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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Above: Harry Buckledee, Korean Veteran, shows the letter he has received from Lee Myung-bak the President of the Republic of Korea expressing his gratitude and deep respect for Harry, a true Hero, and inviting him to return to Korea to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the outbreak of war.

The following is a copy of Harry's Remembrance Day address

June 25th this year marked the 60th anniversary of the war in Korea (the forgotten war). It hardly gets a mention. It was the first war to be fought under the flag of the United Nations, when the heavily armed communist North Korea launched an attack across the 38th parallel against the South. American forces from nearby Japan rendered immediate assistance to the South and the UN called for help from other nations. Britain pledged to send an infantry brigade but the problem was where to find a spare brigade. We had the Russians breathing down our necks in Germany, we had just had the Berlin blockade and we could not afford to weaken our defenses there. So it was decided to call up reservists. I never met one reservist who was happy at being called up.

We had all just had six years of war, got demobed, married and started a family, the last thing we needed was another war. However, by joining the regular army and reserve we had made a commitment and had to go. Some of us had still not fully recovered from illness, or wounds from the last war. In this country there was no enthusiasm and little interest for a war in Korea. This was understandable, the whole nation was still battle weary and everyone was concerned with making a new life for themselves. In fact, many people had no idea where Korea was, never even heard of it. We were however committed to fight against communism.

The war in Korea was a bloody and brutal conflict, fought under harsh conditions, bitterly cold in winter when temperatures can drop to -40° with -70° of frost. In summer it was intense heat and dust, when wet it you were up to your neck in mud. Owing to the hilly nature of the country it was an infantryman's war and it was they who bore the brunt of the fighting. I was in the one armoured regiment, although we had many casualties it did not compare with the losses of the infantry regiments. Little has been told of the good work done by British Forces during the three years that the war lasted, or of the suffering of prisoners of war. The first major battle our forces were involved in was on New Years Day 1951, when several thousand Chinese forces swarmed out of the hills to attack a position held by the Royal Ulster Rifles and a small section of

8th Hussars. They held out all day and by night fall had inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The Chinese resumed their attack as darkness fell breaking through American lines and surrounding the British who then had to fight their way out. As in all wars awful things happen. My friend, Ted Beckerley who was there writes a good account of events.

"I was driving a Cromwell tank, there were thousands of Chinese all around us, my periscope had been blown away by mortar fire. I was driving in darkness, on snow and ice, one of my tracks slid into a ditch where Chinese wounded were being treated by medic's, the medic's jumped out of the way, I must have squashed a dozen or more Chinese wounded. That memory will be with me until I die. By midnight we were out of ammunition, nothing left to fight with, our officer commanding had been killed, some managed to escape, the rest of us were taken prisoner. We spent our first night in captivity in a building, the windows of which had no glass. The toes of both Charlie Sadlers feet were frost bitten. We were forced to march north. We marched at night and slept by day to avoid the American Air Force. Just before daylight we would stop at a village, the guards would make all the occupants of houses move out of their bedrooms into the living room. We would then move into their bedrooms. We marched night after night over those Korean Hills so steep, so high, when you got to the top one you saw another in front of you even higher than the one you had just climbed. Charles Sadlers feet were now in a dreadful state due to frostbite. He had difficulty in walking. We took turns two at a time to support him, It was an awful experience, the journey was bad enough just supporting ourselves over those awful hills. But Sadler was in constant pain, sometimes weeping other times praying. We were given a meal of rice each morning and again in the evening before we set off for the nights march. After about ten weeks of marching through the Korean winter we reached a camp near the Yalo River which was to be our home for the next two years. Every night I said to myself the first verse of the hymn 'Abide With Me'. Lovely words and so comforting in the circumstances I found myself in. I used it as a prayer, a prayer that said everything for me."

This is just an account of one battle, but it is the sort of fighting that went on for three years. Our Brigade, the 29th Infantry was relieved after a year. Over the next two years many other famous Regiments took part in some heavy fighting and all gave a good account of themselves. The losses they and the whole of the UN force inflicted upon the Chinese was the main reason they sued for peace at Panmunjon. But it all came at a heavy price in lives and suffering. Many National Servicemen died. Compare now the prosperity of the Republic of Korea with the North is proof that the action of the UN force was right.

British losses were 1078 killed
 2,500 Wounded

and as similar number were taken prisoner

At this time we remember all our comrades who died fighting for our freedom. Let us also remember all those who gave their lives in Korea. it was also in the cause of freedom.

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EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2010



Once again, the rain held off until the Fair was nearly over and shoppers came in even larger numbers than last year.

The takings of many of our regular stallholders increased significantly and the consensus among the new ones was that this was a really lovely Fair to be a part of.

The money will be divided between Edwardstone Church, the Village Hall and Suffolk Young Carers and we are delighted to be able to pass on to them what we hope will be a great boost to their funds.

How much?? Our final total was an impressive £5,700 representing a 15% increase on last year!!

Huge thanks go to the many helpers who worked so hard to enable us to reach this total – whether baking the cupcakes, mixing the ever-popular Christmas Puddings, parking cars, serving tea and coffee, manning stalls or even moving pews! – and to the many local businesses and individuals – whose names you will have seen displayed in the Church – who gave us sponsorship or donated prizes for our hugely successful Tombola.

Finally, on behalf of all the committee as well as the beneficiaries, Thank You to our customers who continue to support us and who make the Fair such an enjoyable occasion.

THE TREE HOUSE APPEAL



On 13th November, a cold Saturday morning, Di Jan and Derek, chilled by the weather and warmed by the response, stood shoulder to shoulder in the passage between the Boxford News and Joy's Shop selling home made cakes and goodies.

Their efforts were not in vain because they raised an amazing £513.00 for the BBC Radio Suffolk 'Tree House Appeal' (for the Children's Hospice). They would like to thank everyone for their generous support. Well done the Benefice.



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

Award Winning pianist and Steinway Artist Robert Mitchell brings the expanded version of his ten-year old 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.

The band's new album, their third, is called 'The Cusp' and has been released to much critical acclaim.

Friday, 10 December 8.00, Ticket £15
Ian Shaw (solo)

Award winning singer and pianist Ian Shaw has already amassed a number of highly acclaimed albums and is a popular performer both here and in the US. He is an incredibly colourful character and has been cited, along with Mark Murphy and Kurt Elling, as one of the world's finest male jazz vocalists. Ian's long awaited ballads album 'Somewhere Towards Love' is highly recommended by us.

'Shaw is close to greatness' The Penguin Encyclopaedia of Jazz

Friday, 17 December 8.00, Ticket £18
David Rees-Williams Trio

Our Christmas gig is the David Rees-Williams Trio which was formed in 1988 by David Rees-Williams on piano, Neil Francis bass and Phil Laslett drums. The trio brings something very special to the world of jazz and, like the Jacques Loussier Trio, base much of their music on classical composers who were themselves great improvisers. They walk a tightrope between classical and jazz, reworking existing tunes to stunning effect as amply demonstrated on their brilliant new CD, 'Back from Beyond'. This is one of those magical gigs you just have to attend!

'His masterful adaptations of pieces from the classical repertoire are accomplished, insightful and endlessly fascinating ... he moves seamlessly between the written and improvised and takes the music in fresh and unexpected directions.'

Stuart Nicholson, Jazzwise

'The David Rees-Williams Trio have just got better and better their new recording of jazz forays into the classical repertoire is just magical.'

Guy Dammann, The Guardian

Wednesday, 29 December 8.00, Ticket £15
Alan Barnes Latin Quintet

We just had to have them back after last year's stunningly entertaining end of year gig! The quintet is led by Alan Barnes, one of the most versatile reeds men working in the UK today, who has contributed fine sections of work and blistering solos to all manner of bands and projects. Featuring trumpeter Steve Waterman trumpet and flugelhorn, David Newton piano, Alec Dankworth bass and Dave Barry drums.

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BOXFORD ART GROUP'S 30TH EXHIBITION



Above: Artists and their guests enjoy the wide variety and exceptionally high quality of the paintings exhibited

The preview and exhibition were well attended and everyone (artists included), thoroughly enjoyed it. Sale of work at the exhibition was valued at £622 which included 6 framed and 9 unframed. This provided additional funds for the club of £70.00.

One of our original members, Phillip Ingram, had compiled a collection of photographs and newspaper cuttings going back to the origins of the club, which started in Leavenheath in 1975. The club would like to thank everyone who attended our exhibition and hope to see you all again at next year's exhibition.

'SKY & I'



Above: Art and coffee, a great combination at Elizabeth Martland De Alwis's 'Sky & I' art exhibition in Mary's House, Boxford

On Thursday 21st October Mary's House once again became an art gallery hosting an exhibition of new oil paintings entitled the 'Sky & I' by Suffolk born artist Elizabeth Martland De Alwis.

The new works were mainly images local to Suffolk and Norfolk, depicting, as the title indicated, bright vivid skiescapes. Elizabeth has captured the ever changing skies and colour from her studio in Boxford. During the private view and following days a constant stream of people, around 100, visited the exhibition with many enjoying coffee and tea.

As it was half term children were encouraged to come in and draw from the paintings over the 5 days.

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A WELCOME TO REVD JUDITH



Above: The Revd Judith Sweetman, centre, with Ruth Kingsbury and Peter Patrick, Churchwardens of Boxford St Mary's

Following the Licensing and Installation of the Revd Judith Sweetman as Priest in charge of the Box River Benefice the officers and others of the five churches comprising the Benefice met at the home of Rev. David Able on Saturday 30th October to welcome her and her husband, Rufus to the Benefice.

The evening was a most enjoyable informal occasion which provided an opportunity for Revd Judith to get to know her officers better without the stress of the day to day business of the Benefice.

During the evening a presentation was made to Ruth Kingsbury for all the work she had done on behalf of the Benefice during the period of inter-regnum

SPOOKY SUNDAY



Above: some of the Stone Street Ghouls demanding their treats at the home of the Editor

Children from Stone Street made themselves look even more horrible than normal to haunt the unsuspecting residents. On spooky Sunday 31st October they set about frightening as many people as possible and only agreed to leave if they were given treats. Tons of Lollypops, Jelly Babies and other confectionary were duly distributed and collected in buckets for consumption in a dark place.

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- Christmas Day Opening.....25th Dec. 12-2pm
- Christmas Folk Afternoon...27th Dec. 2.pm
- Christmas Quiz Night.....28th Dec. 7.pm
- Blues Night.....29th Dec. 8.30pm
- New Years Eve with
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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER?

Volunteers work within a team and the cover they provide within the community they live or work in is designed to fit around their lifestyle e.g. child care, employment, and other commitments.

This can mean that some groups are able to be on call for more hours or for longer, but this can also depend on the number of volunteers in a group. Regardless of this, every hour that a group can be on call is of great benefit to their community because it provides extra emergency care when someone needs it.

People from all backgrounds volunteer, and do it for many different reasons. They may be a stay-at-home parent, retired, a student, a business person, or be a group working at a shopping centre or tourist attraction. Some volunteers have decided to become a responder because they themselves have been helped by such a scheme, and they've experienced first-hand the work of the group. Others enjoy volunteering generally and are active members of the place where they live, while many volunteers are clinicians who want to extend their day job for the good of their community.

CFRs attend calls of a life-threatening nature, which are known in the ambulance service as category A 999 calls. These include:-

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- chest pains
- diabetic patients

Because of the training volunteers receive and the equipment they carry, these types of calls can be dealt with sufficiently before ambulance staff arrive and CFRs remain on scene to assist ambulance colleagues to ensure the best care possible is given.

It's important to note that CFRs are not sent on calls such as road traffic



collisions, assaults, and patients suffering from psychiatric conditions because of safety issues, nor do they attend other calls deemed as inappropriate, for example pregnancy call-outs. Four groups in the east of England are trained in dealing with medical emergencies in patients under eight years of age.

Within the region it is estimated that volunteers provide nearly one million hours of cover and are available to respond to emergency calls, mainly through the night, and provide lifesaving treatment as required.

“ Every hour that a group can be on call is of great benefit to their community because it provides extra emergency care when someone needs it”

The Three Parishes Response Team (3PR), your Community First Response Team covering Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton, wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and would like you to know that they will continue to provide full cover during the holiday period.



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- Willow garden structures
- Gardening
- Woodwork for amateurs
- Falconry
- Coracle making
- Felt-making
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THE LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S



Percy Fletcher, veteran of 'D' Day, reads the Roll of Honour

THE BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY AGM



Above: Members of the 2010 committee of the Boxford Gardening Society at the highly successful AGM and social evening held in Boxford village hall on Tuesday 16th November.

They are L to R : Elizabeth Wagener (Membership Secretary), Finlay Hunter, David Paget (guest speaker), Maggie Thorpe, Rosie Osborne, Shirley Taylor (Treasurer), and seated Roger Molyneux (Chairman).

The Society now has 84 members most of whom with their guests enjoyed a great evening which included a chicken casserole and a selection of very fattening puddings. Guest speaker, David Paget from the Green Lawns Bonsai in Hadleigh Road, Boxford gave an illustrated talk about his recent visit to Japan.

Comment

Dog Mess and lazy, inconsiderate, irresponsible dog owners has led the Playingfields Committee to ban dogs off the lead within the boundary of the playing field and the allotments. Unfortunately the inevitable next stage will be to ban dogs altogether. The worst offenders are in the habit of going to the playing field after dusk and early in the morning. They then let their dogs out to run free and unsupervised whilst the owner remains in the warmth of their car, then collecting them leaving dog mess strewn all over the field, a potential danger to the health of our children. One can only hope the offenders will be caught and prosecuted. Any photographs of such offenders and their dogs will be most welcome for publication if the photograph clearly shows an offence is taking place.

Planning Madness. You will have read under News from Clubs and Organisations that the Boxford Village Hall Management Committee was pleased to hear that Babergh's planning committee had voted against its own department's recommendation to refuse the planning application to replace the current windows in the hall with UPVC units. Fortunately we do live in a democracy and common sense prevailed with our elected members seeming to have a much better understanding of our needs than our un-elected conservation officers and planners. Unfortunately the new development in Boxford School to provide accommodation for a nursery with early morning and After school facilities was not so lucky. The new building, largely out of sight of the rest of the village was planned to have UPVC windows, not everyone's cup of tea but very practical. The planners and conservationists employed by the district council however, have ruled otherwise and instead of having maintenance free double glazed UPVC windows it is now necessary, amongst other unnecessary demands, for bespoke wooden windows to be installed at an extra cost of at least £3000.00, additional money that has had to be raised. With respect to Dr Belsey, how on earth under this criteria did the Arc get planning permission to be built in our beautiful village. One can understand and appreciate the need to conserve our historic buildings but this is ridiculous.

Ed

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Boxford Sunflower Playgroup

Christmas Carol Fundraiser - 11th December

Hello! My name is Charlotte. I'm 3 and live in Boxford. I'm very excited because I've heard my Playgroup, Sunflower, is moving to its very own special building near the school. This is great, because now I'll be close to my big sister and soon I'll be able to play there with our friends after school's finished and during the school holidays.

But, we need to raise lots of money for new toys (I like the ride on cars the best) and an oven, fridge, curtains and grown up things like that.

So, on 11th December, between 4pm and 6pm (if it's not too snowy or raining and if we've all had a good nap before hand so have lots of energy) me and my friends with our Mums and Dads will be singing our favourite Christmas Carols in Boxford to raise some money for our new building.

We'll be starting at Gunery Close & Daking Avenue and singing our way down Swan Street, Broad Street, Ash Street and finally Fen Street.

I hope you enjoy our singing and are able to give us a little something towards our new playgroup building.

Charlotte

BOXFORD ROVERS

BOXFORD ROVERS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS PAINT to mark out their pitches. If you have any left over tins, quarter or half full, that you want to get rid of then please contact Gary Jarvis on 01787 211471. Water based white or light colours please.

GROTON UNITED CHARITIES

AMENDMENT OF OBJECTS UNDER SECTION 74(2)(c) OF THE CHARITIES ACT 1973

Notices have been posted on the Parish Notice Boards of Groton and Boxford, and at the entrance to Groton Parish Church, to inform residents of the Ancient Parish of Groton that the Trustees of Groton United Charities have passed a resolution to broaden the objectives of the Charity.

The new clause covering the distribution of income will read as follows:-
30. The annual income of the Charities shall be applied by the Trustees as follows:

1. For the benefit of the poor and needy in the Ancient Parish of Groton
2. For general charitable purposes within the Ancient Parish of Groton and, at the discretion of the Trustees, within adjacent parishes where this would also be of benefit to the inhabitants of the Ancient Parish of Groton.

This will enable Groton United Charities to make grants outside the original area covered, always provided that these would be for the benefit of Groton parishioners.

If anyone has any queries about this change, please contact the Secretary to the Trustees, Jeremy Osborne, on 01787 211960 or the Chairman, Pauline Lamming, on 01787 210360.

If it seems necessary, the Trustees will also consider holding a meeting to discuss the matter.

Any parishioner is free to make representations direct to the Charity Commission as stated in the notices referred to above.

Jeremy Osborne, Clerk to the Trustees, Groton United Charities
18 August 2007

3PR Collections

Over the last few years there have been many events and collections carried out in the Boxford Fleece allegedly in aid of 3PR (the Three Parishes Response team) unfortunately not one penny of the money raised ever reach 3PR!! Does anyone know where it went? *Editor*

Air space and Pylons

A letter from Tim Yeo advises us that the Head of Strategic Engagement at Nats (Spin Doctor) confirms that the airspace change proposals suggested in 2008 will not now be taken forward in their current form. ie there has been such a down turn in air traffic levels (contra to their wild predictions) since the 2008 consultation means there is less urgency to make the changes!!

The Government have told the National Grid to go back to the drawing board and come forward with a clear indication of the cost of undergrounding the cables rather than the ball park figures they have been bandying about during the last couple of years. *Ed*

Secretary for Boxford Community Council

The Boxford Community Council urgently need a secretary. It would be up to you if you wanted to be on the committee of this very important village organisation or not, but what we desperately need is someone who

can take down and distribute the minutes of our Executive Council meetings that take place alternate months throughout the year. If you think you could help please contact the chairman Roger Cunningham on 01787 211592

Boxford Village Hall Toasts Success!

As you may be aware from the local press, the Boxford Village Hall Management Committee was pleased to hear that Babergh's planning committee had voted against its own department's recommendation to refuse the planning application to replace the current windows in the hall with UPVC units. This means that we have now been able to appoint a contractor to start installing the units without delay and in time to combat the worst of the weather. Thanks must go to Bryn Hurren and Richard Gates for fighting our case at the planning meeting.

The 2nd October saw the Village Hall play host to Call My Bluff, a fundraiser by Boxford Drama Group, which saw the hall greet characters out of many well known shows, including Are You Being Served, Porridge and Absolutely Fabulous along with many more. This resulted in the audience trying to ascertain the meaning of many forgotten and unusual words amongst many fits of laughter. This evening resulted in £547 being raised towards the replacement windows.

Whilst on the subject of the windows, it has been brought to my attention there is a rumour circulating the village that the hall has taken out a bridging loan to pay for the windows. I would like to make it clear that this rumour is totally untrue and that no such loan has been or needed to be, taken out by the committee and that the committee would not under any circumstances endanger the future of the hall in such a manner. Members of the committee have worked extremely hard to both fundraise and secure grants to pay outright for this work.

Saturday 11th December sees 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

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. Don't forget to purchase your tickets! *Julian* Chairman, Boxford Village Hall.

You have been warned!!

Would you please put in The Box River News that you must leave 10 metres either side of a Junction when parking.

I have noticed that people park on the Junction of Swan and Broad street and the junction at the school/village hall. So far I have been nice about this but if people keep doing it I will be forced to issue parking tickets. Thank you *Jamie*, PCSO 3226 *Jamie Fudge*, Babergh West Team

POLICE 'SURGERIES' AT MARY'S HOUSE

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) *Jamie Fudge* has taken over as our local PCSO from WPCSO Penny Molkenthin, who has left the police service.

With *Jamie's* appointment, the police surgeries at Mary's House are to be resumed. *Jamie* will be attending on the following dates, from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon, during the time when Mary's House is open for coffee and tea:

Monday 6 December 2010, Monday 10 January 2011,

Tuesday 1 February 2011, Thursday 3 March 2011, Monday 4 April 2011

Thursday 5 May 2011, Monday 6 June 2011

Do feel free to drop in for a word with *Jamie*, either to report anything to him or to share any concerns you may have about local crime or policing issues. If you want to speak to him in confidence, there is a room available upstairs where you can do so.

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Single lady with two (almost human) dogs requires a rented tenancy within the Walsingham/Boxford/Sudbury area. Ideally I would like a small cottage, but will consider flats, maisonettes and also house sharing. I am a professional house-keeper and non smoker, so my rented accommodation will be maintained immaculately. Excellent references will be supplied upon request. Please ring 01787 248429 with details of available properties.

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS CONTINUED

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 Boxford Playground

We have just received confirmation from Adventure playgrounds Ltd of the order for one aerial runway, is to be completed by the end of December 2010.

Playground Committee

We need a few volunteers to cut the grass from time to time. Unfortunately despite the posters in the shops, we have only had two volunteers so far. From a population of over 2000 that is very disappointing. The playground is owned by the village not by the district council so we do need to look after it ourselves. It is used extensively by our children. Surely some of the parents who benefit from this can get together and operate a rota for grass cutting.

Equipment for the grass cuttin' is supplied tel: 01787 210 251

Inspired Festive Party Packages at Peake Spa

Peake Spa at the Stoke by Nayland Hotel has selected some of their most popular treatments for the festive season with an amazing discount to either prepare you for your Christmas Party or help you to recover afterwards!

The Pre-Party Perfection treatment includes Naturesun Spray Tan, OPI File & Paint (fingers or toes) and a glass of House White or Red for only £40.00 (normally £50.00).

The Post Party Recovery treatment includes a Therapeutic Back Massage, Declor Time Precious Facial and Tea, Coffee or Fruit Juice for only £49.00 (normally £59.00).

These special offers are available right up to Christmas Eve and then from 27th December to New Year's Eve, so you can have some "Me Time" and spoil yourself with your favourite indulgences during this hectic period. Simply call Peake Health Spa on 01206 265820/822 to make your booking or to join as a Platinum Member to get an extra £10 off. These Party Packages can only be taken Monday – Friday and are available until 14th January 2011.

Why not put one of these packages on your Christmas list and hint that there are Gift Vouchers available from Peake Spa for treatments and Spa Days!

Peake Spa is open 7 days a week. Visit the website at www.stokebynayland.com for all details on prices and treatments.

"A Boxford Calendar 2012"

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

Record Collection at Remembrance Service

The collection taken at the remembrance Service when villagers came together, to remember the fallen in the two world wars of the last century, was £400.00 a record amount which was sent to the Royal British Legion thank you.

Charity Christmas Cards

Charity Christmas Cards are still available at the Christmas Card Shop in Friars Street, Sudbury.

PLEASE NOTE

The January issue is our Christmas and New Year issue.

Copy date is earlier than usual and is:

9th December at noon

This enables the BRN to be printed and is distributed before the weekend prior to Christmas. Please ensure your copy is with us in good time, the sooner the better.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD CHARITIES

If you are over 65 and have lived in Little Waldingfield for a year or more you may be eligible for the

Christmas gift

Please apply to Sue Mitchell on 247173

NEWS FROM THE PLAYINGFIELDS

DOG MESS, DOGS AND THE PLAYING FIELD.

At the recent Playing fields Committee meeting the members present came to the reluctant conclusion that because there were still some irresponsible dog owners in future dogs would only be allowed with in the boundary of the playing fields and allotments provided they were on a lead.

The committee appreciates that this will disappoint the majority of responsible dog owners but they feel that their first duty is to the people, old and young, who use the area for playing games.

To this end there will shortly be notices erected to inform dog owners of this policy and what sanctions may be taken if the policy is infringed.

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and dance the night away to "The Ultimate Party Band" - Soul Kitchen!

Tickets are £90 and £75 (£10 discount for members)



New Year's Eve Supper and Disco

Bring your friends along and enjoy the relaxed party atmosphere
of this popular annual event

Enjoy a delicious 2 course buffet supper and dancing to Cloud 9 Disco

Tickets are £45 per person (£35 for members)

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sales@stokebynayland.com

See our full Christmas and New Year events brochure online at
www.stokebynayland.com

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Wot's On

FESTIVE HAYDN at SUFFOLK VILLAGES FESTIVAL

Sunday 12 December 2010, 6pm

St Mary's Church, Boxford

Haydn at Christmas

Claire Tomlin (soprano), Anneke Scott (horn)

Psalmody

Essex Baroque Orchestra, directed by Peter Holman

The Suffolk Villages Festival's annual pre-Christmas concert this year features Nativity-inspired music by Joseph Haydn and his contemporaries.

The Essex Baroque Orchestra and the choir Psalmody under Peter Holman will perform Haydn's St Nicholas Mass which was written in 1772, presumably for performance on St Nicholas's Day, 6 December, the beginning of the Christmas season in Austria. Its folk-like style, with drones and rustic melodies, seems intended to evoke the music of the shepherds in the Christmas story.

Peter Holman and Psalmody have recorded for Hyperion, often with Peter Holman's Parley of Instruments. Both The Parley of Instruments and the Essex Baroque Orchestra offer historically informed performances played on period instruments.

For further information about this concert please contact:

Louise Jameson, Administrator, Suffolk Villages Festival, 01206 366603

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 matinee 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.

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.

Birthing Yoga Classes

Unique antenatal and postnatal yoga classes, providing safe effective breathing methods, gentle yoga and relaxation by Wendy Woo-Lake.

Midwife (BSc Midwifery), British Wheel of Yoga and Birthlight teacher. Classes held at Mildenhall Village Hall- Pavilion on Saturdays. Please ring for times and enrolment information 07939111693.

Meditation, Gentle Yoga & Relaxation

Monday Evenings 7:30-9PM starting in February 2011

Gainsborough's House

Hills Room, Weavers Lane Sudbury, Free Parking Market Hill

The class will include yoga stretches to release neck, shoulder & upper back tension, breathing practices to expand breath capacity, and guided meditation and relaxation techniques. Suitable for non-yoga students of all ages.

Possible benefits and learning how to:

- Calm the mind
- Cope with stress, agitation and pain management

- Improve concentration
- Live in the present and be aware of what's happening now (Mindfulness)
- Develop an empathetic attitude towards others

Qualified British Wheel of Yoga instructor, Daphne McCartney-Williams, who has trained in the Tibetan Buddhist Meditation tradition and has practiced TM meditation for 13 years, teaches the sessions. Recently qualified by the BWY to teach Shamatha or Calm Abiding Meditation. Call or email for further details.

Phone: 01787 269985

Email: daphnemw@talktalk.net

Trinity Singers Christmas Concert.

Carols For All

Saturday December 11th. 3.00pm

Holy Trinity Church Long Melford.

Our traditional celebration of Christmas complete with seasonal refreshments. Featuring Special Guests from Long Melford Primary School. Tickets £10, £8 OAP Children under 16 £5 Available at Landers Bookshop Long Melford and on the door on the day.

New Years Eve with "The Ultimate Party Band"

"The Ultimate Party Band" are to entertain at Stoke by Nayland Hotel's New Year's Eve Ball

New Year's Eve revellers are in for a treat this year at the glittering annual Gala Ball at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa. Soul Kitchen, named by many as the "greatest party band in the South East" will be delighting guests with their combination of professional musicianship and a stunning stage show crammed full of soul, ska, funk and blues classics, and a liberal smattering of humour. One past guest has commented "These guys are not only fabulous musicians but incredible entertainers who put on a show to remember – the atmosphere was electric from the start!"

Tickets for the New Year's Eve Black Tie Ball are selling fast and are available from the Sales Team at Stoke by Nayland Hotel on 01206 265818/825 or email sales@stokebynayland.com and visit www.stokebynayland.com for details. Tickets cost £90 or £75, (£10 discount for members) which includes champagne and canapés on arrival followed by a sumptuous 5 course dinner. Limited hotel rooms are also available from just £40 pp including use of the luxurious poolside facilities.



Wednesday 1st December at 7.00pm &
Thurs 2nd to Saturday 4th Dec at 7.30pm
at Boxford Village Hall

Tickets: Wed 1st £6 adults, £3 children (no supper)
Thurs 2nd Fri 3rd and Sat 4th £13 (with supper)

Tickets available from

Boxford Newsagents from 30th October

Licensed bar every evening.

Warning: This show contains loud bangs and flashes

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.

FILMS AT POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Friday 17th December 'A Christmas Carol' (Children £2.00)

Friday 21st January 'Made in Dagenham' (15)

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

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

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 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.

Please meet outside the venue unless it is raining.

HIGH ACHIEVING NEWTON GETS SWINGING

A free golf family fun day is being staged by Newton Green Golf Club to celebrate it gaining recognition for its standards and facilities.

The club will receive cash to develop golf and is using part of its initial grant to help promote the sport as a family entertainment.

Club professional, Tim Cooper, explained: "We want to give families the chance to learn a new sport in a fun, relaxed atmosphere."

The open day will staged at the club from 1 pm on Sunday, December 5, and is open to members, friends and potential new members.

Tim continued: "The day will feature free lessons, putting and chipping games, and instructions on how to carry out basic shots. Prizes will awarded to winners."

The money to help promote the day will come from the English Golf Union and English Women's Golf Association after they awarded Newton GolfMark accreditation at high achiever level.

Anyone wishing to participate in the day should ring Tim on 01787-313215.

Boxford WI

November was our AGM when we reviewed our year and elected our Officers and Committee for 2011. All previous members were willing to stand again which was great so the business side of our meeting was short.

We then went on to have a demonstration of how to make Crackers by the daughter of one of our members which we all tried to emulate not so successfully but it was good fun.

The Autumn Council Meeting at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds went well it was interesting to visit this new venue which has only just opened to the public. The talk by Sheila Dibnah on My Life with Steeple Jack Fred was quite hilarious and very entertaining.

Our Group Meeting was held at Leavenheath this year a very enjoyable evening was had each institute giving a brief talk on the highs and lows of this year. Entertainment was musical with number one hits from the charts since the 1950's to the present day with some comedy included. A super spread of food was supplied by Leavenheath members and enjoyed by us all.

Craft Club meets at Mary's house on December 9th when we will be planning next year's programme.

Book Club meets at Heather's House on 15th December when we shall be reviewing Travels With My Aunt by Graham Greene.

We have now completed our program for 2011 which will be available in December if anyone would like a copy give Heather Worricker a call on 01787 211566.

Benefice Ladies Bring and Share Lunch

Thursday 9th December at 12.30pm

Benefice Ladies Bring and Share Lunch in Edwardstone Village Hall. £5 per person to include a glass of wine.



JIM CARREY

Disney's A CHRISTMAS CAROL

POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER
Tickets £3-50, Children £2.00
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SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2010

Wot's On

MILDEN SINGERS

NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday 19th December. Doors Open at 7pm at Mildren Pavilion
Enjoy the songs of Glenn Miller and The Andrews Sister in a 1930's and 1940's Christmas Concert. You may even wish to dress in outfits from that era.

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 Mildren Pavilion and Playing Field Fund

MIXED CIRCUIT SESSION

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

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

Bygone Exhibition

20th February 2011. 10.30am to 5.00pm.

Long Melford Village Hall

Refreshments, Raffle

Boxford Gardens Open

Sunday June 5th 2011, 11am-5pm

The date has been set for next year's Boxford Gardens Open. It's not too early to put the date in your diaries for 2011 and to hope for good weather! This popular event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help would be extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used by the Boxford St Mary's Building Trust to maintain and restore Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (212264).

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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Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

A ten week course on Wednesday afternoons, 2-4pm,

starting on Wednesday 12th January 2011

in Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford.

Tutor: Peter Strickland

An Introduction to

Dante's Divine Comedy

Dante's Divine Comedy is one of the most celebrated works in European literature. This course will enable students to understand and enjoy the poem by:

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- working through key passages to gain familiarity with the text,

- providing relevant background knowledge, and

- exploring the links between the poem and Dante's life.

We will also look at later poets who were influenced by Dante.

We will work from an English translation (Penguin Classics Vol. 1. *Inferno* translated by Mark Musa is recommended) and no knowledge of Italian is necessary.

Course Fee: £45 for the complete course (payable in week 1 or 2)

Further information from:

Mrs. Etain Todds, Moat Farm Cottage, Edwardstone,

Sudbury, CO10 5PY Tel: 01787 210344

STOKE BY NAYLAND WEA

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 16th December 2010 at 7.30pm at The Middle School.

Douglas Pike, resident of Stoke by Nayland, will give an illustrated talk on the local woodland project

"CHERRY WOOD"

He will tell us about the many varied habitats and the way in which the project has developed.

All members, past, present and future are welcome.

Refreshments: bring along a small plate of finger food for sharing.

Next course; "Coastal Ecology and Conservation" with Fred Boot starts

Thursday 13th January 2011

Further details from 01206 262 312 or 01787 310 918

CHRISTMAS FAIR

At Lavenham Primary School

Friday 10th December 6pm till 8pm

Come and visit Santa in his Grotto

Decorate a Biscuit, Jarbola, Mulled Wine, Usborne Books, Raffle, Treasure Tree, Tombola, Whine or Wine, Cake Stall, Christmas Crafts, Cake Stall & much more!!!

Everyone Welcome

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FOB's Quiz Night

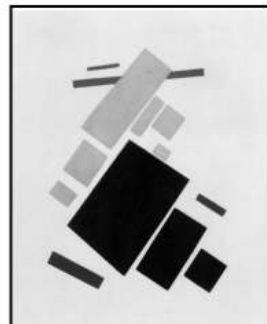
A date for your diary

Saturday 30th April in Boxford School Hall

Boxford Study Centre Presents
A ten week course of lectures by
Graham Slimming

Russian Art

Russia's rich and turbulent history is mirrored in its art. Graham Slimming's course traces the development from the timeless beauty of Orthodox Iconostasis to the uncompromising art of Suprematism.



Starts: Tuesday 18th January 2011

Venue: Boxford School

Time: 7:30

Tel: 01206 337334

Fee: £45



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.

LAVENHAM CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH 10am until 4pm

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.

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

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Boxford Community Council BOXFORD TEA TOWELS



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Proceeds from the sales go to Boxford Community Council and ultimately back into the local community via grants

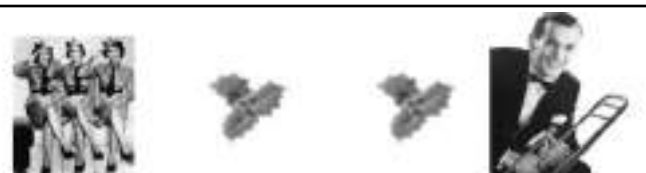
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MILDEN SINGERS NOSTALGIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday 19th December at Mildens 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.

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.



Optional 1930's or 1940's dress

Forthcoming Events Diary

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
9 Benefice Ladies Bring and Share Lunch		Edwardstone Village Hall	12.30pm
11 Boxford Village Hall	Christmas Bazaar	BVH	12noon
12 Haydon at Christmas	Suffolk Village Festival	St Mary's Church, Boxford	6.00pm
15 Boxford WI Book Club		Heathers House	3.00pm
17 A Christmas Carol	Polstead Village Cinema	Polstead Village Hall	7.30pm
19 Christmas Concert	Milden Singers	Milden Pavilion	7.30pm

January

5 Boxford WI Christmas Meal		The George, Cavendish	
18 Boxford Garden Society	Zing and Drama in the Garden	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
18 Boxford Study Centre	Russian Art	Boxford School	7.30pm
22 Boxford Community Council	Quiz Night	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

February

15 Boxford Garden Society	Nature through the lens	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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April

2 An Illusionist		Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room	7.30pm
30 FOBS Quiz		Boxford School	7.30pm

June

5 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford Building Trust	Boxford	
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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.

Christmas is a time when our emotions can be amplified. The happiness of times shared with friends or families takes on a special sparkle. There is that magical joy of the first Christmas with a new baby or of a couple experiencing Christmas in their own home for the first time. Sons and daughters are back from college or university and suddenly a home can seem full of life and laughter again. But, of course, it works the other way too. Those whose loved one has died in the past year, or for whom this Christmas may be their, or their loved one's last, can find Christmas hard to bear, in their sorrow and loss. Those who live on their own or in residential homes, those in hospital, hostels or prison, may feel even more isolated or lonely. Those without work or on low incomes, can feel frustration or guilt at not being able to buy their children the things they ask for. For those with depression, the glitter, tinsel and jollity can feel like an empty sham.

Into all these situations – joyful and sorrowful – the new born Christ child comes, each year, bringing His message of hope - the message that God loves us, deeply and forever, each and every one. The message that, whatever our circumstances, He is able, by his Spirit to be with us, closer even than our own breath.

As those of us in happy circumstances enjoy the fun and friendship of Christmas gatherings, the joyful celebration of our faith in our Carol Services and Christmas Communion, let us keep in our minds those for whom Christmas is a difficult time. Let us pray especially for them, asking God to show us how we can reach out, in whatever small, practical ways we can. It is my prayer that no one will feel left out, this Christmas, but that, instead, everyone will know for themselves the touch and warmth of Christ's all-embracing love and care.

May God bless and keep you this Christmas.

Your friend in Christ,

Revd. Judith.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

*Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236*

*Peter Patrick, Amberley,
White Street Green. tel 210346*

Thought for the Month - Last month we held a service in church where there was standing room only. It was the annual Remembrance Sunday Service when we came together, as a village, to remember the fallen in the two world wars of the last century. £400.00 was sent to the Royal British Legion - a record amount - thank you.

And so we prepare for Christmas yet again. We will be confronted by endless advertisements for the latest in Christmas decorations, the very trendiest gifts, or this year's most fashionable food and drink. Many of us will join with others for some good celebratory experiences. And somewhere in it all, whether it be in the end of term school play, or on a postage stamp, we will remember the story of the nativity.

But the season of Advent gives us a chance to ponder on the meaning of this great feast as well as prepare to savour the experiences of the Christmas season and retell the "Christmas" story. We are reminded that even in the increasing cold and darkness as autumn moves to winter, there is new life coming. As St John says in his prologue which we will read in our midnight service, "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1.v 5). Our Christmas story is one of expectation, hospitality and hope.

Advent Celebration 2010:- 6.30pm Saturday 27th November. With seasonal readings and music followed by a delicious supper. Make a date to come along. It makes a wonderful start to the Advent Season. Tickets are £8.00 (price held at last years rate) for the supper are available in village shops. (the celebration is of course free!)

Christingle Service. This service is always magical. All are welcome. Sunday December 5th at 4.00pm

Suffolk Villages Festival Concert - Sunday 12th December at 6.00pm. Tickets and full details are available from the box office. Please pick up a leaflet in church.

Christmas Services at St.Mary's.

Sunday 5th 4.00pm Christingle Service (collection in aid of The Children's Society)

Sunday 19th 6.30pm Carol Service (followed by mulled wine & mince pies)

Christmas Eve 24th 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25th 10.30 am Family Service

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

LADIES FUNDRAISING GROUP :The next "Ladies Lunch" is planned for Thursday December 9th - this time it will be a "Benefice Ladies Lunch" - at Edwardstone Village Hall – 12.30 - Make a date to come. Further details from Mrs M. Thorpe. Tel:211346

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.

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The Bible Study Group- The next meeting of the bible study group will be at 47 Swan Street on Monday 13th December at 8.00pm, 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.

Smile Lines: A vicar related this story:- 'After a service a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, the vicar is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!' It worked.'



THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone
Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone
Tel: 211161

EDWARDSTONE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2010:

Once again the Christmas Fair was a huge success, thanks to the meticulous planning and hard work by the Fair Committee.

Well done and thank you. Thank you also to all those who supported the Fair by their attendance, sponsorship or donations. *David Saddleton*

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: The traditional Christmas Carol Service will be held at Edwardstone Church on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. Let us hope the weather will be kinder to us this year. Pam Dodd

MORDEN COLLEGE: For those interested in following events at Morden College, they now have a website :- www.mordencollege.org

Rota:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Dec 5:	Mrs Dodd	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	Advent (No flowers)	Mrs Clark
Dec 12:	Visiting	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	"	
Dec 19:	Mrs Dodd	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"	
Dec 24:	Mrs Dodd (Sidesman)	CAROL SERVICE All help with flowers		
Dec 26:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton		



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

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.

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan:	Ms Edwards/ Mrs Foster
Flowers:	All- Christmas Arrangements
Cleaning:	TBA



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Rota	Sidesman	Flowers
Dec 5	Mr Squirrel	Advent – no flowers
Dec 12	Visiting	Advent – no flowers
Dec 19	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Advent – no flowers
Dec 24	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Squirrel
Dec 26	Visiting	



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

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CHRISTMAS SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th December

10am – Village Hall

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

In aid of St Nicholas Hospice

Saturday 18th December

7.30pm – Village Hall

General Church News

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2011 diary in Mary's House for making bookings. When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of every booking, as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.

For inquiries about bookings, please contact *Pauline or David Lamming*: telephone 210360.

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME

A VICTORY FOR SUFFOLK

The Government has announced that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme which, since 2001, has enabled listed churches (including all five in our benefice) to recover the VAT paid on vital repairs, will continue beyond March 2011. It was uncertain whether the scheme would survive the Government's October spending review, and there are some cutbacks in that, as from January 2011, VAT on professional fees and on repairs to organs and bells will cease to be recoverable. Also, there is to be an annual cap on the total amount paid out of £12m in 2011 and 2012 and £13m in 2013 and 2014.

Thanks are due to all those who wrote to their MP, and to the 9,000+ people who signed the petition organised by our diocese, which was in the forefront of the campaign to save the scheme.

THE ICENI PROJECT

A PLEA TO SIGN THE PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS VITAL LOCAL CHARITY

The Icen Project in Ipswich has been providing quality drug treatment services to those affected by drug addiction for 12 years. Despite this valuable and recognised work, Icen has lost out in a recent tender bidding process conducted by the Suffolk Drug and Alcohol Action Team ("Suffolk DAAT") to the growing emergence of large charities who are cutting swathes across the country, effectively running small charities like Icen out of 'business'.

Icen has for over 10 years delivered an excellent and effective service to the very heart of the communities of Ipswich. It was instrumental in assisting many women off the streets of Ipswich and out of prostitution in the aftermath of the murders in 2006.

At the Diocesan Synod meeting on 6 November 2010 an emergency motion was passed expressing support for Icen and dismay at the decision of Suffolk DAAT, which trustees say could force it to close in March of next year.

If you care about the invaluable work done by Icen, please sign the online petition, "Save Icen," at www.iceniipswich.org.uk, where you can also read more about the Icen Project and the work it does.

If in doubt about whether to sign, just remember the impact of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme petition (see above.)

The Church At Worship

December 2010

Wednesday 1st Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Rev David Abel
Thursday 2nd Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord (Rev Judith attending)

Sunday 5th Little Waldingfield	Second Sunday of Advent 8.00 Holy Communion	(P) The Rev Judith Sweetman
Edwardstone Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion 16.00 Christingle Service	The Rev Judith Sweetman Christopher Kingsbury & The Rev Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 8th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Antony Dodd
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Sunday 12th Groton	Third Sunday of Advent 8.00 Holy Communion	(P) The Rev Judith Sweetman
Newton Green Boxford	9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion	The Rev Judith Sweetman The Rev Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 15th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Rev Judith Sweetman
Thursday 16th Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

Sunday 19th Edwardstone	Fourth Sunday of Advent 8.00 Holy Communion	(P) The Rev Judith Sweetman
Newton Green	15.00 Carol Service	The Rev Judith Sweetman
Little Waldingfield	17.00 Carol Service	The Rev Judith Sweetman
Groton	19.00 Carol Service	The Rev Judith Sweetman
Boxford	18.30 Carol Service	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 22nd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion 13 Church Street	The Rev David Abel
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Friday 24th Newton Green	Christmas Eve 15.00 Crib Service	(W) The Rev Judith Sweetman
Edwardstone	18.00 Carol Service	The Rev Judith Sweetman
Little Waldingfield	22.00 Midnight Communion	The Rev Judith Sweetman
Boxford	23.30 Midnight Communion	The Rev Judith Sweetman

Saturday Groton	25th Christmas Day 9.30 Family Communion	(W) The Rev Judith Sweetman
Boxford	10.30 Family Service	The Rev Judith Sweetman

Sunday 26th Boxford	First Sunday of Christmas / Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr 11.00 Morning Prayer	(R) Christopher Kingsbury
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Soap Box

Next year we will have our local District Council elections. With Babergh due to merge with Mid Suffolk half way through the next term, these elections arguably have more relevance than usual. Parish Councils will not be merging as a result of this shake up in local government, though, and there will be 200 of them in the new, enlarged authority. And we will also have our Parish Council elections at the same time.

What worries me is that we will not have sufficient councillors standing next May. This is not just a problem for Little Waldingfield. Standing on the side of the road with the Great Waldingfield PC Chairman the other day on one of our Speedwatch forays, he also expressed the view that finding new – and particularly young – candidates for the Parish Council was a thankless task.

I know what he means. Of our band of seven, one is in his forties, one in her fifties, four in our late or middle sixties and one in his seventies. You can spot me in the age profile and I have to confess that our oldest PC member is not only willing to stand again, he has an energy that belies what we might expect from someone reaching their three score years and ten.

As it happens, our second youngest councillor plans to step down at the next election for quite understandable reasons. A replacement candidate – one with the most perfect pedigree – is now in doubt and it is by no means certain that all the other incumbents will be willing to put their names forward. Sadly, another young and locally born councillor stood down not so long ago, so I feel I am running out of options.

Nor is it just in the field of representing the village on the council closest to home that problems exist. The Speedwatch initiative, to which I referred earlier, is in danger of collapsing due to lack of support from volunteers prepared to give up an hour or so each month to stand at the side of the road and try to check the speed of motorists travelling through our village.

At present all volunteers from Little Waldingfield are members of the Parish Council. In other parishes they have been able to entice other villagers on to this initiative, which does appear to have had some success in persuading motorists to observe the speed limit, even if only momentarily. But to continue we need new blood. Sadly there have been those who have campaigned to employ measures such as this, but who

have yet to step up to the plate.

I recognize we face a problem that is far from local and extends across a wide range of activities. Perhaps the lure of multi-channel TV and ultra realistic video games means that we are less willing to engage with the local community. I hope not. Otherwise you may find a dearth of councillors on your local Parish body or no-one to man the speed guns to help moderate speeding through our villages. So if you feel a sense of community spirit, please let us know. We desperately need more people willing to give up just a little of their time to help maintain our local institutions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

November Draw Results

1st No 16	H Wilson	Colchester	£40
2nd No 30	Ann Whymark	Sudbury	£20
3rd No 157	Joyce Smith	Homefield	£10
4th No 71	Mrs Riches	Polstead	£5

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GARDENING IN DECEMBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Now is a good time to be planning and preparing for a new herbaceous border. Given the right treatment, a herbaceous border can give years of satisfaction and colour for a reasonable amount of money. I often hear people say:

"Plant perennials, they will look after themselves." This is not so since everything needs attention to give of its best. As regards outlay, this can be cut to a minimum by begging pieces from people with established borders.

If possible, try to avoid sitting the border up against a high wall or hedge. Leaving a space between the backing wall or hedge not only makes easy access to the border for viewing and maintenance, but more importantly, it allows the plants to get the light and air needed to produce sturdy growth. Plants that are deprived of light and air become tall, weak and spindly and are easily broken down by wind and rain.

The choice of plants is important; although plants are adaptable to soils and situations, there are limitations to what they will put up with. For instance, if you place plants that like moist conditions in hot, dry situations, or shade-lovers in hot, full, sun, then you are sure to have failures.

Most hardy perennials like a deep, but well-drained soil, losses that sometimes occur in winter are usually caused by water logging and slug damage. Plants that like moist situations can be grown in ordinary soil,

providing plenty of compost is dug into the soil and plants are given a good, thick mulch to conserve the moisture and to keep the roots cool. The height of the plants should be governed by the width of the border, the tallest plants should be no

more than half the width of the border - they will otherwise look out of proportion. Planting distances vary from five per square metre for smaller plants to three per square metre for the more vigorous ones. Do not plant slow-growing plants next to vigorous growers as they will be quickly swamped. Mix plants with flat-topped flowers next to those of a spikey nature for better effect. The planting of a border prepared now should be left until early spring.

House plants. Many people receive house plants as Christmas presents and some of these require special attention:

Azaleas and *Solanums* (winter cherry) both need extra humidity and should be mist sprayed frequently with tepid water.

Cyclamens should not be watered until they show signs of flagging when they should be given only enough water to wet the whole compost. Make sure that only surface water is drained off.

Poinsettias should be kept away from draughts and fluctuating temperatures. These conditions and over-watering are usually the cause of leaves dropping.

Hyacinth bulbs that have been forced for early bloom need to be given plenty of light and enough water to keep the compost moist at all times. Too much water will cause the fleshy roots to rot, while insufficient water will cause the flower spikes to die off prematurely.

Now is the time to box up little pots of your assorted dried herbs, or packages of garden pot pourri or lavender bags, for presents. And to set aside the very late-flowering greenhouse chrysanthemums which - prettily bunched with glossy leaves, berried holly, and sprigs of *Eleagnus pungens aurea variegata* - make such heartwarming nosegays with which to rush around at the end of the week to gardenless friends. Decide exactly what flowers you are going to use, and look out the containers that suit them best.

If Christmas gets to be too much why not escape into the garden and fork over a nice undemanding bed somewhere, or have another look at the seed catalogue and start a new list of 'musts', preferably out of reach of anybody.



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Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Newton Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2010

Present:

Councillors Colin Poole (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Rita Schwenk and Alan Vince.

Attending:

Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor), PCSO Siobhan Hemmett and D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from Cllrs Flowers, Haylock and Wade. James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) also sent his apologies.

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July 2010: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The meeting adjourned at 7.37pm for the Public Forum (Appendix A) and reconvened at 8.17pm

Correspondence and Clerks Report (Appendices B & C): Following a review of the Correspondence the councillors resolved that:

- Clerk to complete the SALC survey on NPC's behalf
- Clerk to arrange a visit to the Recycling centre for a Thursday in November
- Clerk to distribute BDC's Babergh Development Framework consultation documentation to all councillors.

Following a review of the Clerk's Report there was no further action required.

Finance:

a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix D, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget and the bank reconciliation against the bank statements.

b. After reviewing the Asset Register against the quotation for insurance the councillors resolved to renew the insurance with Aviva.

c. The councillors resolved to give Newton PCC £350 towards the churchyard maintenance.

d. The Councillors resolved to request a locality budget grant from James Finch towards the cost of the fence for the play equipment.

Planning:

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/10/00919 Red House Farm, Sudbury Road - erection of two-storey rear extension and resolved to support the application. The councillors were surprised that no mention of the agricultural land either side of the farm, from the boundaries with Gothic House and Jordan's, has been made as all the land is being maintained in line with the farm's garden. The councillors would like to understand any plan that the applicant has for the agricultural land.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/10/01040 Land to rear of Gothic House, Sudbury Road - change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden and resolved to support the application.

c. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/10/01042 The Birches, Sudbury Road - erection of single-storey front and rear extensions and erection of detached double garage (amended scheme to that approved under B/07/01047) and resolved to support the application.

d. No other planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted.

e. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows: Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme

a. The councillors reviewed the revised quote by Wicksteed for the installation of an embankment slide, with grass matting at the top and bottom of the slide, and resolved that the order be placed with Wicksteed for the equipment at a total installed price of £3,628 + VAT. They also noted Babergh District Council's decision to grant NPC £1921.25 from the Section 106 money allocated to the village towards the project.

b. A cheaper quote has been obtained by Cllr Gardner for the materials required to erect the fence and the project will commence once the slide has been installed. The Clerk was asked to arrange a contractor to re-align the entrance to the bridge equipment so that the fence could be installed.

c. There were no issues reported re the council assets.

Tour of Britain cycle race: Bunting will be placed along the edge of the Green and the A134 on the evening of Thursday 16th September. However the cycle ride planned for Saturday 18th September to mark the opening of the cycle track and the TOB race has been postponed until a later date.

C&LG Consultation on referendums on excessive Local Council tax increases: The councillors reviewed the proposal to hold a referendum in the parish should NPC increase the precept beyond thresholds yet to be defined by the Communities and Local Government Department. The councillors were very concerned that even if the residents agreed with the increase of precept at the referendum, the cost of £1,000 would still fall upon NPC to pay. The councillors agreed that this measure should not apply to any Town or Parish Council which has a precept of less than £100,000 and agreed the response to be sent to the C&LG.

BDC meeting with the Parishes: The councillors resolved that Cllr Gardner would represent NPC at the meeting on 11th November.

Village Hall and Trust representatives update: Neither the Trust nor Village Hall had held a meeting since the last reports.

Question to Chairman:

• Cllr Poole will be meeting Suffolk Sport's Tracey Brownlow to see if any of the Fit Village initiatives could be used in Newton.

• The councillors agreed that an appeal by the contractor via the Newsletter would be the most appropriate method of obtaining a strimmer for the grass cutting.

• The councillors deplored reports from the Golf Club that despite the installation of new dog bins in the village, bags of dog faeces are still being dumped in golf tee markers and hedges around the course.

Date of NPC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th November 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm.

Appendix A Public Forum: PCSO Siobhan Hemmett gave the police report. The report tonight covers the period from 1st July 2010 through to the 31st August 2010. During this time 5 crimes have been recorded within the parish, this compares to 3 crimes for the same period last year. The breakdown of crime is 2 Vehicle Crime – a vehicle was damaged whilst it was being driven on the A134 during the evening of 2nd August and a male was charged with Driving with Excess Alcohol on the A134 during the early hours of 20th August. 2 Thefts - a wheeled bin was stolen from the car park of the Village Hall during the afternoon of 30th July. And no publicity has been requested for the second theft, which occurred sometime between 17th and 19th August. 1 Other report - a male is on police bail for Possession of Class B drug whilst on the A134 during the early hours of 20th August. She also updated councillors that PC Chris Garrod was joining the SNT and with the schedule of Community Priority Setting meetings.

Peter Holbrook updated councillors on the proposed merger of BDC and Mid Suffolk DC as well as the next stage of the Babergh Development Framework consultation. The Chairman read the report submitted by James Finch.

Minutes of a meeting of Newton Parish Council

13th October 2010

Present:

Councillors Colin Poole (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Peter Haylock and Alan Vince.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from Cllrs Flowers, Schwenk and Wade.

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Minutes of Meeting held on 8th September 2010: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

With no members of public present the Public Forum was not held..

Finance:

The councillors resolved to approve and accept the external audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2010 by BDO LLP and the publication of the results to the residents.

Planning: The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/10/01126 Trollbo, Rectory Road - erection of porch and pergola to front elevation of dwelling (existing garage to be converted to additional living accommodation as "permitted development") and erection of detached outbuilding and resolved to support the application.

Questions to Chairman:

• Cllr Gardner updated council on the installation of the embankment slide which will be complete once turf is laid around the slide. The councillors were very appreciative of George Davey's generous donation of time and machinery in order that the site was prepared for the installation and requested the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to him.

• Cllr Gardner outlined the project for the fencing of the play equipment area which will commence in the coming weeks. The Clerk will raise the order for the materials.

Date of NPC Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th November 2010.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.

Parish Council Matters

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting

2 November 2010

Present: B Tora, P Baker, R Mitchell, M Ewen, C Bowden. D Kiddy
Cllr J Antill and 1 member of the public
PC Anise Howe

Apologies: S Coomber

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police Matters: A written report was received confirming there had been no reported crimes since our last meeting. PC Howe reported that there are no SNT priorities affecting Little Waldingfield and invited members to raise any issues at the next SNT meeting to be held at Boxford VH on 18 November.

P Baker and the clerk attended a meeting of the local Speedwatch partnership on 1st November and can report that since the Scheme started in April there have been 41 speed surveys undertaken with 235 drivers being reported. Within Little Waldingfield 21 drivers have been reported for exceeding the speed limit. To ensure the continuing success of the Scheme by encouraging drivers to remain within the 30 mph speed limit through the village more volunteers are needed.

Village Matters: Cllr Antill updated the Council on previously discussed planning matters. The container in a garden at Grove Avenue can remain on site as it is used as an office and classed as for domestic purposes and it does not cover more than 50% of the garden area. It seems likely that that retrospective planning permission will be granted for the retention of the barn extension at Park Farm despite the previous dismissal of the appeal by the Planning Inspector. She also spoke briefly about the current consultation period on the Local Development Framework and the workshop of 28 October attended by B Tora and M Ewen.

Minutes of the last Meeting: These were agreed as a true record and signed.

Matters Arising: C Bowden has been informed that it is unlikely that any changes will be made to the bus timetables within the next 5 years. With the severe cuts to the budget Suffolk CC are not in a position to install a footway down to the Lavenham Road. The potholes reported following the previous meeting have been filled in. An excellent service provision by Suffolk Highways.

Financial Matters: The payment for the 2nd instalment of the precept has been received from Babergh DC. The precept for 2011/12 must be set at the December meeting, so please email any requests for budgetary consideration to the clerk. A request for funding has been received from the Suffolk Association for the Blind, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Planning Matters: Permission has been granted for tree works adjacent to The Swan.

Correspondence: The Standards Board regime which covers the Code of Conduct is to be abolished. The intention is to replace the Code of Conduct with a system for registering Councillor's personal interests.

National Grid Proposals: No decision has yet been made. The Government has requested reasons for why National Grid does not wish to underground cables.

Telephone Kiosk: C Bowden will enquire if there is a termination of electricity charge made.

Village Website: The clerk has not yet been successful in uploading information to a page. She will seek further guidance from onesuffolk.

Footpaths: A waymark near Archers Farm has been knocked over and councillors will re-erect it.

Newsletter: R Mitchell will submit a report. A Speedwatch article to encourage more volunteers has still to be agreed for submission.

Churchyard: Nothing to report.

Any Other Business: Details of the timetable for next year's election have been received. Councillors will try to generate interest amongst residents to stand. We will not require poll cards because of the additional costs. The member of the public present enquired if any progress has been made regarding the provision of a bus shelter. The Chairman replied that due to cost it is unlikely to happen.

Dates for the next meetings for the life of this Council were set for 25 January, 1 March, 19 April and 24 May (Annual Parish Meeting).

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in October 2010

Meeting on 4th October

Finance: In addition to the usual business, it was reported that the Church Clock continues to run fast and it was agreed to inform the contractor accordingly. The budget review showed expenditure at 40% of budget at this half way point in the financial year. The External Audit Report was shared with Council showing everything to be in order. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for her hard work in the

preparation of the Accounts and Audit papers. It was agreed to apply for County Cllr James Finch's Locality Budget to contribute towards the Village Hall windows and a new street light for School Hill.

Reports from Members: It was noted that the Parish Council were responsible for repairs to the wall surrounding the Churchyard. Quotations for the more urgent repairs would be sought. The Memorials in the Cemetery and Churchyard have been checked and no immediate issues were noted. Similarly the Bus Shelter has been inspected and no issues were found. It was reported that the drains in Stone Street Road were blocked. This has since been reported to the County Council. It was agreed to thank County Highways for the excellent condition of Wash Lane.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Permission had been granted to timber clad rear extension also with zinc roof and new window arrangement at 38 Swan Street.

2) Work was approved to remove 8 trees to make way for the Extended Schools Building at Boxford School.

The following were discussed:-

a) Proposed removal of protected copper beech tree at Peyton Hall Farm, Stone Street

b) Erection of single and two storey rear extension, outbuilding, entrance gates and associated fencing at Greenbanks, 5 Ellis Street

c) Proposed single storey side extension at 20 Holbrook Barn Road

d) Consulted as adjoining parish on application to vary planning conditions at Copella

Meeting on 18th October

Police Report: PCSO Jamie Fudge reported on crimes from 13th September to 10th October. He confirmed reports would now cover Edwardstone and Groton following a request. During this time 3 crimes were recorded compared to 6 crimes for the same period last year. There was a burglary of jewelry and cash. An outbuilding on Sand Hill was broken into with pressure washer stolen and finally diesel was stolen from a parked vehicle in Boxford Lane. There were no crimes in Edwardstone or Groton during the same period. PCSO Fudge then read from Country wide issues affecting the Police Force. He confirmed the current crime rate for the County was at it lowest for a decade and 88% of people in Suffolk feel safe where they live. He confirmed Suffolk is a low cost force, but in line with Police Forces across the Country they are facing an unprecedented financial situation. They are facing a cut in funding of at least 20 Million over the next 4 years. However, he stressed this will not affect the availability of police officers to respond to emergencies. Members then took the opportunity to raise issues in Boxford including anti-social behaviour on the playing field, an allotment shed window being broken and alcohol cans found in the vicinity. It was also mentioned that the school bus has no room to turn around at the entrance to Daking Avenue due to cars blocking its path. PCSO Fudge agreed to investigate these points. He confirmed he has already started to approach people regarding parking their vehicles on junctions.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren advised the Planning Committee were due to decide the application for replacement windows in the Village Hall. Cllr. Gates agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr. Hurren advised there may be some disruption to rubbish collections due to a pay dispute. He confirmed that long stay parking is now being charged at both Sudbury and Hadleigh town centres. He encouraged support to the Quay Theatre.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch provided a detailed report covering the New Strategic Direction, the future of residential care homes and his visit to Boxford on 1st October to see first hand some of the parking issues around school pick up times. He did not believe the addition of the playgroup building would add to the parking issues due to phased timings of arrival and departure.

Housing Needs: It was confirmed that feedback was awaited from Suffolk ACRE in relation to the Housing Needs Survey.

Correspondence: The Clerk circulated her report ahead of the meeting. Arrangements were finalised in respect of Boxford Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation. It was agreed for Cllrs Fincham-Jacques, Green, Norman and Rule to attend the Babergh Meeting with Town and Parish Councils. The question of increasing numbers of ducks in Ash Street was raised by a resident and it was agreed to install signs requesting that the ducks are not fed. The Parish Council was supportive of the Church Warden's proposal to plant a memorial tree in the Churchyard.

Cemetery: Members of the Cemetery sub committee agreed to carry out a gentle clean of the war memorial ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

Planning The following were discussed:-

A) Proposed two storey extension at 17 Gunary Close

B) It was agreed to arrange a site meeting at Admyra, 24 Swan Street in respect of the amended plans to remove existing single storey lean to extension at rear and erect a two storey extension.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

Readers Letters

Sir,

Brian Tora's Soap Box pieces are always stimulating and have the virtue of appearing moderate and reasonable but his judgement that the present recession 'had its origins in unwise practices in the financial sector' must rank as one of the understatements of this or any other century. There are many of us who regard these 'practices' as the acts of spivs and con-men, using computer tools to build complex 'products' which, though seeming sophisticated, are little different from betting on the horses. They provided an obscene level of reward for the City punters who used them, with absolutely no benefit to society as a whole. Such 'unwise practices' are, in fact, deeply immoral and, in a truly civilised society, would be illegal as well. Has Brian forgotten that the failure of the Banks cost us all some £850 billion while the present cuts are aimed at saving some £38 billion. Yet Brian finds only in this latter figure evidence of waste and bureaucracy that is truly 'frightening'. Weren't you frightened and appalled, Brian, at the far greater figure, a virtually 'no stings' gift to the Banks, a significant proportion of which went towards continuing the disgusting bonus system? To me, what is truly terrifying is that absolutely nothing has been done by the present government to ensure that the same disaster could not happen again. The financial and economic structure of our society is deeply flawed and yet the only answer offered to the present crisis is to make the poor and needy pay for the reckless, insatiable greed of the powerful. Reprehensible as they are, it isn't benefit cheats who have brought the economy to its knees and blaming them for our present ills reveals the underlying morality of a gangster society. Round up the pickpockets while the Mafia Godfathers escape scot-free.

Jeff Wells,
Crown House, Groton

Sir,

It was with surprise, amusement and indignation that I read your readers complaints about pigeons at Homefield. We at homefield have fed the birds in our gardens for many years, the birds drop the seed from their feeder and the pigeons clean up. This stops to a great degree any vermin from infesting the gardens. Country folk will always feed birds and if your reader has any objection they should move to some other area. I am not ashamed to publish my name and am proud to be a resident of Homefield

Derek Butler

Sir,

I am writing as a resident of Homefield Boxford concerning the pigeons. It is lovely seeing the pigeons in our gardens as part of the wildlife we should all be proud of.

The pigeons are not a threat towards us so why should we be told to stop feeding them in our own gardens.

I shall carry on feeding the pigeons and other birds in our garden

Ben Abbott aged 13.

Sir,

Just to let all my friends and neighbours in Little Waldingfield know, Purdy has had her puppies after a very long, worrying 24 hours. Purdy had a caesarean due to a puppy being stuck. She has two boys and one girl. A big thank you to my friend Sharon Hood who took us to the vets and stayed with us through such a dramatic ordeal. Purdy and puppies are doing well

Sandra McGuinness Little Waldingfield

Dear Friends

I would like to thank you all for your get well cards and letters wishing me well in my long stay in hospital. I received cards every day.

Thanks to all the kind people who took my dear wife Ann and my daughter Jackie to visit me in the many hospitals I was nursed in.

Special thanks to my grandson "Cris" for all your kindness and all the time, and sleep, you gave up to visit me each day and all the hundreds of miles you drove daily to the hospitals of West Suffolk, Papworth and Addenbrooks.

I am please to tell you all that I am making a slow recovery

Ken King
Homefield

Sir,

I need a home!

My name is Coco Channel, my previous masters moved and left me behind and now I'm living in a neighbours shed. They are good to me & I like their little one but I can't be part of their family as they already have three cats! I am fed on the doorstep and regularly wormed as I like to hunt – sometimes I will bring you a rabbit as a present! I've had a good summer but now I need to be indoors as the weather is getting colder and as I'm very affectionate I like sitting by the fire and snuggling up to the ones who feed & offer me shelter.



I'm a female, neutered, as I'm not too fussed about having offspring. I don't have many belongings and will fit in well with any family. I like to be out a lot, (so don't really want to go to an animal shelter), but I'm always back for some mutual love and attention.

If you think you can offer me a home call my stand in masters on 01787 211484,

Yours faithfully
Coco Channel

Sir,

On behalf of the British Kidney Association I would like to thank everyone who has saved their stamps throughout the year for this good cause. I have just sent off another big box full. Also a big thank you to the staff at Boxford Post Office for letting me have a box there for collecting, and finally Margaret for bringing them to Hadleigh for me.

Please keep saving your stamps. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas

Yours Sincerely
C Boon

Sir,

Di, Ian & Derek would like to say a big thanks to all who contributed & purchased from our cake and goodies stall.

We are pleased to say we made £513.00 for the Radio Suffolk Tree House Appeal (Children's Hospice).

We wouldn't have done it without you all

Di, Jan and Derek.

Sir,

We are urged in the BRN to take our old newspapers to the paper bank at the Spinney for the benefit of the Scouts and Guides.

This resident does so gladly and regularly but for the past month the container has been full, making it difficult and now impossible to insert ones contributions.

When appeals of this sort are made, responding should be practical and possible. It can not be that difficult surely

Mike Drake.

Sir,

We are writing with regards to a letter published in the Box River News about the feeding of pigeons. It is obvious to us that you know who is feeding the birds as they all sit on our roof waiting to be fed including the pigeons. We enjoy feeding the regular garden birds that visit and it is not our fault that the pigeons wish to join them. We have spoken to our neighbours who have never had a problem with birds soiling their washing or messing in their gardens. We know for a fact that we are not the only residents that feed the birds or pigeons. As winter is fast approaching they need feeding as much as they are in the summer, if not more. The birds also enjoy a daily warm bath.

If this continues to create a problem for certain people please do come and speak to us as we are more than happy to have a chat

Carol and Horace
12 Homefield, Boxford

Box River Benefice, directory of clubs & Organisations

Boxford Clubs & Organisations

1st Boxford Beaver Scouts
1st Boxford Brownies
1st Boxford Cub Scouts
1st Boxford Guides
1st Boxford Rainbows
1st Boxford Scout Group
1st Boxford Scouts
Vulpine Explorer Scout Unit
3 Parishes Response
Bellringers
Boxford Art Group
Boxford Bible Study Group
Boxford Bowls Club
Boxford Bounty
Boxford Carpet Bowls
Boxford Community Council
Boxford Conservative Assoc
Boxford Drama Group
Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop
Boxford Gardens Open
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Boxford Netball Club
Boxford Over 60s Club
Boxford Playing Fields
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion
Boxford Recorder
Boxford Rovers Football Club
Boxford School
Boxford Society
Boxford Spinney
Boxford Sunflower Playgroup
Boxford Study Centre
Boxford Tennis Club
Boxford United Charities
Boxford Village Hall Bookings
Boxford Walks
Boxford WI
Boxford Youth Club
Box River Club
Box River News
Carers Support Group
CE Vol Con School & Nursery Unit
Community Police Officer
County Councillor
District Councillor
Edwardstone and Boxford CC
Fleece Jazz Club
Friends of Boxford School
Green Team
Mary's House
Mill Surgery
Babies and Toddlers Group
Parish Council
Parochial Church Council
Poppy Appeal
Primrose Wood
SESAY
Sponsored cycle ride
Village Hall Draw Tickets

Diana Taylor 210239
Moira Grant 211513
Adam Marshall 210323
Lil Benton 210809
Janice MacMillan 210565
Richard Gates 210432
Mark Miller 211596
Denzil Smith 210020
Vic Rice 210504
Richard Gates 210432
Sue Beven 210021
211077
Les Clark 210698
Mark Miller 211596
Jean Saunders 210725
Roger Cunningham 211592
Peter Patrick 210346
Janice Macmillan 210565
David Mayhew 248585
Jeremy & Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Elizabeth Wagener 210223
Elaine Powling 211243
Nell Suckling 210250
Richard Gates 210432

Philip Rich 210605
Gary Jarvis 01787 211471
Bob Giles 210332
Tina Loose 210538
Gordon Edgar 210108 and Dora George 211789
Moira Grant 211513
Bob Martin 210837
Jane Wood 210181.
David House (Clerk) 210918
Veronica Hobbs 211529
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Iris Robinson 01473 658567
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210558
Helen Shinn 211296 or Salley Lewis 210213
Debbie Hattrell 210943

Brian James 210814
Ian Lindsley 210520
Maggie 210888
Barrie Thorpe 211346
210640

Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club
Line Dancing
Newton Fireside Club
Newton Golf Club
Newton Green Trust
Newton Keep Fit Club
Newton News Views & Coffee
Newton Village Hall
PCC
Police Liason Officer
Sponsored cycle ride
Surgeries

Anne Gardner 312346
Jean Tomkins 377343
Wendy Turner 372677
377217
Lee Parker 376073

Alan Vince 373963
Alan Vince 373963
John turner 372677

Diane Stock 312828
Boxford Mill 210558
Meadow Lane 310000
Hardwicke House 370011
Siam 370444
Brian Lawson 312160
Alan Vince 373963
Tina Boyes 375423

War Games Club
Whist Drives
Willow Montessori Nursery

Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman

Clare Britcher 211234
Fiona Raymond 210461
Daphne Clark 210698

Edwardstone United Charities
Edwardstone and Boxford CC
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Les Clark (Clerk) 210698
Iain Young (01787 210048)
Daphne Clark 210698
Jan Paul 210972

Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation
Groton Parish Council
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Groton Village Hall Bookings
Sponsored cycle ride

Anthea Scriven 01787 210263
Sandra Grey 211465
Jeremy Osborne 211960
Joanna Roberts 210619
Peter Kennedy-Scott 210319

Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council
Lt Waldingfield Parish Room
Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chairman)
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Boxford School News

Phew! Many years ago, more than I care to remember, I used to be a keen footballer. This often involved a game on Saturday afternoon followed by another game on a Sunday morning. One season I was asked to play for Clacton Town, in what I think was the old Eastern Counties League, and I remember one Saturday afternoon a game at Stowmarket. As usual we travelled to the game by car and we all arrived in good time with the exception of one car. With seconds to spare a car came roaring into the car park and a rather green, dishevelled looking figure emerged from the back of the car. He staggered into the changing room and announced that the driver had driven like a maniac and that had he slowed down to 60mph he would have got out! With the pace of educational change happening at the moment I am beginning to feel like the player in the back of that car. Since the general election we have had Free Schools, Academies, The Pupil Premium, pension reviews, changes to school admissions, new funding streams and believe it or not yet another review of the curriculum. I am not sure whether to be excited by the new opportunities that change inevitably brings or depressed at the possibility that through it all we are likely to face much greater levels of responsibility alongside diminishing funding. All I hope is that all of the hard work we have done to improve standards for all of our pupils is not going to be lost. Over the past ten years staffing in schools has increased considerably, especially in the area of support staff. This has had a considerable impact on standards and has ensured that all children have had access to the levels of support they deserve. To cut budgets would inevitably lead to reductions in staffing and as always it will be the most vulnerable least able children who will suffer.

In addition to the pace of educational change already mentioned the pace in school is hotting up as we approach, dare I say it, Christmas. This Friday we will be having a special day to raise money for Children in Need and then it will be full steam ahead as we prepare for the usual end of term festivities. I think I can hear a rousing chorus of the 'Rocking Shepherd' as I write. This year the older children will be performing The

Innkeepers Story based on the book Jesus' Christmas Party. For those of you who are ex pupils and parents it's the 'round the back' one! The Nursery as always are doing their own production entitled The Sleepy Shepherd.

The FOBS are busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre which will be taking place on Saturday 4th December from 2 – 4pm. As usual there will be a wide range of stalls and activities as well as a visit from the main man himself. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally at this time of year parents of pre school children are asked to submit applications for their child's place in school. If you have registered with us you will have received a copy of the form in the post, if not and you would like to apply for a place you need to contact us. As always people in the school's catchment area get priority but only if they apply by the deadline date in January. If you need further details please contact the school office on 01787 210332, they will be pleased to help.

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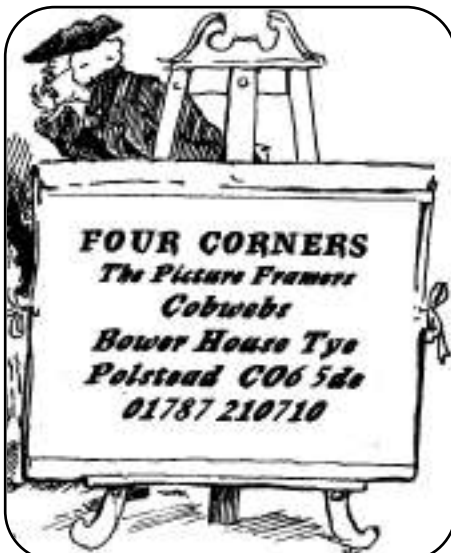
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NEWTON GREEN GOLF CLUB JUNIOR OPEN



Above: Newton chairman Paddy Lockwood presenting the winning team award to the home club players Eloise Aldous, David Aldous and Sam Bishop.

MORE than 80 players took part in the Newton Green Golf Club Junior Open – again making it the largest event of its type run as part of the Suffolk English Golf Union 2010 Junior Series.

The day included a hole-in-one and, as the final event of the year, it also saw the county junior order of merit title being decided.

Chris Vince, of Purdis Heath, and Robbie Salter, Ufford Park, went into the day as joint leaders, and with neither figuring in the top places, they finished the seasons as joint winners, receiving the trophy from Ron Kent.

On the day the top prize of the Newton Junior Open title went to Same Trueman, of Woodbridge, who shot a 73, followed by Chris Bartram, of Diss on 74.

Trueman also shot the best net score of the day in the 1-10 handicap division with a score of 68, followed by Joshua Robinson, Ufford Park, 69, who beat Scot Edwards, of Newton, on count-back.

In Division Two (11-18 handicaps), winner was Nicholas Staff, of Thorpeness, with 42 points, followed by Jack Phillips, 38, and David Jennings 37.

In Division Three (19-36) Tom Fowler had a memorable day scoring a hole in one with a three wood on the par 3 sixth hole, which gave him five points in one shot and enabled him to come first with 42. He was followed by the day's most successful girl, Alice Barlow, of Newton, with 40, who beat Jai Gayle, of Fynn Valley, on count back.

The winning junior team of the day was Newton's Eloise Aldous, David Aldous and Sam Bishop with 115 points.

NEWTON LADIES GOLF CLUB AGM

Newton Green Golf Club Ladies Section recently held their AGM in the Clubhouse. Before the meeting, outgoing Captain, Pat Walsh, whose chosen charity during her captaincy had been St Nicholas Hospice, presented a cheque for £1147.45 to Ian Norris, Community Fundraiser. Officers for the coming year are:

Captain *Jill Symonds*, Vice Captain *Di Cunningham*, Secretary *Jennie Leech*, Treasurer *Ann Vince*

Golfer of the Year was Glenys Grove and Club Champion, Claire Aldous.

New Captain, Jill Symonds, chosen charity for the coming year will be East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Newton Green Golf Club Ladies Section new Captain, Jill Symonds held her Drive-in with a Halloween theme. Jill turned down the use of a broomstick and drove the ball 138 yards to much applause. 48 Lady Members then played a 9 hole 4 ball better ball Stableford with the following winners:-

1st ocb Alice Taylor and Glenys Grove 21 pts,

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Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Dan Swansborough and Will Crisell

PERSONAL TRAINING WITH DAN

Dan Swansborough gained his experience in the Fitness Industry working for various organizations including Fitness Express where he qualified as a Gym Instructor amongst others including Health and Safety and Life Guarding. From there he Moved to Stoke by Nayland Golf and Leisure where he completed instructors courses in Kickfit and Circuit Training. Whilst there he designed personal training courses for a number of the members.

After 5 years at Stoke Dan changed his career to become a full time fire fighter and over the last 7 years he has been able to complete his qualifications in personal training, circuit training and as a Gym Instructor.

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