Yanks from Great Waldingfield aerodrome would come to the village on motorbikes and you could hear them coming miles away. They would be shouting and yahooping like the cowboys in the films. They were a wild bunch compared to our Army lads.

Some Saturday nights dances were held in the Village Hall and of course we had never heard music like it before. They played in the Glen Miller style. Occasionally there would be the odd scuffle breaking out, between the Yanks and the older local boys over girlfriends.

In 1944 I remember a V1 flying bomb coming down and exploding just outside Tills Farm, which is on the Hadleigh road just before the Brewers Arms public house. My brother who was in the Home Guard had to go up and guard the area. Because it was near Faulkner's Nursery it blew a lot of glass out of the greenhouses. This is where I was working at the time as I had left Mrs Peachey the baker because I could earn quite a bit more money. I did enjoy it, having always worked in the garden.

The Germans tried to flood Holland. It was in September 1944 that the Arnhem airborne invasion took place. For two days the skies over the village were full of all sorts of planes; old Sterlings, bombers, DC3's, Dakotas pulling the gliders full of men. A sight I have never forgotten. Poor lads that went to Arnhem.



Reg's brother Gordon (Gordy) Tricker

It was about this time that Gordy joined the Army. He had to go to Norwich and he joined the Royal Norfolk's. After his initial training he was sent out to Holland until the end of hostilities in Europe. So then there was just myself, Mum and Lol at home to keep things going, until this wretched war finally came to an end and we could hand back everything to our brothers when they came home. For a number of years I delivered newspapers in the village, because not only were the Peachey's bakers, they were also newsagents. Most people would say "have you got any good news today, boy?", but of course most of it wasn't good.

After almost six years on the 8th May 1945 we celebrated VE Day. I remembered we danced and sang along with the Yanks around a big bonfire that we all helped to make in The Square as we called it, in Broad Street. I recall it left a huge hole in the road! As I made my way home that night I was greeted by my mother crying, just as she had done on that Sunday morning on the 3rd September 1939, when I was that innocent 10 year old choir boy returning from Church. Because for us as a family the war wasn't over by any means, as three of my brothers were still out in the Far East.

By that time the Japanese were beginning to lose the War in the Far East and Pacific. My captured cousin Arthur Tricker was being shipped to Japan to work in the factories. He was very unwell, virtually starved to death. He was lucky enough to be dropped off on the way in the Philippines and was there liberated by the Americans. He was taken to America along with other soldiers and he sent a letter home to his mother to say he was safe and well.

Tragically he told his mother that my brother Vernon had died. I remember being at home when my Aunt Sue came to our house with the letter to show my Mum which said that he had died in the August of 1943. That was just one month before my Dad died. Of course we knew



Reg's brother Vernon Tricker was in the 5th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment and sadly died as a prisoner of the Japanese in 1943. He is buried in Kanchanaburi War Cemetery Thailand.

nothing about my other brothers. It was an awful and terrible time not knowing if Bob was still alive after working on that Railway of Death where one in four had died. If he had survived, where was he? There was no official news whatsoever. My brother Harry was presumably still in the Burma jungle. Fortunately for us and for all

of them, the bomb was dropped and Japan surrendered. So that was a relief.

Eventually word did come through that Bob was alive and safe. In the meantime Harry had sent a letter to Mum from Burma saying he was safe and well and on his way home and what wonderful news that was to hear.

Frank was still in Holland repairing the floodgates that Hitler's Army had blown up trying to flood the country. Gordy had been trained for jungle warfare, but luckily for them all after the atom bombs were dropped on Japan none of them had to go. I am sure that saved thousands of lives. It was only then at that time we felt we could celebrate VJ Day (Victory over Japan) and the end of the terrible 6 years of war.

Harry was the first to get back home from the Far East to his home in Kersey. He cycled over to see Mum, Lol and myself. I was in bed at the time recovering from pneumonia. Mum kept the fire going in the bedroom for me and I remember Harry coming up to see me and telling me all about the years that he had spent in the Burma jungle. It was some while after when Bob sent Mum a message to say he had arrived in the country and was on his way home. I remember that dark winter night when he came home. There was a knock on the front door and there was Bob. A police inspector had kindly brought him safely home from Ipswich Railway Station.

Bob, poor old boy, he was just a shadow of his former self. He was 14 stone when he left home and down to 8 stone when he got back after 3 years of brutality. Bob told us he had been building an airfield on a huge plateau on the outskirts of Saigon in what was then Indo-China. When word came through that the war was over, he could hardly believe it. When they woke up the next morning all the Japanese had gone and they were left to fend for themselves. I think it was the Americans who found them and flew them in DC3's to Rangoon in Burma. There they were given Army clothing, boots and whatever they needed, as of course all they owned was the loin cloth they wore.

It is hard to imagine what all those poor boys went through and what they looked like when they were first liberated, as of course they would have been so much better fed for some weeks before arriving back in their own homes. What an emotional homecoming that was for us all, with Mum crying tears of joy, and of course sadness with not having my brother Vernon there too.

POSTSCRIPT: After 1945 Reg was, and is, a well-known figure in Boxford.

Reg was called up for National Service in 1947 on his 18th birthday. He joined the Royal Ordnance Corps and after training was sent to Egypt for 18 months, which was something of a 'hot bed' at the time.

Reg's brothers had all been bricklayers at Kingsbury's and when Reg returned he wanted to be one, but Kingsbury's sent him to Bildeston (sometimes on a bike and sometimes a lorry) as an apprentice carpenter/joiner for 3 years, as they had plenty of bricklayers. At that time the difference in pay between a workman and skilled tradesman was only 5 and a half pence a week, new money equivalent! This when the national average weekly rate of pay was only £7 a week, and Boxford would have fallen well below that figure. No wonder so many villagers were so poor. When the mains



Reg Tricker on his motor bike around 1953 whilst Homefield houses were still being built

sewer was laid on in Boxford in the 1950s, many people couldn't afford to pay for the connection from the road to their house. Reg would do private work evenings and weekends to ensure that his family had a few extras.

Reg met his wife to be, Doreen, in 1950 at his brother Gordon's wedding in Sunderland to her sister Maisie. Maisie had met Gordon when she came down to join the Land Army at



*Above: Doreen, Reg's wife to be, aged 16 or 17.
Left: Reg & Doreen's wedding in Sunderland in 1954*



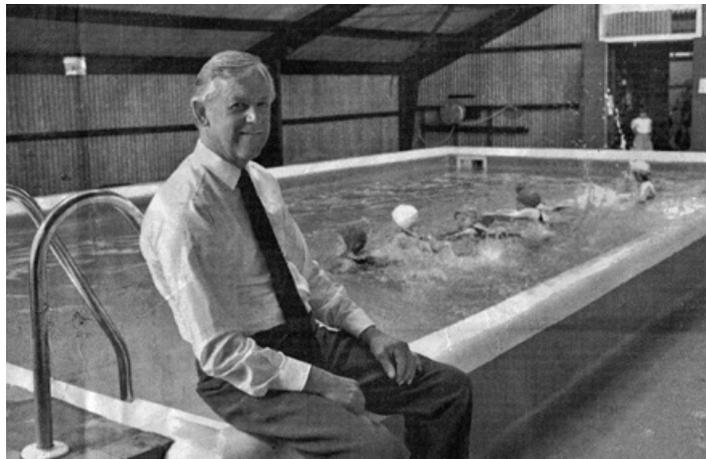
Leavenheath. Reg and Doreen then conducted a long distance courtship and were finally married in April 1954 in Sunderland. They first settled at 18 Swan Street. In May 1954

Doreen began work at Woolworth's in Sudbury. There were regular Eastern Counties bus services to Sudbury, Hadleigh and Ipswich by this time and it was easier to commute out of the village to work. They also made trips by motor bike to the Hippodrome, Speedway and football in Ipswich. Their daughter Pauline was born in 1956, her brother Richard in 1959 and Barry in 1965.

Reg became a highly skilled and respected master carpenter and joiner. His work at Kingsbury's and around the village, and his kind, humorous temperament, were highly prized. Reg also made the coffins at their workshop at Commerce House, Swan Street, where there was a Chapel of Rest. He would be called in to measure up when someone died and would, when necessary, then take the bodies to the pathology lab in Anglesey Road, Ipswich. He regularly acted as pall bearer for which there was a special black van as well as a bier. Reg worked for Kingsbury's until the business closed in 1984.

Reg at one time was West Suffolk Youth Darts Champion. He played for the White Hart football team in the early 1950s when a pub from London would send down a team. Reg also played on occasion for Boxford Rovers.

In 1964 Reg volunteered to roof one of the first primary school swimming pools in Suffolk at Boxford School. He was proud to be invited back in 1996 to officially open its major refurbishment. It was a family affair as his daughter Pauline was very active in the Friends of Boxford School (FOBS) group which raised £8,000, and his two grandchildren were pupils.



In 1996 Reg was invited to officially open the refurbished Boxford school pool, which he had originally roofed as a volunteer some 32 years previously



Reg and Doreen in their family home in Homefield where they lived for 65 years.



Reg has been living in Hadleigh for two years after 93 years in Boxford. We are very grateful to him for allowing us to publish his wonderful story and place it in the Boxford Society Archive. It was a pleasure to work with him and his daughter Pauline Taylor to achieve this.

Roger Loose

Left: Boxford White Hart Football Team around 1950.

Back row l-r: Stan Rice, Von Whymark, Honey Buckle, A Humphrey, Reg Tricker, Dan Rose, Bob Clackson, Ron May (White Hart Landlord) Front row: ? Gant, N Austin, C Clackson, ? Gant, Graham Peachey.

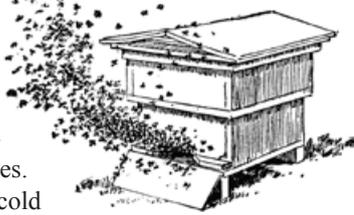
NOTES FROM A BEEKEEPER'S DIARY

March 18 was the 'official' last day of winter, and spring arrived bang on time the following day with double figure temperatures and blue skies. What bliss after months of rain and cold winds – as long as the fine weather lasts!

Our hopes for the bees were fulfilled. Few colony losses this year and mostly strong active hives. Indeed the bees anticipated the start of warmer weather as early as February when the queens started laying the first eggs of the year.

At the time of writing foraging for nectar and pollen is in full swing, and the queens respond by upping the tempo of egg production. At her peak she will be laying up to 2,000 eggs every day. The colony will grow from 15,000 to 60,000 workers, crammed into a brood box eighteen inches square and 9 inches deep and shared with over 15,000 embryos.

Such overcrowding is the trigger for swarming, when the queen leaves the hive with half the adult bees to form a new colony elsewhere. She will have left behind a number of queen pupae, one of which will emerge to mate and take over the task of rebuilding the depleted colony with the remaining bees.



In days gone by swarming was the only method for beekeepers to maintain or increase the number of colonies. The straw skeps in use at the time were deliberately undersized to encourage swarming, and bees would often swarm three or four times in a season. Nowadays beekeepers try to control swarming by carrying out various techniques of artificial swarming, not always with complete success because bees will do what they want to do. Even so splitting colonies and artificial swarming have reduced the incidence of wild swarming which can be a nuisance to the neighbours.

By mid-summer the colonies will have reached their full size, with bees filling every inch of space in the hive. When it becomes really hot some of the bees will cling to the front of the hive to avoid overheating and may well remain there overnight. Honeybees are known as 'social' bees. They do not fight each other or compete for food, space or dominance. Occasionally a bee may find its way by mistake into the wrong colony, but providing it shows no aggressive intent it will be admitted and accepted into its new home.

The life of a worker bee is not all work. They spend about a third of their time carrying out the tasks necessary to support the colony. Another third is taken up by rest and sleep, when they jam themselves into a corner of the hive. The remaining time is spent socialising, grooming and feeding each other. While the colony itself is highly organised the individual worker bees are remarkably undisciplined in the way they carry out their duties or fulfil their own needs. Sleeping takes place in "power snoozes" of up to twenty minutes and when working they skip from task to task almost at random.

Socialising is at first sight just a mass of bees milling around without purpose, but is as important to the colony as any other activity. It is this constant movement that enables the spread of pheromones that holds the colony together.

Bees recognise their own sisters and half sisters primarily by smell, and each colony has its own particular blend of pheromones. These originate from the queen, who is constantly surrounded by a retinue of workers who clean and feed her.

When bees swarm it will for many be the first time they venture any distance from the hive. The first sign of a swarm is a cloud of flying bees held together by their own unique pheromone. Gradually the bees will form a cluster around the queen as they locate her by smell. When the scouts have decided on their new home the cluster takes off en-masse, a sight which in itself can be truly impressive.

We are now moving into the peak swarming season. Beekeepers offer a free swarm collection service to minimise risk of colonies settling in chimneys or roof spaces. So if you do come across a swarm of bees or one comes to rest in your garden, please phone a local beekeeper to collect them (myself - Tony Rand on **07503 164 823** or Rich & Trudi Wild on **01787 210 946** / Whatsapp **07919 902 437**). We will make sure they are safely collected and rehomed.

Tony Rand

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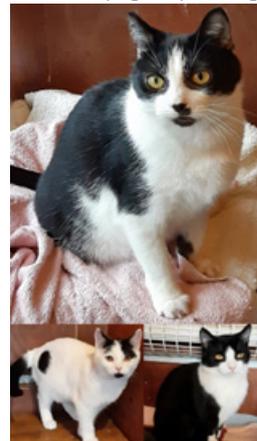


Kenny the Chihuahua is on watch for "those scary Asian Hornets" leaving me to write this month's news from a feline point of view. Our friends from the Colchester office of Informa have returned to paint the kennels and clear debris from the winter storms. We very much appreciate them sprucing up the centre.

Unfortunately our maintenance programme has stalled at time of writing due to continuing emergency admissions. Although we are closed to visitors, re-homing continues unabated by appointment only. We have many dogs, including 9yr old Mecho, a neutered male Caucasian Shepherd cross, known as the 'Gentle Giant'. He is with us due to family circumstances, no fault of his own. Mecho is strong but shows no aggression, loves cuddles and ball games and will be ideal for the older family.



Turning to cats, we have Jill and her family, pretty as a picture although that should not be a deciding factor when choosing a pet. (Mother wouldn't be without me despite my plain black coat and grumpy disposition!) Jill arrived pregnant last Autumn, yet another 'covid castaway'. Now she and her 5 kittens (neutered, chipped and vaccinated) are ready to be homed in pairs. They have been let down twice so please make this 3rd time lucky.



I really must check on Kenny in case he's poked his nose in somewhere and been stung for his trouble. *Ollie (the Black) Cat.*

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SPIRIT LEVEL

Another splendid performance by Boxford Drama Group.

This was a play which involved three people from the hereafter: Jack and Susie Cameron (skilfully played by Frances Korabik and James Tolputt) who had drowned and he had been refused admission to Heaven on account of him being an atheist (fair enough). They were doomed to spend all eternity in their cottage on Earth unless he could be persuaded to believe.

The cottage was up for rental by a nervous estate agent, convincingly played by Joe Barrett, who feared the place was haunted (things moved all the time to his utmost discomfort). He did his best to persuade the potential new tenants, Simon and Felicity Willis, charmingly played by Emily Barlow and Peter Korabik that it wasn't. They took the cottage and then the fun started.



Simon was trying to write a book, Felicity was having a baby, her mother, Marcia Bradshaw, played by Angela Tolputt, did not approve of her daughter's choice of husband and most certainly made her feelings quite clear when she visited.



Some of the situations were hilarious and it was a very funny script. Felicity gave birth to a baby girl three nights running, fortunately offstage. Simon found the inspiration to write his book. A bit of jiggery pokery on Jack's part had Marcia throwing herself at the hapless estate agent who was already traumatised by objects floating about in the air.

She made a marvellous harri-dan. Money was tight and he had writer's block.

Jack Cameron had been a famous author on earth. Susie decided to call up her guardian angel (if such a person existed). Enter one slightly eccentric, well, very eccentric Guardian Angel complete with odd clothes, a floppy hat, a shopping bag and a mobile phone, played brilliantly by Jane Elliott, who had an



air of a no-nonsense Mary Poppins about her. She bestowed some powers on the spirit couple to enable them to help Simon write his book.

The plot was complicated for the actors, not the audience though, who could watch the story unfold and see and hear everyone. The 'living' actors could not see or hear the spirits. How they didn't bump into each other or react to them is a credit to their acting skills.

In the end Jack gets down on his knees and prays for the baby to cry. He is then regarded as a believer and with the help of their Guardian Angel they go off to enter the pearly gates. (I'm sure Jack was very relieved as he was on stage for



the entire play, save seven seconds, and word perfect!)

The spirits of the members of the audience were certainly lifted by this excellent and very entertaining play!

I have also to mention all the unsung heroes who help to make these productions possible: Jane Lindekam (backstage

crew) and Janice Keith (producer), Elaine Carpenter (prompt), Alan Clark (lighting), Jeremy Morgan and Alison Barlow (bar), John Kirby (publicity), Dawn Mace and her team (catering) and Sandra Waspe and friends (front of house). A big shout out though to David Phillips for his expert directing. Well done everyone!

All photos courtesy of Jeremy Morgan.

CITIZENS ADVICE

I've just got my first payslip from a new job, I'm slightly embarrassed to say I don't understand what all the different sections refer to. How do I know what each means and if it's correct?

A blue speech bubble containing the text 'citizens advice' in white lowercase letters.

citizens
advice

Congratulations on the new job, hopefully you're settling into the new role.

There's no need to be embarrassed about not understanding your payslip. It contains lots of information which can be tricky to get your head around, but it is important to understand. Your payslip shows your pay, deductions, and tax information. All employers are required to give their employees a payslip and it's a good idea to keep them for as long as possible.

The top left corner of your payslip is where you'll usually find your employer's details. Opposite this, in the middle or top right corner, should be your details. This is also where you might find your payroll or employee number, this is what your employer uses to identify you for payroll purposes.

Next, you'll see lots of different numbers and codes. The payment date is when your pay will normally arrive in your bank account, it can be monthly or weekly and fall on any day of the month.

Your National Insurance (NI) number refers to your unique number. You must have a NI number to work in the UK. It's used to make sure all your NI contributions are recorded and so you can get any state benefits you're entitled to, including state pension later in life.

Your payslip might show a tax period, the tax year starts in April and ends in March. The number here corresponds to the period in which you're being taxed, e.g., if you're paid monthly, 01 will represent the tax period in April, while 12 would mean March.

Next is your tax code. This is decided by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and is used by your employer or pension provider to work out how much Income Tax to take from your pay. Your tax code is made up of several numbers and a letter. The number refers to how much tax-free income you get while the letters can mean different things depending on your circumstances. You can find out what they mean on www.gov.uk.

Make sure you're not on an emergency tax code otherwise you'll be taxed more than needed.

Now to your pay and deductions. Gross pay means how much you've earned before anything is deducted.

Deductions are amounts taken from your gross pay. Common ones include income tax, national insurance, pension, or student loan payments.

Income tax is the tax you pay on your earnings to fund public services, this is something you have to pay but the amount will vary depending on your earnings.

You pay National Insurance so you can be entitled to certain benefits, and it also contributes towards the NHS.

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

We are providing advice by telephone and email Monday – Thursday, 10am – 3pm.

HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PPG

Booster Vacs: It's vaccination time again. Saturday 11th May 75 plussers and the clinically vulnerable will be given a Covid booster vac This time patients will have the opportunity to choose their own appointment time. This will be done in two ways; either by text to your mobile phone or a call from the Practice. The hope is that patients will keep to the times they have agreed and not just ignore their appointment time.



Marathon Team: Dr Croot, Dr Dickinson, Kate Brett and Laura Pearson have completed the London Marathon. They have put themselves through this challenging experience to raise money for two worthy causes Hospice UK and Crohn's and Colitis UK. It's still not too late to support their efforts. Details below.

Out of Hours Doctor: If you need a doctor when the Health Centre is closed, including weekends, call 111 for advice and details of your nearest 'out of hours' duty doctor.

Keep or Cancel: The good news is the use of the telephone's option 5 has considerably reduced the number of 'no shows' for appointments. However, there is always room for improvement so if you wish to cancel an appointment there is no need to wait in the early morning telephone queue or even listen to all the options. As soon as you are connected press 5, give the requested information and your appointment will automatically be cancelled. This will enable someone else to take your place and save your precious time too.

Telephone Improvements: As of 1st May there will be no need to sit clutching your phone waiting your turn in the queue. You will be given the option to be called back instead. Your place will be held electronically. When your turn comes the operator will return your call. Rest assured your call will not be left until the end of the morning but dealt with as your place in the queue is reached. This should reduce your stress level and enable you to get on with something else in the meantime. The system is on trial so tweaks maybe needed. Patients be patient please.

Queries: If you just have a query and not booking an appointment call after 10am.

Non-Urgent Appointments: Avoid the early morning scramble by using Econsult. Available 24/7 and your requests will be dealt with promptly. This will also free up the line for more pressing appointment needs.

Repeat Prescriptions: Please allow 3 working days for these to be processed.

Art Show: There is a new display of paintings in the waiting area. The good news is we sold one large painting from the previous collection with 10% of the money going towards the Practice charity.

The Practice Charity: The Trustees are looking for meaningful ways of spending some of its funding. Applications can be made to the Charity for financial support towards health-related matters.

PPG: Chair Jan Devey 01473 827091

PPG Email: deveys@btinternet.com

Both Practices: 01473 822 961

Cancel Appointment: 01473 822 961 option 5

Website: www.hadleighhealth.co.uk

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

Marathon Donation: www.justgiving.com/team/teamhadleigh

Practice Dispensary: www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/opening-hours

Practice Charity: www.hadleighhealth.co.uk/contact-us-form

THE GLOW PRO



As spring unfolds and nature bursts into life, there's an undeniable sense of renewed energy in the air. Whether it's the delicate blossoms on the trees or the brighter, longer evenings, the change in season ignites a feeling of rejuvenation.

So, why not take advantage of this moment by breathing new life into old routines, such as your skincare?

For radiant skin...

Switching heavier cleansers and make-up in exchange for lighter alternatives is a great way to align with the refreshing spirit of spring.

Prophilo Pura Micellar Cleansing Water (400ml - £25 in clinic), enriched with hydrating and soothing ingredients, not only purifies the skin, but effectively melts away makeup with each gentle sweep.

Combine this with a silky moisturiser and your natural radiance will be free to shine through.



Out with the old...



that have outlived their efficacy.

Am I the only one who's stumbled upon a half-used moisturiser from 2 years ago?!

It's a common situation: forgotten beauty products at the back of the bathroom shelf. Yet, a spring clean presents the perfect opportunity to declutter and reset.

Take the time to assess which products still meet your skin's needs, and wave goodbye to those

Remember to exfoliate...

After being concealed under layers of jumpers for months, the rest of our skin can appear a tad lacklustre once t-shirt weather rolls around.

If you're not quite prepared to reveal your arms and legs, consider incorporating an exfoliating mitt to your routine to gently buff away dry, winter skin.

Small circular motions work best for remove dead skin cells, ultimately giving dull skin a new lease of life.



Keep moisturising...

Our hands are always battling the elements – from harsh UV rays to icy temperatures and constant washing.

But as the warmer weather rolls in (hooray!), many of us assume that less moisturiser is needed.

However, it's still crucial to give your hands and cuticles some daily TLC to combat dehydration and keep them smooth and supple. I stash a mini hand cream and **cuticle oil pen** (£10 in clinic) in my bag, leaving no room for excuses to forget this essential step.



Make applying sunscreen a habit...

As you refresh your skincare, don't forget the importance of sunscreen. When you find your perfect match, it should blend seamlessly into your routine, which is why I swear by Heliocare. It's simple, effective, and hassle-free!

As someone who's prone to dry skin, I'm excited to discuss our newest addition:

Heliocare Colour Water Gel (£35 in clinic, available in Beige & Bronze).

Its advanced hydration system helps to retain moisture, so it's a game-changer for those who find traditional sunscreen products too drying.

Plus, with its satin finish and natural-coverage, it doubles up as a tinted moisturiser, which is ideal for those 'no make-up' make-up looks.

If you're yet to find your sunscreen match, pop into the clinic and explore our range of testers.



What puts a spring in your step?

Let me know: office@suffolkmedicalclinic.co.uk

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Medical Aesthetics

FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

Hello to our readers, I hope as always you have all been keeping well. We have a two course Chilli Night for £15 per head on Friday 3rd May at the Fleece Hotel in Boxford, there will also be a raffle as well as good food. The start time to meet at the Fleece is 7pm, you will need to book in with Sharon before the night, so the Fleece knows in advance how many meals to prepare for us. When we have meal nights they are nice social evenings for all who attend, so please book your place and contact Sharon on: 07999 051 401 or email frenchs.100club@gmail.com

We have kindly been offered a stand at the Monksleigh Fete & Dog Show on 1st June, so come along and meet us on the day, we have had a stand over the last few years at this fete and it is a lovely day out, especially if you are a dog owner.

One of our volunteers Pamela who last year did an 80 mile bike ride to raise money for our Charity is on 10th June doing a 54 hole golf challenge at The Stoke by Nayland Resort. Pamela is in her 82nd year and the money raised by sponsoring Pamela will be split between our animal rescue and Little Lifts, a charity who support people that are undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy for Breast Cancer. You can get a sponsor form from us if you would like to help two worthy causes. Please contact Sharon on the details above for a form.

We are also holding another speed dating singles night on Saturday 22nd June at The Fleece Hotel in Boxford, arrival time is 7pm, £10 per person. Our last speed dating night went really well and all the ladies and gentlemen enjoyed themselves, even though last time I ended up on BBC Radio Suffolk doing a call out for men to come along, so come on all you single men, do not feel nervous, just put your brave pants on and join us for some social fun. Please contact Sharon to book your place.



lead to the horse and ponies being kept below basic standards of care, we had to have a vet out straight away for Rose on arrival. In the photos the two ponies are Sammy and Blondie and the horse is called Rose. They are settling well with us and happy in their field with a big shelter and all three are slowly getting used to being groomed. They love their bowls of feed we give them and we are on top of Rose's health problem, which will be ongoing.

After Boxford Primary School did their fundraising day for us, we found out that one of their pupils had alone raised half the money through making beautiful bookmarks to sell, so I was very keen to meet Jessica and thank her in person. Her lovely family came along to the farm with her and she had a morning of meeting and grooming some of our ponies. Big thank you to such a clever young girl - Jessica you are a star.

A shout out for financial help: Due to massive increases in



French's have had to take 3 new rescues who were living in a sad situation, which was not good for their welfare. One of their owner's poor health had

animal feed and vet bills, we are struggling and need more financial support, so if you can help us, please do, your generosity and kindness would be very much appreciated.

Contact me if you would like any information about becoming part of our small team and helping care for our lovely horses and donkeys. Plus all donations are welcome with open arms and much gratitude.

French's is a charity on your doorstep, can you help, either with time, donations, or sponsorship? You are welcome to come along and meet our animals. Call me for an appointment. Jann on: **07747 755 556** or email: jann.turner@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.frenchscarehaven.org.uk

EBONY'S DIARY

The end of the Easter term brought lots of fun for our riders, searching for eggs and enjoying games on horseback. Pictured is one of our newer riders, Poppy, trying her



hand at egg and spoon. Two of our lucky volunteers, Lesley and Jon, won a huge chocolate egg, kindly donated by Linden Lady from Hadleigh, in the Easter Raffle.



Spring is a busy time at the stables for everyone. The volunteers who maintain the centre have been busy tidying and improving the paddocks. Stable volunteers have been busy trying to judge the weather and when to put on or take off the horses' rugs, as well as lots of grooming to remove the ponies' winter coats. All our ponies live outside all year, wearing rugs in the winter and have shelters in their fields. They are given extra hay and food in the winter, but survive on grass alone in the summer.

Our riders returned to start practicing for their dressage and countryside challenge competitions later in the term. Everyone takes part no matter what their ability, with help from volunteers as needed. Prizes are awarded at the end of term.

Spring is also the start of our fundraising activities. First of all we have the Fun Walk on Sunday 5th May. £5 entry, children free. Dogs on leads welcome. No need to book, just turn up at the centre between 10am – 11am. The walk is about 6 miles long around the beautiful Brett Valley countryside.

Our next event is a stall at Hadleigh Show on Saturday, 18th May. We are stand 1, row X near the Countryside Ring and will be selling homemade bakes and garden plants. If anyone would like to help us by donating plants (not houseplants) and cakes (labelled with ingredients) we would be very grateful. Donations to the centre by Friday 17th or we may be able to arrange collection if you ring us.

Would you like to help the centre by volunteering? As you can see from above, there are all sorts of ways you can help us. Please ring to arrange a visit so we can talk to you about how you could help.

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding, Shelley, IP7 5QY
Reg. Charity No. 1113636
www.shelleyrda.com / **01473 824172**

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

County Councillor for the Stour Valley

New Suffolk campaign urges drivers to switch off their engines

A new campaign urging Suffolk's drivers to switch off their engines when parked was launched in March. The campaign against Idling particularly focuses on turning off engines outside schools to protect children's growing lungs from unnecessary pollution.

Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of pollution because their height puts them closer to exhaust fumes, they breathe more rapidly than adults and so absorb more pollutants and because their developing organs are more easily damaged.

Children living in highly polluted areas are four times more likely to have reduced lung function in adulthood, improving air quality for children has been shown to halt and reverse this effect.

A study published in January 2024, found that hospital admissions among children were "significantly associated" with exposure to higher levels of air pollution over a two-week period and that only around half of them would have needed hospital care if pollution had been within legal limits.

Research shows that idling engines produce up to twice the amount of exhaust emissions compared to when a vehicle is moving. In a survey carried out in Suffolk at the end of 2022, 35% of respondents said they never switch their engine off when parked or stationary. The evidence is there, pollution is damaging our health and damaging the environment. Switching our engines off when parked is a simple action we can all take and it's been proven to make a huge difference to air quality, particularly outside schools. This campaign is just one of the actions Suffolk County Council and its partners are taking, through our joint Air Quality Strategy work, to improve air quality in the county for residents and visitors alike.

Suffolk County Council has joined forces with schools across the County along with Babergh and Mid Suffolk, to deliver the campaign. For more information: www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/airquality. To request materials, email: ph.widerdeterminants@suffolk.gov.uk.

Suffolk County Council considers LionLink proposals unacceptable and unfair

Suffolk County Council believes that the failure of two National Grid offshore projects to coordinate with each other, will cause irreversible damage to important landscapes in the county.

The council considers that the proposed LionLink and Sea Link projects could share infrastructure where cabling is already proposed to come onshore at Aldeburgh, by the Sea Link project which is at a more advanced planning stage.

LionLink is an interconnector being proposed by National Grid Ventures. Sea Link is an electrical cabling and infrastructure project being proposed by National Grid Electricity Transmission – a different member of the National Grid family.

However, the LionLink project published in March details to say that *it has no intention to coordinate with Sea Link at Aldeburgh*, instead it is proposing a separate landing point at either Southwold or Walberswick.

Funding boost for new and existing bus services across Suffolk

Suffolk County Council is to spend £3.6 million of Government funding over the next two years on strengthening and expanding Suffolk's bus network.

The council has been awarded £1.8 million per year for two years – a total of £3.6 million – from the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Fund Phase 2 (BSIP 2, renamed from BSIP+) to deliver improvements to public transport in Suffolk.

Suffolk's Enhanced Partnership, which represents the county council and local bus operators, has agreed to allocate the first year's funding in three ways.

First, following an open call for suggestions, £1.2 million will be allocated to support operator- and local community led proposals for new or enhanced services across the county.

Submissions were reviewed against criteria including value for money, the number of passengers that could benefit, how they integrate with existing services, and their likely long-term financial sustainability after the BSIP 2 funding ends.

Schemes awarded funding include enhancements of the 84 and 753 services connecting Sudbury to Colchester and Bury St Edmunds along the A134. These two schemes are forecast to commence in June/July. A full list of the successful schemes can be found here: <https://bit.ly/BSIP2-schemes>

Suffolk to benefit from huge £7.3 million EV investment.

Suffolk County Council has secured millions of pounds of funding to help develop electric vehicle (EV) charging across the county.

The county council has been allocated the money after successful bids to the Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund, which supports local authorities to plan and deliver charging infrastructure for residents without off-street parking.

Suffolk residents without off-street parking will benefit from £5.9 million to support EV charging, and a further £1.4 million will be used to develop the county's existing EV charging network in community locations.

Homes without a driveway face challenges when it comes to charging an EV - in some cases it is just not possible, and it is unsafe and hazardous to run cables across pavements. Along with inconvenient access to public charging, these are common reasons that people give for not choosing an EV.

However, the funding will start to provide solutions to some of these issues, with opportunities to develop:

- kerbside charging points
- community charging hubs
- car park charging points
- fast and rapid charging point infrastructure improvements

Suffolk residents are invited to 'nominate' their street for consideration for on-street charging points, by using this online form - www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/requestchargepoint

Although not every road may be suitable, suggestions from residents will help indicate where there is demand for charging points..

Even more potholes filled as Roadmender trial hits Suffolk – a second new machine in use

Further to the introduction of the Dragon Patcher in late February, Suffolk Highways have brought in another new machine called "The Roadmender", as the county sees a 34% increase in pothole repairs through extra investment, more resource, and new ways of working.

The county council has been working to repair the increasing number of potholes which have been breaking out following very wet and cold weather recently. One way in which the council is increasing its repair rate is by trialling new methods of fixing potholes.

Suffolk Highways welcomed 'Highway Workforce' with their Roadmender Elastomac solution - a repair method which results in sealed, longer-lasting pothole repairs; which are quicker to carry out.

The trial which began on 11 March, is eco-friendly and lowers the carbon footprint of repairs by 80% is effectively supporting Suffolk Highways in its fight against the rising number of potholes on the county's roads.

The 'Roadmender' works on both asphalt and concrete roads and is designed for repairs to all types of road defects and is capable of overlaying areas with multiple defects in a single visit. The process is more efficient, reducing material and waste by 90% and avoiding unnecessary disruption on roads.

Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley

A Foster Carer Recruitment Event is held the 1st Wednesday of every month, and an Adoption Event is on the 1st Thursday all 7pm in your home. To book a place email: Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk.

James Finch

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Babergh District Councillor for Box Vale Ward

It has been great to receive so much really good positive feedback following Babergh DC's winning of the Council of the Year award for the whole of the United Kingdom.

While much of what local councils do and achieve goes unheralded, it is very heartening that all our coalition's efforts and hard work have been noticed and recognized at a national level.

As one of the lead members and chair of a major committee, it is a very proud moment for myself to have the recognition and, I feel, to have reached this pinnacle after 25 years' hard work as a district councillor in our local authority.

The model we have adopted at Babergh DC where the middle of the road political groups work together to freeze out the extremes could be a model that could work well at a national level as well. It would be so nice to just get back to a commitment to dialogue, working together and our national government doing its very best for the country and all its people who live within it.

The great car parking debate has occupied far too much Council time recently and has been hijacked by some in the press columns for meaningless shameful political gain. It is a discretionary service that Babergh DC has provided for many years by offering land that it owns as free car parking to support our high streets and make shopping and working in our urban areas as easy and as cheap as possible. Our local economy is of great value to all of us and we have always done our very best to support and enhance it. The bottom line is that car parking cannot be provided free - it has to be provided by either charging everybody what it costs on the council tax (rates) or charging the user at source when the facility is used via purchasing a ticket via the machine in the car park.

It now costs Babergh DC £440,000 to run all our car parks, of which a huge £300,000 (approx 68%) is comprised of business rates levied by and handed over to our national government as a stealth tax. This ever-increasing tax on us to try to provide a good service is the straw that has finally broken the camel's back. I understand that some dialogue has taken place with national government to ease this burden and I have also done my best as always to change minds, but this has all fallen on deaf ears and those in charge continue to hammer local authorities and use them as a cash cow to raise revenues for other national schemes. Is the money then wisely spent? With this present junta, I very much doubt it. I suggest everybody now writes to complain to their MP or Gov minister responsible. Please be careful in who you vote for, you do have a choice.

We have no local election in Babergh this year, only the Police and Crime commissioner post on May 2nd and the national General Election later this year, at a time yet to be chosen. No doubt this will be at a time when they feel it might be mostly in their best interests. I am not in favour of the Police and Crime Commissioner being a political post as I feel this has led to this job being at the behest of our political masters, with a much poorer service at a much greater cost. The creation of this post has not worked well and should be scrapped now. Having said that, I will vote for anyone other than the present incumbent in an effort for meaningful change.

While the present administration can delay going to the polls until January 25 and may well do so, it is widely predicted the day of reckoning will be later in autumn when the nights pull in and the wind and rain is upon us again. The pundits think the normal working people, that is you and I, tend not to bother to go out to vote then and stay in watching the telly. Let's give them a huge surprise. The vote is the only weapon we have left against the very worst.

We are in the season now when all of our villages hold their annual parish meetings, these are your meetings where reports are given by your local representatives, and you can question them on what they have achieved throughout the year and make suggestions yourselves on what needs doing for the village in which you live and for the people who live in them.

This is a good time to start a new group or service that would help your village and yourselves.

I will be at all six of my villages' meetings and will be pleased to answer questions from the floor or privately afterwards. Please come. The dates should be under the columns from your village or as a separate notice in this magazine.

Hopefully by the time we all read this magazine, my beloved Ipswich Town FC will be in the Premier league. What a Season. C.O.Y.B.

I will be pleased to talk and help everyone as always, then or before through normal channels.

We can achieve a lot together.

Take Care of yourselves and all of your loved ones.

Bryn

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

EDWARDSTONE

Summary of Council Meeting 18th March 2024

Present: P Baker, M Gibson, T Wood, L Smyth, J Morgan, R Norman, R Jones (Clerk) Guests: B Hurren (Babergh DC)

Apologies for Absence: D Williams, J Finch (Suffolk CC)

Questions from Members of the Public: Bus shelter – A suggestion had been received to extend the use of the bus shelter to a village library, housing books, magazines and toys for public use. This would require the installation of windows, doors and shelving. The council agreed with the idea in principle although it was felt that windows and doors would not be necessary and just some shelving would suffice. It was suggested that an application be made to Cllr Hurren for funding from his Locality Budget to pay for this work although this would need to be done as a matter of urgency as the closing date for applications was 22 March 2024. The chair to source the shelving and to complete the application on behalf of the council.

Financial Matters: Statement of Finances & Orders for Payment and Q3 accounts were approved.

Planning Matters: Planning Applications Received - DC/24/0090 5 Mill Green Application for Planning Permission Without Compliance of Condition(s) Application under Section 73 of The Town & Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans & Documents) of planning permission DC/23/00059 dated: 02/03/2024 - Erection of 1no. dwelling – No objection

Neighbourhood Plan Final Version: Brief update - M Gibson reported that the steering group had met twice since the last PC meeting and had considered public comments received. It had been agreed to keep the ice house listed as a heritage asset. The next stage was to submit the final draft to BDC for further public consultation before holding a public referendum to formally adopt the plan later in the year. Cllr Gibson thanked the steering group for its hard work and diligence, in particular, Eric McDonald and Matthew Glasson. To consider whether to accept the final version as the Edwardstone Neighbourhood Plan to be sent to BDC for public consultation and examination prior to referendum – The council considered and approved the final plan and recommended it be passed to BDC. Cllrs expressed thanks to the members of the steering group and commended the quality of the plan.

Climate Change: Wildfires & Community Emergency Plan: P Baker reported that more volunteers were needed to help facilitate the plan. Les and Daphne Clarke had agreed to open and manage the parish hall in the event of an emergency with Paul and Marlene Clarke as deputies. Other parishioners with particular skills had also offered to help. Electric vehicle charging points – P Baker reported that there had been no update from Suffolk CC.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points: P Baker had spoken to John Naughton from The White Horse and had been given approval to proceed. He would now go back to SCC to move the process forward.

Defibrillator Update: J Morgan reported that he had now placed most of the signs as agreed and had added details of the defibrillator to the national database. He also reported that the battery was showing only 50% charge left.

Highway & Footpath Matters: Footpath Cutting: Refixing of sleepers arranged for 20th April at 9am. Clerk to ask David Gotts the width he requires to ensure he can move his equipment safely.

Footpath Leaflet: L Smyth had been unable to complete the walk due to the flooded conditions. She agreed to complete the walk imminently and report back to T Wood.

Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting and AGM Monday 20th May at 7.30

Full minutes can be found at:

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

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NEWTON GREEN

Summary of Council Meeting 20th March 2024

24/038 Public Participation - The councillors reviewed James Finch's previously submitted report, which recorded that there had been no movement in arranging a meeting with Highways to discuss the crossing option(s) in Newton. Lee Parker updated councillors on the Suffolk devolution proposals, Babergh's budget and challenges, and the anti-parking charges petition received by Babergh.

24/044 Allotments - The councillors reviewed the latest report from BWB which indicated that the allotment land transfer would be completed next week. Following a review of the responses received from existing allotment tenants, the councillors agreed to meet at the allotments at 6pm on the 4th April 2024 to review the site.

24/045 War Memorial - The councillors reviewed the view of local stonemason Neil Luxton of Luxstone that the memorial required cleaning and the inscriptions required re-enamelling. Further investigation of the white base would be required once some of the paint is removed. The councillors agreed with this course of action once Babergh's Heritage Department had approved the schedule of works. The councillors agreed an initial budget of £1,050 + VAT from CIL Receipts.

Terry Coe - Councillors were sad to hear of the death of Terry Coe, a lifelong Newton resident. He spent most of his working life at CDK Metal Finishing on the Chilton Industrial Estate and then moved to a company in Hadleigh. In his later years, he would often be seen on the A134 between Newton and Sudbury riding his bicycle in his fluorescent yellow jacket, sometimes with a crutch over his shoulder. He was a strong advocate for keeping Newton and his surroundings the same as when he was young and would often write to Newton's and other councils if he felt there was an issue to raise. Not a man to use a computer, Terry would write letters on his trusty typewriter and hand deliver to the recipients. With the details of Terry's funeral arrangements not being made public, a number of residents were disappointed that they were not able to attend his service. He will be remembered as a character in the Newton tapestry.

Summary of Council Meeting 10th April 2024

24/054 Public Participation - The councillors reviewed James Finch's previously submitted report. The meeting with NPC, James Finch and Highways to discuss the crossing option(s) in Newton took place earlier in the day.

24/055 Emails Circulated - Following a review of the emails circulated by the clerk, no actions were requested of the clerk. The

chairman read out an email sent by Newton Grove Phase 2 Ltd to the county surveyor regarding the issues of Blacksmith Close residents crossing the A134 on foot.

24/057 Planning - The councillors reviewed planning application DC/24/01500 Land West Of Blacksmith Close - Erection of 9 No. Dwellings (1No Affordable), and they resolved to object to the planning application and referenced how the proposal was not in accord with the Newton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

24/060 Allotments - The councillors noted that BWB had confirmed that the allotment land had been transferred to NPC on the 22nd March, 2024. The councillors then considered to policy for the allocation of the 9 allotment gardens and resolved the following:

- Whilst there is a waiting list of Newton residents wishing to rent an allotment, the allotments will be restricted to one per household
- Allotment gardens will be offered to the residents on the waiting list on a first-come basis
- For 2024, new tenants will be offered a pro-rata rent of £10.

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

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BOXFORD

Summary of Council Meeting 26th March 2024

Public Forum: A resident was still concerned about trees in the waterway reported at the last meeting. He has contacted the Environment Agency (EA) without success. He agreed the Fen Street to Cox Hill footpath is still in poor condition. He was interested to hear views on the planning for 6 dwellings on Goodlands. Finally, he asked about police reporting. The clerk confirmed that the chair had asked her to invite the police to our April meeting to explain their structure. They have agreed to attend, which is very welcome. County Cllr J Finch confirmed that each parish will now have a nominated police contact. Further investigation will be needed to determine whether Babergh District Council (BDC) or the EA are responsible for the trees in the stream.

On-going matters: County Cllr J Finch had paid for the survey on a potential 20mph limit for parts of the village. He had also provided a supportive statement. Cllr H Watts thanked him for supporting the proposed reduction. Cllr D Warren agreed as he felt we owe it to our residents to encourage traffic to move at safe speeds. All were in support of our chair moving this forward. Cllr K Couling confirmed the holly had been trimmed near the bench and work is in progress trimming branches obstructing the streetlights as previously agreed. Cllr K Couling asked for an official thank you to the community wardens for their recent hard work. Cllr D Warren reported that UK power is attending in April to reduce branches interfering with their power lines in the village. The chair clarified that there is no intention to fell the walnut tree on Brook Hall Rd.

Finance: In addition to the usual business up to £2,500 against the insurance costs of the church was agreed and the Internal Control Policy was reviewed.

Cemetery: The cemetery sub-committee reported on the on-going maintenance of the boundary with the school which will be considered further in the maintenance program for the next financial year.

Environmental and Ecology: Cllr L Wortley explained that Natural Boxford are working on drafting a statement of aims and will send round for views in due course.

District Council Report: District Cllr B Hurren attended and was congratulated on Babergh & Mid Suffolk's recent "UK Council of the Year" award. He was pleased the feedback from the village sweep was good. He is looking for a volunteer to help him litter pick on the bypass. The budget has been challenging and may lead to the withdrawal of some services. He is proud of the value for money the BDC are providing. He was pleased with the appeal outcome refusing permission for the Catesby development and felt that this enables

the parish to set its own path going forward. He would support local needs housing. On devolution, he would prefer less duplication with a system of unitary councils with proper funding and governance.

SCC Report: County Cllr J Finch attended and gave his report as printed in last month's issue of the BRN. He outlined tasks completed locally and agreed to check the schedule for the junction surfacing/repairs at Butchers Lane/Ash Street (previously noted to be included in the 2024-25 year). Local issues: Investigation into bus provision is ongoing involving our PC Chair and our County Cllr. The scraping of Wash Lane and Butchers Lane is being chased. Our PC Chair raised the idea of the PC instructing the work ourselves. The first section of Butchers Lane from Ellis Street to the Fen Street junction has been put forward for resurfacing in the 2024/25 year.

Sub Committees as follows:

Environmental & Ecology: Cllrs Munson & Wortley

Public Realms: Cllrs Couling, Warren, & Watts

Planning: Cllrs Phillips & Wortley

Cemetery: Cllrs Phillips & Warren

Finance: Cllrs Parr, Phillips, Warren & the RFO/Clerk

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

Planning - Planning details can be seen in the full minutes on the parish council website

Date of next meeting: 23rd April 2024

Full minutes can be found at: <http://boxford.suffolk.cloud>

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BRIAN TORA'S SOAP BOX

The weather really is getting difficult to predict, and not just here in Suffolk. We made a flying visit to our house in Portugal in March and I succeeded in getting sunburnt on the second day we were there. Unfortunately, the weather then changed and for the next two weeks we had cloudy skies and persistent rain. Pullovers were the order of the day – and not just for the evening. And the winter duvet had to remain on the bed.

As it happens, the Algarve had been suffering drought conditions, with reservoirs down to less than 10% of capacity and a whole raft of restrictions had been brought in to limit water usage, so the rain was really welcome. By the time we left, reservoirs had recovered to stand at around 30% full, but that would not be enough to see the area manage adequately throughout the summer. But as if to rub salt into our personal wounds, we discovered the weather took a turn for the better as soon as we left!

Back home, we've had a pretty dire winter and early spring weatherwise with rain adding to farmers' woes, roads becoming impassable and a profusion of potholes adding to the financial pressures faced by local councils. As I write this, I've just returned from Sudbury where a fierce hail storm turned the roads white in the town centre and the thermometer in my car registered 4°C – not what you might expect for mid April. Yet, currently the skies are blue and the sun seemingly confirms that spring is here at last.

All this is in stark contrast to the weekend just past, where temperatures above 20°C were recorded and working in the garden in shirtsleeves was a positive pleasure. It makes it hard to know quite how to dress when you go out. Today has been a return to winter clothes. Who knows what might be appropriate next weekend, when the forecasters are confidently predicting a return to more settled weather conditions. Personally, I plan to take each day as it comes and just hope we return to a drier climate, more in tune with what we used to expect in East Anglia.

Is this all down to climate change? I am no scientist, but something does seem to have altered in the weather patterns we experience. And I am only too aware that man is quite capable of changing the environment that surrounds us, all too often for the worst. I am old enough to remember the stifling smog that enveloped the capital in the years after the Second World War. Being brought up on the fringes of East London, there were times when you ventured out of your house at your peril. I sometimes wonder if the asthma I developed in my forties was born out of those man-made super fogs.

Adverse weather conditions can have a knock-on effect in so many ways. Many farmers are finding the winter wheat they sowed has simply not been able to germinate because of the standing water in their fields. In Portugal, a prolonged drought could well affect tourism as golf courses have been banned from watering their greens, so deterring visiting golfers. And the raging fires that have occurred in many parts of the Algarve over recent years will be taking their toll on local residents and businesses and driving up insurance costs.

So, what should we be doing about it? Lobby our MP for more action from central government over what can be done to reduce our carbon footprint? Join a pressure group that seeks to raise the profile of climate change by holding often disruptive demonstrations? Or grin and bear with the increasing lack of certainty over what our weather might deliver in the future? I don't have the answer, but it is clear to me that something needs to be done. The trouble is that action comes with a cost. Governments are strapped for cash at the moment, so I wouldn't hold your breath for swift measures to be introduced. Let us hope that the slow progress being made currently does result in some improvement in both our weather and the measures introduced to cope with change.

Brian Tora



The poster features the Royal British Legion logo at the top, which consists of the letters 'RBL' in blue with a red poppy flower integrated into the letter 'L'. Below the logo, the text reads: 'ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'. The main body of the poster is dark blue with white text. It says: 'New Poppy Appeal volunteer opportunities for 2024: Poppy Appeal Organiser Deputy Poppy Appeal Organiser'. Below this, it says: 'To keep the Poppy going in Boxford For an informal chat about the roles, please contact the RBL's Suffolk Poppy Appeal Manager Mandi Cox-Osborne cox-osborne@britishlegion.org.uk 07823 416 748'. At the bottom, it says: 'Make a difference and support our Armed Forces Community.' There are two small red poppy icons on the poster.

The Blooming Garden

A Whiter Shade of Pale.

White became very trendy in the 1920s and 1930s when the interior designer Syrie Maugham threw out the heavy clutter of Victorian interiors and designed pure white rooms with white walls and white painted furniture. Constance Spry jumped on the band wagon with her white flower arrangements and the artist Gluck painted all-white flower arrangements too. These interiors were considered the *dernier cri* in chic, cool elegance. And the idea of white being stylish and sophisticated took root.

In the 1940s Vita Sackville West developed her much admired, iconic, white garden at Sissinghurst. She imagined it glowing in a ghostly fashion in the moonlight, filled with delicious scents and perhaps with a barn owl flying over it. This garden has been copied so much that it has become a bit of a cliché. I have a friend who has a courtyard garden which is planted exclusively with white flowers and it is very beautiful. But most of us prefer to use white flowers as highlights and in May we have so many beautiful white flowers to choose from.

White blossom trees are breath-taking, but you need a lot of room for the most impressive, *Prunus* 'Tai-haku', the great white cherry, which spreads out like an umbrella and ends up almost as wide as it is tall. *Tai-haku* disappeared from its native Japan and was re-introduced by the great cherry enthusiast Cherry Ingram



Malus brevipes 'Wedding Bouquet'

who discovered it growing in a garden in Sussex and recognised it from a painting. He sent cuttings back to Japan in a potato. One of my favourite white cherries is the double form of the wild cherry, *Prunus avium plena*, but it needs a lot of room too. So in a smaller garden I go for a crab apple with white blossom. These are usually more manageable in size and have autumn interest too. There are lots of lovely ones, but I think my favourite is *Malus brevipes* 'Wedding Bouquet'. It has masses of shell-like flowers in the purest white. Later it has small translucent berries which persist into winter.

If you have space and thirty years or so to spare to wait for your first blooms, then *Davidia involucrata*, known as the handkerchief tree is a wonderful sight. It has dangling white bracts



Above: *Cornus kousa* 'Eddie's White Wonder' Left: *Exochorda macrantha* 'The Bride'

which do indeed look just like handkerchiefs. Or on a smaller scale *Cornus kousa* 'Eddie's White Wonder' has fabulous white bracts especially after a hot summer

the previous year. This shrub, or small tree, needs a neutral to acid soil and mustn't get too dry. I have lost two to careless watering.



The beautiful white-flowered shrub, *Exochorda macrantha* 'The Bride' is a graceful bush with arching branches and clusters of Persil white flowers. I wouldn't be without it.

I grow a few easy white annuals which seed around freely every year. Corncockle was a toxic weed of our cornfields but it is almost eradicated in the wild. You can still buy the seed for a wild flower meadow but the one I buy is the pure white *Agrostemma githago* 'Milas Snow Queen'. 'Ocean Pearl' is very similar. The pristine flower looks as if someone has drawn lines of little brown dots along the petals. They look lovely grown with the white umbellifer, *Orlaya grandiflora*.



Orlaya grandiflora and *Agrostemma githago* 'Ocean Pearls'

Another easy pure white annual which self seeds is *Omphalodes linifolia*. The common name is Venus's Navel' but the flowers look like hundreds of little white stars rather than navels. And as I said last month, I don't want navels around the garden. Everybody who sees



Above: *Omphalodes linifolia* Left: *Lunaria annua* var. *albiflora* 'Alba Variegata'



this little gem is enchanted and wants to know what it is.

Honesty, *Lunaria annua* is believed to have originated in Italy but it has been grown in English gardens since the thirteenth century. No wonder it has amassed so many vernacular names over the centuries. Once you have it, you never lose it as it seeds around so much. It is good to have some in the garden because Orange-tip butterflies lay their eggs on it and they are a joy to have in the spring garden. I prefer the white variegated variety of Honesty with its white flowers. It has the rather long name of *Lunaria annua* 'Alba Variegata'. It looks lovely growing with tulips in May. The one in my picture has put itself through a contorted hazel.

For a shady spot, *Polygonatum hybridum*, Solomon's Seal, looks lovely growing with ferns and hostas. It has arching stems with dangling, tubular, white flowers edged with green. It dies down in winter and spreads by rhizomes. Gerard mentioned it in his Herbal published in 1597. I will finish with his suggestions for its medicinal properties.



Polygonatum x hybridum

'The root of Solomon Seale stamped while it is fresh and greene, and applied, taketh away in one night, or two at the most, any bruise, black or blew spots gotten by fals or women's wilfulnesse, in stumbling upon their hasty husbands' fists, or such like'.

Chloris.

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REMEMBERING JIMMY



In the club's 117-year history, dedication, and countless hours of hard work by many volunteers has made the club what it is today, never more so than by Jimmy Whittle.

Newton Green Golf Club was for many years regarded as being rather quaint, with a 9-hole course on the village green and the local pub providing a member's room. This came to an end in the 1960s when the landlord ended this arrangement and the only facility for members was a cold and draughty Nissen hut behind the old professional's hut on the field opposite. Members were not happy with this and the search for better facilities started, although many possibilities were explored, nothing happened for the next 20 years or so.

Then in 1978 the club reported the purchase of a plot of land behind the old 2nd tee

Jimmy Whittle was instrumental in obtaining agreement and building the original clubhouse changing rooms and a new Pro shop, and these facilities were opened on 10th January 1981.

When he became captain in 1982, Jimmy supervised the project to extend the clubhouse with a lounge, office, bar, and storeroom. The extension was completed and opened in February 1983.



The clubhouse opening in 1983. Arthur Davey prepares to cut the ribbon helped by Tony White (Captain) and watched by Jim Whittle and Joyce Sleighthome (Ladies Captain)

In 1986 Jimmy outlined proposals to build a new kitchen, dining room and secretary's office for a new extension which was built and was opened in April 1988. Jim Whittle was awarded life membership and vice president of the club for all his efforts over the years. The new dining room was called The Whittle Room, more latterly called "Jimmy's Bar" in his honour.

In 1991 the club's hopes of extending the course to 18 holes became reality. The new course was opened on 4th September 1994 and now 30 years later has matured into a golf course of which we should all be very proud.

Without his dedication, hard work and guidance over many years it is unlikely that the wonderful course and clubhouse facilities we have would have come into existence.

Following his example the club have further improved the clubhouse and facilities culminating in an extended lounge area, new changing facilities and a wonderful outside patio.

We are celebrating the opening of the newly renovated clubhouse and patio on the 11th of May. This opening coincides with the annual playing of the Jimmy Whittle Cup.

The club wish to remember Jimmy and all the things he did for the club by holding a presentation evening on the 11th of May, including food & live music. We have asked Jimmy's wife Mary

to come and present the trophy and officially open the renovated clubhouse.

The clubhouse, restaurant and bar are open to members and non members alike and please feel free to join us on the evening and of course you will be welcome at all times to the friendliest village golf course in Suffolk!

Tickets will be on sale behind the bar at £15 per head which includes your first drink, food, and entertainment.

BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

We are all looking forward to the outdoor bowling season which starts at the end of April. Last weekend a lot of our bowlers came to the club to get everything ready – there was lots of hoovering, dusting, window-cleaning, cleaning, weeding flower beds, and of course getting the green and its surrounds ready. We had a lovely warm sunny morning to do this – and we hope to see such beautiful weather throughout the summer. We also have a new shed – and thanks go to Andy, John and Jerry for all their hard work in constructing this.

So to everyone involved in the preparation for the grand opening – thank you!



The green is looking good.

Sudbury Indoor Bowls Club had their finals day last weekend and we must congratulate Steve Marszal (a Boxford player outside, a Sudbury player inside!) on winning the 'Points' competition - well done!

HELP US HIKE!

A year ago I suffered a heart attack and was extremely lucky to receive amazing help from the medical professionals who came to my rescue, as well as from the hospitals that helped me recover and recuperate from the ordeal that could so very easily have killed me. As a way of saying a huge thank you to everyone, my wife Carol and I are participating in the Hospital Hero Hike on Saturday May 4th to raise money for the all-important NHS cardiac unit via the Colchester & Ipswich Hospitals Charity. The charity helps to raise money to support the unsung staff and services at these life-saving and critical facilities.



The event itself is a 21-mile walk from Ipswich Hospital to Colchester Hospital, walking side-by-side with NHS staff. We would really appreciate your support in this challenge by donating whatever you can, no donation is too small. Let's show our gratitude to these hospital heroes who work tirelessly to save lives every day. Together, we can make a positive impact on our community. Please donate on our JustGiving page:

<https://bit.ly/hero-hike-2024>

Thank you so much!

Gary & Carol Jarvis

EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 2024

26	Pop-up Pub	
FRI	Little Waldingfield Pavilion	6:30-10:30pm
27	Great Acton Book Sale	
SAT	All Saints' Church, Acton CO10 OBA	10-2pm
28	French's Care Haven Dog Walk	
SUN	The Fleece, Boxford	1:30pm
28	Madrigalia & A Melody of Harps	
SUN	Groton Church	3pm
29	Boxford Community Council AGM	
MON	Boxford Pavilion	7pm

MAY 2024

1	Boxford WI - AGM	
WED	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
3	French's Haven Chill Night	
FRI	The Fleece, Boxford	7pm
4	Newton Village Hall Coffee Morning	
SAT	Newton Village Hall	10-11:30am
4	Music For A Summer Evening - Organ Recital	
SAT	St Mary's, Boxford	6-7pm
4	Leavenheath Cinema - 'Joyride'	
SAT	Leavenheath Village Hall	7pm
5	Shelley Charity Walk	
SUN	Shelley Centre, IP7 5QY	10am
7	Fireside Club - Crazy Golf with Tea & Cake	
TUE	Joe's Road	2pm
7	Boxford Gardening Society - Talk	
TUE	Boxford Village Hall	7:30pm
8	Whist Drive	
WED	Monks Leigh Village Hall	7pm
10	Relaxation & Sound - all welcome	
FRI	Boxford Village Hall	6-7:30pm
11	St Mary's Churchyard Spring Clean	
SAT	Boxford	10am-12noon
11	BINGO!	
SAT	Polstead Village Hall	6:30pm
15	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	
WED	St Mary's Church, Chilton Industrial Estate	7pm
15	LWHS - 'A Voyage through Rural Suffolk'	
WED	Parish Room, Little Waldingfield	7:30pm
18	185th Hadleigh Show	
SAT	Holbecks Park, Hadleigh IP7 5PE	8:30am
18	Charlie Haylock	
SAT	Brent Eleigh Village Hall	TBC
20	Boxford Friendship Group	
MON	Boxford Village Hall	2-4pm
21	Fireside Club - Plant Swap, Bring & Share Lunch	
TUE	Newton Village Hall	2pm
23	Boxford Parish Council APM	
THU	Boxford Village Hall	7:45pm
24	Pop-up Pub	
FRI	Little Waldingfield Pavilion	6:30-10:30pm
24	Schubert String Quintet in C	
FRI	St Mary's Church, Boxford	7:30pm
25	Newton Fireside Club Coffee Morning	
SAT	Newton Village Hall	10-11:30am
29	Edwardstone Millennium Green AGM	
WED	The White Horse	7:30pm

JUNE 2024

1	Monks Eleigh Fete & Dog Show	
SAT	Monks Eleigh	10-3pm
1	Music For A Summer Evening - Baritone	
SAT	St Mary's, Boxford	6-7pm
1	Leavenheath Cinema - 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage..'	
SAT	Leavenheath Village Hall	7pm
2	Boxford Open Gardens	
SUN	Boxford & Edwardstone	11-4pm
4	Fireside Club Film - 'A Man Called Otto'	
TUE	Newton Village Hall	2pm
4	Boxford Gardening Society - Talk	
TUE	Boxford Village Hall	7:30pm
5	Boxford WI - Talk - The Alexander Technique	
WED	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
7	Milden Singers	
FRI	Milden Pavilion	7:30pm
8	Newton Art & Craft Exhibition	
SAT	Newton Village Hall	10-2pm
8-9	Yet Another Crafty Weekend	
SAT-SUN	Stackyard Green, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7BD	10-4pm
9	Little Waldingfield Open Gardens	
SUN	Little Waldingfield	11-4pm
9	Nayland Open Gardens	
SUN	Nayland	2-6pm
14	Relaxation & Sound - all welcome	
FRI	Boxford Village Hall	6-7:30pm
15	Dog Show & Table Top Sale	
SAT	Newton Village Hall	10-3pm
15	'Get Into Golf' Ladies Taster Session	
SAT	Newton Green Golf Club	2-3pm
19	'Get Into Golf' Ladies Taster Session	
WED	Newton Green Golf Club	2-3pm
19	LWHS - 'Flappers & Fliers Ladies From the Air	
WED	Parish Room, Little Waldingfield	7:30pm
21	Fireside Club - Suffolk Day Cream Tea	
TUE	Newton Village Hall	2pm
22	Groton Midsummer Fayre	
SAT	Groton Croft	12-4pm
22	French's Speed Dating Singles Night	
SAT	The Fleece, Boxford	7pm
24	Boxford Friendship Group	
MON	Boxford Village Hall	2-4pm
28	Pop-up Pub	
FRI	Little Waldingfield Pavilion	6:30-10:30pm
27-29	Boxford Drama Group - Farndale Ladies	
THU-SAT	Boxford Village Hall	7:30pm

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2	Fireside Club - End of Year Lunch	
TUE	Newton Village Hall	2pm
3	Boxford WI - Talk - Stephen Walter's Silk Mill	
WED	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
6	Music For A Summer Evening - Theatrical	
SAT	St Mary's, Boxford	6-7pm
7	Boxford Gardening Society - Talk	
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