

Box River News



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THE LICENSING AND INSTALLATION OF REVD JUDITH



Left:
Revd Judith with the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich the Rt Revd Nigel Stock

Bottom Left:
Some of the many guests at the reception held in the Boxford school hall.

Below:
Revd Judith relaxes with her husband, Rufus, after a long and hectic day.

On probably the coldest night of the Autumn and in the middle of a complete blackout due to a third power cut in two days, 350 souls made their way to Boxford St Mary's for the Licensing and Installation of the Reverend Judith Sweetman as Priest in charge of the Box River Benefice.

Despite the power cut the church was beautifully lit with candles and torches and filled with folk from the five Benefice parishes and from Judith's previous parish at Coggeshall together with friends and colleagues from all over the county. There were in fact 36 priests present (is that a flock or a surplice) and with the combined choirs of the Benefice and Coggeshall they probably made the procession the longest seen in Boxford St Mary's in living memory.

The Rt Reverend Nigel Stock, The Lord Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich led the licensing assisted by The Archdeacon of Sudbury, the Ven. David Jenkins. Power was still off as the service started but just as the Bishop sat in his throne the church was filled with light. We had been expecting this to happen with the penultimate hymn 'Let There Be Light'. It was a beautiful service conducted in a very friendly atmosphere and Revd Judith was made most welcome. There was a reception in the school hall after the event with food and wine being served. Let us hope that Revd Judith continues to get the support she deserves now that she is officially our Priest in Charge.



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THE BOXFORD DOG SHOW



On what was undoubtedly the coldest day of September the Boxford Playing Field was invaded by hundreds of dogs with their owners. They were there to attend the second Fun Dog Show to be organised by the Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club together with the Playingfield Management Committee.

Over 80 dogs were entered in the 12 different classes including Best puppy, Best veteran, Best super veteran, Best pure breed, Best cross, Most handsome dog and Prettiest bitch, Dog least like it's owner and Fancy dress dog. Overall winner was a two year old English Pointer owned by Adele Buckley from Hadleigh. See back page for full results.

The organisers were very pleased how well the event went and thanked everyone who had helped and braved the awful weather.



Above:
Gary Jarvis with his cross bred dog, 'Domino' who won the best cross class.

Above left:
In a huddle for a team talk



Friday, 5 November 8.00, Ticket £15
Gill Manly Sings Nina Simone

Singer Gill Manly presents her personal reflections on the songs recorded and made popular by the late great Nina Simone, adding flavour and texture and reminding us of the greatness and diversity of her career and sound. Gill herself has an amazing voice and is a truly great artist with an individual style that is completely recognisable as her own and on first listening captivating. She is supported by Simon Wallace piano and Geoff Gascoyne bass. This show sold out for the three nights it was on at Ronnie Scott's in London so do not miss this on any account!

'Everything sounds effortless and her ballad singing is masterful. I remember thinking the day I first heard her that she is World Class'. Claire Martin

Friday, 12 November 8.00, Ticket £14
Threeway

Threeway combine two of the UK's leading players with one of the North's most experienced bandleaders and composers. Their latest CD 'Songs Of The Year' is a celebration of the English Calendar and Climate, with all the compositions being

by bassist Ben Crosland. The other two members of this illustrious trio are Steve Lodder piano and keyboards and Steve Waterman trumpet and flugelhorn.

The new album is a real delight, clear and precise yet full of delicacy and feeling - something you can keep dipping into.

Friday, 19 November 8.00, Ticket £14
Killer Shrimp

Killer Shrimp are a British quartet led by two of Europe's most creative musicians, Ed Jones saxophone and the fluent, golden toned trumpeter Damon Brown. They are joined by the awesomely talented rhythm section of bassist Mark Hodgson and drummer Alyn Cosker. Their second album, 'Tales from the Baltic Wharf', which has been three years in the making, retains the distinctive Killer Shrimp sound as well as branching out in fresh new directions and is a must buy.

Friday, 26 November 8.00, Ticket £15
Sarah Jane Morris

This truly amazing star, singer and songwriter Sarah Jane Morris shows a gleeful disregard for the boundaries between genres - jazz, soul, pop and contemporary classical are all to be found in her amazing three and a half octave voice. Sarah Jane brings with her Kevin Armstrong guitar, Tim Cansfield guitar, Henry Thomas bass and Martyn Barker percussion.

Friday, 3 December 8.00, Ticket £18
Robert Mitchell's Panacea (octet)

Award Winning pianist Robert Mitchell brings the expanded version of his award winning project Panacea to Fleece Jazz featuring Deborah Jordan vocals, Tom Mason bass, Shaney Forbes drums, Julian Ferraretto violin, Ben Davis cello, Mandy Drummond viola, and Hammadi Rencurell Valdez percussion.

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SUFFOLK FOLKLORE TALES



On Saturday 9th October Forty Boxford Society members and visitors enjoyed an entertaining presentation of local folk stories by Clive Paine. Clive is a well known Suffolk historian who specialises in the history of people, places and events in Suffolk. He is well known as a visitor to and student of Boxford's history. On this occasion he delighted and amused his audience with famous Suffolk folklore tales such as The Green Children of Woolpit, Black Shuck the wild dog of Bungay and Blythburgh and The Wild Man of Orford. His comments on these 12th Century stories and their links with Viking, Anglo-Saxon or Flemish times gave us time to consider if they were garbled real events or

imaginary encounters with the 'fairy other world'. He continued with The Suffolk Miracle, the poem of a girl in love with a boy below her station. This was followed by two Suffolk fairy tales told in Suffolk dialect. The first was Tom Tit Tot, a version of Rumpelstiltskin and this was followed by a version of Cinderella, known as Cap o' Rushes. The Cinderella is interesting as tales with the same story line were found as far apart as Ancient Egypt and Vietnam. Tom Tit Tot in various guises is found across Europe.

Clive showed himself to be a modern day story teller who transported his audience back to childhood story time with an adult twist.

THE CHRISTMAS PUD COOK-IN



It was wooden spoons at dawn for the men of Edwardstone, as they donned aprons to take part in the great Christmas pud cook-in, ahead of the Edwardstone Christmas Fair which takes place on 4th-5th November at Edwardstone church and Village Hall. The delicious puddings, made to a traditional recipe, will be available to buy on the day, or can be pre-ordered by calling Sally Hoskyns on 01787 211266.

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THE BEAVERS DANCE



A very enjoyable night was had by all at the dance to the Beavers on Saturday 9th October in the village hall. Many thanks go to the Community Council Social Committee and friends for their hard work in running this function. As usual the Beavers really excelled at one of their favourite venues. A 'Heads or Tails' interval was held by Roger Britcher which raised £59 towards the Tree House Appeal for the East Anglian Children's Hospital. Many thanks also to those who turned out to support this village event and raise funds for the Community Council to grant out to village organisations.

BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

For those who are in doubt about what the function of the Community Council is and what they do with the money they raise then here are a few words to clarify.

The Community Council was formed in 1966 initially to deal with the purchase of the of the Playing Field from the Tolemache Brewery. Having secured the purchase it then set about raising funds to be able to run the playing field and provide equipment. A separate management committee was formed to run the playing field and the Community Council progressed to continue to raise funds and improve the social well being of the village.

The Council meets every two months at the White Hart public house and representatives of all village organisations are invited to attend to give a report on their particular activities.

The Community Council has a separate Social Committee whose function is to raise funds which are available to grant out in support of the various village organisations who apply.

Events organised by the Social Committee include Fun and Games Night, Senior Citizen's Outing, Dances, Duck Race night, Bowls Boules and Barbeque afternoon and any fund raising event we can think of.

Over the past ten years the Community Council has granted out over £15000 to village organisations including Boxford school, Boxford Drama Group, Sunflower Playgroup, Boxford Mother and Toddler Group, Boxford Rovers Football Club, Boxford Youth Club, Boxford Scouts, Guides and Brownies, Edwardstone Cricket Club, Boxford Village Hall and Boxford Playground Committee to name but a few.

Boxford Bounty is run by Mark Miller on behalf of the Community Council and this raises vitally important funds for the Council.

As I said in my appeal in last months issue, there is a serious danger that the Community Council will fail within the next few years through lack of support from the next generations in the village. It will be a great shame and disappointment to see this happen and a very poor tribute to ll those hard working volunteers over the years who have worked hard to help make this village what it is today.

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THE TOUR

In Brilliant sunshine on 17th September the Tour of Britain made its way through Milden, Groton, Boxford and Newton during the penultimate stage7.

A huge crowd turned out to support the event which was to end in Colchester.

Left:

Bradley Wiggins, (centre) holder of two gold medals in Beijing 2008, and fourth in the Tour de France 2009) right in front of the Boxford Post Office and Store.

Below:

The Peleton sweeps down Swan Street



Photos Ian Young

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

A record £531.50 was raised by Boxford cyclists this year largely due to the efforts of families. Eleven year old Tommy Kirkham and his mother, and the even younger Oliver and Maya de Alwis and their parents were examples to us all both in fund raising and in the number of churches visited. The biscuit and lemonade opportunities at each church may have had something to do with this, of course.

We have promises from more families for next year so why not join us for a day out? It's great fun, a worth-while cause and you even find apples and cake at some churches!"

Rick Ridgeon and Coleen Hamblett of Little Waldingfield visited 20 churches that covered a distance of 40 miles and raised a combined total of £375.00. (see letters page).



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A MOVING TRIBUTE TO CASUALTIES OF KOREA CONFLICT

A couple who have dedicated part of their lives to remembering fallen soldiers have now erected new plaques for Korean War casualties.

Francis and Peter Theobald of Whitehouse Farm in Main Road, Rettendon have put up 121 memorials with the names of service men and women lost during the 1950 - 1953 conflict.

To pay tribute to Korean War casualties the couple spent about £4000 paying for plaques with 1,150 names together with landscaping.

The following is a poem included on the memorial. The poem is Absent Friends by Private David Lidstone of the Gloucester Regiment (The Glorious Gloucesters)

In Memory Of The Korean War 1950 - 1953 (The Forgotten War)

ABSENT VETERANS

Would that you could wander still
Through grassy fields by wooded hill
When morning birdsong fills the air
And yet another spring is here

If only you could still feel sun
Upon your face when winter's done
And smell sweet-scented flowers fair
when yet another summer's here

But fete decided otherwise
And you beneath Korean skies
A gallant band of heroes lie
Your duty done your merit high

No changing seasons can erase
That one familiar name, that face
That comes and lingers with each thought
Of those with whom we lived and fought

On the 25th June 1950 Kim Il Sang
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threatening south Korea.

American and United Nations rendered assistance to the republic of
Korea. Britain, battle weary from the second world war had great
concern of communism. In the course of the savage fighting up until the
cease fire on the 27th July 1953 we lost between 1500 and 2000 men
with at least 50 more on peace keeping duty until 1957. We have found
1,159 names, god rest their souls

"When you return home tell them this of us
That we gave our today, for your tomorrow".

Harry Buckledee, Newton, a Korean Veteran.

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BOXFORD CHRISTMAS CARD



Above: The Boxford Christmas card painted by Sharon Kulesa looks great in full colour

As you are all aware, the Village Hall has undergone many expensive alterations over the last few years, from a new roof and rewiring to upgrading the heating system.

Alas' this is an ongoing project and the next major expense is renewing the windows which, hopefully, will start before Christmas.

We have therefore decided to donate the profit from the sale of this year's cards to The Village Hall Restoration Fund.

This year's Boxford Christmas card has been painted by a young lady who lives in Stowmarket, Sharon Kulesa.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

WASTEPAPER COLLECTIONS AT THE BOXFORD SPINNEY .

The Spinney management committee would like to remind readers that they are pleased to receive old newspapers which can be placed in the container that is situated in our car park. We would like to thank those people who regularly leave their papers for us and would like to encourage others to do the same.

The income from this is used to help maintain the hall and camping grounds for the benefit of the members of units of the Guide and Scout Associations and our other users. Please phone the Chairman Dora George on 01787 211789 if you have any queries.

Your village needs you

We are getting to the stage in the village Community Council where we desperately need the younger element to step up and carry on the work carried out by the Council. As Chairman of the Social Committee our function is to organise fund raising events throughout the year, and funds raised are distributed out to organisations within the village who apply.

Currently we are organising the Beavers Dance on 9th October in the village hall and the Fun and Games evening on 22nd January next year, again in the village hall. Each year we look to try and vary fund raising activities but we need some new blood to come in and take over. We will offer guidance, help and support but need people in now to take up the reins.

If we don't get the support then these committees will eventually fold and the village will be a poorer place for it.

If you or a group of you would be interested in coming forward please contact me on 210819 for a chat with no strings attached.

Peter Hibben, Chairman Community Council Social Committee

Just a reminder that anyone wishing to put a team into the Fun and games Evening should call Stephanie on 210444 to book their place.

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR BABERGH'S COMMUNITY HEROES

Babergh District Council is looking for young people, individuals, voluntary groups and businesses that make communities special as it launch its 19th annual awards scheme.

The Community Achievement Awards aims to honour those individuals and groups who make a real difference in their community and help to build a better place in which to live and work.

Nomination forms are winging their way to schools, parish and town councils, businesses, voluntary groups and charities and Babergh is urging anyone who knows someone who may be eligible to grab a form and nominate!

This year's award categories are: outstanding contribution made by a young person or group of young people 18 years or under; selfless service by an individual (over 18) to a voluntary body or to the community; voluntary or community group that improves the quality of life for residents in our district and outstanding business contribution to the well-being of the community.

The deadline for nominations to be returned to Babergh is the 30th November 2010, with judging taking place in early December and all winners notified by Christmas. Winners will then be invited to an awards ceremony being held on 9th March 2011.

Jill Barton, Babergh's Community Development Officer, said: "It is amazing that the scheme has been running for 19 years and there are still so many unrecognised people in our communities who give up their time voluntarily to serve others and we need to hear about all of them.

"Without these individuals our communities would not thrive and grow and this is our way of saying thank you by recognising their commitment and dedication."

Mark Murphy, from BBC Radio Suffolk's Breakfast program, will comper the achievement awards ceremony and Prolog, of Sudbury, will sponsor the event for the tenth year.

Further information and nomination forms are available from Jill Barton, Community Development Officer, Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich IP7 6SJ, by calling (01473) 826674 or emailing jill.barton@babergh.gov.uk.

Nomination forms, award criteria and list of recognised voluntary organisations are also available on Babergh's website: www.babergh.gov.uk/babergh/communityawards ENDS.

For further information:

Emma Morton, Communications Office,
e-mail: emma.morton@babergh.gov.uk

Primrose Wood - a celebration 2011

An exciting photographic competition

The Woodland Trust is organising a nationwide celebration of the planting of over 200 woods during the millennium year. As part of this the Primrose Wood team are organising a photographic competition. The pictures submitted will be displayed at a meeting in the village on May 5th next year and the results announced on that occasion. Pictures should be submitted by 5th April 2011, details available nearer the time. So take the challenge and get out and take pictures now!

The competition is open to all non-professional photographers, the subject to be a celebration of woodlands within Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. Photos may illustrate any aspect of woodland life i.e. trees; plants, wildlife or the landscape or the importance of woodland to our local communities. Entries must be prints no larger than 7"x5", may be colour or black and white and need not be mounted. Each entrant may enter up to 3 photos. All entries must have been taken within the last 10 years. The best will be selected by Nick Oliver (an award winning local photographer who has studied the wildlife within Primrose Wood over many years) and Terance James Bond (Internationally renowned wildlife artist). There will be a prize for the best picture selected by the judges; in addition there will be Highly Commended certificates for the runners up. The judges decision is final. The aim of the competition is to create an exhibition of photographs which celebrate as many aspects of the woodland as possible.

Ian Lindsley

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TISSA'S TEA PARTY.

The SSAFA tea party at Mildens Pavilion on October 6th made £270, an amazing amount ! So thank you to all the generous people who made cakes and gave them, came, bought things, gave donations and helped in other ways to raise this wonderful sum. It will be donated to the Suffolk branch and used to help people in need in our county.

Boxford Conservation Area Appraisal

As part of Babergh's rolling program of Conservation Area reviews, their Conservation Architect has produced a new draft appraisal of Boxford's Conservation Area. This is now the subject of a public consultation and will be presented at the next Boxford Parish Council Planning Meeting. A small exhibition of the appraisal document will be available for viewing at Bell House in Stone Street Road from 7.00 pm on Monday 1 November. An explanation will then be given at the beginning of the meeting followed by the chance to ask questions: please come along and make your views known.

The document will also be available on Babergh's website

<http://www.babergh->

southsuffolk.gov.uk/Babergh/Home/Environment+and+Health/Conservation/Conservation+Areas.htm and responses are invited by post to:

Conservation Architect, Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh IP7 6SJ, to be received by 12 December 2010.

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Wot's On

Boxford Over 60's

Meeting in the village hall at 2.30pm on:-

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Shirley Watling 210024 (Treasurer) Brian Havis 210116 (Secretary)

ALICE THE MUSICAL the new HADS Production

In November, just a few weeks from now, Hadleigh Amateur Dramatic Society's youth production team will be presenting Alice the Musical, with assistance from HADS Adults. This is the truly enjoyable version by Mark and Helen Johnson of Lewis Carroll's classic story.

Tickets are the same price as previous years and are likely to sell quickly as there are only four performances of the show and strict limits on the seating availability at the Town Hall; so don't rely on buying at the door. Get your tickets in advance from The Idler Bookshop or Walter Wright Accountants. For more information call 01473 824033.

Performances will be at the Town Hall, Hadleigh at 7:30pm on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th November 2010 with a 2:30pm matinée on Saturday 20th. Tickets priced £7 for Adults and £5 for Seniors and Under 16s are now available from 'The Idler' bookshop 37 High Street Hadleigh or the reception desk of Walter Wright Accountants 89 High Street Hadleigh.

Sudbury Symphony Orchestra Autumn Concert

Saturday 13th November, 7.30 pm, St Peter's, Market Hill, Sudbury,

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Mozart Concerto for Clarinet, K.622 A major - soloist Charles Hine

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Hadleigh Choral Society

Hadleigh Choral Society will be performing an evening of Italian music, at St. Mary's Church, Hadleigh, on Sat. 20th November, at 7.30 pm. The programme will include Rossini's "Stabat Mater", and Vivaldi's "Gloria". The Colchester Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Christopher Phelps, with soloists, including Owain Browne, and the organist John Cooper. Tickets £10 £8(concs) under 16's £2, available from The Idler Bookshop, Hadleigh, or on the door.

Stoke by Nayland W.E.A.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas party: 7.30pm 16 December 2010

Douglas Pike speaks on "Cherry Wood".

Spring Course starts 13 January 2011 at 7.30pm: "Coastal Ecology and Conservation" with well regarded tutor, Fred Boot.

A.G.M.: 7 April 2011 at 7.30pm

Dr Jonathan Belsey talks about his eco-house.

Summer Day School: 16 July 2011

Experienced tutor Roger Mannion talks on "I.K. Brunel" followed by an outing to Colne Valley Railway in the afternoon.

Further details to be announced. All members past, present and future welcome at all events.

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Boxford Drama Group presents

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ON THE DAY

Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Whilst our Quiz Nights are very popular, we do like to try something different, when we can. Here is an early "warning" for your 2011 calendar. On the 2nd April we will be entertained by a close up illusionist before and after the meal. He will perform at individual tables.. More details to follow nearer the time.

13th November Quiz Night.

The Bounty Hunters Snail Race

The Bounty Hunters are pleased to announce that the Snail Race this year will be on November 13 and we will be raising funds for E.A.C.H for their Tree House appeal. Tickets can be booked now from Gay on 01206 263997. Last year we raised £1,000 for Music and the Deaf.

FILMS AT POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Friday 12th November 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'

Friday 17th December 'A Christmas Carol' (to be confirmed)

Tickets £3-50, from Polstead Community Shop or on 01787 210029.

All films begin at 7-30pm, doors open at 7-00pm

Orphans in Uganda

We shall be having a cake stall in Mary's House, Saturday November 27th at 9am. Alison Brain will be bringing her lovely new range of beads etc. so please do call in and have a coffee with us.

Also: Cakes, Savouries, Jams and Marmalade, all homemade Raffle, Coffee and Scones

Joan Smith, Ann Holdgate, Jean Saunders and Francis Munro.

Radio Suffolk Tree House Appeal

Jan Graves and Di Butler of Boxford Drama Group are organising and making cakes, pastries, sausage rolls, mince pies etc for sale for this appeal. The event takes place in the passage of Boxford News on Saturday 13th November at 9 o'clock. Do come and support this Childrens Hospice and buy some Xmas goodies for the freezer.

Assington Mill

I thought you might like to know the upcoming course programme here at Assington Mill which includes all the popular courses, some of the other sort that I just like to run for fun, and some new ones.

Traditional sign-writing with Wayne Tanswell is turning out to be much in demand, with people coming from all over the country.

Quintus Benziger is offering an unusual Compose Your Own Christmas Carol course in November, and Jude and Vanessa (a very charismatic couple) are running a Natural Skin-Care course in December, extremely topical with the concerns about the possible links between the toxins in beauty products and cancer and Bricklaying for Amateurs in April.

After Christmas, I am looking forward to Circle Dancing (no partner needed) and, by request, Loom Weaving and Fabric Design with the well-known Janet Phillips. Another highlight will be Jane Sen's Cooking for Health in March (she has written several books on the subject), and Clive de Bruyn's Queen-Rearing. He is the current guru on the subject, which is offered to the hundreds of beekeeping students that have come to Assington Mill. The last new courses, for the moment, are Ferrets and Ferreting, which should be very entertaining, and Working with Birds of Prey.

We are just changing over to online booking soon (at long last!), but don't worry, there will be plenty of other options if you don't use the web. Hope to see you sometime. <http://www.assingtonmill.com>

COME AND JOIN US FOR A WALK!!

Babergh District Council Health Walks Programme

November - December 2010

The walks are mainly flat and easy going although there are a couple with fairly steep inclines. Suitability will be discussed before the walk starts. Walks last for approximately 40-45 mins and start at 1.00pm.

Date	Area	Led By
Thursday 4th November	Sudbury	Samantha Cross
Thursday 11th November	Sudbury	Barbara Tottle
Thursday 18th November	Hadleigh	Samantha Cross
Thursday 25th November	Sudbury	Samantha Cross
Thursday 2nd December	Sudbury	Barbara Tottle

Sudbury walks start and finish at the Quay Theatre in Quay Lane Sudbury and refreshments will be there after the walk.

Hadleigh walks start from the library and finish at the "Orangerie" for refreshments.

Please meet outside the venue unless it is raining.



The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie

In the surprising world of Jean Brodie, there were two men and four girls.

Maggie Smith

POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
Tickets £3-50, from Polstead Community Shop
or on 01787 210029.
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SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2010

Wot's On

St. Matthew's Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on 6th November in Leavenheath Village Hall, from 11 a.m. onwards. As usual, we have a good selection of interesting stalls, refreshments, quizzes, lots of fun, and our very own Father Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stoke by Nayland Saturday 13th November - 1940's Swing Evening.

Come and enjoy a nostalgic evening with music and dancing to Phil Sweeting's Swing Band. Tickets £15.00 including welcome drink and two course traditional wartime meal (for vegetarian option please tel 01206 265172) 40's themed dress optional. Time: 6.30 pm for dinner at 7 pm Tickets on sale 1st October from Stoke by Nayland Post Office.

MILDEN SINGERS

NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Tickets are £5 this includes a finger buffet after the show. The licensed bar is available for pre-show drinks and afterwards with the buffet. Show time is 7.30pm.

Past shows have been a sell out with standing room only so if you would like to reserve tickets or even wish to join this popular singing group please contact Pearl on 01787 247965. Proceeds being raised towards the Milden Pavilion and Playing Field Fund

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at Boxford School, commencing Wednesday 27 October at 8.15pm.

A six-week block booking for £35.00 all equipment provided. A comprehensive routine to suit mixed abilities and strengths. (Please check with your practitioner if in any doubt about your physical condition.) For more details call or text 07840 68999

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

I am conscious that it is some time now since I have issued an update on matters concerning the hall.

The last few months have seen the hall be re-decorated and extensive work undertaken to the heating system to prepare it for the winter, whilst the number of bookings have continued to increase.

As you cannot fail to notice, the hall windows are now in a very bad state of repair, as a result we have been looking at options for replacing them with new double glazed units. Having received very favourable quotes for the work we have now submitted a planning application for consideration by Babergh District Council. By the time you read this we should have received the, hopefully positive, decision and be able to appoint a contractor to start the work before the worst of the winter arrives.

To help raise the remainder of the funds required to replace the windows, we will be holding a series of fundraising events over the coming months.

The first will be a quiz night on 13th November, starting at 7.30. Teams can be made up of no more than eight people with entry at £5 per head including a buffet supper delivered to your table. If you would like to enter a team then please contact either Veronica on 01787 211529 or myself on 01787 210376.

Saturday 11th December will then see the return of our Christmas bazaar with doors opening 12pm, there will be a variety of stalls including books, crafts, greeting cards and cakes. This year will also see Father Christmas visiting the hall with his own grotto to meet the local children. If you wish to book a stall then again please ring either Veronica on 211529 or myself on 210376.

The Christmas Bazaar will also play host to the drawing of our Grand Christmas Raffle with a first prize of £100 cash, followed by further cash prizes of £75 & £50. Other prizes include £100 of Marks and Spencer vouchers, a spar day, massage, £25 meat voucher, Brace of Pheasants, MOT test worth £54 and many more prizes. Look out for tickets coming on sale near you soon
Julian Chairman, Boxford Village Hall

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Table Top Sale

7th November, 10.30am to 2.30pm

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SATURDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER
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Wot's On

**Concert for Remembrance Day, Sunday 14th November
St Peter's Sudbury at 7pm**

MEMORIES OF MUSIC IN WARTIME

The organisers of a special Remembrance Sunday concert to be held on Sunday 14 November at 7pm in St Peter's, Sudbury, are hoping to share your memories of music in wartime.

Internationally celebrated baritone Stephen Varcoe and pianist Christina Lawrie will be joined by reader Richard Fawcett to present 'Songs and Words from Wartime'. Their programme will include much-loved favourites from the home front, as well as a rich variety of songs and words from the pens of famous (and not so famous) men and women who marched away to war.

'Songs and Words from Wartime' will be in aid of the Quay Fundraisers and of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Tickets (£10 unreserved) can be obtained from the Quay Theatre, Quay Lane, or from Compact Music, North Street, Sudbury.

Edwardstone Christmas Fair 2010

It's nearly here so DON'T FORGET!

Dates: November 4th and 5th.

Venues: Edwardstone Church and Village Hall.

Attractions: Fabulous Christmas stalls (more than ever!) – our best performers from last year, together with some fantastic new stalls full of exciting Christmas gift ideas: delicious food and drink, jewellery and accessories, textiles, books, stationery, kitchenware, toys and much much more!

This year our chosen charity is:

Suffolk Young Carers - a really worthwhile organisation that supports those young people who do the very difficult job of helping someone in their family "by providing care and support that would usually be given by an adult".

And, as always, we will also be raising funds for:

Edwardstone Church – some vital and costly works have just been painstakingly carried out.

Edwardstone Village Hall – a valuable local amenity whose facilities are regularly updated.

Posters are up and invitations have been distributed to everyone on our mailing list but if you need any more information in the meantime, please contact Diana on 01787 211403.

BOXFORD WI

At our October meeting we had some great slides of New Zealand and learnt a lot about this fascinating country

Our November 3rd meeting is our AGM followed by a session on how to make Christmas Crackers

Craft Club meets on 11th November at Mary's House when we will be learning how to make Christmas Floral Decorations

Lunch Club meets on the 25th November at The Bull Long Melford

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday, December 4th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

No sooner is the Harvest Supper behind us than it's time to think about Christmas, and what better way to get in the Christmas mood than Groton's Cheese and Wine Party, which is always a popular event; and it is good value too, with tickets at only £7 each. The food is always delicious, and of course a well-stocked 'Pat-and-Gerald' bar. Tickets available from *Pat Kennedy Scott* [210319], *Pat Bowdidge* [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds going to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew.

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Saturday 13 November at 7.30pm

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Wot's On

Boxford Gardening Society

End of Year Social Event -

Boxford Village Hall - Tuesday 16 November 2010 - 7.30pm

This year the Winter Social Event will take the form of an Evening with an Oriental Flavour. This will feature an illustrated talk by David Paget on Japanese Gardens followed by a casserole supper with rice and various puddings [also a vegetarian option]. There will be an exhibition of the Photography Competition entries and announcement of the winner. Also the Monthly Competition prizes will be awarded. The Village Hall bar will be open. There will be a brief AGM at the start of the evening. Supper tickets by advance notice, free to members. The entrance fee will be £3 for non-members. Please contact Rosie Osborne [211960], Margaret Thorpe [211346], Elizabeth Wagener [210223].

Stoke by Nayland Christmas Fair

Saturday 20th November 10am - 2pm

In aid of St Helena's Hospice. Quality hand-made presents, art and eatables - buy your Christmas presents and festive food. Includes toys, fine art, ceramics, silk, textiles, wooden toys, jewellery, confectionery, Christmas puddings, cakes, fudge....and much more.

At Stoke by Nayland Village Hall (on the green at the centre of the village - CO6 4QP). For more information call Wendy Prescott 01206 262087

FOB's Quiz Night

Saturday 30th April in Boxford School Hall

Save the Date

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

Will all individuals, committees and organisations who use Mary's House please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered in the diary in respect of every booking. Although this requirement is clearly stated on the front cover of the diary, it is frequently not being observed. It is important that we know who to contact in the event of any query over or the need to change a booking.

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Wot's On

Boxford Community Council Fun and Games Night Saturday 22nd January 2011 at Boxford Village Hall

Once again we will be holding our annual Indoor Fun and Games Night challenge in the Village Hall. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various games and mindbenders striving for the prestigious title of Fun and Games Champions for 2011. A fun night is promised for all and we will be having a licensed bar and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30pm for registration with first round of games at 7.50pm. Ticket prices will be £48.00 per team, £6.00 per head.

Our limit is 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact David Gasson on 210796, Stephanie Atkins on 210444 or Peter Hibben on 210819, we will list you on first come first served basis. We already have four teams registered so there are twelve team vacancies left.

We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas if possible so ask your help in a swift reply.

If anybody is not in a team but would like to come and help then please give Peter Hibben a ring on 210819.

This Boy Wonders to play O2 Academy

Boxford based band This Boy Wonders has been booked to appear at the prestigious O2 Academy in London on 23rd November. The 4 piece band, fronted by Chris Athorne, made such an impression on music company executives at the Music for Life festival in Sudbury in August that they have been asked to play at the major showcase event in Islington and have secured a 9.45pm slot.

London based JAR Music, who promote the showcase, said "They are a great band and we are really pleased to have them at the O2". The band will be playing with new bass player, Nikk Butcher from East Bergholt after the previous bassist, local boy Rob Lait, moved away in July.

Coach travel to and from the venue has been arranged from Boxford and anyone interested in attending this exciting event can buy tickets from the White Hart at £16 each. This covers travel and entry to the venue. The coach will be leaving at 6.15pm and returning to Boxford by 12.30am. It is hoped that local people will support the band at this important showcase event.

Chris Athorne, who formed the band less than two years ago said "We are really excited to be playing at such a fantastic venue and we see it as a great opportunity for us. We have worked really hard for this and we hope people will come and support us".

Tickets can also be purchased by calling the band direct on 07870 680296

Boxford Drama Group PANTO TICKETS HIT THE STREETS

Tickets are on sale for this year's village pantomime from October 30 outside the newsagents at 9.00am, and after that will be available from inside the newsagents.

This year it's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs which is on from Wednesday 1 December to Saturday 4 December. The Wednesday performance begins earlier than the rest, at 7.00pm (no supper) and tickets are £6 adults, £3 children. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances are at 7.30pm, and includes a supper for which tickets are £13 (the producer apologises for the error in last month's edition which had the ticket price incorrect for which the producer pleads insanity).

Written and produced by Michael Munn, the panto follows the traditional story of Snow White – with wicked Queen, magic mirror, dwarfs and poisoned apple – but expect many surprises as well as a special appearance by the village's local streetdance group, with choreography by Marie Bligh. The show includes loud bangs and flashes, and a very scary witch.

LAVENHAM CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH

Look no further for Christmas inspiration. This year the fantastic space at Lavenham Village Hall will be bursting at the seams with over thirty stalls all selling beautiful gifts, decorations & stocking ideas. Capture the essence of Christmas with stunning handmade decorations. Choose gifts for everyone including contemporary ceramics, rustic wooden signs, vintage purses, local artwork & glass jewellery.

Soak up the magical atmosphere, relax with a glass of mulled wine or a slice of delicious, freshly baked cake from the cafe, be a part of the

Christmas experience in the stunning surroundings of Britain's best preserved medieval village and leave with an array of original, inspirational and traditionally produced gifts for all your family & friends.

Saturday December 4th. 10am until 4pm.

Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham, CO10 9SQ

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MILDEN SINGERS NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday 19th December at Milden Pavilion
Doors Open 7pm – Show Time 7.30

Enjoy the songs of Glenn Miller, The Andrews Sister and others from the 1930's and 1940's in their Christmas Concert.

Tickets are £5 this includes a finger buffet after the show and there is a licensed bar.

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BBC SUFFOLK For more information about helping our appeal, please give us a call on 01473 378115 or visit... EAST ANGLIAN

Forthcoming Events Diary

October

30/31 Boxford Art Group	Annual Exhibition and Sale	Village Hall	10 till 5 each day
30 Boxford Rovers	Halloween Fancy Dress Party	Boxford Village Hall	7.00 till late

November

1 Boxford United Charities Meeting			
3 Boxford WI	AGM/Christmas Cracker	Village Hall	2pm
4/5 Edwardstone Christmas Fair		Edwardstone Church and Village Hall	
11 Boxford WI Craft Club	Christmas Decorations	Village Hall	2pm
13 Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room	Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.00pm
13 Tree House Appeal		Boxford News Passage	9.00am
13 Boxford Village Hall	Quiz Night	BVH	7.30pm
16 Boxford Gardening Society	End of Year Social Event	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
25 Boxford WI Lunch Club		The Bull, Long Melford	12noon
27 Orphans in Uganda	Cake stall in Mary's House		9.00am

December

1 Boxford WI Christmas Party		Mary's House	2.00pm
1-4 Boxford Drama Group	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	Village Hall	7.30pm
4 Boxford School's Christmas Fayre			
4 Groton PCC	Cheese and Wine Party	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
9 Boxford WI Craft Club programme planning 2011		Mary's House	2.00pm
11 Boxford Village Hall	Christmas Bazaar	BVH	12noon
19 Christmas Concert	Milden Singers	Milden Pavilion	7.30pm

January

22 Boxford Community Council	Quiz Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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April

30 FOBS Quiz		Boxford School	7.30pm
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First and Third Monday each month **Boxford Parish Council Meetings** in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

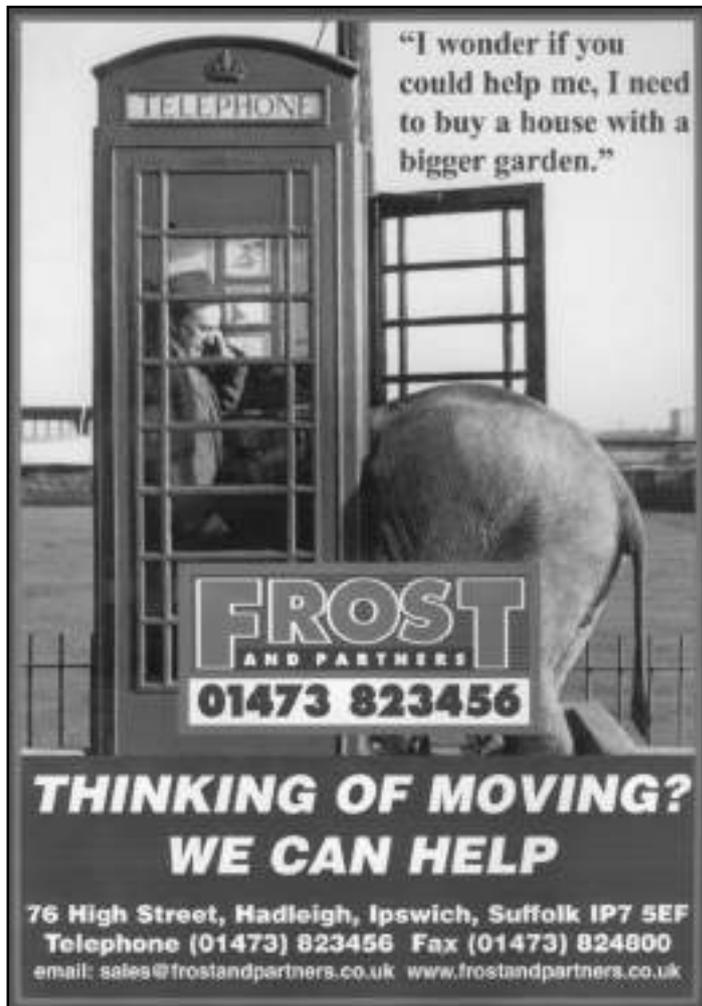


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Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.

Benefice house:

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

Warm greetings to all of you in the Box River Benefice church family! It is wonderful to be with you all at last and November seems an appropriate place in the church calendar to write my reflection. For in November, the church looks both backwards and forwards – to the past and to the future.

At the start of November, All Saints Day reminds us both of the great Christians who have inspired and encouraged us and “the communion of saints”, those who have passed through the gate of death to a new life with God.

Remembrance Sunday is a time to reflect on the appalling losses of war and to express our gratitude for those who risked in the past or risk today, their all, in the cause of our freedom and peace.

Finally, the last Sunday in November brings us to the start of Advent, when our human hopes and fears are met in the promise of God's light and love coming into the world at Christmas, in the form of a tiny, defenceless baby. As a church family, let us look back with thanks on all that has been good in our church life and anticipate, with hope rather than fear, the journey ahead which God is asking us to travel, as he reveals, and leads us in, new and exciting ways.

Revd. Judith



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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White Street Green. tel 210346*

Thought for the month The "church" often finds itself in the hot spot on lots of occasions, when people, who are not adherents of any particular faith want to express their views on “Religion and all its failings” and there are usually two main opinions expressed.

The first is that those calling themselves Christians are moralistic, judgemental and arrogant in claiming they are “right”. They are seen as people who take the high ground on ethical issues and do a lot of finger wagging, whilst living lives which in no way exhibit such high standards. We are sometimes described as hypocrites, although people are usually far too polite to say that over a convivial gin and tonic!

The second view, often expressed with reference to our Archbishop, Rowan Williams, is that we are a wishy-washy lot of people who never really take any particular stand on anything any more. We have lost our cutting edge and what the church today needs are people who stand up in public, make a clear stand on what is wrong and what is right, drawing our nation back into a decent way of living.

And what often makes me smile is that those two conflicting views are so often expressed by the same person. Oh dear! It seems we just can't get it right for our critics.

The solution is to go back to the four gospel stories - the core of our Christian belief, where we see the one we believe had got it right. Interestingly he did say some harsh words and he did do quite a bit of finger wagging but it was only against the religious people and scholars of his day who thought they were so much better than everyone else and were always banging on about rules, to the exclusion of any real compassion.

In all the stories about what Jesus did and said, we see gentleness and empathy, with a real love and understanding of people who were feeling lost one way or another. He challenged and he questioned, but he lived out that lovely maxim “the best criticism of the bad is the living out of the better”.

Gill Anderson

Fundraising at St. Mary's: The Ladies Fundraising Group

The next lunches will be held on November 4th at the home of Ruth Common & on December 2nd at the home of Sue Copeland. These lunches raise much needed funds for the ministry of the church.

Remembrance Sunday 14th November- Our service of remembrance commences at 10.50 am . The offertory collection goes to the Royal British Legion. Last year's collection was some £360.00. Let's beat that this year. The Rev Judith Sweetman will give the address. Trumpeter Mr John Taber will be in attendance playing the Last Post & Reveille.

An Advent Celebration Saturday 27th November 6.30pm This will really get us into the seasonal mood - Lots of music & readings followed by delicious supper. Make a date to come along. Further information in The New Wine

Gift Aid Donations – covenanted giving: We urgently need those willing to do so to consider covenanting regular giving towards the running costs of the Church. Our gift aid secretary David Richardson would be please to give you the necessary forms. We can claim back from HMRC 28p per £1.00 donated. The financial needs of the church in Boxford have never been greater than at the present time.

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

Will all individuals, committees and organisations who use Mary's House please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered in the diary in respect of every booking. Although this requirement is clearly stated on the front cover of the diary, it is frequently not being observed. It is important that we know who to contact in the event of any query over or the need to change a booking.

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Calling all photographers- "A Boxford Calendar" We will be producing a calendar. (proceeds in aid of Boxford Church) for 2012. We need your favourite Boxford photos taken during the seasons of the year – our panel of judges will select photos for our calendar. Further info from a churchwarden- get clicking!

The Box River Club:- Is especially for children 11 years & under. Lots of children may think that God is boring, but he isn't and at Box River Club we see that he isn't and we have a brilliant time. We meet in the school hall at 3.15 pm in term time. During the winter we go into Mary's House & finish about 4.15. There are games, stories, art & fun. We also have a snack during our time together. Why not come along & see for yourselves.

Choir News- The Choir would welcome new choristers- please do come along to a choir practice – each Friday in church at 7.00pm. You will be made very welcome

The Bible Study Group- The next meeting of the group will be at 47 Swan Street on Monday 8th & Monday 22nd of November, at 8.00pm, where we continue a study of the letter of James. All are most welcome.

The House Group- Generally the group meets on 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month at 3.30pm at Brook House, Fen Street, Boxford. Everyone is most welcome for this time of fellowship.

Looking ahead: Sudbury Deanery Synod – Next meeting Wednesday 1st December at St Gregory's Church Hall, 7.30pm for 8.00

More News The installation of the kitchen and the upgrading of the vestry are now complete. The vestry hasn't looked so tidy for very many years! Offers of donations would be much appreciated – to our acting treasurer Mr Peter Patrick.

Smile Lines: from a church newsletter: "The church fund-raising dinner will be an occasion of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility"



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone
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David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone
Tel: 211161

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Thank you to all those who decorated the church so beautifully and to those who hosted our friends from Morden College. *David Saddleton*

PCC MEETING - REMINDER: The next PCC meeting will be on Thursday 28th October, in Mary's House at 7:30 p.m. Please note the change of date. *David Saddleton*

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2010:

NOVEMBER 4TH – 7.00 p.m. to 9.30.p.m. in Edwardstone Church
NOVEMBER 5TH – 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Edwardstone Church and Parish Hall:

Fabulous Christmas stalls (more than ever!) – our best performers from last year, together with some fantastic new stalls full of exciting Christmas gift ideas: delicious food and drink, jewellery and accessories, textiles, books, stationery, kitchenware, toys and much much more!

This year our chosen charity is Suffolk Young Carers.

And, as always, we will also be raising funds for Edwardstone Church and Edwardstone Parish Hall.

If you need any more information, please contact me on 01787 211403. *Diana Hawke*

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT EDWARDSTONE WAR MEMORIAL:

There will be our usual service at the War Memorial, conducted by Antony Dodd, on Thursday 11 November at 10.45 a.m. *David Saddleton*

ROTA

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Nov 7	Mrs Paul	Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennet	Mrs Richardson	Mrs Morris
Nov 14	Mrs Paul	Mrs Morris & Mrs Kennet	“	“
Nov 21	Visiting	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	“	“
Nov 28	Visiting	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	“	“



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

From the registers 29 October 2010: Funeral, followed by burial, Samuel Edward Hicks Block, aged 77 years. .

Groton Harvest Supper: Sat October 2nd saw a full village hall in Groton for the harvest supper. It proved a hugely enjoyable evening with delicious food prepared and served by Pat Kennedy Scott and her team of delightful helpers and accompanied with plenty of wine and beer from the ever popular Pat and Gerald Bar. The raffle produced great prizes, many of an alcoholic nature.

The quiz was set by Steve Foster and delivered with gusto by Bob Bowdidge who managed to keep control of a boisterous crowd. Any worries of recessionary times were put behind us as the event raised a very creditable amount of just under £700. Thank you to the hard working team who made this evening such fun. *David & Susie Tweed*

GROTON'S CHEESE AND WINE PARTY: Saturday, December 4th at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

No sooner is the Harvest Supper behind us than it's time to think about Christmas, and what better way to get in the Christmas mood than Groton's Cheese and Wine Party, which is always a popular event; and it is good value too, with tickets at only £7 each. The food is always delicious, and of course a well-stocked 'Pat-and-Gerald' bar. Tickets available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds going to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew.

PCC Meeting: Wednesday 24 November 2010, 7.30 pm at Mary's House. Any items for the agenda should be communicated to the secretary, David Lamming, by Sunday 14 November.

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mr Lamming

Flowers: Mrs Scriven

Cleaning: Mrs Scriven



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Rota

	Sidesman	Flowers
Nov 7:	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Grunsell
Nov 14:	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Harbord
Nov 21:	Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington	Mrs Ewen
Nov 28:	Visiting	No Flowers - Advent



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828

The Church At Worship November 2010

Wednesday 3rd
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion The Rev Judith Sweetman
Mary's House

Thursday 4th
Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion Tim Harbord
Newmans Hall

Sunday 7th Little Waldingfield 8.00 Edwardstone Boxford	3rd before Advent Holy Communion 10.30 Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Worship 18.30 Choral Evensong	(G) The Rev Judith Sweetman The Rev Judith Sweetman George & Pauline Barnes Christopher Kingsbury (Rev Judith Sweetman attending)
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Wednesday 10th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Antony Dodd
Mary's House

Thursday 11th
Edwardstone 10.45 Remembrance Service Antony Dodd
at the war memorial

Sunday 14th Edwardstone Groton	Remembrance Sunday 8.00 Holy Communion 10.50 Remembrance Service at the war memorial	(R) The Rev Judith Sweetman David Lamming
Little Waldingfield Newton Green	10.45 Remembrance Service 9.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 Remembrance Service at the war memorial	The Rev David Abel/ Tim Harbord Diana Stock Diana Stock
Boxford	10.50 Remembrance Service	Christopher Kingsbury Address by The Rev Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 17th
Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion David Abel
Mary's House

Thursday 18th
Little Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Tim Harbord
Newmans Hall

Sunday 21st Groton Little Waldingfield Boxford	Christ the King 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Matins	(W) The Rev Judith Sweetman The Rev Judith Sweetman Christopher Kingsbury (Rev Judith Sweetman attending)
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Wednesday 24th 10.30 Holy Communion The Rev Judith Sweetman
Mary's House

Sunday 28th Boxford Groton Newton Green Boxford	1st Sunday of Advent 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion	(P) The Rev Judith Sweetman David Lamming The Rev Judith Sweetman The Rev Judith Sweetman
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Soap Box

Local government is in something of a fix right now. Suffolk County Council has announced they plan to outsource all services – a move that won them the accolade of Reformer of the week from the think tank, Reform. Meanwhile, our District Council, Babergh, have agreed to merge with Mid Suffolk. They already have a combined bin collection service, but these latest plans are aimed at going the whole hog, with all the attendant job losses that will result.

Behind these dramatic moves lies the governments comprehensive spending review, details of which will be in the public domain by the time you read this. While as I write this the actual targets for Mr. Osborne's axe have not been announced (other than more quangos than you could poke a stick at and, of course, child benefits for the better off), it does not require much deduction to know there will be less money available for local government.

Only last year it seemed we might have had a single unitary authority for the whole of this blessed county of ours. While such a cost saving move might seem a no-brainer, the reality is that such a large authority would have brought with it other complications, not the least being the size of the constituency our local councillors would have had to cover. Maintaining the personal touch would have become difficult indeed.

But we now know the state has grown too large and the costs associated with maintaining it unacceptably high. The process of reversal will be painful and real hardship for some may well result. That it is inevitable is without doubt, though. We can only wonder at how our esteemed political leaders allowed us to get into this mess. It might all have been exposed by a recession that had its origins in unwise practices in the financial sector, but the litany of waste and bureaucracy that has been revealed is truly frightening.

At the core of our problems is a demographic time bomb that has been studiously ignored by successive governments. It is a bomb that has worried me for some time. The reason? I am part of it. Born shortly after the end of World War II, I am what is often referred to as a "baby boomer". And there are millions of us. Worse, many of us are retiring, adding to a burgeoning population living on our pensions supported by a declining work force.

It is not just that a bulge in the birth rate between 1945 and 1948 is about to spew out hordes of pensioners, the truth is we are living longer and producing fewer babies than used to be the case. In the UK we are far from being the worst off, even if our debt problem is as bad as any major nation's in the developed world. Italy, Germany, Japan – all face severe strains to their

social structures as their population's age.

Paying for these pensions will simply add to the government's burden. In the past we have been content to allow the tax collected from those in work to fund the pensions paid to those who are retired, but the equation is about to get all out of kilter. Yet workers in Greece, a country with truly worrying debt problems, are striking in protest at cutbacks, while France has been brought to a standstill by those objecting to a rise from 60 to 62 in the retirement age for state employees.

Do they not understand how desperate the situation is? The next few years promise to be tough for us all and the changes likely to be wrought on the world stage dramatic in the extreme. The Greek government is apparently looking at the possibility of selling off the odd island or two. Somehow I feel buyers for the Isle of Wight are likely to be in short supply. Quite how we will solve all our problems looks far from clear.

But one consequence of all this does appear inevitable. The shift in economic power to the emerging nations of Asia and Latin America will accelerate. They are not indebted, have large aspiring populations and a smaller government footprint in their economic affairs. Suffolk County Council could well find itself outsourcing services to a company owned by a Shanghai corporation one day. You have been warned.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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GARDENING IN NOVEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

November until March is the time when people are preparing and planting new herbaceous and shrub borders. Many gardens are now enclosed with panel fencing and although it may not look all that attractive it can provide shelter and a backing for climbing plants.

Choice of plants is important in a small garden. There is a wide range of shrubs available which will stand hard pruning and will provide flower and foliage cover all summer. Here are some suggestions for planting a six foot wide south facing shrub border backed by a panel fence.

To cover the fence plant shrubs like forsythia, Chaenomele japonica, Ceanothus evergreen varieties and the deciduous variety Gloire de Versailles, Buddlia, Pyracantha, Honeysuckles, Clematis and Cytisus battanderei. The aim with these wall or fence shrubs is to build up a framework of main stems, spaced out and secured to the fence or wall and each year the lateral growths should be cut back to two buds from the main branch. This way they will take up very little space and will not grow outwards away from the fence and overhang the dwarf shrubs in front.

Suitable shrubs for the ground planting are Hebe, Spirea goldflame, Garyopteris Clandonensis, low growing varieties of Potentilla, Genista Lydia, Lavender Hidcote and Munstead, Cistus, Hardy Fuchsias, Euonymus radicans Emerald Gaiety and Emerald and Gold Perowskia Blue Spire. Ceratostigma Willmottianum. All of these can be planted

three feet apart and can be kept to within two or three feet in height by trimming and pruning.

Early flowering Chrysanthemums in the open garden should be lifted as soon as flowering is over, the stems cut down to the

base and the roots boxed up in four inch deep boxes and kept in a cold frame. Do not allow the compost to become too wet and protect from slugs. Although chrysanthus are fairly hardy, they are unlikely to survive outside in severe winters and in mild winters they are likely to succumb to wet and slug damage. In severe weather it is advisable to cover the frame with sacking. Amaryllis bulbs which are needed to flower at Christmas should be potted now and kept in a warm place. Water enough to wet the compost thoroughly and do not water again until you see growth appear. As growth increases, give more water but avoid over-doing it.

In the vegetable patch make a sowing of broad beans of the hardy variety Aquaduce for an early crop in May - June next year. The end of the month is about the right time for sowing. If sown earlier the plants may get too forward and collapse to hard frosts in February/March. Sow the seeds 2.5 inches to 3 inches deep in double rows eight inches apart each way.

Mind your backs; While, as yet, it is probably just foggily and damply bone-chilling, it can suddenly become "two coats colder". Keep an extra sweater at the ready you can suffer just as much as an ill-protected cold-frame or greenhouse.

Start thinking about Christmas-decoration greenery from the garden. Sprays of yew that are now getting out of hand will come in splendidly; so will leggy bits of glassy-leaved laurel and spotted aucuba, and trails of ground-ivy. Mark them all down for later picking, just before the great day of decorating but beware of eventually gathering them in if they are badly frosted (they'll all collapse). Pay special attention to berried holly, and net over enough branches to give you plenty of shiny red in the house the birds may not attack it, but better be safe than sorry.

The golden-or-silvery hollies are specially useful at Christmas - "Golden King" and "Silver Queen" respectively. And lovely flamboyant eieagnus pungens (aurea variegata; that paintbox striped explosion of evergreen daffodil-yellow and emerald leaves a clutch of those brilliant twigs adds glory to any Christmas fix-up.



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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in September 2010

Meeting on 6th September

Temporary Closure of Wash Lane: Members were pleased that carriageway repairs to Wash Lane were scheduled.

Reports from Members: Members expressed gratitude for the work undertaken by Charlie Smith to smooth out the bridle path skirting Brook Hall Estate. This was under the supervision of Kevin Verlander, Right of Way Officer at the County Council and with the agreement of the land owner. A dispute had arisen since the work which was being considered by the County Council. In other matters, reports were made of the hedge of Peyton House encroaching the pavement and the Playing Field dog waste bin overflowing. These matters were followed up.

Planning

Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Permission had been granted to erect a replacement dwelling at Lynnfield, Butchers Lane.

The following were discussed: -

- Proposed new Pre-school Building at Boxford Primary School.
- Erection of replacement windows and doors at Boxford Village Hall
- Timber cladding, zinc roof and window enlargement at 38 Swan Street
- Tree work at Causeway House, The Causeway
- Extension and alterations to Admyra, 24 Swan Street

Meeting on 20th September

Co-Option of Member: The Parish Council is delighted to announce the co-option of a new member, Sue Green. The Parish Council has now returned to full strength.

Police Report: The Clerk read from the report covering 10th August to 12th September showing 4 crimes recorded in Boxford Parish compared to 7 crimes for the same period last year. On vehicle crime, there was a rear light bulb stolen from a parked vehicle in Ash Street. Of the three other reports, one involved a fixed penalty for possession of cannabis in Broad Street. A man was on police bail for failing to disclose drugs and money laundering and finally there was a report of endangering the safety of aircraft on 6th September.

Questions from the Public: A member of the public attended to raise the following points: Contractors for Anglian Water had failed to reinstate the correct paving stones outside The Fleece; he was concerned at the speed of traffic on the A1071; he felt the village could have done more to celebrate the "Tour of Britain Cycle Race" and he enquired as to the location of a photo album of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations as this may be useful to the organizers of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Anglian Water has since been contacted, regular reports are received from our Policing team of the penalty tickets issued to motorists on the A1071 and a thorough search of the Council Meeting Room has not revealed the photo album.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was taking an active interest in the Planning Application from the Village Hall for replacement windows. He urged everyone to support the Quay Theatre as it is possible future funding may be reduced. He confirmed the investigation continues into a potential merger of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. The business case seems to support the merger from a financial point of view. He advised that this would allow the Council to undertake more than just its statutory requirements. The start date at the Homefield affordable flats was imminent and improvements to the footway between Partridge Close and Homefield and the vision splay at the entrance to Homefield had been officially agreed.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was present to deliver his report. Regarding the Pylons, he confirmed National Grid had responded to various Parish Councils confirming their understanding of the points raised by that Council. Cllr Finch urged members to check carefully the response to check all the points had been recognized. He out-lined local consequences of the Government 50 day budget review which will involve 25% reduction in non protected spending, working with local authorities to freeze council tax for 2011-12, two year public sector pay freeze and a review and changes to the public sector pensions. He then outlined the work of the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project and went on to encourage 2012 Olympic celebrations. The information about the scale and range of opportunities is available from www.london2012.com. He noted that Boxford already had plans in hand.

Housing Needs: Arrangements were in hand to deliver the Housing Needs Survey forms to every household in the Parish. The Clerk confirmed the next stage would be for Suffolk ACRE to collate and

present the feedback. If a need for more affordable housing was identified, the Parish Council would need to decide whether to pursue a new scheme to meet that need. If a scheme was pursued, a team would be put together including Babergh and Housing Association officials to work with the Parish Council. The first task would be for Babergh Council to identify potential locations within and adjoining the village for consideration. The process is lengthy and involves public consultation.

Correspondence: The Clerk circulated her report ahead of the meeting. A letter was read from a resident requesting coppicing of trees on Cox Hill. It was agreed to pass this request to County Highways. Cllr Hughes took a questionnaire on public services for completion. Health check surveys on Sudbury and Hadleigh town centres had been issued by Babergh Council and these were completed during the meeting. It was agreed to invite Patrick Taylor, Conservation Architect, to the 1st November Parish Council Meeting in Bell House to share details of the Village Appraisal.

Reports from Chairman and Members: The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Cllr Norman and other volunteers who did a brilliant job in clearing the footpath beside Partridge Close. Cllr Norman explained this was part of a community project. Cllr Fincham-Jacques outlined plans to fund raise for the Village Hall windows. A quiz will take place on 13th November and a Christmas Fayre and Grand Christmas raffle is being organized. Reports were made of dog fouling in the Churchyard, a Daking Avenue hedge obstructing the footway, pavement breaking up on The Causeway and ivy covering the bus shelter. All these points are being followed up.

Planning: The following were discussed: -

A) Proposed removal of 8 trees at Boxford Primary School to make way for the Extended Schools Building.

B) Objections from a neighbour to the proposed works to 24 Swan Street. Members had responded to this application in the previous meeting. The neighbour has been advised.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

If anyone within Boxford Parish is aware of the location of the photo album of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, please contact Boxford Parish Council.

Your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Debbie Hattrell

Clerk to Boxford Parish Council

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Saturday 20th November 2010

We have some spare seats on this hassle free trip to London. Leaving Boxford School at 8am, we travel to London by coach and if requested we can drop off at the Tower of London or Embankment (for central London) and then at our final destination, The Natural History Museum. We will be departing from the Natural History Museum at 5.30pm and will arrive back in Boxford by 8pm all being well. The cost of the trip is £12.50 per person which is non refundable. If you would like to join us please contact Justine Turner on 01787 248145.

MILDEN PAVILION & PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 24th November at Milden Pavilion 7.30pm All welcome, as committee members need to be elected. The Agenda will be displayed on the village notice board soon.

The Pavilion and Playfield provides a valuable amenity in our village and one that took a lot of work to achieve. The on going running and up keep of the Pavilion & Playing Field is primarily on a voluntary basis by villagers and members of the cricket team. More help is always required and if you would like to help then please come to the meeting.

The Pavilion currently has regular bookings for a keep fit group, birthing yoga, singing group, ballet class and is hired for other private functions on a regular basis as well as being the home of Milden Cricket Club.

We have committee meetings every few months and currently we are looking to add more children's play equipment on the playing field. If you have the time to help with this project, our annual cricket match in the summer, the Summer Ball or with the running of the pavilion then please contact Justine Turner on 01787 248145.

You are invited to a public consultation to discuss Babergh's draft conservation area appraisal for Boxford



Exhibition to be held in the Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford from 7.00 pm on Monday 1 November 2010, prior to B.P.C. Planning Meeting
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I do think that it would be greatly appreciated by all attending the Service of Remembrance.

Thank you.

Graham Reynolds
Edwardstone

Sir

Re your photo of the Boxford youth squad on their visit to America
You make no mention of the person on the left of the picture. In fact this is me and I was a member of the party
And for my sins had an accident in which I severely broke my right leg which took three years to heal. If you look closely at the picture you will see that I was on crutches

Brian Havis
Boxford

Sir

Will the residents of Homefield who feed the pigeons in their gardens, please stop. The pigeons make a dreadful mess all over clean washing and the gardens and presents a health hazzard, especially for our children

Name and address supplied
Boxford

Sir

On behalf of our son, Tim, we would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and flowers which we have received on the death of Tim's dear wife Gail.
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Rosie and David Marriott and Family
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Sir

We (Rick Ridgeon and Coleen Hamblett of Little Waldingfield) would like to thank all those people who kindly sponsored us for the Suffolk Churches Cycle Ride. The weather conditions were good which made the whole cycling experience very enjoyable. We visited 20 churches that covered a distance of 40 miles and raised a combined total of £375.00.

Once again thank you all very much.
Rick Ridgeon and Coleen Hamblett



Sir,

Once again the playingfield committee are faced with the problem of dog fouling and I do hope that the recent warning will be heeded by the minority of owners who leave their dogs deposits for others to clean up.
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Brenda Moody, Boxford

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Boxford School News

It seems hard to believe that as I write this news we are only four days away from the half term break. This half term has been very busy yet enjoyable as staff and pupils settle into the new academic year. The next few weeks are also going to be very interesting as we await the Government's announcements on future spending. Over the past few years we have worked very hard to ensure that our children have an excellent education with first class facilities and staff. I sincerely hope that this is not going to be jeopardised by severe cuts in spending across the public sector. I appreciate that times are going to be tough and that difficult decisions have to be made and that all areas of public spending will be arguing their importance but surely we owe it to our children and the next generation to make education a priority. All we can do is sit and hope!

The Harvest Festival service was once again a great success with the children, despite only a couple of weeks to prepare, putting on a first class show. The service was conducted by Gerald Drew, a local priest who has helped us out on a number of occasions but after half term we will have our new vicar Judith Sweetman in post. I am sure that like many of you we are very much looking forward to welcoming Judith into our community and hope that she will have an enjoyable and rewarding time in Boxford. After the service our Teaching Assistants created a wonderful display of harvest gifts at the back of the church. On the following Monday we delivered small food hampers to many local elderly people and judging by the feedback they were very much appreciated. One comment that was particularly pleasing was from one elderly resident who complimented their children and their politeness and good manners.

You may have noticed if you have been past the school recently rows of what look like handkerchiefs hanging on strings around the grounds. These were prayer flags that the children had written in response to the devastating floods in Pakistan over the summer. Alongside producing the flags the children also organised a collection and raised £240 for the Shelter Box charity which sends emergency supplies and equipment to people all over the world. We hope that in some small way we are helping

those poor people whose lives have been completely devastated through no fault of their own.

As Christmas approaches we begin to think of the many children throughout the world who are not as fortunate as ourselves and we are about to begin our annual Shoe Box Appeal. The children have had a special assembly where they have learnt about children in Europe living in absolute poverty for whom Christmas and the idea of presents means nothing. They have been asked to make up a shoebox with a few toys and basic essentials which will then be transported across Europe for children living in some of the most distressing circumstances one could imagine. After Christmas one of the organisers of the charity always comes into school and shares some of their stories and photographs of the children receiving their presents. It is wonderful to see the sheer joy and excitement on the faces of the children receiving the gifts.

Finally you may have noticed that over the past few weeks we have been gradually creating a new website on the schools learning platform. The work for this is virtually complete and all new information and articles will be on this site. Details of the two charities I have mentioned in this news are on the site and it can be accessed by typing www.school-portal.co.uk/Grouphomepage.asp?GroupId=393388 into your web browser.



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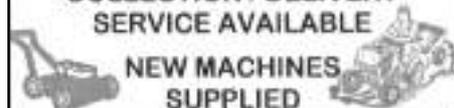
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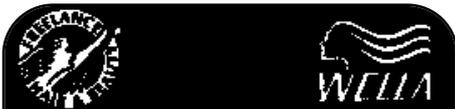
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Thank you to everyone who braved the cold, windy, grey but luckily dry day for the 2nd Boxford Dog Show held on 25th September. We had a fantastic turnout with 80 dogs, some from Boxford and other local villages but also plenty from Sudbury, Maplestead, Colchester, Ipswich, and Southend. Word seems to have got about! Approximately £800 was raised and this will be split between Boxford Rovers Youth Football Club and The Boxford Playing Fields. Special thanks to Tim Davies from Shampooch dog grooming parlour in Colchester for sponsoring the event. Also to all the helpers on the day, especially Yvonne Woodfield who worked so hard before during and after the event - thank you! As requested here are the all important results. Unfortunately a couple are missing, due to incorrect entry forms being handed in. Julie Richards

Best Puppy (3-12 months): 1st Hayley Siniby with Zala, 2nd Sarah Reeve with Tula, 3rd Emma Longh with Murphy, 4th Leon Sampson with Max, 5th Jonathon Broad with Alfie

Best Adult (1-6 years): 1st Adele Buckley with Zara, 2nd Jenny Watt with Derrick, 3rd Liz and Maya Dealwis with Baxter, 4th Bert! 5th Simon Ward with Jack

Best Veteran (7-11 years): 1st Dee Wright with Murphy, 2nd Jackie Gardner with Frith, 3rd Leigh Catchpole with Monty, 4th Peter Chaplin with Millie, 5th Shirley Grimwood with Tilly

Best Super Veteran (12 years and over): 1st Dawn Stiff with Murrin 2nd Kirsty Griggs with Charlie, 3rd Rachel Ablitt with Bess, 4th M Robinson with Maggie, 5th John Tucker with Lula Belle

Best Pure Breed: 1st Adele Buckley with Zara, 2nd M Robinson with

Chloe, 3rd Saxon Lodge with Henry, 4th Liz and Maya Dealwis with Baxter, 5th Lisa Ellinor with Alfie

Best Crossbreed: 1st Garry Jarvis with Domino, 2nd Cliff Manning with Maddie, 3rd Adam Collings with Dudley, 4th Pauline Underhay with Mowgli, 5th Nicola with Crumbs

Most Prettiest Bitch: 1st Hayley Siniby with Zala, 2nd Emma Banks with Peppa, 3rd Adele Buckley with Hazel, 4th Entrant 411, 5th Neil Cobbett with Nutmeg

Most Handsome Dog: 1st Pauline Underhay with Mowgli, 2nd Nicola with Crumbs, 3rd Morgan Tibbles with Stan, 4th place should read Lincoln Evans with Boycey not Stan, 5th Entrant 410

Best Brace: 1st Emma and Leon with Max and Harley, 2nd Georgia Johnson with Trixie and Maisey, 3rd Tony and Susan Excell with Cassie and Bella, 4th Dawn Lunness with Jo-Jo and Barney, 5th Ann Richardson with Abbi and Barney

Best Irish Brace: 1st Pauline Underhay and Leon Sampson with Mowgli and Max, 2nd Entrants 407 and 408, 3rd Jackie Gardiner with Frith and Angel, 4th Rachel Ablitt with Emma and Bess 5th Dee Wright with Purdy and Murphy

Dog Least Like Its Owner: 1st Entrant 410, 2nd Entrant 500, 3rd Tina Graham with Rusty, 4th Debbie King with Herman, 5th Paula Stacey with Buster

Best 6 Legs (Fancy Dress): 1st Mable with Meg, 2nd Regan with Herman, 3rd Hannah Johnson with Ralph, 4th Sophie with Rusty, 5th Isi with Trixie

Best in Show: Adele Buckley with her 2 year old Pointer Zara Reserve: Dawn Stiff with her 12 year old Golden Retriever Murrin

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