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# POP IN FOR COFFEE - PICK UP A HOUSE!

In recent weeks Boxford keenly felt the loss of one of its most cherished businesses the Box River Café when the previous tenant closed it as a going concern. A popular place for tourists and locals alike to stop and relax, the café's closure was a heavy blow to many.

Happily the lease for the property has been snapped up by the dynamic partnership of co-directors and entrepreneurs Murray Rose and Ben Hopkins who will be using the building to host two separate companies, both of which will be a real boon to the local community.



The main café room will continue as the Box River Café & Wine Bar - serving gastronomic brunches, sandwiches, salads, cakes, scones, charcuterie and delicatessen, all alongside ethically sourced fresh coffee and an exciting and ever-changing wine list. The pair aim to source the vast majority of ingredients from local suppliers, and have already been approaching nearby producers and growers in an effort to showcase the very finest of the local area's culinary talent.

Nayland-based Mr Rose, who also runs Anglia Wines, said, "We'll be serving locally-sourced, seasonal produce from a range of suppliers, alongside a high quality, varied wine list at competitive prices, with the option to purchase wines to take away at retail cost, or to drink on site for an affordable corkage."

In an exciting development, with the opening hours adjusting to reflect the new nature of the eatery (the premises will now be opened on evenings and weekends, Tuesday-Saturday 10am-10pm and Sunday 2pm-6pm), Hopkins and Rose will also be offering special evening dining and wine-pairing events alongside live music and cookery courses.

"We'll be inviting guest sommeliers and chefs to come in and offer tantalising food and wine experiences to customers in beautiful surroundings," Mr Rose told the BRN. "This wonderfully-historic premises only serves to enrich the evocative atmosphere that guests will really engage with."

Meanwhile in the business space next door the pair are opening up a second branch of Needham Market-based estate agents, Town & Village Properties. The company has been in huge demand in Needham and Ben Hopkins, ex-Boxford School pupil and also a director at the Needham branch is excited about the possibility of bringing their unique property marketing expertise directly to Boxford and surrounding area.

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With a deep wealth of local property knowledge the pair are offering property valuations to homeowners along with full-service marketing property packages to help attract buyers.

Whether you are thinking of buying or selling, the pair encourage clients to pop-in to talk to them for useful property advice. They're also offering free EPCs for new sales or lettings instructions for a year, as well as a case of wine from Anglia Wines for referrals to friends resulting in a new instruction.

Both the café and the estate agents will be opened in the week leading up to the Boxford Open Gardens on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

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Deadline date for the July 2024 Issue is:  
**June 15<sup>th</sup> at midday**

# SAVING THE BOX VALLEY

## Our part of the Dedham Vale AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

You may have read the article published in the October 2022 BRN (p29) regarding the fruit cages which were being erected on the northern slopes of the Box Valley across 68 acres in the parishes of Boxford and Polstead. The developer is Boxford (Suffolk) Farms Ltd, a local third generation company, part of a group of companies which includes the Stoke by Nayland Resort and Golf Club.

By way of an update, over half the land has now been covered with an army of hundreds of either concrete or wooden posts, around 4 metres in height. They are linked together with anchors and wires to support both the intensive lines of apples trees, and eventually white plastic netting on top, and black netting around the sides.

If anyone would like to take a look, the development sites can be accessed south of the A1071 along Wash Lane at the top from Calais Street, or at the bottom of Wash Lane from Stone Street. There's also a footpath adjacent to Roylands Lane taking you into the valley.



*Existing netting at Honey Tye from the A134*

Many of us are aware that we live in or near the Dedham Vale AONB. Many will also have noticed that there are lots of examples of these structures already erected in our area by Boxford (Suffolk) Farms Ltd, covered with plastic fleece or netting, to protect their apple trees and soft fruit crops. They are particularly prominent around Hill Farm at the top of Brick Kiln Hill, along the top of the southern side of the Box Valley from Whitestreet Green where National Grid has agreed to bury an electricity pylon to enhance the beauty of the valley, and large parts of Leavenheath. Not very pretty but heigh ho, that's modern farming for you.

What many of you may not be aware of is that a lot of the structures sit on protected AONB land. The status of an AONB was upgraded in law late last year and renamed a National Landscape by the Secretary of State. *'National Landscapes and National Parks are designated to ensure the natural beauty and special qualities of the area are conserved and enhanced for future generations'*. *'A National Landscape'*, to further quote from the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley News *'...is a nationally important protected national landscape'*.

Why then has the Box Valley, part of a National Landscape, not been protected?

We believe there are two issues.

One is the reluctance of Babergh DC to impose a planning permission process. Amongst other things, a planning application would need, by law, to take into account any detriment to the



*Existing fruit cages on a footpath in Leavenheath*

visual beauty of our piece of National Landscape.

It became clear to us at the outset that our MP, Babergh DC and local councillors were either not minded or had uninformed opinions that planning permission was not needed for these structures. Along with Boxford and Polstead Parish Councils, local residents have been petitioning Babergh for nearly two years to look at the question of planning permission (these structures will be in use for at least twenty years, have secure foundations and cover a significant amount of land). After various discussions regarding the legal position, Babergh has finally acknowledged they will need to revisit their initial view and investigate whether planning permission is required.

The second is the issue of nature and our enjoyment of it within the National Landscape. We believe that the fruit cages are ugly, of an industrial nature and scale, and dominate the landscape, blocking many of the views of rolling arable or grazing land, often depicted by Constable in his landscapes. The land in question has around 5 footpath routes, either through or alongside the development, and Wash Lane itself, which has been used by walkers and cyclists for many years. Our piece of National Landscape has been severely defaced to the detriment of its enjoyment by all.

We have nothing against apple orchards in general, but within a National Landscape they should help to conserve and enhance its natural beauty. They are capable of supporting a great number of species and if managed well can create an even greater diversity of habitats-in line with central and local government's biodiversity commitments. However, we do not see that the farming methods involved in this industrial-style apple farming would benefit biodiversity. The use of herbicides and sprays on the trees, the recent cutting of hedgerow banks and the mowing of grass and wild flowers at this time of year does nothing to encourage biodiversity. What is more, when the plastic netting is in place, wildlife cannot enter or leave the structures.

We have recently been in correspondence with the Dedham Vale ANOB team and their chairman Mr James Finch (also a district councillor), who say they can do nothing, as they can't get involved unless planning permission is required.

The upgraded responsibilities towards National Landscapes brought into law late last year require that all public bodies, including local councils, must take steps to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of our National Landscapes.

Our hope is that Babergh will at some stage enforce a retrospective planning application which would allow for a fair and open public debate as to whether these structures are appropriate on our piece of the National Landscape.

*Local residents, Fiona Bonny, Martin Roffey and Mike Wortley*

Also of note, The 'Save the Box Valley' Group has been recently set up to coordinate local efforts to save our piece of the National Landscape. If you would like to join the Group or have any comments, please contact the Group at: [savetheboxvalley@outlook.com](mailto:savetheboxvalley@outlook.com)

# NEWTON FIRESIDE CLUB

As I write this, the sun is shining and, at last it's feeling warmer. Hopefully, this bodes well for our 2 outdoor events in June and July.

On our first meeting of this session, we were treated to a very interesting and amusing talk by Dave Atkins, a retired vicar. He had certainly had a busy, rich and varied life including a huge range of charity events. These resulted in the building of a school in Fiji for which he is still raising funds.



On the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 17 members met at Old Joe's, Cornard Tye for a game of Adventure Golf. The weather was kind to us and we had a very enjoyable afternoon. Some fared better

than others, but, thankfully, there were no disputes about scores or ball-related injuries.

In addition to these sessions, some of us joined two of Felix Coaches' excursions. The first was a lunch at New Inn, Horning followed by a trip along The Broads by paddle boat, both of which were thoroughly



enjoyed by all. The second outing was a trip to Ely in Felix's vintage coach. Again, this was a great success and members enjoyed looking around Ely Cathedral, walking along the river and partaking in a lunch.

It is with deep regret that we recently learnt of the death of one of our most long standing members, Bobby Roland. He has been a valued member of the village and the golf club for many years. Bobby was always the first to offer help, not only at the Fireside Club, but in all aspects of village life. He had a love of life, always had a smile for everyone and was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. He will be greatly missed and our sympathies are with his wife, Pat, who has also supported the club for many years.

Tickets for our popular Midsummer Munch are now on sale. Tickets are £12 for adults, £6 for under 12s, or £30 for a family of four. They are available from Moira on 374652 or 07534 973 272.

## SUMMER 2024 EVENTS

- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June | Film - 'A Man Called Otto' |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Suffolk Day Cream Tea      |
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July | End of Year Lunch          |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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*Sue Presland*

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Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> - 12pm-6pm (food 12-4)

### Little Earth Fest - July 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual mixed fermentation & sour beer festival. Join Little Earth Project plus brewers from around the UK in the beer garden. Try a variety of sour beers, food trucks & nice times!

### Sourdough Pizzas & Boards & Bites Menu

Boards: Wed-Sat 12-8, Sun 12-4  
Pizzas: Sit in/Takeaway Thurs 5-8pm, Fri & Sat 12-8, Sun 12-4

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## UPDATE ON EDWARDSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Babergh Council has now completed its examination of the Neighbourhood Plan and it has been issued for a final round of public consultation which lasts until Friday 14 June.

Details on the consultation are available on the Babergh Council website [www.babergh.gov.uk/EdwardstoneNP](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/EdwardstoneNP) and there are copies of the plan available for inspection in the Edwardstone White Horse and Boxford Post Office.



### What happens next?

At the end of this consultation period all valid representations will be sent to an external examiner. It will be for them to decide how they wish to proceed. Typically, they will rely upon the written representations to help them reach a decision, but they could call a public meeting if they consider it beneficial to do so.

The examiner's role is to consider whether the plan meets the basic conditions, or if further modifications need to be made for it to do so. They will also decide if the plan should proceed to a local referendum.

We hope that a referendum will be held later this year 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. As always, we will provide updates in the Box River News.

# NATURAL BOXFORD

## Our swifts are around!

**Swift project report** Our avian summer visitors have been arriving for the last few weeks and there have been several sightings of four or five swifts so far. Breeding pairs will be seeing if their old nest sites are still viable: if not, the new swift boxes are there with call systems playing to signal some new possibilities. Juveniles case the area for future nest sites and might even pop in for an overnight stay. Thanks to all involved in our Boxford swift project with a special thank you to Lee Norton from Bures who came over with his ladders and installed the boxes for us. A cabinet of boxes is under construction for the church tower along with a call system donated by Suffolk Bird Group SOS – ready for next year if not this one.



Making sure the swifts have somewhere to lay their eggs and raise their young is only half the story: they need supplies of appropriate food. This is where our awareness, care and consideration plays a crucial role.

**What do birds eat?** Seeds and grains are the main source of nutrition for many birds including finches (when did you last see a greenfinch?), sparrows (population down by over 70% since the 1970s) and doves. Goldfinches adore thistle seeds. Some forward thinking and nature loving farmers set aside a portion of their land to grow seed rich plants especially for the birds to feed on. We can support the birds by leaving some ‘weeds’ to go to seed, growing sunflowers and having good quality bird seed in feeders in the garden.

Many more of our familiar birds though, rely on insects, worms, caterpillars and spiders: thrushes, robins, warblers, flycatchers, wrens and blackbirds are all insectivorous. Shockingly, we have lost over 50% of insect species since the 1970s and nearly half of those left are now at threat of extinction. Without insects life collapses. The key action for supporting the thriving of insects, and therefore all life, is to manage our environments in favour of nature: not using pesticides/herbicides, letting areas naturalise and biodiversity increase (see last month’s No Mow May article), as well as providing habitat like bug hotels and planting specific plants. The desire to ‘tidy’ and ‘manicure’, whilst for some creating a pleasing aesthetic, usually destroys natural habitat and the life that depends on it (including ours ultimately). It behoves us all these days to do all we can to allow nature to flourish. In public spaces as well as our gardens we can shift our practices and preferences in favour of life: especially the smaller, less ‘glamorous’ insects and invertebrates at the bottom of food chains who support everything above.

Still more of our beloved birds feed on fruit and berries: robins, blackbirds, starlings, jackdaws, redwings, waxwings, pied flycatcher, stonechat, whitethroat and willow warbler. Elder, crab apple, bramble and rowan (mountain ash, like the beautiful specimen in the centre of our village) all provide valuable food via leaves, flowers and berries for birds and insects. What can we do? Plant and allow these bushes and trees to thrive.

Here in Boxford, we even see fish-eating birds in the form of kingfishers who zoom along the river from time to time. Natural Boxford have a river-focus group and I’ll dedicate a whole article to the river another time.

A quick word about mud! I learnt the other day that the swallows and house martins are also struggling: insect eating birds too, they build their iconic cup shaped nests on walls from mud, and are not finding enough mud when they need it these days. If you have land, make sure there is always a muddy patch.

It is obvious that there are many fewer birds around these days – how often do you see a large flock? Swift, cuckoo, housemartin, starling, skylark, fieldfare, tree and house sparrow, yellow wagtail, yellowhammer, mistle thrush, greenfinch, nightingale and many more are all on the Red List as endangered. Birdsong is one of the most immediately uplifting and joyous sounds to be heard – I want to make sure future generations have the opportunity to hear it – what about you?

We hope to see you during Open Gardens on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – come and say hello at our table in the churchyard.

*Much love*

*Louise*

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## RECLAIM THE RAIN

The team has been busy in Boxford! In the last month, we have been pursuing multiple work-streams across the northern and eastern flow paths to improve water resilience in your area.

In the north of Boxford’s surface water catchment area, our work has included topography and channel surveys which have been undertaken. The results of these surveys will inform future modelling and optioneering for this flow path.

In the eastern flow path, with the support of external consultants, we have been carrying out a suite of ecological surveys to further the work that we are continuing to deliver in this area of the catchment. We have also been modelling hydraulic options with the aim of bolstering the flood resilience provided by the willow trees and to enable other water re-use solutions.

Just recently the team attended a site visit at Boxford Church to understand and identify any opportunities for sustainable water management here too!

Get in touch via [reclaimtherain@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:reclaimtherain@suffolk.gov.uk) if you’d like to learn more about our work.

*Best wishes,*

*Ruby and Sian*



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# GROTON HISTORY SOCIETY

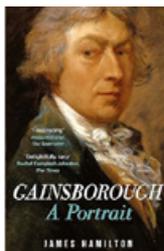
We continue to work on the details for the History Society and hope to share with you very soon the schedule we would like to follow. The first meeting will probably be in September after the summer holidays (or 'campaigning season' as it was often called), with a total of 5-6 meetings over the subsequent 12 month periods. As mentioned before, the meetings could be a mix of styles, ranging from 'talks' to 'discussions' to 'research' and 'other'?

Additionally we would like to regularly share our reading, listening and viewing recommendations with you, hoping to inspire you across a very broad range of topics. Accompanying this there are interesting 'what happened this month in history' events to share.

To these ends here are some items to share with you:

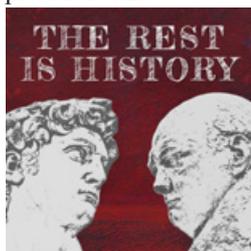
## Readings:

- James Hamilton's biography of Thomas Gainsborough. Excellent biography of a local lad becoming one of Britain's most renowned artists. <https://amzn.to/3KrNTZr>
- The Little History of Suffolk by Sarah E Doig. This covers the County context from 4500BC to present day, for our History of Groton project. <https://amzn.to/3V6ZfXJ>



## Podcasts:

- 'Overlord' series currently in progress from the *We Have Ways* podcast I mentioned last month. Very topical for June!
- 'Peasants Revolt / Richard II' series from the *Rest is History* podcast. Suffolk, along with Essex and Kent were the disgruntled in this saga.
- 'Luther' series from the *Rest is History* podcast. This is fascinating, covering the role of Martin Luther in the birth and future of Protestantism.



What happened in 'June' throughout History? It was a busy month in History. Here are just a few things that happened:

- 1215** 15 June; King John signs the Magna Carta.
- 1630** 13 June; the *Arbella* lands in Salem (US) with John Winthrop with 700 Puritans. It was part of a fleet of 11 ships.
- 1645** 14 June; Oliver Cromwell defeats the Royalists at Naseby, effectively signalling the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Civil War and Monarch supremacy.
- 1648** 12 June; The siege of Colchester starts. Fairfax led the Parliamentary forces against the Royalist forces of Lucas and Lisle.
- 1838** 28 June; The Coronation of Queen Victoria
- 1944** 6 June; Operation Overlord commences with D Day invasion of Normandy
- 1953** 2 June; The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. She was the 39<sup>th</sup> Monarch to be crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In parallel we have started our research into the History of Groton, looking at the major events occurring over the timeline from Pre Roman invasion through to present day, then mapping them to local impacts and movements here in Groton, Suffolk and East Anglia. We continue to seek your help in sharing your ancestral stories, the histories of your houses and any other snippets you might have. I had a great aerial photo of Bulls Cross Wood as taken by a Luftwaffe plane in 1940/41, shown to me by Valerie. It was probably used as a navigation aid en route to key Airfields and Bury St Edmunds.

Does anyone have any more trinkets of history to share with us? Please contact me at [nigeljchap@gmail.com](mailto:nigeljchap@gmail.com)

# BOXFORD BOUNTY WINNERS!

The following Boxford Bounty numbers were drawn at the Community Council AGM held at The Playing Fields Pavilion on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024:



March - April 2024 Winners		
1 <sup>st</sup>	£250	Mr A. Stewart, Castlings Heath
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£125	Mr C. Parr, Butchers Lane
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£75	Mrs L. Gill, Groton
4 <sup>th</sup>	£50	Mrs S. Evans, Hadleigh Road

Congratulations to all the winners!

Further information about the Boxford Bounty can be found at [www.boxford.me.uk/boxford-bounty](http://www.boxford.me.uk/boxford-bounty)

# BOXFORD FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our new year is moving along very quickly, time is flying by. The BFG started off well with a visit to Hollow Trees for a sumptuous meal enjoyed by all. Alas so far we haven't kept up our New Year's resolution to take more exercise and of course Easter followed on so soon after Christmas, but we'll double-down on keep fit soon!

We have had a visit from Tina & Roger Loose, talking to some of our more senior members about their village memories, an opportunity to record such interesting history about everyday life.

Hadleigh Ukulele Group paid us a visit in February, a foot tapping brilliant performance which had the members getting up from seats and dancing in the aisles. A few even did a Morecambe and Wise jig to *Bring Me Sunshine*, not necessarily in the right order!

One of our favourite visitors, Jayne, demonstrated the beautiful art of making Easter flower arrangements in March which were kindly donated as raffle prizes. Just after Easter the BFG donated two flower planters, planted up with pansies, to sit alongside a seat in the cemetery, to be maintained by us throughout the year. Please feel free to water if the plants look thirsty.



April saw us all celebrate the BFG second birthday with a surprise birthday cake (yes more cake) presented to our most senior member, who just happened to be 99 years young. What a special occasion it was, hence this really glamorous photo of us all celebrating that meeting. Apologies to absent members for not being in the photo session, but we will capture you all again sometime. Many thanks to David Lamming for being brave enough to arrange us divas all so nicely for the photo shoot.

Sylvia once again led us through a joyous Call My Bluff, thank you Sylvia. Our May meeting will bring us a performance by the Nayland Hand Bell Ringers, another joyful session to look forward to, and we are halfway through the year already.

Thanks to the girls on the committee as always. Also to Jean our raffle queen, and Dave (duty driver), not forgetting all our lovely members, thank you for turning up each month.

*Have a good Summer everyone,  
Alison and Wendy Joint Chairs.*

# THE BUTCHER'S WIFE

Years ago if you had told me you suffered from hay fever I would have scoffed. 'Seriously', I thought, 'it can't be that bad'.

I have well and truly changed my tune. It would seem that as my body ages it has completely lost the ability to fight nature's miniscule fluff.

It started off about 5 years ago with my eyes stinging and feeling tired so I would firstly announce to anyone and everyone for 4-5 days that I thought I was getting a cold. When said cold didn't materialise, I presumed that I needed an eye test. Long story short, I'm supposed to wear reading glasses but never wear them.

So off I would trot to the opticians where I would take out a second mortgage to get a pair of glasses that I would wear for a couple of weeks and then chuck in a drawer and forget about them.... until the following year when my eyes would start stinging again. After following this pattern for three years I finally twigged that maybe it was hay fever so I took an antihistamine and voila, all my symptoms disappeared!

This year, however, my hay fever has stepped it up a notch. I have a runny, itchy nose, a tickly cough and a fuzzy head. All of that is manageable but the stinging, itchy, grainy feeling in my eyes is making me want to rip my eyeballs out and the antihistamines aren't hitting the spot anymore.

Now I know you're only supposed to take one tablet a day but the other day at work I decided enough was enough and announced to the office that I was going to take another tablet (my second in about 5 hours). I had already googled whether this would kill me and after reassurance from the internet that I might experience an increased heart rate and a fever, but not death, I decided the risk was worth it if my eyes would just stop itching. So the announcement to my colleagues was to warn them in case some form of first aid was required.

Luckily it was not but unluckily the second tablet didn't make one ounce of difference. I think they were probably more disappointed than me after listening to me whinge about it all morning.

Each year it gets progressively worse and lasts longer – most of May, June, July and a random 3 weeks in November.

My only consolation is that the dog has also recently starting suffering so we take our morning antihistamine together!



# Swedish Meatballs

## Ingredients (Serves 6)

For the meatballs

- 75g breadcrumbs
- 125ml milk
- 1 large egg
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Salt and pepper
- ½ onion, finely chopped
- 1lb minced beef
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 tsp olive oil

For the sauce

- 50g butter
- 30g plain flour
- 500ml beef stock
- 2 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper

## Method

1. In a large bowl, mix the breadcrumbs together with the milk, egg, garlic, salt, peppers. Allow the milk to soak into the breadcrumbs for at least 10 minutes.
2. Once the milk has absorbed some, add in the onion, meat and parsley. Mix well with your hands to combine.
3. Roll meat into about 24 small balls, or 16 larger balls.
4. Heat 1 tablespoon of butter and 2 teaspoons of oil in a pan on medium-high heat. Fry meatballs in small batches so they don't stew or simmer. Transfer to a warm plate and cover with foil.
5. Add the butter to the juices in the pan to melt. Whisk in the flour until it dissolves and turns brown in colour. Pour in the stock, cream, soy sauce and mustard. Bring to a simmer and season with salt and pepper to taste. Mix the sauce through well to combine all of the flavours together.
6. Add the meatballs back to the pan and continue to simmer until sauce thickens.

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# RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECTORY

At the end of May, we celebrated Pentecost. Pentecost is that time when we reflect more intentionally on God sending his Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide us. But how do we prepare for receiving the Holy Spirit in our lives? Well, when we look at how the disciples prepared for the coming of the Holy Spirit on their lives a few things are strikingly notable:



- They committed themselves to each other – to the people Jesus had called together.
- They came together regularly to worship and pray
- They supported one another practically
- They built each other up in the faith and shared that faith with others
- They were not afraid to live their faith out in public, even if it resulted in ridicule or persecution.

We see in the examples of the disciples, excellent role models for future generations to follow. Role models are really important in life. From their examples others are able to model their own lives for the better. As Christians, it is really important that we too become role models for future generations. Our example to others is really important. What we do and how we do it matters.

They often say that Christianity is caught and not taught. It is not that Christianity doesn't make sense rationally. Many modern scientists affirm how difficult it is to make sense of the world without God – if there is no God then there can be no objective moral truths and therefore our moral behaviour does not matter on metaphysical grounds. This calls into question our sense of purpose and direction in life. Christianity affords us that sense of purpose and moral grounding. Nonetheless, Christianity has to be lived to be real. It is in the practice and routine that we encounter God. And we cannot do that on our own – we need the whole church community. That is why Jesus is so clear in the Gospels, that his followers must 'build the Church'.

When Jesus called together the disciples, he didn't choose them on their own merits alone and not all of them got along. They didn't choose who they were now living with, Jesus did. But here they were nonetheless, and after Jesus' death they didn't abandon one another to follow their own fancies. They committed themselves afresh to unity and supporting one another in prayer, worship, though acts of service and sharing the Good News. It was out of this situation, with these sure foundations, that they received the Holy Spirit.

The same will be true of us. The Church is the only institution where we don't get to choose who we share it with. God calls a complicated and diverse array of individuals into his community. You are a very valuable part, as are so many others. God calls the most unlikely of people to be in community together to commit themselves to him in worship and to reach out in love through acts of service. We will only feel the movement of the Spirit in our own lives when we commit to the people God has given us to share this journey with: to coming together regularly with that community to worship and pray, support each other in our trials, help build each other up in the faith, and live out our faith publicly with a confidence and ease that makes others ponder things anew.

This is the journey Jesus calls us on. It is a journey through which we will grow in relationship to God and more deeply into the divine heartbeat that weaves through the interconnectedness of the whole universe. It is a journey towards wholeness, but it isn't a journey that is always easy.

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# SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2024



<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 1</i>	09:30	<i>Morning Praise</i>	St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10:00	<i>Communion &amp; Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 2</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
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10:00	<i>Morning Prayer &amp; Coffee</i>	St Bartholomew's, Groton
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 3</i>	09:30	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone
	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10:00	<i>Communion &amp; Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 4</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
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10:00	<i>Morning Prayer &amp; Coffee</i>	Mary's House, Boxford
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 5</i> <i>Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11:00	<i>Sunday Eucharist</i>	St Mary's, Boxford

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

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, BOXFORD  
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# The Box River Benefice

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

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm** *Music for a Summer's Evening, Mark Saberton, Baritone accompanied by Tom Cogan, Piano, St Mary's, Boxford*
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am** *Boxford Open Gardens, including Edwardstone*
- Tue 4<sup>th</sup> 10am** *Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House, Boxford*
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** *Coffee Morning, St Lawrence's, Lt Waldingfield*
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 11am** *Open Gardens, Lt Waldingfield*
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 10am** *Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House, Boxford*
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10am** *Coffee Morning, St Mary's, Boxford*
- Tue 18<sup>th</sup> 10am** *Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House*
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 10am** *Coffee Morning, All Saint's, Newton Green*
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> 10am** *Drop in for Coffee, Mary's House*

## FATHER ROB SABBATICAL

Father Rob has started his sabbatical and will be walking the Camino on Pilgrimage throughout June. He has left our churches in the nurturing hands of our Ministry Team: Father James, Maggie and David, we will also be welcoming ministry from visiting priests from around the Deanery, who will provide a richness of diversity of theology and style. Please do support our parishes during this period, come along to our services, coffee mornings and events.

## LIGHT UP ST MARY'S, BOXFORD

On the 20<sup>th</sup> May, St Mary's Church was lit up in memory of Derek Gant on the day of his funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

If you would like further information about Lighting up St Mary's Church in 'Memory of a Loved one or In Celebration of an Anniversary, Birthday or Special Occasion', please contact the Benefice Office for further information.

## OPEN GARDENS

We are very much looking forward to **Boxford (including Edwardstone), Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Little Waldingfield's Open Gardens, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June.** We will be opening our lovely gardens again and welcoming you to our friendly villages.

Boxford – Admission is £6, under 16s are free. Tickets available from the main ticket stall at the church or at the first garden you visit. Children's trail, Artist studios, refreshments. For more information contact Audrey Zuck, [audrey@a2zriskservices.com](mailto:audrey@a2zriskservices.com)

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

## SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

Save the date for the All Saints', Newton Green annual summer coffee morning with stalls. To be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July between 10 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!

## MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING CONCERT

The first concert was a wonderful success, thank you so much to everyone who attended Tom Cogan's Organ Recital. It was fabulous to hear Tom's great talent and a lovely evening was had by all those who came along, the sun even shone for the occasion! We look forward to seeing you at the next concert on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at St Mary's, Boxford.



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**BOXFORD OPEN GARDENS 2024**  
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## Edwardstone Millennium Green AGM

on

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**7:30pm**

**in The White Horse, Edwardstone**

## GROTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7:30pm**

The Annual General Meeting of Groton Village Hall will be held in the village hall (formerly the WI Hall) at 7:30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report & Accounts for the period to 31 March 2024
2. To elect a new Management Committee Chairperson
3. To elect members of the Management Committee
4. To conduct any other relevant business

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

# LITTLE WALDINGFIELD OPEN GARDENS

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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 **27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June** in Boxford Village Hall, with curtain up at 7:30pm.

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1. David Porteous-Butler
2. Dominic Butler
3. Sandy Histed
4. Mark Isahak
5. Sara Godfrey



Exhibition Opening Times:

Fri 21st June : Preview 6pm to 8pm, meet the Artists, with canapés and refreshments (voluntary donations of £5 to the church fabric fund appreciated)

Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd June : Free entry 10.30 am to 4.30 pm



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Exhibition by St Peter's Church, Milden to raise funds for the church fabric fund. Registered Charity No. XN56419. Images shown are copyright of the artists.

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Sunday 30th June  
11.00 to 5.00

2024 5<sup>th</sup> Year

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- 7th of September
- 5th of October
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- 15th of December

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## EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR

We had a great turn-out last year with such a fabulous result, we're doing it all over again! Make sure you save the dates - **November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**.

More details will follow but for any questions or offers of help, please contact Diana [dianahawke@btinternet.com](mailto:dianahawke@btinternet.com) or Sarah [saraheels@btinternet.com](mailto:saraheels@btinternet.com)

## BOXFORD WI UPDATE

The Boxford WI held their annual meeting and AGM in May and we have an exciting new programme for June to December 2024.

In June we have a guest speaker to tell us about self-care with the Alexander Technique.

Our speaker in July is Ceri Yates from the Stephen Walters Silk Mill and in August we are having our summer outing to the Suffolk Punch Trust - unfortunately this trip is for members only.

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 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
- Women who wander (walking group – visiting East Bergholt and Bury St Edmunds)

For more information please contact our Secretary, Lyn Beer on **07961 357 526** or email [lyn@the-brook.net](mailto:lyn@the-brook.net)



## THE BILDESTON CROWN HOSTS FIRST 'IN CONVERSATION WITH...'

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, The Bildeston Crown hosted their first 'In Conversation With...' with Derek "Tommo" Thompson, who shared many a story about his racing commentary career. It won't come as much of a surprise that their first 'In Conversation With...' was a racing personality. A former jockey with amazing tales from the weighing room, 'Tommo' even once beat King Charles whilst racing at Plumpton.

The Bildeston Crown would love to hear from you about who you'd love to listen to next. Please email [marketing@nedginghallestate.co.uk](mailto:marketing@nedginghallestate.co.uk) with ideas. Thanks.



## SOMETHING'S GROWING AT THE LINDSEY ROSE

In summer 2023, a maze made of maize was created behind The Lindsey Rose pub. It was a free visitor attraction and highlighted the importance of sustainability and environmental planning in the hospitality industry. Maize is a crop that gets harvested and is then turned into biofuel to run the pub.

Last week, the local farmer was caught drilling out the back of the pub. Something's growing! Soon you'll find out what it is...

There's also a new playground in the beer garden ready for summer too.



**Elaine Carpenter**  
N.R.H.P., C.H.P., Dip Psychology

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# 2024 COACH TRIPS

## ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S STARLIGHT EXPRESS



Andrew Lloyd Webber's Starlight Express opens summer 2024 in the specially designed Starlight Auditorium at Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre.

Audiences will be immersed inside a world of speed, song and storytelling as an incredible cast of 40 whizz around and above. As a child's train set magically comes to life and the engines race to become the fastest in the world.

Rusty the steam train has little hope of winning until he is inspired by the legend of the 'STARLIGHT EXPRESS'

**DATE:** Thursday 17th October – 14:30 (matinee show)

**TIME:** Depart Boxford at 9am

**PRICE:** £85.00 per person

**INCLUDES:** Return coach travel from Boxford Theatre Ticket

## CHRISTMAS AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL



Come along and experience the spectacular surroundings of the Royal Albert Hall for what's set to be London's finest sing-along carol concert of the season.

These special concerts have become a festive favourite over the years and 2024 is no exception.

**DATE:** Sunday 15th December – 15:00 (matinee show)

**TIME:** Depart Boxford at 9am

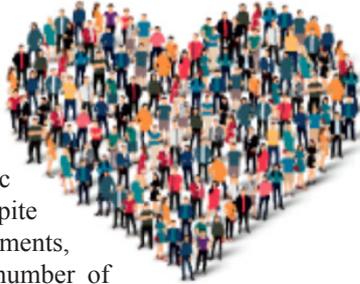
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# HADLEIGH & BOXFORD PPG

**Booster Vacs:** Over 850 jobs were given at the Practice's first Covid booster session, last month, for 75 plussers and the clinically vulnerable: a good number of patients for one clinic on a fine sunny day. However, in spite of the new appointment arrangements, there were still a considerable number of 'no shows'. This is disappointing for the medical and support team who gave up their Saturday to man the clinic. As before, the PPG provided the non-medical manpower inside and outside the practice from 8am to 12:30pm. Below is the early shift mustering for a photo op before hanging up their high vis jackets until the next time. If you missed this Covid booster clinic at the Practice call 119 to find other local vaccinator providers.



**Out of Hours Doctor:** Need a doctor when the Health Centre is closed, including weekend? 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 4 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 4, follow the instructions and your appointment will automatically be cancelled. This will enable someone else to take your place and save your precious time too.

**Telephone Improvements:** There is 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 may be needed. Patients be patient please.

**Queries:** If you just have a query and not booking an appointment call after 10am and not at 8am when the line is at its busiest.

**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.

**Look Before You Leave:** Always check your medicine before you leave the pharmacy. Recent research shows up to £300m is wasted, annually, in NHS primary and community care prescription drugs in England. The wastage includes £90m worth of unused prescription drugs stored in people's homes, £110m returned to commu-

nity pharmacies over the course of a year, and up to £50m worth of NHS supplied drugs that are disposed of annually by care homes. If you return unwanted drugs before you leave the chemist they will not be wasted and not contribute to these appalling figures.

**Art Show:** The latest varied display of art in the practice tempted one patient to buy two of the paintings. That made three people happy; the buyer, the artist and the practice's charity which will receive 10% of the purchase price.

**The Practice's 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.

**The Practice Car Park:** These spaces should only be used by patients visiting the surgery. The Toppesfield Car Park is available for drivers visiting Mill Pharmacy or anywhere else in the town. A parking ticket is advisable however short your visit.

**PPG:** Chair Jan Devey 01473 827091 [deveys@btinternet.com](mailto:deveys@btinternet.com)

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## MADRIGALIA & MELODY OF HARPS

Nearly 60 people attended the afternoon concert in Groton Church at the end of April, to listen to Madrigalia and Melody of Harps.

The theme was mostly spring, especially birdsong! A rich variety of songs and music from both choir and instruments... some performed separately, and four together. A big range from 16<sup>th</sup> century madrigals to spirituals, folk songs, and reflective pieces, right up to the present day with a song by Coldplay. A very enjoyable concert, refreshed generously with Pimms, hot drinks and cake, provided by Groton Church.



photo by David Lamming

It was particularly memorable as three singers plus the accompanist had succumbed to Covid at the last minute, so huge grateful thanks to Tom Cogan, the organist from Boxford Church who stepped in at the last minute to play for us, and Jane Reader, a talented local soprano who also joined us to swell the ranks and raise £345 for the church. The conductor, Sue Price, coped brilliantly as ever despite the last minute drama!

Thanks to all, Jayne Foster and Groton Church, Tom, Sue, choir and harpists, under the direction of Ann Chorley. A really interesting and much appreciated performance for listeners and participants alike.

# NOTES FROM A BEEKEEPER'S DIARY

Honeybees keep themselves to themselves. Occasionally they can be seen collecting nectar or pollen, or you hear a sudden buzzing noise as they fly past. But they are not like wasps which can be a real nuisance after midsummer when they are desperate for sugar.

Sometimes you can spot a nest because of a small cloud of bees flying at random in front of the entrance. Beekeepers call these 'play flights' but there is nothing playful or haphazard about this behaviour. Nor are they youngsters learning to fly.

These are adult bees about to begin the final stage of their life cycle as foraging bees. In preparation they have to learn to recognise the entry point of the nest, and this they do by progressively moving further away from the nest to imprint a visual image in their memory. They also learn to identify particular features around the entrance such as a large stone. In fact you can confuse foraging bees by moving any similar prominent feature. Not for long though, because they can still locate the entrance to their own nest by its unique smell.

Bees have to work hard to stay aloft. Unlike birds or butterflies they are unable to glide. They have two wings on each side of the thorax which interlock with a mechanical coupling in flight. Wings are made from chitin, very similar to the keratin in human fingernails. A network of nerves, oxygenating breathing tubes and haemolymph, the bee equivalent of blood, is sandwiched between transparent membranes.



Bee wings also contain resilin, an elastic protein which enables the bees to change the camber of the wings, so the bees can 'feather' their wings as they are raised for each successive downwards beat. Bee wings are surprisingly tough, but over time they become progressively more tattered. After 500 miles they are pretty well worn out. As are the bees.

The wings are activated by muscles inside the body, which gain traction by pivoting on the point where they pass through the external exoskeleton. The muscles have to work harder than those of a bird, but the resulting leverage increases the speed through the air on each downwards thrust. Even so, the wings have to beat around 13,000 times each minute, or over 200 times a second to keep the bee airborne.

The bees can alter the amplitude, or distance covered on each thrust, depending on whether they want to fly forward or merely hover. Greater amplitude for forward movement, less so for hovering. The movement of the wings produces sound waves between 200 and 230 hertz, which we hear as sound pitched just below middle C on a piano. And that's why bees buzz.

Two to three weeks after emerging from their pupal stage bees embark on the final stage of their life's work, foraging for pollen and nectar. On returning to their nest they will be carrying up to 30% of their own bodyweight in diluted sugars. When a "flow" is on, in other words when there is a copious source of nectar, there is no time to be lost.

From a close vantage point the bees can be seen as flashes of reflected sunlight against a dark background and their sense of purpose is self-evident. A constant stream of bees all heading in the same direction within the same narrow air space. At the same time bees are flying back at top speed in the other direction to off-load their cargo to the waiting house bees.

Bees have more to contend with than just their foraging sisters. At the same time they have to avoid collision with any young bees

out on play flights around the hive entrance, not to mention other air traffic such as flies, butterflies and midges. Beekeepers learn the hard way to avoid lingering in a busy flight path.

Wherever possible bees will crawl rather than fly because flight requires so much energy. For this reason they prefer to crawl from flower to flower. Even when flight becomes unavoidable they will choose a path that minimises time in the air.

Commercial orchards are planted with trees neatly aligned in rows. The distance between the rows is greater than the distance between each tree. The bees move instinctively from tree to tree within each row rather than randomly from row to row, thus saving flying and working time. Or is this a preference acquired through experience?

Occasionally a whole mass of bees can be seen flying together before forming a cluster. These are swarms and we are now in peak swarming season. Beekeepers offer a free swarm collection service to minimise the 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

## KENNY'S NEWS FROM SESAW



Ollie has definitely mellowed. Our resident black cat has watched a brood of baby robins fly the nest without the slightest twitch of his tail! He hasn't even tried abseiling off the garage roof to reach the blue tits' nesting box. Apparently he is more interested in finding a home for Lizzie, a pretty, but shy, tabby cat that has been with us since last summer

She is slow to come to you, hardly surprising

after being cast aside, yet another casualty of the pandemic. She arrived pregnant and with her first litter of kittens, all of which have been homed. Now she waits for that special someone with the patience and love she deserves. We can loan a large crate to house Lizzie as she is introduced into her new home.



We still have Lily and Grey, a bonded pair of Saluki dogs. They are looking for a loving home with a comfy sofa. If you could be the perfect person for them or our pandemic puss, please visit them between 10am and 1pm, Thursday to Sunday.



That pesky puss has just smashed Mum's favourite mug in the kitchen. Now, instead of admiring a cute Yorkie dog as she sips her tea, Mum has a photo of Ollie staring back at her but he's not so clever. He hasn't noticed there is a different picture on the back. Yes, you guessed it's a photo of me, *Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!*

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# PHOTOS AND STORIES FROM BOXFORD SOCIETY VILLAGE ARCHIVE

## The lives of some children from early and mid 20<sup>th</sup> century Boxford.

Much has been written about the harsh conditions for children before the 20<sup>th</sup> century and we have a few references in our archive to childhood experiences going back to the 1400s - records of families and education. Times were harsh with many children experiencing cruel discipline. As the 20<sup>th</sup> century dawned it was still hard for some children, but most began to benefit from not being seen just as small adults and many had better schooling, medicine and social care.

Our pictures from the Boxford Archive this month are of children from about 1900 to 1950. We have many memory snippets of childhood from older members of our community which help reflect the recent past and illustrate the changes and different expectations placed on children over time. A couple of these now follow.

Rosie Marriott (née Carter) was born in June 1935 at Hagmore Green, a hamlet of Boxford, in one half of the cottage on the 'green'. It was the one adjacent to where Von and Eileen Whymark eventually came to live and they became Rosie's mother's next door neighbours. Rosie was one of 5 children: Joyce, William, Violet, Rosie and Peggy. (Today Rosie's older sister, Violet and her husband, live close to Rosie in Homefield.) At Hagmore Green they bathed in a tin bath and the toilet was in the garden. They collected water from the well across the way using a bucket as there was no running tap water there then. The pond outside was dangerous, but the children were still tempted to play in and near it.

During the Second World War there was a searchlight in the field nearby and the lights and people manning them were an interesting diversion from normal life. Sometimes the children walked to school through Hockley Hole Lane or they walked via the Hagmore Green Lane to Brick Kiln Hill, Stone Street and on to the school next to the church. This was a good one and half mile walk each way on their own from the age of five for Rosie and the others, but this was quite normal then and expected. Later Rosie and three other local girls including Marina Gant née King and Rosie's sister Violet used to bike to Newton to someone's house to learn cookery. This was part of their school education. After that at 11 years old she went on to Hadleigh Secondary School.

On Sundays Rosie went to church three times a day. She was in the Red Cross and the church choir with Tessa King. Mr Eric Berry of Homefield ran the youth club in the village hall and it was exciting when they all went camping. When Rosie left school at 15, she was still little more than a child. She found work at the rectory and one of her jobs was to go down to Newman's the butchers in Swan Street for the rector's pies. Rosie has fond memories of the sweet shop everyone called Top Clarke's (its formal name was The Tudor Stores) on the east side of Swan Street, as it was always warm and it had a grandfather clock.

Rosie eventually moved to Homefield as a young married woman and was friendly with her new neighbours the Kings and their daughter Tessa King.

Tessa King has also lived her whole life in Boxford. People called King have a very long history in Boxford and indeed notable Kings are mentioned in the 1530 St Mary's Church Warden's Accounts. Before this in 1493 Anne King of Boxford became the first wife of Thomas Spring III, clothier of Lavenham. Very early marriages were common so she may have been little more than a child. Thomas Spring was one of the wealthiest men in England. Little more is known of her but she produced four children and died at an early age. Her eldest son was knighted by Henry VII.

It is not known if the current Kings in Boxford descend from this family or are a family with the same surname that came to Boxford at a later time. Whichever it is, Tessa's family are certainly a long established Boxford family.

Tessa King descends from Polly Townes of Kersey who married John King of Boxford in about 1880. Tessa was born in 1942 at Tills Farm Cottages on what is now the A1071 road to Hadleigh. They had two small bedrooms, a sitting room, scullery and a loo in the shed outside. Tessa had the good fortune in 1948 (aged 6) to move into a new Airey house on Swan Street, one of those built post-war next to the pre-war Bonsey Terrace on Homefield. These were a national prefabricated concrete design built at roughly the same time as the prefabs were being put up on Homefield itself. In total 26,000 were built across the UK to fulfil an acute need for decent housing after the war.

Tessa went to Boxford School in 1947 (see picture below). There were three classes. Her mum was the caretaker at the school and her dad used to go and build up the Tortoise coke-fired stoves to make some heat in the classrooms before the children arrived. Tessa helped stoke them in the evenings. I wonder if anyone else remembers all the coughing and spluttering when the Tortoise stove accidentally smoked out the classroom?

It appears that at least seven generations of Tessa's family have attended Boxford School. This is probably a record! Tessa's son Stuart and daughter Veronica went there, and later Veronica worked there as a classroom assistant for many years. Tessa's granddaughter and great-grandchildren also went there. Tessa's father, grandfather and great-grandfather also attended the school making seven recorded generations in total since 1863/4 when John King started school. Many of the very old school photos have King descendents of Polly and John King. They had a large family and there are still many family members in and around the village and in this month's pictures.

*Tina Loose*



*A Boxford School lower junior class early 1950s. Mrs Chamberlain, teacher; then back row: Doreen Ince, Lionel Meekings?, 'Busky' Sargeant, Walter 'Woggy' Simpson, Tessa King?, Monica Gant?. Middle row, Gerald Rice, Michael Smith, Sally Crundle, Pearl Gant, Geraldine King. Front row, John 'Willie' Whiteman, Michael Tricker, Keith 'Wuzzy' Partridge, David 'Shocksey' Buckle. Nicknames like these were much more common in the previous generation. A comprehensive village list for the 1930s was provided by Kenny King and obviously these children in the next generation took on some of the nicknames. Kenny said there were so many people by the same surname and given name that nicknames were essential. Any corrections will be welcome.*



An early 1900 picture of girls with bunches of flowers on Mother's Day or Primrose Day. Primrose Day marked the anniversary of the death of the Tory Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli 1881. They are still in the period where little girls were dressed like their mothers as little adults.

Right: schoolgirls at a special event outside the school before the First World War. Cecil Hughes believed the girl on the left was his mother. Like every generation current fashion is important if you can afford it! Village dressmakers and mothers made most of the clothes buying fabrics from Riddelsdell and other drapers in the village. Cecil's Mum looks as if she is wearing something less run of the mill.



Below: Boxford Flower Show 1947. This was a regular event for many years and appears to be in Boxford Rectory grounds. Can you name any of the children?





Above: The King sisters were six in number. This picture was taken on the day the village chose to celebrate Marshall Aid to Britain 1948. They were living at the Forge in Church Street by this time as Marina remembers that they went to the 1935 Jubilee Seat just across the road from the Forge to have this picture taken (the seat was replaced in December 2023.) Susan remembers the Forge well and especially the smoke drifting up through the floorboards into the bedroom. The tallest girl in fancy dress is Marina (later Gant) who remembers she did not win but was commended. The next in height is Madge. Third in height carrying a basket is Susan (later Whymark), the 'groom' is Sandra and the tiny bride is Geraldine (later Crawley). The youngest King, Judith, is not in the picture.



Above left: Mary aka Polly King, great-grandmother of Marina Gant, with Marina's father Charles King, her grandson, who she brought up as well as her nine children. Polly raised them in a small cottage in Church Street and the cottage on the junction of Sand Hill and Cox Hill. This picture was taken across the street from there. Grandson Charles was an athlete of no mean ability taking part in marathons and flat racing events, often biking to Stowmarket for events. He died in Thailand during the Second World War, leaving a wife and a young family of girls.

Left: George Rose outside his Stone St cottage in the 1930s with his children Betty, Denis, Peter and Percy. Peter still lives there. Percy married Land Army girl Phyllis and had a significant, creative 50 year career with Coppella in its early development days.

Right: Cecil Hughes in about 1930 with his little friend from next door in Stone Street Road. He fondly remembered his playmate little Joan Gant who died and was Minnie Gant's grandchild from next door.



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## CITIZENS ADVICE

*We're booking a summer holiday to Spain. It's been a while since we've gone on holiday, and we really don't want anything to go wrong. What can we do to protect ourselves and prepare for the unexpected?*

**citizens  
advice**

The chances are you'll have the relaxing holiday you deserve, but there are a few things you can do in advance to help your holiday go smoothly. That includes the golden rule of getting travel insurance and brushing up on what your rights are if something goes wrong.

The first thing to do is check if your passport is in date. Renewing can take several weeks so you don't want to leave this until the last minute. You can check the validity of your passport for your trip on [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) by seeing the entry requirements of the country you're travelling to.

This is especially important if you're flying to Europe as EU countries no longer accept passports that are more than ten years old. If your passport was issued pre-Brexit then the expiry date might be more than ten years from the issue date, but if it's older than ten years, you'll need to get it renewed for EU travel - even if it's still in date.

Flight delays and cancellations could happen to any of us, so it's worth knowing what your rights are if this happens. <https://bit.ly/cab-delayed-flights>. If your flight is delayed long enough, your airline has to give you access to food and drink vouchers, phone calls and emails, and accommodation if you're delayed overnight. If your flight is cancelled, you have a legal right to a full refund or replacement flight to help you get to your destination.

Bags going missing is another classic holiday nightmare. But you do have a right to compensation if your airline delays, loses or damages your checked-in luggage. The Citizens Advice website shows you how to do this. <https://bit.ly/cab-lost-luggage>

You might also get compensation for other things, like a day trip getting cancelled, or if you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one. This will depend on whether you booked a package holiday, made 'linked travel arrangements' or organised the holiday yourself as an independent traveller, so it's worth checking to see what compensation you can get. <https://bit.ly/cab-holiday-compensation>

Finally, Citizens Advice says you should get travel insurance, as it can cover many of the things already mentioned, like flight delays and lost luggage, but also things like a holiday cancellation and medical emergencies. You should get insurance as soon as you book a holiday to make sure you're covered from the get-go but check first to see if you're covered for what you need through an existing insurance policy or through your bank account.

Hopefully you won't face any problems while on holiday, but early planning and preparations can go a long way. If something goes wrong and you need advice on a consumer problem, check the Citizens Advice website. <https://bit.ly/cab-holidays-transport>

For more information visit the Citizens Advice website at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://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](mailto:advice@sudburycab.org.uk) or by using the contact facility on our website, [www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact](http://www.sudburycab.org.uk/contact)

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

## BOXFORD SCHOOL

It's that time of year again: SATs! Children in upper KS2 have been working hard towards these tests. However, as we are aware, it's not just about these tests. All of the skills and knowledge pupils have learnt will then be transferred onto the next chapter of their educational journey when they move onto secondary school. We often remind children that SATs only test a small proportion of their journey in school. There are so many more outcomes we want to celebrate: being a good friend, how they make others smile and who they are.

### **Wellbeing at Boxford (School value: Positivity)**

When a child leaves Boxford Primary in Year 6, we want pupils to feel confident to go into the world. We are fortunate to have such a supportive team of staff at Boxford Primary School to make this happen. Our Family Support Worker bridges the gap between parents and pupils; some members of our team are trained in ELSA and Drawing and Talking. These pastoral interventions allow pupils time to work 1:1 with a member of staff and for us to focus on the whole child from a holistic perspective. Regular sessions build pupil self-esteem and allow children to communicate their worries in a safe and supportive environment. Pupil perceptions have come back extremely positive about the work our team undertake and we are very proud of the package we offer at Boxford. Year 4 pupils are supporting this further by running their own meditation club during lunchtimes. Want to know more about how pastoral team and what they do? Please visit our school website or speak to a member of our administration team!

### **Sponsored Walk (School value: Responsibility)**

Before Easter, we held a sponsored walk around the village with parents and adults to help raise funds for the playground and new markings. All children had a fantastic time and the weather held out for us. All-in-all it was a huge success and the money raised will allow us to re-paint the netball and basketball court along with brand new posts for both sports. This was truly a community event; we are whole heartedly thankful for all those who donated to the event via money donated and the cake sale. A STAGGERING £2,600 was raised in total! A big thank you to Mr Griffith for organising this event and also FOBs for coordinating the refreshments too.

### **Festival of Brass (School value: Creativity)**

Year 5 and 6 pupils held an event at St Mary's, Boxford, for parents and members of the public. A selection of pieces were played and there were some soloist contributions too. The co-Heads at Kersey Primary brought along Year 6 pupils to participate alongside pupils from Boxford. It was a brilliant opportunity to work collaboratively with local schools and raise money for our respective churches. Over £230 was raised for Boxford and Kersey churches. We will be holding this event annually and we look forward to seeing members of the village community attend next year's celebration of all things brass!

Would you like to see what life is like at Boxford Primary School? Would you like your child to join us at Boxford? Our school office would be more than happy to arrange a school tour.

*Mr Scott Reynolds  
Assistant Headteacher*



**MILL TYE**  
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**Twelve Printmakers**

Featured artists: Alan Woods, Anthony Searle, David Stone, Evelyn Polk, Helen Maxfield, Jacqui Robins, Jane Hunter, Julia Vezza, Kit Leese, Marta Dyer-Smith, Sally Freer and Terry Kubecki.

**Exhibition Preview Saturday 1st June 10:30 to 6pm**  
Art Trail **Suffolk Open Studios weekend 15th and 16th June**  
Workshops and artist demonstrations.

**Mill Tye Gallery**  
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Society of Wood Engravers. The time-honoured techniques of etching, wood cutting and engraving, lino cutting, as well as more contemporary techniques such as silk screen printing, collagraph and monoprint are all evidenced as part of the artistic process. What typifies the group is the constant experimentation not only in the subject matter but in the incredible richness of the different methods.

Drinks will be served throughout the launch event and the gallery and artists very much look forward to welcoming visitors throughout the duration of the exhibition.

It is part of the Suffolk Open Studios Art Trail Weekend between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June. 12PM's Marta Dyer-Smith will be providing free demonstrations of her print press in the gallery. Come along and find out the exciting possibilities that experimental printmaking can offer!



Marta Dyer-Smith in the studio

For more information on exhibitions, art classes and workshops, visit [www.milltyegallery.co.uk](http://www.milltyegallery.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

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Free parking is available. Tel. 01787 376 796

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More work from 12PM can be seen on their Instagram page:

[www.instagram.com/12pmtwelveprintmakers](https://www.instagram.com/12pmtwelveprintmakers)

## PRINT WORKSHOPS IN JUNE WITH EVELYN POLK:

### Lino-Cut Printing for Beginners Workshop

Learn how to design, carve and print your own unique lino-cut prints under the guidance of 12PM artist Evelyn Polk.

This relaxing tutor lead workshop is designed to be an introduction for beginners to the process of lino cut printmaking, the tools required, how to translate a design into lino, transferring a design on to the lino block, carving out a design in lino with tips on cutting techniques, experience and advice on hand printing on to paper producing at least one print to take home.



Evelyn Polk

**Date: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am to 1pm**

### Lino-Cut Reduction Printing Workshop

'Printing more than one colour'

An introduction to the reduction printing method. This workshop will guide you with step by step instructions for the reduction Lino printing method which will enable you to create stunning multiple coloured prints. The 'reduction' method of printing multiple colours is a process where each colour layer is cut and printed from a single block. All abilities are catered for from absolute beginners to those that have joined us before.

**Date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 to 1pm**

For both workshops, all printmaking materials and tools will be provided and light refreshments will be available.

For more information on all workshops and/or to book a place please go to: [www.milltyegallery.co.uk/book-online](http://www.milltyegallery.co.uk/book-online)

## A SUMMER OF ART!



Helen Maxfield "Murmuration over Sizewell Marshes"

Get ready for an unforgettable summer of exhibitions, workshops and art classes starting in June in Mill Tye Gallery's first floor Arts Centre space - there will be something for everyone to enjoy!

As part of its 'Summer of Art' series of exhibitions and workshops, Mill Tye Gallery is to launch the '12PM - Twelve Printmakers' exhibition in June. The exhibition, showing works from the renowned East Anglian printmakers 12PM, will be unveiled at a special launch event on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, from midday until 6pm, where visitors will be able to meet the artists

and hear more about their inspiration and methods used in creating the vibrant and atmospheric work. The exhibition will include work by Alan Woods, Anthony Searle, David Stone, Evelyn Polk, Helen Maxfield, Jacqui Robins, Jane Hunter, Julia Vezza, Kit Leese, Marta Dyer-Smith, Sally Freer and Terry Kubecki.

12PM was formed in 1984 from a group of professional artists working in and around Colchester. Past members were members of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers and current members include members of the Printmakers Council and the



Jacqueline Robins "Abstract 2"

# AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN - THE LIFE AND CAREER OF WALTER GUINNESS

Little Waldingfield History Society was delighted to welcome Adrian Tindall to the Parish Room to share with us his incredibly detailed knowledge of Walter Guinness, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Moyné, DSO, Bar and PC (Privy Council).

Adrian told us that Walter Guinness was born in March 1880, at Iveagh House (pronounced 'eye-vee'), now the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin. The third son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Iveagh, his father Edward Cecil Guinness was an Anglo-Irish businessman, philanthropist and member of the prominent Guinness family. Edward was head of the family's brewing business, making him the richest man in Ireland after he floated two thirds of the company on the London Stock Exchange.

We were told that in 1873 Edward married his third cousin Adelaide Guinness (nicknamed 'Dodo') who was descended from the banking line of the Guinness family - the daughter of Richard S Guinness, barrister and MP, and his wife Katherine, daughter of Sir Charles Jenkinson.



*Walter Guinness, 1st Baron Moyné*



*Farmleigh House, Dublin*



*Elvedon Hall, Suffolk*

Edward Guinness bought Farmleigh House, near Dublin, in 1873, and later Elvedon Hall in Suffolk, purchased in 1894 complete with 17,000 acres, from Duleep Singh, the last Maharaja of the Sikh Empire. Edward's first and second sons, Rupert and Ernest both achieved much distinction in various fields. However it was Walter, the youngest, who would ultimately go on to have the most varied and far-reaching career, spanning over four decades in fields as diverse as politics, the military, amateur science and anthropology. Walter travelled the globe, held major positions in British politics, and had close relationships with some of the key figures of the time, including Winston Churchill. His assassination at the hands

of militant Zionist activists in Cairo in November 1944 was dramatic and news-catching, causing shockwaves in the Middle East and around the world.

Adrian said that Walter's mother Dodo took on Elvedon Hall as a major project, including allegedly building a new wing for her 1,000 servants! The property was used as a headquarters for the USAAF during the War, during which time the staff quarters were struck and destroyed by a bomb. By the 1980s, the Guinness family were living elsewhere on the estate and the hall was occupied by caretakers. It continues to be one of the country's largest farms, and in 2000, in possibly the biggest case of fly-tipping in British history, over one million tyres and a thousand tonnes of shredded rubber were dumped on its land - the removal of which cost several hundred thousand pounds!

Born at Iveagh House, Walter was educated at Eton, where he was elected head of 'Pop', a self-appointing group whose members have a status similar to school prefects. He was also appointed as Captain of Boats. He decided against going to Oxford, and in November 1899 volunteered with The Suffolk Yeomanry to fight in South Africa.

He joined the Loyal Suffolk Hussars as a second lieutenant, volunteering for service in the Second Boer War. In February 1900 he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the 44<sup>th</sup> (Suffolk) company of the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Imperial Yeomanry. In early March of that year the company left London for South Africa on the SS Cornwall. In South Africa it seems they had a devil-may-care ethos and distaste for military discipline, making lightning raids on Afrikaner positions and skirmishing ahead of advancing columns. By the end of May, led by Major-General Hamilton, they assaulted the ridge at Doornkop, literally "thorn hill", a ridge and locality on the western outskirts of Soweto in the Gauteng Province. Guinness was wounded after the main battle when "mopping-up". For his war effort, he was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with four clasps. After the war in March 1902 he was promoted to the substantive rank of lieutenant in the Suffolk Imperial Yeomanry (the Duke of York's Own Loyal Suffolk Hussars), and in April 1902 promoted to the rank of captain.

In June 1903 Walter married Lady Evelyn Hilda Stuart Erskine, third daughter of Shipley Gordon Stuart Erskine, 14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Buchan, and together they had three children:

- Bryan Walter Guinness, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Moyné (October 1905 to July 1992)
- Hon. Murrough David Guinness (May 1913 to January 2002)
- Hon. Grania Meve Rosaura Guinness (April 1920 to January 2018).

In 1906 Walter stood as Tory MP for Stowmarket, losing to the Liberal candidate when the Liberals swept to power. A year later he was elected to the London County Council, on which he sat until 1910. At a 1907 by-election, he was elected as the Tory MP for Bury St Edmunds, which he continued to represent until 1931, taking the conservative line on home rule for Ireland, suffragism and reform of the House of Lords.

In 1912, the editor of the magazine Walter owned, 'The Outlook', broke the Marconi scandal and accused Lloyd George and other Liberal ministers of share frauds. Other publications developed the story, which even after lengthy debate could not be proved. When his personal role was debated, Walter explained that he was on safari in Africa at the start, and that his editor's target was inefficiency and not corruption. Walter later visited eastern Anatolia in 1913, reporting that the Armenians were being secretly armed by Russia, and effectively acting as a spy for Britain.

The outbreak of World War I saw him back in army uniform, where he served with distinction in the Suffolk Yeomanry and then the 11<sup>th</sup> battalion of the Cheshire regiment (as major, and later brigadier-major). He took part in the campaign in Gallipoli in 1915, and later in France and Belgium, at the Somme in 1916 and Passchendaele the following year.



His laconic war diaries reveal a thoughtful man, far removed from the image of the boorish officer common to that period. He showed much concern for the welfare of his men. In one entry in 1915 he writes of his “*great grief*” on hearing of the death of one of his men in the unit whom he had encouraged to join up. Walter defied wartime censorship regulations to write to the man’s parents personally, in advance of the official War Office notification.

At Christmas 1915, he writes of procuring bottles of Guinness and Bass beer, to be distributed to the troops at Gallipoli to help them celebrate the season far from home. The diaries also reveal his low opinion of some of the top generals and he was not afraid to document the horrors and realities of the conflict.

Fighting on the front line saw him exposed to danger, and he was lucky to escape with his life on more than one occasion. He declined the offer of a safer staff officer position until near the end of the war; in 1917 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for bravery at Passchendaele, and a bar to it in 1918, during the German spring offensive, for personal bravery - very rare for an elected politician. He ended the war as a lieutenant-colonel attached to the 66<sup>th</sup> division.

It was in the area of politics that he became most well-known. From an Irish perspective, he opposed home rule and spoke against reform of the hereditary powers of the House of Lords intended by The Parliament Act of 1911. Some of his early stances can be seen as regressive in hindsight, but the fact he was a man of ability is shown by his promotion in the 1920s. He was first made Under-Secretary of State for War, then Financial Secretary to the Chancellor of The Exchequer by Winston Churchill in 1924, and finally promotion to the full cabinet as Secretary of State for Agriculture in 1925. After the Wall Street Crash and formation of a new coalition government between Labour and Conservatives in 1931, Guinness found himself out of the cabinet. He resigned his seat that year but was given a peerage in the House of Lords as Baron Moyne, a reference to a family property on Lough Corrib straddling the Galway/Mayo border.

In 1938, Moyne was appointed chairman of the West Indies Royal Commission, which was asked to investigate how best the British colonies in the Caribbean should be governed, following labour unrest. The report and notes were published in 1939 and are held by the Public Records Office at Kew. Just before he returned from the Caribbean his wife Evelyn died, on 21 July 1939.

Whilst in the political wilderness he travelled widely, undertaking numerous expeditions by yacht to the Pacific, including places such as Papua New Guinea. He wrote two books documenting his travels and explored his love of biology, which he would have studied at university had he not gone down a different career route. The Moyne Collection at London Zoo lists 426 animals collected by him during his travels. To commemorate his interest in science and in recognition of funding from the Guinness Family, The Moyne Institute of Preventive Medicine at Trinity College Dublin was opened in 1953.

From the outbreak of the war in 1939, Moyne sought the internment of Diana Mosley, his former daughter-in-law, who had left his son Bryan in 1932. In 1936 she had secretly remarried the British fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley in Berlin with Hitler and Goebbels as witnesses. A Home Office letter of May 1940 explains the Home Secretary’s decision not to intern her at that time, but correspondence from Lord Moyne seems to have resulted in her detention the following month.

Increasingly during this period, his views differed from much of the Conservative Party, now led by Neville Chamberlain,

particularly on foreign affairs and the threat from Germany. Walter Guinness shared the views of his friend Winston Churchill, that the Nazi party was a threat to freedom and peace, and should not be compromised with. From September 1939, after Hitler’s Invasion of Poland, Moyne chaired the Polish Relief Fund in London, and gave over his Belgravia house at 11 Grosvenor Place, near Buckingham Palace, for the use of Polish officers.

On the outbreak of the Second World War and with Winston Churchill as prime minister, Walter was made Leader of The House of Lords and Secretary of State for the Colonies, largely as a result of his travels and work in the West Indies, serving from February 1941 to February 1942. In recognition of his knowledge of Middle Eastern affairs, he was also made Minister Resident for the Middle East, based in Cairo in 1944. This gave him a seat in the War Cabinet as the post was vital due to the region’s importance - he was responsible for an area that stretched from Libya in the west to modern-day Iran in the east.

Perhaps the most difficult issue he had to deal with was the question of Palestine. British forces had conquered much of the middle east, taking it from the Ottoman Empire during the First World War, including the new states of Iraq, Jordan and Palestine. The mandate issued by the League of Nations after the war gave Britain full administrative control over the region, and included provisions for establishing a homeland for the Jews in Palestine, in accordance with the Balfour declaration of 1917 (which went into effect in 1923).

There was no immediate rush of eager Jewish volunteers to build up the ‘national homeland’, as only an average of eight or nine thousand Jewish immigrants a year came to Palestine between 1920 and 1932. However, from 1933 onwards this changed dramatically following the Nazi assumption of power in Germany. Alarmed by the sudden influx of Jewish immigrants, the Arab population of Palestine revolted en-masse in 1936. This ushered in three years of strife as they tried to end British rule while endeavouring to establish Arab independence and an end to Jewish immigration. The British put the revolt down harshly, but also decided thereafter to limit Jewish immigration in order to try to prevent further conflict.

The Second World War found the three protagonists, British, Arab and Zionist, unreconciled. The most militant Zionist organisations then began a campaign of political violence against the British authorities, who, though they had overseen the establishment of Jewish settlement in Palestine, were now viewed as blocking their dream for a Jewish state.

It was this complex three-sided conflict that Lord Moyne came to preside over in Palestine, as resident minister of state in 1942 and British Minister-Resident in the Middle East in 1944. Lesser men might have been dismayed by the turn of events, but Moyne remained resolute in his belief in compromise between Jews and Arabs. He dismissed his Egyptian police escort and a police guard that was stationed at his house day and night. He recognised the mounting pressure on the British in Palestine, and wrote that the attempted murder of the High Commissioner was for political motives, by agents of an extremist political group or groups in Palestine, who were encouraged by statements amounting in effect to incite violence by high Jewish circles in Palestine.

In November 1944, just three months after the attempt on High Commissioner Mac Michael’s life, two Stern Gang members, Eliahu Hakim and Eliyahu Bet-Zuri, lay in wait near his Cairo residence. As Walter returned from the embassy in Cairo, when his driver got out to open the villa gate, the gunmen emerged. Walter was shot in the neck, chest and abdomen. He initially survived the attack though his chauffeur was killed instantly. However he expired in a British military hospital in Cairo several hours after the event, despite the efforts of the Egyptian King’s personal physician to save him. The two gunmen were chased down by an angry mob of locals, narrowly avoiding being lynched, before being arrested and later hanged. The death caused shockwaves internationally, and Churchill was too upset at the death of his friend to lead tributes to him in the House of Commons.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAIRO

No. 1701 D. 11.15 p.m. 5th December, 1944  
5th December, 1944  
Repeated to Jerusalem.  
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IMMEDIATE

SECRET

Following from Secretary of State personal,

Your telegram No. 2517 [of November 30th; assassination of Lord Moyne]. *(not in file)*

While public opinion would certainly be in favour of the two assassins having a fair trial, there would certainly be a storm if, having been found guilty of the murder of Lord Moyne, they were not put to death with all proper despatch, by the Egyptian Government. This is I am sure a danger which you will not underrate.

OTP.

The killing was condemned by Jewish leaders and newspapers in Britain and Palestine, but much damage was done to the Zionist cause. By a twist of fate, the assassination preceded by only a few days the scheduled cabinet discussion on the Cabinet Committee recommendation to partition Palestine. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, infuriated that Jewish terrorists had killed his personal friend, cancelled the item - it was never revisited by his Cabinet.

As much as anything, Walter Guinness paid the price for the policies of the administration he served - during his career he had displayed courage, initiative and at times independence. Ironically, Churchill had been scheduled to meet with Jewish leaders only days later, to discuss the question of an independent homeland. In a final twist of events, in 1975 Egypt returned the bodies of Ben Zuri and Hakim to Israel in exchange for 20 prisoners from Gaza and Sinai.

Walter established British Pacific Properties in Vancouver, Canada, commissioning the Lions Gate Bridge, then the longest in the British Empire, which was opened by King George VI in 1938.

He was also a trustee of the two charitable housing trusts set up by his father, the Guinness Trust in London (established 1888) and the Iveagh Trust in Dublin (established 1890). In 1927-28, he also helped arrange the gift to the nation of Kenwood House, containing his father's art collection.



Asmat Warriors

In 1929 we were told that he made his first trip to the Asmat region of West Papua, the tidal swampland of the southern coast being

one of the least accessible parts of the world. The Asmat tribe were famous for their spectacular wood carvings, considered amongst the world's finest, and also for being legendary Head Hunters. Walter survived unscathed and donated an ethnographic collection and a smaller collection of photographs to the British Museum in 1933 on his return.

In 1934 he travelled to the island of Komodo in Indonesia, home to the then mysterious creatures called dragons, and brought back living Komodo dragons for the London Zoological Society. On a second journey to New Guinea in 1935 he collected biological specimens, plus archaeological and ethnographical objects. Some 300 objects from this expedition were then given to the British Museum in 1936, together with a large photographic archive. The Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge also has a significant collection of Walter's material.

Adrian also told us of Walter's fascination with yachts, in particular with passenger ferries which he then converted for personal use:

- In 1926 he bought the passenger ferry SS Canterbury from the Southern Railway, converted her to a steam yacht and renamed her Arpha. She was subsequently sold to Sark Motorships Ltd in 1938.
- In 1931 he bought the passenger ferry SS Brighton, also from the Southern Railway. She had been taken over by the Royal Navy during the First World War, when she was used as a hospital ship. Walter converted her to diesel power, renaming her Roussalka. Sadly, on 25 August 1933, she was wrecked in Killary Bay, though happily all on board were rescued.
- A month later, in September 1933, he purchased the passenger ferry SS Dieppe, also from the Southern Railway; she was converted to diesel power and renamed Rosaura.

Walter used this boat for social cruises, including a voyage in September 1934 from Marseille on to Greece and Beirut, with the Churchills as his guests of honour. From December 1934, he ventured further into the Pacific, with Clementine Churchill as guest, bringing back the first living Komodo dragons.



Baron Moyne with Churchill and Clementine on their travels

Walter wrote two books about the cultures he encountered in his thousands of miles of travel around the Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans. They are now quite rare: *Walkabout; a Journey between the Pacific and Indian oceans* (1936) and *Atlantic Circle* (1938).

Thus ended Adrian's superb talk, which was comprehensive, incredibly interesting and hugely enjoyed by all present - the time simply flew by.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, at 7:30pm Ian McLachlan will look at many of the strange and adventurous things that pilots did in the 1920s, either to earn a living, help aircraft development, or just for the hell of it, in his talk '*Flappers and Fliers Ladies from the air*' - this is going to be absolutely fascinating.

We very much look forward to welcoming guests both old and new to the Parish Room, Little Waldingfield.

Andy Sheppard

# THE GLOW PRO



**Dermal Fillers:** Understanding What to Expect Before Taking the Plunge

Most of us are familiar with the term ‘tweakments’, which refers to those subtle cosmetic aesthetic enhancements that can refine facial features and rejuvenate the skin.

Dermal fillers in particular have continued to gain popularity, giving many individuals a newfound confidence.

However, before diving in, it’s important to understand what to expect – and what to be wary of!

## Set Realistic Expectations

Dermal fillers are intended to enhance what you already have, not drastically change your appearance. While they can achieve excellent results, such as restoring lost volume in sunken cheeks and smoothing deep folds, more than one session is often needed to achieve the desired result.

Furthermore, dermal fillers are not suitable for everyone, and alternative treatments may be more appropriate. Always approach these procedures with a clear understanding of what they can and cannot do to avoid disappointment. Your medical aesthetic practitioner will be able to guide you.



## Subtlety is Key

Poor portrayals in the media can cause concerns surrounding ‘tweakments’, with some individuals worrying they’ll appear overdone or ‘fake’. However, skilled medical practitioners understand the importance of subtlety and can create virtually undetectable enhancements with lovely, natural results.

The goal isn’t to eliminate every wrinkle or over-exaggerate your facial contours. Instead, it’s about gently softening out the lines you don’t love whilst highlighting your natural beauty.

In turn, you should feel like you, but on a great day!



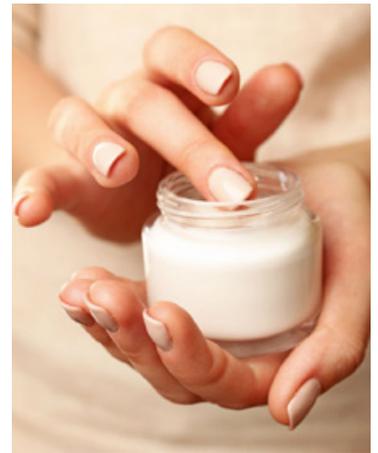
## Skincare and Dermal Fillers Work in Harmony

The way you look after your skin can have a profound influence on the outcome and longevity of dermal fillers.

For example, if your skin lacks radiance or has an uneven tone before a procedure, it’ll likely remain the same if you don’t establish a proper skincare routine.

At our clinic, we recommend scheduling a skin analysis with one of our beauty therapists to ensure your home routine is aligned.

This not only complements any filler treatments performed, but will also improve the overall health, appearance, and quality of the skin.



## Maintaining Your Results

Hyaluronic acid-based fillers offer a significant advantage in that they aren’t permanent, can be altered or reversed, and gradually break down naturally over time. This does mean that top-up treatments are required to maintain or ‘tweak’ results.

Various factors can impact the duration of fillers, including the volume of product used, UV exposure, smoking, weight changes, and your body’s natural metabolism.

Moreover, the longevity can also vary depending on where the product has been injected, with movable areas such as the lips potentially requiring more frequent maintenance compared to the cheeks.



At Suffolk Medical & Beauty Clinic, we provide a personalised, client-centred experience in a discreet environment. If you are considering a cosmetic aesthetic procedure, such as dermal fillers, why not book a consultation with Dr Anthony or nurse Jenny, to discuss how we can help?

*Helena x*

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## FRENCH'S CARE HAVEN

Hello to our readers, I hope as always you have all been keeping well. Our two-course chilli night at the Fleece Hotel in Boxford went well, the food was tasty and desserts were delicious. All food was homemade by the Fleece and we will definitely be booking some more nights with them, so keep eye out for one in July. Remember we will have a stand at the Monks Eleigh Fete & Dog Show on 1<sup>st</sup> June, so come along and meet us on the day. As we have mentioned previously, our volunteer Pamela on 10<sup>th</sup> June is doing a 54 hole golf challenge at The Stoke by Nayland Resort. Pamela is in her 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 for a form on **07999 051 401** or email [frenchs.100club@gmail.com](mailto:frenchs.100club@gmail.com)

We are also holding another Speed Dating Singles Night on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at The Fleece Hotel in Boxford. Arrival time is 7pm, £10 per person. Our last speed dating night was good, we had 12 matches and all the ladies and gentlemen enjoyed themselves. If you are 40 plus and single, please book with Sharon and come along and enjoy some social time with us all. This is not just for ladies, you gentlemen be brave and come along too.

We are holding an Open Day at French's in Castlings Heath on 6<sup>th</sup> July between 12-4pm with a BBQ and cakes. Dogs are welcome on leads and if you would like to have a stall on the day please get in touch and we will book you in. On our open day we would like a face painter for the children, is there one out there that could come and help us on the day? Please let us know if you are available on the 6<sup>th</sup> July.

After the wet flooded winter we had again at the farm this year, lots of our items were destroyed, so we are in the process of packing things away up high and need large see-through plastic containers for things like veterinary equipment, if you have any you would like to donate to us, please give me or Sharon a call or email.

French's May dog walk went well even though it rained throughout the whole walk. The group of nice people and their lovely dogs look to have enjoyed the walk and especially the drinks and homemade cakes at The Fleece hotel after, which was part of the dog walk afternoon. Again thank you The Fleece for supporting our charity.



In our photos this month: I don't think Frankie our donkey is too impressed with the two crows on his back! The two white donkeys Minstrel and Badger popped into their Shelter for some hay and left Frankie to deal with the crows.

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](mailto:jann.turner@hotmail.co.uk)

Website: [www.frenchscarehaven.org.uk](http://www.frenchscarehaven.org.uk)

## EBONY'S DIARY

June starts with 'National Volunteer Week' so now is the time to consider volunteering with us. The centre relies on our diverse and friendly team of volunteers for almost everything it does. We are currently looking for help with our riders, horses, basic maintenance and fundraising. Why not ring the centre to arrange a visit to discuss how you could share your talents and help our amazing charity? Working with our disabled riders only requires a commitment of half a day per week during term time and is immensely rewarding. Training is given so you don't need to have any expertise!



*Volunteers being trained to use Ebony, the mechanical horse*

In May we held a very enjoyable charity walk in the beautiful countryside around Shelley, finishing with tea and homemade cakes. Over £750 was raised. We were also at the Hadleigh Show selling homemade produce and plants – all made/grown by our volunteers. Our next fundraiser will be the Family Music Day on 25<sup>th</sup> August at Stratford St Mary. Come and relax in the sun (we hope), eat, drink, dance and enjoy American/soul music. Tickets available from <https://bigdaysmallcountry.eventbrite.com> – more details on our website.

This term our horses and riders are enjoying the better weather as we prepare for our internal competitions. All riders, no matter what their ability, will participate in some way and show off their talents. It is so rewarding to see riders progressing to the stage where some can do a dressage test or obstacle course without any help from the volunteer helpers.

Our herd of ponies is ever-changing at present as we try to find new ones that are suited to the tasks they need to perform. It requires a special animal to be a Riding for the Disabled horse and recently two larger horses went back home as they didn't take the role. We have another large horse, Bill, on loan at present and are introducing Thomas, a small pony, to the job whilst still trying to find more small ponies for our younger riders. Meanwhile our established horses continue to be well looked after and provide therapy for our disabled riders. Our able-bodied riding team help look after them at weekends and in the holidays, keeping them fit and giving them fun rides out in the countryside rather than just at the centre.

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# FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH

## County Councillor for the Stour Valley

### Over 400 Suffolk roads set for upgrade as largest ever surfacing project gets underway

Residents across Suffolk are set to benefit from 421 newly surfaced roads this year - almost doubling the number of roads completed last year, as Suffolk Highways' largest ever resurfacing programmes get underway.

With the start of the surface dressing programme beginning this week, 102 roads will be surface dressed, whilst a further 319 sites will benefit from a full machine resurfacing during the year.

Surface dressing is an efficient, sustainable and cost-effective maintenance treatment that prolongs the life of a road surface – it restores skid resistance and seals the road surface from water, whilst removing potholes and improving level differences of the road.

The surface dressing project sits alongside the programmes for reactively repairing potholes and machine resurfacing roads, all complementing one another. During the past six months, Suffolk Highways has repaired over 9,000 potholes and resurfaced 41 roads, with a further 278 roads planned for resurfacing in this financial year.

New for this year, Suffolk Highways' supply chain partner, Hazell & Jefferies, has invested in new vehicles which allow the new surface to be laid in a safer and more efficient way. For example, the new vehicles eliminate the risk of hitting overhead cables or structures.

- For more information on surface dressing and to view this year's programme, please visit: <https://bit.ly/scc-surface-dressing>
- For more information on machine resurfacing and to view this year's programme, please visit: <https://bit.ly/scc-road-resurfacing>

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

99% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred primary schools and 96% were offered a place at their first preference school.

Suffolk County Council received 6,844 applications from parents and carers indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2024.

Families who applied online can log in to the online service from today to see the school their child has been offered. They will also receive an email to confirm this offer unless they have indicated that they do not wish to. Letters will be sent to parents who made a paper application by second class post today (16 April 2024).

Once school places have been confirmed, parents need to consider how their child will get to and from school. If their child is eligible for Suffolk County Council funded school travel they will receive an email by 10 May 2024 with details of how to opt-in.

Any parents or carers with a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 who have not yet applied for a school place should make an application immediately. Information on how to make an application can be found on the School Admission pages or by contacting Suffolk County Council on 0345 600 0981.

### New Independent Chair appointed to drive forward SEND reform

Suffolk County Council can announce that Kathryn Boulton has been appointed as the new independent chair of the Local Area Partnership's SEND Improvement Board.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision is delivered by the Local Area Partnership in Suffolk, which includes Suffolk County Council, NHS Suffolk and North-East Essex Integrated Care Board and NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board.

The SEND Improvement Board was set up in response to the inspection of SEND services in Suffolk in November last year by Ofsted and CQC and is a requirement of the Improvement Notice that will be issued to Suffolk by the Department for Education. Made up of senior leaders from the council and NHS, board members will

oversee the implementation and review of plans and services aimed at improving the way SEND services are delivered in Suffolk. It will also ensure the successful delivery of the Priority Action Plan, which was co-produced following the inspection and has been agreed by the Department for Education. You can read this plan online.

The new chair of the board, Kathryn, has 37 years of experience across children's services. With an education background and success in several senior leadership roles, Kathryn has significant experience of transforming SEND services in local authorities and ensuring the voices and experiences of children and young people with SEND and their families are central to the design and delivery of SEND services.

### More Suffolk homes eligible for energy improvements

More Suffolk households can access free home improvements to make them warmer, healthier and cheaper to run, thanks to Warm Homes Suffolk.

Residents and landlords of eligible properties can apply for energy efficient measures such as insulation, solar panels or heat pumps.

Average funding of £18,000 is available for homeowners, and £12,000 for landlords and their tenants.

Warm Homes Suffolk is administered by Suffolk County Council, and delivered by East Suffolk Council, on behalf of all councils in Suffolk. It has been funding home energy efficiency improvements for two years, with funding from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

To be eligible, both of these conditions must be met:

- Homes must have an EPC rating of D, or below
- Homes are not heated by mains gas
- And then either of the following conditions:
- Households have a combined pre-tax income of under £36,000 (this was previously £31,000)

Once these conditions have been approved, an assessment of your home will identify which measures are best suited to your property. These will then be installed by trusted contactors, for free.

If you think you are eligible, or to find out more about how Warm Homes Suffolk could help you, visit [www.warmhomessuffolk.org](http://www.warmhomessuffolk.org) or call the team on 03456 037 686.

### Share your thoughts on the importance of nature in Suffolk

A new survey has been launched to find out which aspects of nature in Suffolk are most important to you. Your responses will feed into Suffolk's Local Nature Recovery Strategy, a plan to help reverse the decline in nature in some parts of the county, and to connect and expand existing areas that are important for wildlife and the landscape. To address this decline and to help nature recover, government has introduced legally-binding commitments. There are 48 of these Local Nature Recovery Strategies across the country, led in Suffolk by Suffolk County Council.

Together, they will form a national 'nature network', proposing actions such as the creation of wetlands, restoration of peatlands, planting of trees and hedgerows, and more sustainable management of existing woodlands and other habitats like grasslands.

Members of the public are invited to share their favourite nature spots to visit, what access is like, which habitats and species should be protected, and so on. You don't have to be a wildlife expert, but your thoughts will help the work to reverse the decline of nature in Suffolk.

You can share your thoughts in the Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey by visiting [www.nsnrp.org/get-involved](http://www.nsnrp.org/get-involved) which closes on 30 June 2024.

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

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

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## FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN Babergh District Councillor for Box Vale Ward

A week's fine weather has certainly made a difference to the mood and well-being of so many people, while the British weather is a good subject of discussion and general moaning. Here goes: never before have we had such a miserable, wet, autumn, winter and spring.

It was so sad to see the cereal crops turning yellow in standing flood water and whole patches wiped out in muddy quagmires. Some areas are too wet to top dress with fertilizer or even access in some cases. While winter cereals are just beginning to turn a better green, young sugar beet crops still look quite sick and stand shivering. Not unlike the current political climate, waiting for the wind of change to bring hope, new growth, good health and a fresh start for old and young alike. It is so important now that the younger generation speak out to make the world and this nation fit for themselves, not what the older generation tells them it should be.

At Babergh Mid Suffolk DC we are not resting on our laurels after winning the accolade of becoming the best District Council in the UK. To the staff and governing coalition, it is just another working year, and we will go into it with the aim and ambition of serving all our constituents as best we can with whatever resources we have and can glean with the skills that we have at our disposal. This will be even harder this year with an even greater lack of funding towards the lower tier of local government, which in our case tries so hard to do the best for residents, businesses, and the community infrastructure itself.

Another initiative that is being promoted by this current government is the introduction of kerb-side collection of food waste and glass and we must be doing it by 2026. We have known about this for some time and have done considerable research and pre-planning to see if it is feasible for our joint councils to run such a scheme in our mainly rural areas.

Whilst it allegedly comes with funding to cover the scheme, one must wonder why this government has waited until its final death throes to announce it and make it compulsory. A quick calculation tells us that the shortfall in funding amounts to around £500,000, given that we must purchase 7 new vehicles which could cost more than planned if we go for HVO powered vehicles for the long-term savings.

Also, there are big decisions on whether we do house-to-house collections in the very rural areas or rely on some rural recycling sites to reduce the damage that these vehicles might do on our rural roads and grass verges in and around our housing estates. Given that the district councils also now do the policing and management of parking and traffic management and the applications for alcohol and taxi licensing, also underfunded by the government, I think maybe we should tread very warily and come back to it once a new regime is in place, twice bitten - thrice shy.

Many residents may have noticed that throughout the Babergh Mid Suffolk area many villages are promoting wildlife areas to encourage an area where some of our smaller fellow creatures can take shelter and develop and thrive. These schemes, although entirely voluntary, are encouraged by the District Council and are carried out in consultation with residents and their parish councils to achieve the best result for all, maybe through creating a bio-diversity group in conjunction with other groups to make a network for other species as well as humans on this planet. At Babergh we have sources of wildflower seeds, shrubs and trees at our disposal for public areas, please just ask and I will put you in touch with the teams responsible.

We are also entering into another round of funding at the council, both for community areas and buildings (village halls etc.) and for improvements to existing areas and businesses.

Please look on Babergh Mid Suffolk website or ask your local councillor for advice.

We are also continuing to build up on our collection of CIL monies, collected from developers for distribution throughout our area.

We currently have around £16m in the kitty at the moment available for distribution, so don't be afraid to ask. Your local scheme may fit.

As I write this report, I have given the Babergh annual report to three of my villages and have three left to go by the end of this month of May. It has been very well received and appreciated, I try to be honest in all that I do, as well as positive for the future which goes down well and is appreciated by the attending public and the parish councillors themselves.

We obviously need changes in the way that we live and a curtailment of some of our normal ambitions as well as much building up of our public services and fairness from those that can invest on our behalf, whether it is in our businesses or utilities.

Also, we must foster a more caring society that looks after all those less fortunate than ourselves. A huge tribute is due here to Sudbury Citizens Advice who are tirelessly providing professional support to those in need the most, whether it be from the cost of living crisis, the sky-high utility costs or just the unjustness of what is being done to the lower-waged earners of our society.

Hopefully summer is coming back soon, the swallows and the cuckoo are here waiting.

Have a nice June and I will be around if you need me.

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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

### NEWTON GREEN

#### Summary of Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**24/069 Election of Chairman** - Cllr Everett was unanimously elected as Chairman of Newton Parish Council (NPC) and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before taking the chair.

**24/070 Election of Vice Chairman** - It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Smith be elected the Vice Chairman of NPC.

**24/074 HR & Standards Committees** - Cllrs Cole, Evers, and Taylor were appointed to the HR Committee, and Cllrs Everett, Schwenk, and Smith were appointed to the Standards Committee.

**24/075 Representatives to Outside Bodies** - It was resolved that the following appointments be made:

Newton Green Trust	Cllrs Evers and Taylor
Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Schwenk
Alston & Plampin Charity	Mrs S Presland, Mrs M Williams & Mrs J Taylor

Cllr Everett was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).

**24/076 Internal Auditor** - It was resolved that Heelis & Lodge be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2024/2025, and the clerk will send the letter of engagement.

**24/077 Annual Subscriptions** - It was resolved to renew the annual membership to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Community Action Suffolk and The Society for Local Council Clerks for 2024 / 2025.

**24/081 Clerk's Report (Appendix A)** - Following a review of the clerk's report, the councillors discussed the options for repairing the Double Power Push fitness equipment and resolved to contract Broxap to replace the arm at a cost of £483 + VAT. They also resolved to have Broxap service the 10 other items of fitness equipment at a cost of £295 + VAT

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

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# LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

## Summary of Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Elections:** Cllr Tim Sheppard was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Matt Foster as Vice Chair for the next year. In accepting the position Cllr Sheppard observed that there were still two vacancies and with the potential of retirements this year, the need for new councillors was becoming critical for the survival of the PC.

**Babergh District Councillors Report:** BDC Cllr Paul Clover informed members that: a) the decision by BDC to implement car parking charges had been referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for review on the basis that due consideration had not been given to the public petition, nor the town and parish council consultations. b) The proposal to close the Market Hill, Sudbury car park during the summer months has been dropped.

The full report is in Annex A to the minutes.

**Re-opening of The Swan pub and public forum:** The new leaseholder of The Swan, Ashley Scott and Rhian Blythe, the manager, gave a short presentation on the re-opening of The Swan. The pub is due to open on Friday 24 May and the intention is that The Swan will be a welcoming pub, offering good quality food. Members of the public raised various questions regarding the style of food, parking and potential noise; all of which were answered positively. Everyone was thankful for Ashley and Rhian for taking on the pub and excited at the prospect of once again having a working pub in the village.

### Planning Applications:

a. DC/24/01909 – Change of use of Agricultural Building to 3 dwellings – Barn at Bell House, Humble Green. Following representations from members of the public and extensive discussions the PC resolved to object to the application. The principal objection being that the application interferes with the rights of access of several owners of adjacent farmland, with the result that their businesses would be disrupted.

b. DC/24/01921 – Erection of single-story extension – 3 Grove Avenue. Members resolved to support the application.

**Recent Correspondence and Clerks report:** Members reviewed the recent correspondence circulated by the clerk and agreed to respond in support of Edwardstone's neighbourhood plan.

The clerk's report is included as Annex B to the minutes and outstanding items were discussed:

a. It was agreed to consult with relevant householders about having wildflower verges in appropriate areas of the village.

b. The Parochial Church Council will be replacing the bench in the Cemetery and the PC will organise help to install it.

c. The PC will mount a poster campaign to attract new councillors demonstrating the positive work done by the PC for the benefit of the village.

d. Emergency Planning: Keyholders for the Parish Room and Pavilion have agreed to be Rest Centre Co-ordinators; work continues to enlist volunteers to act as Information & Community Co-ordinators.

### Governance:

a. Cllr White was appointed as Responsible Finance Officer for the next year.

b. Members responsibilities were reviewed and will be published on the noticeboard and website.

c. Meeting dates for 2024 -25 were confirmed as: 05 June 24 (Year end finances); 10 July 24; 12 September 24; 07 November 24; 09 January 25; 06 March 25. They will be published on the website.

Full draft minutes and annexes can be found at: <https://bit.ly/lw-parish-council>

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# BOXFORD

## Summary of Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

**On-going matters:** Cllr C Parr, the Chair, updated that no progress has been made towards the scraping of Butchers Lane and Wash Lane. County Cllr J Finch will help increase the focus on this matter. The Chair has tried to communicate with the director of highways to no avail. Further research is being carried out in relation to the footpath from Cox Hill to Fen Street. This follows complaints about the poor surface of the path. The road resurfacing of Butchers Lane/Ash Street junction has been scheduled. The Chair explained that research is on-going in relation to the pinch-point on Church Street where buses and other large vehicles are finding it difficult to negotiate due to parked cars. The Chair is researching solutions with nearby residents and Suffolk County Council (SCC) Highways. He is also looking into reports of the waiting area in the middle of the A1071, for vehicles turning right onto Sand Hill, being too small. Cllr Couling is researching, with SCC, a potential new streetlight for Ash Street/Butchers Lane. The final arrangements were being made for the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The Heritage team had asked for more details of the gate proposed for the listed Old Goal/bus shelter which the Chair was following up. The PC is considering whether its current structure is the best going forward and further research will be carried out between meetings.

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, the end of year accounts were approved subject to audit. The PC's contribution to the cost of Discover Suffolk leaflets was agreed. Restoration of village benches was approved. A housing needs survey will be carried out subject to final agreement by the PC.

**Cemetery:** The clerk reported dates of forthcoming burials. A working party in the churchyard was arranged for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The work to the churchyard wall is still on track for the school summer holidays. This was resolved at the November 2023 PC Meeting.

**Environmental and Ecology:** Louise Carpenter, the Chair of Natural Boxford, attended to give a report. Progress is being made on a biodiversity statement. She explained changes to the way the District Council (DC) is managing green spaces and QR codes will be available to scan to find out more. Natural Boxford has taken over the management of the bed at the entrance to The Causeway and she explained the planting and grass cutting regime. Thermal imaging cameras will be used as part of the project to signpost options for residents to reduce heat loss from their homes. Natural Boxford will be trained to test river quality. Sewage is a problem in nearby parishes following storms. Swift boxes have been put up in liaison with the Church. They are having a stall at the forthcoming Open Gardens. L Carpenter confirmed that Natural Boxford is looking into flood risks with help from expertise in the Village. The Chair stressed the importance of the DC seeking views from residents when they are changing grass cutting regimes and he agreed to contact the DC directly.

**County Council Report:** County Cllr J Finch attended and gave his report as printed in last month's issue of the BRN. County Cllr J Finch was asked to provide some thoughts about Devolution. The closing date for responses to the consultation was 10 weeks after the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. The Chair asked if SCC would contribute to the cost of scraping Butchers Lane and Wash Lane if the PC were to resolve to arrange the work.

### Sub Committees as follows:

*Cemetery:* Cllrs Phillips and Warren

*Environmental & Ecology:* Cllrs Munson and Wortley

*Finance:* Cllrs Parr, Phillips, Warren, and the RFO/Clerk.

*Planning:* Cllrs Phillips, and Wortley

*Public Realms:* Cllrs Couling, Parr, Warren, and Watts

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

**Planning:** The full planning details can be seen in the minutes on the parish council website (<http://boxford-pc.gov.uk>)

**Date of Next Meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The June PC meeting is on the earlier date of 18<sup>th</sup> June due to the availability of the village hall.

Full minutes can be found at: <http://boxford-pc.gov.uk>

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## BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

By the time this report is in circulation we shall have held our annual parish meeting - and at the time of writing, I am looking forward to seeing as many people as possible at the event.

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

### Bus Services

Discussions continue in earnest between Suffolk County Council (SCC) and interested parties. They are at a critical stage given that Beestons have given notice that they will reduce their service later this year. Initial proposals emanating from SCC for services beyond that point are not acceptable to us, these were discussed it seems without due consultation with your parish council. The proposals in many respects pay no consideration to improved connectivity, provide no real incentive for increased bus usage and deprive the community of Boxford of benefits enjoyed by other bus users elsewhere. Your negotiating team has demanded to meet with SCC at Endeavour House on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May to fight our corner, we shall be supported by our county councillor.

### Traffic, Speed and Safety

Boxford Parish Council (BPC) has provided additional information to support our aspirations to the first draft of the highway engineer's report as mentioned last time. We await the final report from the engineer over the next two/three weeks when we shall be able to comment further. You will recall that we are seeking the options for restricting speed and some parking restrictions to enable traffic to flow in a safer way for the benefit of all. Once we know that we do have the options available to us, we will ensure that we consult widely on this matter. Your council continues to move forward on a project to explore the possibility of achieving a village car park in order to alleviate the congestion experienced at critical times of the day and also to be able to accommodate a greater number of visitors to Boxford - vital for the future vibrancy of the village and the businesses within it.

### Churchyard, Cemetery and Public Realm

We continue to make progress in tidying up the village. We are

grateful to our Sudbury wardens, our contractors and to volunteers who assist us on projects - thank you for those who helped us in the churchyard and cemetery on the 11<sup>th</sup> May: there will be other occasions. By the open gardens weekend, we should have seen the flower troughs on the railings of the bridge all planted up and for this we are grateful for our sponsors - I shall comment next month. We sadly have had to endure some not so good service grass cutting from BDC and some non existent verge and splay cutting (safety implication here ) by SCC which have resulted in a number of residents feeling let down. Some remedial works are being put in place by the respective councils but your parish council has stepped in to deal with some of these issues - our residents deserve to live in tidy and safe surroundings.

### Road maintenance, drains and gullies

Some small works have been done in some areas but we still have some real areas of concern. At the time of writing our request to meet with key executives of SCC responsible for these activities have been declined - we wished to discuss the poor modus operandi in areas of road maintenance and drain clearance which we believe are not cost effective. We also have an impasse on the way forward to deal with the specific issues surrounding Butchers Lane and Wash Lane. At some point the respective council executives must realise that they are in place to serve their communities from our monies and that it would be good to spend time engaging with their communities to resolve issues. We urge our county councillor to continue to support what we are trying to do.

### Flood risk mitigation

In the absence of being able to find a champion for this project - either within or outside of the parish council - David Warren and myself will attempt to kick start this piece of work. We shall simply start by requesting the statutory bodies coming to see us and for us to understand what they are responsible for, what they are prepared to do to tackle those areas of Boxford which are at greatest risk from flooding /sewer back ups - we think 70-75 properties are in this category. There are some simple steps that could be taken to mitigate this risk if there was the will to do this. Let us try. We shall need some help on this one.

Your council continues to adopt a 'can-do' approach to issues and to do what is right for Boxford.

Finally a welcome to the new businesses in our community, may they flourish and may our existing ones continue to go from strength to strength with the support of us all.

Grateful thanks to our parishioners for the support they give us in our endeavours for Boxford.

*Colin Parr*

*Chairman, Boxford Parish Council*

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# The Blooming Garden

## An Intoxication of Roses.

I don't know what the collective name for roses is but I think 'an intoxication' is as good as any. Many years ago I visited Lime Kiln in Claydon, the garden of a fanatical rose grower called Humphrey Brooke. He grew over 500 varieties in a wonderful setting of old woodland and ancient chalk pits. Mr. Brooke was very old when I visited him in the 1970s and his roses had grown unchecked for many years. In parts, paths were blocked and trees had been brought down by the sheer weight of vast rambling roses. The garden was wild and neglected but it was such a magical place of enchantment. When I grow too old to garden, I like the idea of giving the garden over entirely to roses and letting them climb and meander everywhere, enclosing the whole garden with fragrance.

At about the time I first saw Lime Kiln, I read Vita Sackville West's beguiling descriptions of old-fashioned roses and I was captivated. I visited Sissinghurst and studied Vita's way of growing roses over igloos of hazel benders and copied them in my own garden. Religiously, every year I would renew the hazel igloos and prune, feed and spray the roses so that I could replicate the wonderful effect. But that was in another garden and another life and I was young. Nowadays, I am more laissez-faire when it comes to training my roses. I like ramblers to tumble about in trees and sprawl about on fences in abandoned luxuriance. I feed them, but mostly I let them do what they like with just a bit of support if they need it.

These days, hypochondriacal prima donnas that always look sickly with black spot or rust are simply evicted, even if they do have romantic names. Of course, you can never get rid of black spot entirely, but then as the rosarian, Jack Harkness once said 'What's a bit of black spot between friends?' Actually, I once read that Christopher Lloyd claimed to have totally eliminated black spot by having a three inch layer of lawn cuttings round each rose. That may be true, but I don't believe there are many roses at his famous garden, Great Dixter, because he turned his mother's rose garden into an exotic garden.



Treasure Trove

Mr. Brooke told me that he didn't believe in pruning, feeding or spraying. He only grew roses which were capable of thriving without aid. And thrive they did. He had the biggest *Rosa filipes* 'Kiftsgate' I have ever seen and you know how big that gets. Years ago, after seeing it at Lime Kiln, I grew *Rosa filipes* 'Kiftsgate' but it killed the huge pine tree it was growing up. More recently, I planted the lovely apricot *Rosa* 'Treasure



Paul's Himalayan Musk



Trove' to climb up an old apple tree, without realizing it was a child of 'Kiftsgate'. It is beautiful, but it may not end well.

I first saw the enormous, but wonderful rambler 'Paul's 'Himalayan Musk' at Lime Kiln and I have grown it up apple trees in every garden since. Again, it does grow huge and is probably going to create problems eventually, but it is such a wonderful sight in bloom.

There are ramblers which don't grow so huge; one of my favourites is *Rosa* 'Phyllis Bide' which blooms twice which is unusual for a rambler. I grow it over arches. The sprays of flowers are the most delicious pink-apricot colour flushed with yellow. They are sweetly fragrant.

Climbing roses are generally more manageable than ramblers and don't have designs to take over your entire garden.



Phyllis Bide



Lady Hillingdon

One of my favourites is 'Lady Hillingdon' which has beautiful, blowsy, apricot flowers which look as if they have been dipped in tea. But as Lady Hillingdon lolls about a bit and seems incapable of holding her gorgeous heads up, perhaps it is something stronger than tea. But I mustn't malign her namesake, Alice, Lady Hillingdon. The famous words about closing her eyes and thinking of England whilst enduring her husband's unwelcome attentions came from her journal of 1912. I'm sure she was too prim to take anything stronger than tea.

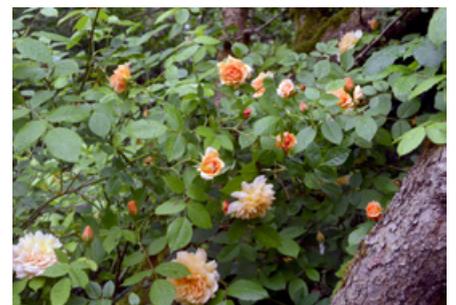


Zepherine Drouhin

Another favourite climber is early-flowering Bourbon called 'Zepherine Drouhin'. She has beautiful, pink very fragrant flowers and she is thornless which is a big bonus.

I have found that many roses that aren't supposed to be climbers will grow

tall and climb if given a bit of support. The beautiful apricot David Austen rose 'Grace' made its way up an apple tree in a previous garden and pretty pink 'Hermione' made her way to the top of a holly tree. Vita's lovely old fashioned roses are still wonderful but many of us have been converted to David Austen roses which have all the fragrance and form of the old ones but are usually more disease resistant and nowadays these are the ones I choose.



Grace

Chloris.

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## BOXFORD & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

The outdoor season has officially begun! Our chairman George Bullett opened the season at the end of April and everyone was able to try out the new green. It looks amazing and very green! There have already been some competition matches played and we have had some solid wins - well done everyone.



We were also very honoured to be invited to bowl with the Chelsea Pensioners again early in May at their home ground in Chelsea. The weather was perfect, the setting glorious and a wonderful day was had by everyone. Not only were we able to bowl with the Chelsea Pensioners but they organised a very interesting tour of the beautiful buildings and chapel. Thank you to Tresham who helped make this event happen and to Malcolm who organised the coach.

Here's wishing everyone a great bowling season with lots of sunny weather!

## MILDEN CRICKET CLUB

The county championship may have started in the first week of April, but the early spring persistent wet weather and resultant soft ground conditions at Milden's playing field meant that the first two scheduled home matches (versus Nowton on 28 April and against Long Melford on 5 May) were unable to be played - hopefully just postponed until dates later in the summer.

Milden's cricketers were at last able to get onto the field of play on 12 May. On winning the toss on a gloriously sunny day at Nowton, Alex 'Boris' Cunningham had no hesitation in electing to bat and then played a captain's innings of 78 not out. He was ably supported by Neil Barkham (27), playing his first game for Milden, David 'Tabs' Willis (50) and Will Ward (19) in a total of 217 for 5 from 40 overs, thus securing maximum batting points. Nowton got off to a brisk start in reply, reaching 50 off just 4.2 overs before Walker was bowled by Joe



Above: Alex Cunningham batting against Nowton  
Left: Ollie Barkham bowling at Nowton



Smith for 28. The scoring rate then slowed, but skipper Pete Shepperson, making it a "captains' day", shepherded his mostly young side to victory, scoring 106 not out in total of 218 for 7 from 30 overs for Nowton to win by 3 wickets. Smith bowled economically, ending

with figures of 2 for 37 from his 10 overs, and Matt Archer gave Nowton a scare at the end, taking two wickets in two balls with the score at 206 to finish with 3 for 34. Arguably, though, the memorable wicket was taken by young Ollie Barkham, playing his first game of senior cricket: Alex Seggie caught low down at cover by his dad!

We are a friendly club and spectators are always welcome - even though we can't guarantee good weather!

### June fixtures:

2 June	Elmswell v Milden
9 June	Milden v Woolpit
16 June	Battisford & District v Milden
23 June	Milden v Mildenhall
30 June	Stowmarket v Milden

PS. Milden CC secured a place in the iconic Wisden Cricketers' Almanack for the second year running, the 'Chronicle of 2023' recording, at pages 1542-1543 of the 2024 edition, the incident at Milden on 18 June 2023 when a swarm of bees delayed the start of play and later interrupted the game against Stowmarket when Richard Wild arrived to collect them. BRN readers may recall that the incident even made it to the Daily Star: see the August 2023 issue, page 29.

Report and photos by David Lamming

## EDWARDSTONE & BOXFORD CC

Edwardstone and Boxford Cricket Club (EBCC) has regrettably had to make the difficult decision to pull out of the Hunts County Leagues for the foreseeable future.

Following an Extraordinary General Meeting, the members decided that the club would withdraw from league cricket and investigate the possibility of playing some friendly matches and going on tours. These plans will be developed in the coming months.

Player numbers have been difficult to maintain for the past seasons and despite considerable efforts to attract new members to the club, the numbers did not add up.

With so many years of shared cricketing memories many of the players felt it would be worth investigating ways of continuing the club in some form.

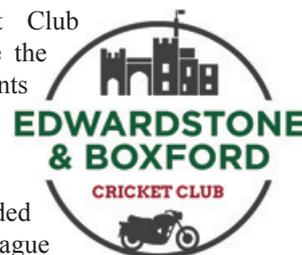
Due to this situation we have also had to cancel the Saturday Junior cricket training sessions which have given local children the opportunity to start playing cricket. Over the last 30 years, members of EBCC have given up their Saturday mornings during the summer to run the junior sessions. Many players, girls and boys, who attended the junior sessions went on to play for EBCC and for Suffolk CC which is something the Club can be justifiably proud of achieving.

Finally we would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to run the club over the past 70 years, captains, secretaries, coaches, players, families, treasurers, supporters and groundsmen!

It is often said in these pages, use it or lose it! Many village clubs struggle to keep going in various areas of village life as this story proves.

However following our decision it has been great to see how members of the village have been keen to try and find ways for cricket to continue at Homefield. We would like to thank the Community Council and the Playing Fields Committee for their support in trying to make this happen.

We look forward and hope that there will be more cricket matches in the future.



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## MAY 2024

<b>24</b>	<b>Pop-up Pub</b>	
FRI	Little Waldingfield Pavilion	
<b>24</b>	<b>Schubert String Quintet in C</b>	6:30-10:30pm
FRI	St Mary's Church, Boxford	7:30pm
<b>25</b>	<b>Newton Fireside Club Coffee Morning</b>	10-11:30am
SAT	Newton Village Hall	7:30pm
<b>29</b>	<b>Edwardstone Millennium Green AGM</b>	
WED	The White Horse	

## JUNE 2024

<b>1</b>	<b>Boxford Market</b>	10-1pm
SAT	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>1</b>	<b>Monks Eleigh Fete &amp; Dog Show</b>	10-3pm
SAT	Monks Eleigh	
<b>1</b>	<b>Music For A Summer Evening - Baritone</b>	6-7pm
SAT	St Mary's, Boxford	
<b>1</b>	<b>Leavenheath Cinema - 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage..'</b>	7pm
SAT	Leavenheath Village Hall	
<b>2</b>	<b>Boxford Open Gardens</b>	11-4pm
SUN	Boxford & Edwardstone	
<b>4</b>	<b>Fireside Club Film - 'A Man Called Otto'</b>	2pm
TUE	Newton Village Hall	
<b>4</b>	<b>Boxford Gardening Society - Talk</b>	7:30pm
TUE	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>5</b>	<b>Boxford WI - Talk - The Alexander Technique</b>	2pm
WED	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>7</b>	<b>Milden Singers Spring Concert</b>	7pm
FRI	Milden Pavilion	
<b>8</b>	<b>Newton Art &amp; Craft Exhibition</b>	10-2pm
SAT	Newton Village Hall	
<b>8-9</b>	<b>Make a Sun Themed Costume or Mask</b>	10-3pm
SAT-SUN	Groton Village Hall	
<b>8-9</b>	<b>Yet Another Crafty Weekend</b>	10-4pm
SAT-SUN	Stackyard Green, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7BD	
<b>9</b>	<b>Little Waldingfield Open Gardens</b>	11-4pm
SUN	Little Waldingfield	
<b>9</b>	<b>Nayland Open Gardens</b>	2-6pm
SUN	Nayland	
<b>12</b>	<b>Make a Sun Themed Costume or Mask</b>	3:30-5:30pm
WED	The Spinney, Boxford	
<b>12</b>	<b>Groton Village Hall AGM</b>	7:30pm
WED	Groton Village Hall	
<b>14</b>	<b>Relaxation &amp; Sound - all welcome</b>	6-7:30pm
FRI	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>14</b>	<b>Polstead Films - 'Wicked Little Letters'</b>	7pm
FRI	Polstead Village Hall	
<b>15</b>	<b>Dog Show &amp; Table Top Sale</b>	10-3pm
SAT	Newton Village Hall	
<b>15</b>	<b>'Get Into Golf' Ladies Taster Session</b>	2-3pm
SAT	Newton Green Golf Club	
<b>19</b>	<b>'Get Into Golf' Ladies Taster Session</b>	2-3pm
WED	Newton Green Golf Club	
<b>19</b>	<b>Whist Drive</b>	7pm
WED	Monks Eleigh Village Hall	
<b>19</b>	<b>LWHS - 'Flappers &amp; Fliers Ladies From the Air</b>	7:30pm
WED	Parish Room, Little Waldingfield	
<b>21</b>	<b>Fireside Club - Suffolk Day Cream Tea</b>	2pm
FRI	Newton Village Hall	

<b>21</b>	<b>Milden Fine Art Exhibition - Meet the Artists</b>	6-8pm
FRI	St Peter's Church, Milden	
<b>22</b>	<b>Groton Midsummer Fayre</b>	12-4pm
SAT	Groton Croft	
<b>22</b>	<b>French's Speed Dating Singles Night</b>	7pm
SAT	The Fleece, Boxford	
<b>22-23</b>	<b>Milden Fine Art Exhibition</b>	10:30-4:30pm
SAT-SUN	St Peter's Church, Milden	
<b>24</b>	<b>Boxford Friendship Group</b>	2-4pm
MON	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>28</b>	<b>Pop-up Pub</b>	6:30-10:30pm
FRI	Little Waldingfield Pavilion	
<b>27-29</b>	<b>Boxford Drama Group - Farndale Ladies</b>	7:30pm
THU-SAT	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>30</b>	<b>Chelsworth Open Gardens</b>	11-5pm
SUN	Chelsworth	

## JULY 2024

<b>2</b>	<b>Fireside Club - End of Year Lunch</b>	2pm
TUE	Newton Village Hall	
<b>2</b>	<b>Boxford Gardening Society - Talk</b>	7:30pm
TUE	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>3</b>	<b>Boxford WI - Talk - Stephen Walter's Silk Mill</b>	2pm
WED	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>6</b>	<b>Boxford Market</b>	10-1pm
SAT	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>6</b>	<b>Summer Coffee Morning with Stalls</b>	10-11:30am
SAT	All Saints' Church, Newton	
<b>6</b>	<b>Open Day At French's</b>	12-4pm
SAT	Castlings Heath	
<b>6</b>	<b>Music For A Summer Evening - Theatrical</b>	6-7pm
SAT	St Mary's, Boxford	
<b>6</b>	<b>Leavenheath Cinema - 'Hairspray'</b>	7pm
SAT	Leavenheath Village Hall	
<b>7</b>	<b>Boxford Gardening Society - Talk</b>	7:30pm
TUE	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>12</b>	<b>Relaxation &amp; Sound - all welcome</b>	6-7:30pm
FRI	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>14</b>	<b>Midsummer Munch</b>	Noon
SUN	Newton Village Hall	
<b>22</b>	<b>Boxford Friendship Group</b>	2-4pm
MON	Boxford Village Hall	

## AUGUST 2024

<b>6</b>	<b>Boxford Gardening Society - Talk</b>	7:30pm
TUE	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>7</b>	<b>Boxford WI - Outing To Suffolk Punch Trust</b>	TBC
WED	Boxford	
<b>9</b>	<b>Relaxation &amp; Sound - all welcome</b>	6-7:30pm
FRI	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>19</b>	<b>Boxford Friendship Group</b>	2-4pm
MON	Boxford Village Hall	
<b>25</b>	<b>Big Day Small Country - Charity Concert</b>	1pm
SUN	Stratford St Mary	

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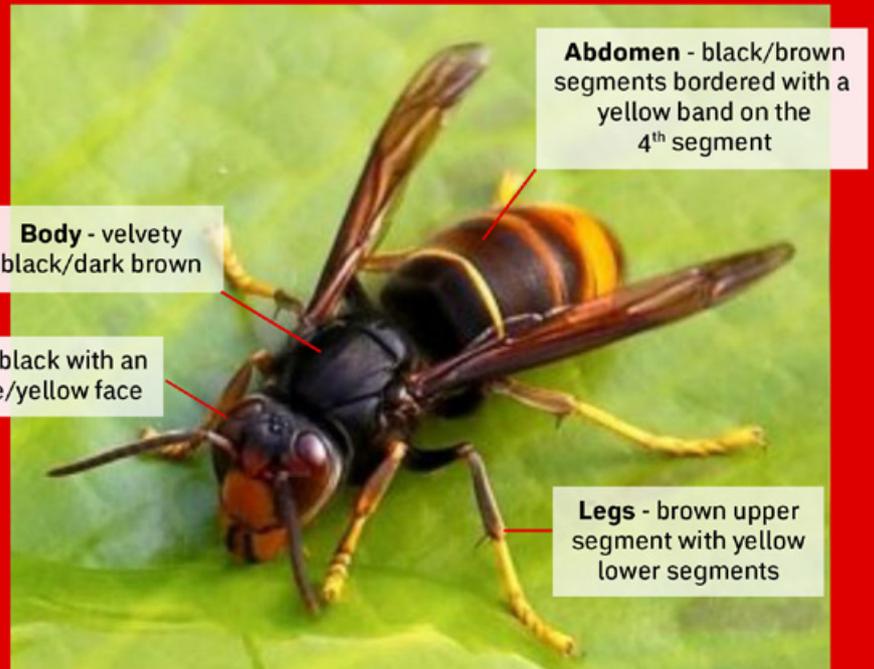


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