

Box River News



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PLAYGROUPS NEW BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Finally we are building!

After four years of consultations and planning the Sunflower Group can move this fantastic project to fruition. Building works started in Late October 2010 and will be completed by Mid March 2011. This means we will now be able to offer complete care for children aged 2 – 11 years of age from 7.30am – 6.00pm hopefully from the start of the Summer term pending our Ofsted re-registration.

Unfortunately due to the additional consultations & feasibility plans and some of the worst ground conditions and weather ever seen we are now over budget so need to raise additional funds extremely quickly for the after school resources, equipment and the outside area.

Our fundraising team have already started with selling recipe Jars at Christmas and doing Carol singing in December around the village, they are hoping to organise a Pamper Evening for the spring and the playgroup Children will be doing a sponsored Spring spot to help raise funds.

We will unfortunately need more than this, so are looking for sponsors and donations as well.

If you would like to sponsor our project or have anything that you feel we may be able to use or would like more information on the Playgroup & Extended schools clubs then please contact: Moira Grant on 01787 211363 during playgroup hours.

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MILDEN IN THE MOOD



MILDEN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

In true 1940's spirit the show went on despite the heavy snow fall and the audience was treated to a rousing Christmas concert from the era. With uniforms and dress from the 1930's & 40's the audience was able to 'Get in the Mood' for Christmas as they were taken back to a Christmas Time of Glenn Miller and The Andrews Sisters. With Christmas songs, readings, which included great humour and who could forget the rendition 'When Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer'! Thanks again to Pearl and her Singers for providing a great night whilst raising £500 for Milden Pavilion Fund.

More Men are needed for this Singing Group who meet on a Thursday evening if you would like to join, please contact Pearl on 01787 247965 and the ability to read music is not essential.

The next concert will be during April and will include songs from 1950's 60's & 70's, more details to follow.

PARKING MADNESS



Is it any wonder that double yellow lines are to be painted on the bridge in Boxford and across the front of the post office as far as the door, when you see totally irresponsible parking like this. All too often cars are parking on the Bridge reducing it to single lane resulting in serious congestion. Add to this problem with parents parking on the junction by the cemetery and you have a recipe for disaster.



Friday, 4 February 8.00, Ticket £14

Asaf Sirkis Trio

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This is a history of the jazz trumpet told through the compositions of great jazz trumpet players such as Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Roy Eldridge, Clifford Brown Kenny Wheeler and many more.

Friday, 18 February 8.00, Ticket £16

Moscow Drug Club Quintet

With Katya Gorrie vocals, Denny Illett guitar, Dave Archer guitar, John Pearce violin and Andy Crowdy bass. Elements of 1930s Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, New Orleans Funeral Parade, and Gypsy Campfire, originals and

classics all combine to provide an intoxicating and intimate musical experience.

Friday, 25 February 8.00, Ticket £16

Steve Fishwick + Osian Roberts Quintet

With Osian Roberts tenor saxophone, Steve Fishwick trumpet and flugelhorn, Mike Gorman piano, Jeremy Brown bass and Matt Fishwick drums. The quintet play mainly original music together with some standards, the emphasis being on swinging improvisation with a 50s/60s 'hard bop' sensibility.

Sunday, 27 February 2.00, Ticket £25

Fleece Jazz Benefit Day

Many jazz clubs have struggled during the recession and some have had to close. Fleece Jazz are determined not to go the same way - so are staging a fund-raising day to secure the future of this wonderful club.

We hope for the support of very best names in Jazz. Confirmed so far are Gilad Atzmon and Alan Barnes. Tickets will be half price for anyone attending 2 Fleece Jazz gigs in January or February. Make a note of the date and look out for more details nearer the day.

Friday, 4 March 8.00, Ticket £14

Dylan Howe Quartet

With Dylan Howe drums, Tim Thornton bass, Brandon Allen tenor saxophone and Ross Stanley piano and synths.

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Friday, 11 March 8.00, Ticket £17

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FEBRUARY'S LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

One of the interesting things about moving to a new house is waiting to see what will come up in the garden. In the rectory garden, Rufus and I have noticed small clusters of new green shoots appearing here and there, promising a lovely show of snowdrops in a few weeks' time. I always think that snowdrops are such a strong sign of new life and new hope, often stubbornly flowering when winter is still refusing to loosen its grip. They remind us, that, with God's help, the human spirit can still flourish, even when the circumstances are all against us.



There are new green shoots of life this month in our churches too, as we begin to look at new ways of reaching out to our communities. Firstly, at **All Saints Church in Newton**, on the fourth Sunday of the month, starting on Sunday 27th February, we will be trying out a **new Family Service**. This is being held at the new, later time of 11am and we hope that this will enable families to get themselves ready without rushing and come to church in a more relaxed way. Everyone – single, couples or families - will be most welcome to this service, but it will be especially suitable for those with children. The hymns will be lively ones and the short talk will be interactive, with any children present encouraged to join in. After the service, there will be coffee, drinks and biscuits and social time for you to catch up with each other, and for me to get to know you all. We hope that, in time, this service will become a real focus for families in the village and make your Sundays that bit extra special.

Secondly, I will be saying a short service of **morning and evening prayer around the benefice** each week. This is something which all priests in the Church of England do daily, but often in their own homes. I hope that by being present in all the five village churches on a given day, you will know that I am there, praying especially for your community. Anyone is welcome to join me for this informal time of prayers and readings, which lasts for about half an hour. If you have any special prayers you would like me to say, or if you would like to meet me in church afterwards to talk about any concerns, please just get in touch by phone or email. Do look in this month's service rota elsewhere in the newsletter to find out when I will be in your village. I look forward to meeting you!

With every blessing, *Rev'd, Judith*

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PRIMROSE WOOD-A CELEBRATION



A reminder of an exciting photographic competition

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

The competition is open to all, the subject to be a celebration of the wild life and plants found in a woodland within Boxford, Edwardstone or Groton, or an indication of their importance to our local communities.. To enable anyone to enter the pictures must have their longest side shorter than 18cm (roughly 7") and need not be mounted. The best will be selected by Nic Oliver, a prize winning local photographer who has studied the wild life within Primrose Wood over many years. There will be a prize for the best picture selected by the judge, in addition there will be Highly Commended certificates for the runners up.

The decision of the judge is final but the aim of the competition is to create an exhibition of photographs which celebrate as many aspects of the woodland as possible.

NEWTONS CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



Taking a well deserved break, Father Christmas has a snooze at the Newton Village Hall Christmas Coffee Morning. This ever popular annual village event was well attended and the stalls included the ever popular Table Decorations stall and the draw seemed to go on for ever.



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- Homemade Burgers, with a choice of 'Wild Bunny', 'Beef' & 'Organic Spicy Bean'.
- Classic ploughman's with homemade cheese.
- Tomato & Chilli Tagliatelle with Suffolk salami.
- Homemade Venison Casserole.
- White Horse Bitter battered cod served with hand-cut chips & mushy peas.
- Succulent Brent Eleigh Red Poll Beef Steak (fed on Mill Green Brewery grains).

Desserts

- Homemade & Organic chocolate risotto.
- Homemade Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake served with cream.

(Our food is building up a very good reputation so please book, especially at weekends)

Winter Ale Festival - What's on!

BEERS: As ever there will be some old favourites available, like; Adnams 'Tally Ho', Mill Green 'Mad Old John' & Sarah Hughes 'Dark Ruby Mild', as well as some new and exciting ones, including; Mill Green - 'Puritan Governor John Winthrop's 1630 Colonial Old Ale', Theakstons - Old Peculiar & many more.

ENTERTAINMENT: To accompany the fine ales, cracking atmosphere & open fires there will be live music with band 'Cara Cleibh' on Sat Feb 19th from 8.30pm offering an Irish Celtic Folk Rock medley, on weds 23rd there will be a night of Blues at 8.30pm, & to finish off the festival 'The Skagils' will be performing on Sat 26th!!! A great night of Jamaican style rhythms.

(There is likely to be additions to the lineup so please contact for more details)

Folk Night, 19th Feb, 8.30pm	Blues Night, 23rd Feb, 8.30pm
Real beer, real music and real folk.	A night of electric blues.
Cara Cleibh 19th Feb, 8.30pm	The Skagils, 26th Feb, 8.30pm
Traditional Celtic folk group.	Ska is back and what a night it'll be!!

To find out more about our events, our beer, where we source our food, accommodation available, or any other enquiries:- Ring Amy or Gav on: 01787 211211 - Find out more details at: www.edwardstonewhitehorse.co.uk - Or come up the pub




THE BOXFORD SPINNEY

BOXFORD SPINNEY – SCOUT & GUIDE ACTIVITY CENTRE

Many residents of Boxford Village and surrounding area will be aware of the existence of 'The Spinney' but I wonder how many actually know what it is, what it does, and how it is managed.

The Spinney is an area of about 7 acres part woodland, part meadow and part swamp owned by the Scouts and Guides of Boxford in which they have their headquarters building at the entrance off Fen Street. The remaining area behind contains many adventurous activities such as climbing walls, grass sledge runs, assault course, camp fire circle and other activities.

We are blessed by very supportive neighbours on Fen Street who keep an eye out for any unusual activities which cause concern. Our neighbouring farmer neighbours also give generous support by allowing use of additional fields and lake to enhance our activities.

The site is now a very popular camp site for Guide, Scout and youth groups from all over the County and beyond as well as providing the local school with a facility to allow their small charges a close look at the natural habitat.

We have now owned the site for some 29 years and I have been the prime leader of its development with periodic help from a wide number of adults who have been connected with the development over the years. The management structure for the Spinney is made up of volunteer adults representing each of the Scout & Guide sections in the village with Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer again made up of volunteer supporters. I personally act as booking secretary and site warden with assistance from Ivan Linsell and other supporters from time to time. I recently moved from Boxford to Sudbury but will continue my roles for the time being until old age begins to tell on me.

Our chairman Dora George relinquished her role this Christmas after 14 years of support and is to be thanked whole heartedly for her guidance during these years.

I recently attended a Scout Group meeting as representative of the Spinney Committee and was concerned to find that despite having some 70+ youngsters in their charge there was a reluctance by parents to volunteer to sit on the support committee. This support is essential to the

effective running of a Scout or Guide group. The committees ensure that the funding is found to give the youngsters all the activities possible and to organise social events which bond parents and leaders as a team, not just to raise funds but to understand what scouts & guides are about and enjoy the camaraderie that develops.

I would ask all adults in the village and surrounding area to think about how they can help and enjoy the facilities on offer and to contact the people below to offer their help.

Many thanks Gordon Edgar

Spinney Maintenance – contact Gordon Edgar on 01787 378983 or g.edgar@rdplus.net

Scout Group Committee – contact Mark or Debbie Miller on 01787 211596

Guide Group Committees – contact Kara Ives on 01787 210190

PS there is a working weekend at the spinney on March 5th/6th when all help will be welcome to clear up fallen timber and general tidying up.





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BUSY MONTH FOR BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL.

Once again, December has proved to be a very busy month for Boxford village hall.

As well as seeing the installation of the new windows and doors completed, the hall also played host to its second Christmas Bazaar, which for the first time saw Father Christmas in attendance. Many thanks to John Kirby and other members of the drama group for constructing and manning the grotto, to Bill Horn for ensuring that Father Christmas arrived on time and to all the people that contributed to making the whole day a great success.

The Bazaar also saw the Grand Christmas Raffle, which has been promoted by Veronica and Robert Hobbs being drawn, with over forty prizes being handed to lucky winners. A great deal of thanks is owed to all the people who donated prizes, look out for the list of all the prizes and prize winners accompanying this article.

The hall intends to make the Bazaar a yearly event, the date for this year is Saturday 10th December. We are now taking bookings for stalls, if you are interested then please do not hesitate to contact either Veronica or myself.



Boxford Village Hall saw the New Year in with the Beavers

31st December saw a group of partygoers fill the hall, enticed by the promise of good food, excellent drink and outstanding entertainment in the form of the Beavers. This excellent evening was only possible due to a huge amount of work by Sylvie Tate and Jackie Illife. They gave up a great deal of time to plan and organise the whole evening, ensuring every part of it was to the highest standard thus ensuring that a good time was had by all and in the process, raising over a thousand pounds for village hall funds.

The committee is now looking at what improvements can be made to the hall over the coming year. We are keen to hear from hirers and users of the hall what facilities they would like to see further improved or introduced. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Veronica or another committee member with your ideas and suggestions.

Best wishes for the New Year Julian Fincham-Jacques
Boxford Village Hall Chairman 01787 210376.

Boxford Village Hall Grand Christmas Draw Winners

FIRST PRIZE	£100	Ann Holdgate
SECOND PRIZE	£75.00	Reverend Judith
THIRD PRIZE	£50.00	Lewis Miller
FOURTH PRIZE	£100 M&S vouchers	Tracey Griggs
No.1	Tin of Quality Street	S. Taylor
No.2	Box of Milk Tray	01473 827530
No.3	£10 Partridges Gift Voucher	S. Grimwood
No.4	Midweek Golf for Two	D. Gowan
No.5	Stones Ginger Wine	W. Clackson
No.6	Afternoon Tea at Hintlesham Hall	K. Tew
No.7	MP4 Player	M. Marshall
No.8	Ornamental Wreath	S. Elliston
No.9	Ride in a Ferrari	S. Akers
No.10	Bottle of Teachers Whisky	B. Horne
No.11	Family Swim	B. Meekings
No.12	Colchester United Shirt	Mr. Fraulo
No.13	Box of Belgian Chocolates	S. Prescott
No.14	Irish Country Cream	A. Hodge
No.15	Bottle of Gin	Q. Skinner

No.16	Spa Day for Two	V. Hobbs
No.17	Bottle of Wine	210180
No.18	Tin of Celebrations	J. Mayhew
No.19	Cream Tea for Two	J. Tricker
No.20	Massage	C. Sunshine
No.21	Brace of Pheasants	Mr. Dawson
No.22	Half Bottle of Rum	Hilda
No.23	£10 Tesco Voucher	S. Taylor
No.24	Bottle of Wine	V. Hobbs
No.25	Litre Bottle of Whisky	M. Marshall
No.26	Bonsai Tree	Mr. Abel
No.27	Selection of Beers	Q. Skinner
No.28	MOT Voucher	J. Tricker
No.29	Meal Voucher	E. Kench
No.30	£25 Meat Voucher	D. Twilton
No.31	Pair of Earrings	J. Flockhart
No.32	ITFC Match Tickets	A. King
No.33	Food Hamper	D. Morton
No.34	Turkey	M. Murphy
No.35	Bottle of Rose Wine	C. Lily
No.36	Clock	M. Hubbard
No.37	Cacti	D. Butler
No.38	Iced Christmas Cake	H. Abel
No.39	6 Bottles of Wine	E. Grimsey
No.40	Plant	J. Cull
No.41	MOT Voucher	D. Williams
No.42	Selection of Glasses	D. Swansborough
No.43	Floral Decoration	Q. Skinner
No.44	Plant	L. Drake
No.45	Case of Apple Juice	J. Warren
No.46	Lavender Cologne	H. Took



Above Left: A view of the Village Hall during the very successful Christmas Bazaar

Above: Father Christmas was invited to attend the Bazaar by the Boxford Drama Group

BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL January Draw Results

1st No 135	A & B Porter	Groton	£40
2nd No 115	R Powling	Holbrook Barn Rd	£20
3rd No 72	J Fincham Jacques	Homefield	£10
4th No 152	M Byham	Sudbury	£5

Next draw is on February 1st at the Bingo

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

50 Years of Collecting at Gainsborough's House

An exhibition of works of art acquired by Gainsborough's House in the last 50 years will be shown from 8 January to 26 February 2011. 50 Years of Collecting is the first of a series of special exhibitions in 2011 to celebrate the golden anniversary of the Museum.

Gainsborough's House opened to the public as a Museum in 1961. It remains the only birthplace Museum devoted to a British artist. In the last 50 years, an outstanding collection of paintings and drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (1727-88) has been acquired, complemented by works of art by his contemporaries and followers, as well as later regional artists, such as Rowland Suddaby or Sir John Verney.

Initially, the displays at Gainsborough's House were reliant on loans or gifts of pictures, furniture, decorative objects and books. Since 1961, with the help of gifts or grants, Gainsborough's House has gradually built up a permanent collection of over 2,000 works of art and other items. One of the great strengths of the collection is its works on paper, particularly the magnificent group of Gainsborough drawings. This exhibition will celebrate the formation of the collection by showing a wide selection from it. The emphasis will be on drawings, prints and archival material, and will include works by Gainsborough, John Constable, the caricaturist Henry William Bunbury, and others, which will illustrate the extraordinary range and quality of our holdings.

Donations and Fund Raisers for 3PR

3PR recently received a cheque for £80 from an anonymous supporter, to purchase some new face masks for use in resuscitation and the application of Oxygen. Doreen French the Treasurer of 3PR wishes to acknowledge receipt of the cheque and say thank you for the generous donation. 3PR's volunteers are always heartened when their efforts are appreciated.

A Pumpkin Competition organised by Les Snell was recently held between the Boxford Fleece and the Edwardstone White Horse during which the sum of £210 was raised for 3PR's funds. In the completion the winner at the White Horse was a tie between Atlanta Snell and Sarah Brooks, with the winner at the Fleece being Steve Fairs.

3PR are always grateful for such donations and would like to thank Les for his considerable efforts.

A grateful patient also recently donated £100 to the responders funds

HADS AGM AND NEW 2011 PRODUCTIONS

NEW PRODUCTIONS: As we enter into our 91st year of entertaining the good people of Hadleigh, 2011 will be one of our best for performances. Starting in the Spring of 2011 we are truly delighted to be staging the full-length play "Party Piece" by Richard Harris and directed for HADS by Malcolm and Tom Hollister. This is the second Richard Harris play to be performed by HADS, the first being "Stepping Out" which many of our audiences will happily remember. Dates for the new production "Party Piece" are 31st March, 1st April and 2nd April 2011 at the Town Hall, Hadleigh. Tickets will be on sale from the Idler in mid January, priced at £7:50 for adults and £6 concessions. In July we will be presenting a new play directed by Margaret Foulkes and Martine Walter and in the Autumn you can expect another murder/mystery from HADS that will also go on tour to continue our successful scheme that raises funds for local charities. Finally, our Christmas 2011 production directed by Niki Seager and performed by HADS Juniors will be Pinocchio. If you would like to try for a part in any of these forthcoming productions, or want to know when tickets are available for any of these, look out for information in the local press and posters around the town. Better still, come to our AGM and join HADS as a member or sign up for Jan Devey's excellent free eNewsletter. Keeping up to date with the Society's events and productions has never been easier, call 01473 824033 or 827091 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Putting on productions like these requires lots of support ranging from actors, stage and production crew, publicity, front of house, costumes, props and many other tasks that are fun, interesting and essential. If any of these appeal to you, do get in touch with us and you will be made most welcome. For more information, call 01473 824033.

AGM: All members, non-members and anyone just curious to know more about HADS is welcome to join us for our Annual General Meeting at 7:30pm on Monday 31st January at the URC in Hadleigh. Join or renew your membership and get regular eNewsletters and information about HADS events. Members are also invited to submit nominations for the Committee by either proposing your own name or

that of another HADS member. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 01473 827091 or 824033.

Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club

We look back on another successful year at our Friendship Club. We have enjoyed speakers; outings - two of them. Mystery Tours provided by Felix Buses; two lunches and a strawberry tea; and not forgetting Rose's quizzes.

We have welcomed new members and now look forward to another varied programme for 2011.

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Parish Room and are always happy to welcome new members
Betty Ratee 01787 247528.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

SATURDAY 2nd April.

The Community Council have arranged a visit to Westminster Abbey on Saturday 2nd April 2011 with David Burden, who was in charge of the administration side for a number of years until his retirement. This visit will include an Evensong service with the choir present and a tour of the Abbey.

If there are any available places we will be opening up the visit for bookings on Saturday 12th February at 10.00 by ringing 210819.

The coach will leave Boxford village centre at 09.30 and arrive at our drop off point at approx. 11.45.

We will re-assemble at 14.15 to start the visit so there will be 2.1/2 hours for lunch. You may wish to bring a packed lunch or head off and find your own. David will be able to give us some guidance and history of the Abbey on the way up.

After assembly at 14.15 the tour will begin at 14.30 and the Evensong at 15.00. After that there will be a continuation of the tour and we will hopefully be boarding the coach at approx. 17.30 for return to Boxford at 20.00.

The cost will be £17.50 per head which will include coach travel, drivers tip and entry to the Abbey.

Cheques should be made payable to Boxford Community Council.

This will be a good opportunity to see the Abbey just before the Royal wedding.



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So that you can try out these wonderful skin care products for yourself, we are holding a tester day on Friday, 4th March between 10 am and 2 pm at the shop, where one of Essential Care's representatives will be able to answer any questions you have about the company and its range, as well as giving you a free facial if you would like one. Mark the date in your diary - we look forward to seeing you!

Our Winter Wonderland



Top: Stone Street
Above: Wash Lane

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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM



PUBLIC MEETING

7:00pm – 8:00pm
Thursday 21st April 2011
Village Hall, Stone Street,
Boxford, CO10 5JT

- Meet local council officers and police.
- Discuss local issues that you would like to raise.
- Influence local priorities.
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10/11/2010

PRESIDENT RICE



In a letter to the BRN in last months issue, Vic Rice announced his retirement as Co-Ordinator of 3PR. Little did he know that the many members of 3PR past and present were not going to let him get away with it that easily and at a reception held in the home of Robin and Elizabeth D'astur in Edwardstone, Vic was appointed Life President with special responsibility for recruitment and initial training. He also received a DAB radio from the many grateful members, past and present who have appreciated the enormous amount of effort Vic has put in over the last nine years.

It was Vic's vision back in February 2002 that resulted in the formation of 3PR following an appeal in the Box River News (above right), for a first response team to cover the three villages of Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton. This was to be one of the first groups in Suffolk and after training the team went into action in September 2002.

3PR has always enjoyed considerable support from villagers, grateful for such a reassuring service with members putting in hundreds and thousands of hours on call over the years.

Top: Vic with a certificate signed by all the members of 3PR

Above Right: The first appeal in the Box River News

Right: Vic with his long suffering wife, Betty, enjoy a glass of champagne on their arrival.

Below: Members relaxing and enjoying their champagne and superb nibbles.



Wot's On

GROTON'S RE-SCHEDULED CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Sat. March 5th 7.30pm Groton village Hall

Plans are going ahead for the Cheese and Wine Party, which was to have been in December, but the bad weather intervened. Apart from there being no Christmas decorations, things will be much the same, excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald Bar, Auction of Promises, etc. Tickets [£7 each] available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. We hope that all our usual supporters will come along, so get your tickets soon and we'll look forward to seeing you *Pat Kennedy Scott*.

PANCAKE LUNCH

Tuesday, March 8th 12.30 Mary's House.

On Shrove Tuesday, Groton PCC are planning to host a Pancake Lunch in Mary's House, at 12.30. There will be both savoury and sweet fillings, and we hope to see many of you there to enjoy this seasonal treat. Just drop in to Mary's House in Swan Street, Boxford between 12.30 and 2.30. Proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church.

Boxford Drama Group

For some, murder is a crime. But for the Tombs it's a family business.

Tiptoe through the Tombstones, written by Norman Robbins, is a comedy thriller, but this one is anything but predictable. All the classic ingredients are here - the poison in the drinks, the bloody murder weapon, the secret passage, the poor lost stranger, the shots in the dark, stabbings, the rising death toll and accusations galore. Suffice it to say things are definitely not what they seem.

All the action takes place in the Tombs family home, Monument House, a rambling gothic mansion in the midst of a large marshy swamp, miles from the nearest village. As the fog descends the members of the Tombs family gather at the behest of Mortimer Crayle, their solicitor, whose purpose is ostensibly to inform them about their inheritance. But Crayle has designs on the inheritance which demands the death of all Tombs.....

The play dates are Thursday 24th March £7.00 or with a meal £13.00. Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March £13.00 with meal only. There will be a licensed bar each night and curtain goes up at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from Boxford Newsagents from Saturday 26th February. Please be aware that we are unable to offer refunds.

GENTLE EXERCISE & AEROBIC & CIRCUIT

GENTLE EXERCISE class at Boxford Spinney, 8.30am commences Tuesday 11 January

AEROBIC & CIRCUIT class at Boxford School, 7.00pm, commences Wednesday 12 January.

Come and join us in February.

All are welcome, men and women, for more details call 211822 "

BOXFORD WI

In January we met for our Christmas meal at The George in Cavendish where we enjoyed a very good meal served in festive surroundings

On February 2nd we will be welcoming Jan Byrne to talk to us about her position as Mayor of Hadliegh

Craft Club meets on February 10th At Mary's House when we shall be learning how to make Felt Flowers

Book Club meets at Heathers House on February 23rd when we shall be reviewing Dissolution by C J Sansom

We welcome visitors to our meetings we charge £2 this includes Tea Coffee and Biscuits

Anyone who would like a copy of our 2011 Programme can call Heather on 01787 211566

RUBY AND HER HORSES

Coming to Ltl Waldingfield Parish Room on Thursday 17th March 2011

'If you get a chance to see these two entertainers grab the opportunity with both hands!' - The East Anglian Daily Times

This is a true life narrative told by Neil Lanham from stories that were told to him by his Mother Ruby. In the show the audience will be drawn back to the period just before the First World War and then through the agricultural depression of the 1930s. It was, Ruby said, a time when '

'If you hadn't got anything you were lucky because you hadn't got the worry of it. For sure as eggs are eggs you'd loose it.'

The narrative is supported by a PowerPoint presentation of Ruby's own photographs, digitally enhanced for the big screen, and each story is followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard in his

nutbrown East Suffolk voice. Everything you hear on the night will come straight out of the oral tradition, nothing having been taken from books.

'We have had quite a bit of feed back of a very positive nature. The words 'charming' 'enchanting' 'riveting' and suchlike have been used.

'The two men held the audience spellbound for 2 hours and Ruby was brought alive with stories producing bouts of laughter and feelings of sadness in equal amounts' - East Anglian Daily Times 18 Sept. 2007.

7.00pm for 7.30pm start - Tickets £6 from Mary Thorogood 01787 247658. Proceeds to The Parish Rooms and St Nicholas Hospice

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Boxford Village Hall Circa 1930

Boxford Drama Group presents

Tiptoe through the Tombstones

A comedy thriller by Norman Robbins

*For some people murder was a crime
for the Tombs it was the family business!*

At Boxford Village Hall

Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th March at 7.30pm

Thursday 24th £7 no supper or £13 with supper

Friday 25th and Saturday 26th £13 with supper only.

Licensed bar. Tickets available from Boxford Newsagents from 26th February.

Wot's On

Little Waldingfield Parish Room

Another successful and enjoyable Quiz Night was held on 13th November. It was very pleasing to see some new villagers attending. The winning team was Pete, Reet, Wendy & Fran, who were known as "My Round". This caused our popular Quiz Master Brian, some discomfort when asking for the scores. These events are proving most popular. We were sold out by 25th September – before posters and tickets could be printed.

So here are the dates of the 2011 planned events. We already have bookings for some, so book early to avoid disappointment – tickets will have to be issued on a first come first served basis.

12th February	Quiz Night
17th March	Ruby & her Horses
2nd April	Close-up Card Illusionist
25th June	Car Treasure Hunt
10th September	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition
12th November	Quiz Night

Over 60's meetings

January 31st Quiz
February 14th Win A Bake
February 28th Roy Spillar (entertainer) this is an open meeting to which everyone in the village is invited
Brian Havis, Secretary

Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

Friday 11 Feb "Julie & Julia" (12) 123mins

Friday 25 March "Another Year" (PG) 120mins

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

All films start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm

AN ECCENTRIC LOOK AT SUFFOLK WITH CHARLIE HAYLOCK

Sat. April 9th Groton Village Hall 7.30pm

We are most fortunate that Charlie Haylock [who was featured in the East Anglian Daily Times on Jan. 8th.] has agreed to come and talk to us about dialects. This promises to be a very entertaining evening, and there will be a break for refreshments in the middle of his talk; please bring your own wine [glasses provided] as we have not got a licence. Details about tickets will be available next month, but do put the date in your diaries now, and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

SUFFOLK VILLAGES FESTIVAL

WORLD-RENOWNED HARPSICHORDIST, TREVOR PINNOCK, TO PERFORM FOR SUFFOLK VILLAGES FESTIVAL

Sunday 6 March 2011, 6pm

St James's Church, Nayland

part of the Suffolk Villages Festival Winter Concert Series

TREVOR PINNOCK harpsichord

FROBERGER	Suite in C major
J.S. BACH	Partita No.6 in E minor, BWV 830
LOUIS COUPERIN	Prelude in D minor
ELISABETH JAQUET DE LA GUERRE	Sarabande in D minor & Chaconne in D major

F. COUPERIN	Passacaille & La Morinète from Livres de Clavecin 8
RAMEAU	Quatres Pièces de Clavecin:

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Les Cyclopes

Trevor Pinnock is one of the most famous and distinguished figures in the early music field. For thirty years he directed the English Concert, which pioneered performances of Baroque and Classical music on period instruments, and he now divides his time between conducting, solo harpsichord recitals, chamber music and educational projects.

We are delighted to be able to welcome Trevor Pinnock back to the Festival after his very successful concert with the European Brandenburg Ensemble in 2007.

Tickets: £15, £12 & £10 (half-price to those in full-time education)

Box office: 01206 366603, box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com

For further information about this concert please contact:

Louise Jameson, Administrator, Suffolk Villages Festival, 01206 366603, louise@suffolkvillagesfestival.com



Meryl Streep Amy Adams
Written for the Screen and Directed by Nora Ephron
Julie & Julia

POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
Tickets £3-50, from Polstead Community Shop
or on 01787 210029.
All films begin at 7-30pm, doors open at 7-00pm



GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



**QUIZ AND
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At

Groton Village Hall (Former WI Hall)

On Friday 1st April 2011 7.30 for 8.00 Start

£7.50 per head (entry plus choice of curry & dessert)

Teams of four

Pat & Gerald Bar

Raffle

Phone Joanna: 210619 or Jayne: 211360 to book your place

Wot's On

Monks Leigh 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).

COME AND JOIN US FOR A WALK!!

Babergh District Council Health Walks Programme Jan – March 2011

Date	Area	Led By
Thursday 3 February	Sudbury	Samantha Cross
Thursday 10 February	Boxford	Samantha Cross
Thursday 17 February	Sudbury	Barbara Tottle
Thursday 24 February	Hadleigh	Barbara Tottle

Hadleigh walks meet outside the Library in the High Street

Sudbury walks meet outside the Quay Theatre Quay Lane.

Lavenham walks meet outside the Cock Pub

Boxford walks meet outside the White Hart Pub

For more information please call Barbara Tottle on 01473 825834

THE KELVEDON SINGERS CONCERT

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH, 6.00 P.M.:

The Kelvedon Singers are giving a concert in Edwardstone Church on Saturday March 19th at 6.00 p.m. The programme will include works by Haydn, Dvorak and Bruckner and also a variety of classic popular songs from the 30s and 40s.

This concert is to celebrate the completion of quinquennial work carried out in the Church.

Admission £10 available from Pam Dodd 01787 210397.

The Kelvedon Singers

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Music by

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Plus Classic Popular Songs from the 30s and 40s

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Edwardstone

Saturday 19th March 2011 at 6.00pm

Admission £10 Contact Pam Dodd 210397

Refreshments available in the Interval

*Celebrating the completion of quinquennial work
carried out in the Church*

Friends Of Boxford School



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Saturday 30th April 2011

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7.30 start (prompt)

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Wot's On

Assington Mill

Last year was a good one for us, with 25% more students attending the courses than in 2009, and many days completely full, so we are looking forward to more of the same.

Something else to look forward to is the arrival of Tim & Sophie's prize-winning English Longhorn cattle, now that the fields have all been fenced in for them. This is a move encouraged by the Higher Level Stewardship agreement and will be of benefit to local wildlife. We have also set up a small "landshare" scheme, so the area behind the tractor shed (the classroom) is fenced against rabbits and will provide four plots for local people.

So what's new in 2011? Well, on Sunday 6 February there is a one-day chainsaw course for amateurs. Neil Reekie, who examines the professionals, is going to show you how to maintain and especially how to sharpen the saw, tree-cutting techniques and how to use the chainsaw safely and what equipment you need. This type of course is usually aimed at professionals, is expensive and takes several days.

Then there is Loom Weaving and Fabric Design with Janet Phillips, who has written books on the subject. This is a five-day course, also in February, which includes a visit to Jason Collingwood's studio. The Working with Birds of Prey courses were filled very quickly, but you could go on the reserve list. Jane Sen, a well-known cookery book writer and former advisor to the Penny Brohn Bristol Cancer Care Centre, is doing a one-day Cooking for Health course in March. And the same weekend Daniel Kenning will guide you through the maze of energy conservation, especially what is worth spending money on and what is not, i.e. photovoltaic panels, ground source heat pumps, wood chip boilers, wind-power etc. We have two ground source heat pumps here at the mill that you can see working, and are planning to install photovoltaic panels in the coming year.

In the autumn Robert Bucknell will be holding a one-day course on humane fox control (he has written two books on the subject) and Paul Keyland will explain and demonstrate rabbit-control in the form of ferrets and ferreting.

Our more popular courses will be held as usual in 2011. Please have a look at the website, www.assingtonmill.com, for full details and dates. Look forward to seeing you again in 2011. Anne

Edwardstone White Horse

We have our Winter Ale festival on Friday 18th-Sunday 27th February. The plan is to have some interesting examples of this pre industrial revolution type of Ale both of the pale and darker types.

Mill Green Brewery has 'Mad Old John' a very popular beer and is planning a new addition 'Puritan Governor John Winthrop's 1630 Colonial Old Ale'

Old Ale can be pale and burst with lush sappy malt, tart fruit and spicy hop notes.

Darker versions will have a more profound malt character with powerful hints of roasted grain, dark fruit, polished leather and fresh tobacco.

Fleece Jazz Benefit

**Sunday, 27 February all day
at Stoke by Nayland, Tickets £25**

In common with many organisations, and despite continued artistic success, Fleece Jazz has suffered financially of late and to help restore our dwindling reserves and keep us in business, we are having an all day benefit gig when a galaxy of jazz stars are coming to play and sing. They recognise the importance of our place in the world of British jazz and our need to keep the wolf away from the door of such a much loved award winning venue.

All our favourites who are available on the day will be coming and a fabulous time is absolutely guaranteed.

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Boxford Community Council

BOXFORD TEA TOWELS



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They sell at £3.50 each or 3 for £10 and are on sale at Boxford News and Boxford Post office.

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

Forthcoming Events Diary

January	31 Boxford Over 60's Club	Quiz	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
February	2 Boxford WI Jan Byrne Mayor of Hadleigh		Boxford VH	2.00pm
	10 Boxford WI Craft Club	Felt Flowers	Mary's House	2.00pm
	12 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.00pm
	14 Boxford Over 60's Club	Win a Bake	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
	15 Boxford Garden Society	Nature through the lens	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	22 Fleece Jazz Club	Benefit Gig	Stoke by Nayland Club	2.00pm till late
	23rd Boxford WI Book Club		Heather's House	3.00pm
	27 Fleece Jazz	Benefit	Stoke Club	2.00pm
	28 Boxford Over 60's Club	Roy Spiller	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
March	2 Boxford WI	Tina Loose on the Pyrenees	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
	5 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
	8 [Shrove Tuesday] Pancake Lunch	Groton PCC	Mary's House	12.30
	10 Boxford WI Craft Club	Painted Stones	Mary's House	2.00pm
	17 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Ruby & her Horses	Parish Room	7.00pm
	22 Boxford Community Council	Executive Council Meeting	White Hart	8.00pm
	24-26 Boxford Drama Group	Tiptoe Through the Tombstones	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
	29 Edwardstone PCC	The Kelvedon Singers	Edwardstone Church	6.00pm
April	1 Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee	Quiz and Curry Evening	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
	2 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Close-up Card Illusionist	Parish Room	7.00pm
	2 Boxford Community Council	Visit to Westminster Abbey	The Fleece	10.00am
	3 Boxfords Got Talent		Boxford Village Hall	3.00pm
	6 Boxford WI	Carolyn Souter Back Stage Tales	Village Hall	2.00pm
	9 Groton Pcc	An Eccentric Look at Suffolk with Charlie Haylock	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
	14 Boxford WI Craft Club	Tea Bag Folding	Mary's House	2.00pm
	20 Groton PCC	Lent Lunch	Mary's House	12-2.00pm
	27 Boxford Community Council	AGM	The Pavilion	8.00pm
	30 FOBS Quiz		Boxford School	7.30pm
June	5 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford Building Trust	Boxford	
	18 Groton PCC	Groton Food Market	Groton Village Hall	TBA
	25 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Car Treasure Hunt	Parish Room	5.00pm
July	Groton PCC	Benifice Lunch	Groton House	TBA
September	10 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition	Parish Room	10.30pm
November	12 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.00pm

First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford

7.30pm



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

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

The joyous festivals of the church celebrating the Incarnation - God coming into our world in the person of Jesus - are brought to a close with Candlemas. This last festival of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons reminds us of the occasion when the young child Jesus was taken by his parents to be presented at the Jewish Temple.

The faithful and aged couple, Simeon and Anna, recognised Jesus as the one who would bring light and life, not just to the Jewish people amongst whom he had been born, but to all people. That means us - you and me! Jesus offers each of us his light and wisdom to guide us and his life to sustain us. So at Candlemas we thank God for that promise, lighting candles to show that God's love burns as brightly in our hearts today as it did in the hearts of women and men two thousand years ago.

The naming of the remaining Sundays in February as "the Sundays before Lent" tells us that we are moving towards the next important season of the church year. Lent is the time when we remember the hardships and temptations of Christ in the wilderness, as he clung tenaciously to, and accepted the consequences of, his mission. For to bring to all people the good news of God's love and forgiveness would cost Jesus nothing less than life itself.

In the face of Jesus Christ
Your light and glory have blazed forth,
O God of all the nations;
With all your people,
May we make known your grace
And walk in the ways of peace;
For your name's sake.
Amen.

(Prayer following Psalm 67 in "Common Worship Daily Prayer".
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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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Thought for the month:

It surely doesn't matter whether God has a male or female gender, what we should be really be sure about is that our God comes, as his son said, "that we might have life more abundantly" - in other words enjoy ourselves. Sadly the church can sometimes give people the idea that our God is one who wants to make people feel guilty, stop enjoying themselves, and constantly point the finger of blame at others. Yet the God we actually read about in the gospels, in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, seems to be one who tells jokes, goes to parties, has his arms wide open for those who've made a mess of things and even changes insipid water into vintage wine to make a wedding feast go with a swing. Why not, this year, find out more about this incredible person?

The Cake Stall held on Saturday 15th January raised £172.20 towards church funds. Many thanks to everyone who donated cakes & helped in so many ways. Ruth Kingsbury

Calling all photographers - "A Boxford Calendar 2012"

We are planning to produce a calendar (to be available in August 2011)-proceeds from the sale in aid of Boxford Church. 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! We have had lots of excellent photos sent so far, but we need lots more!

The Box River Club:-

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.

The Bible Study Group-

The Bible Study Group meets 2nd & 4th Monday in the month at 47 Swan Street Boxford 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 From a church notice:

Today's Sermon is entitled:" How Much Can a Man Drink?" with hymns from a full choir.

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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

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Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone
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CONCERT- SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH, 6.00 P.M.:

The Kelvedon Singers are giving a concert in Edwardstone Church on Saturday March 19th at 6.00 p.m. The programme will include works by Haydn, Dvorak and Bruckner and also a variety of classic popular songs from the 30s and 40s.

This concert is to celebrate the completion of quinquennial work carried out in the Church.

Admission £10 available from Pam Dodd 01787 210397.

ROTA

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Feb 6:	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Clark	Mrs Suckling	Mrs Saddleton
Feb 13:	Visiting	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	“	
Feb 20:	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	“	
Feb 27:	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 RE-SCHEDULED CHEESE AND WINE PARTY Saturday March 5th 7.30pm Groton Village Hall

Plans are going ahead for the Cheese and Wine Party, which was to have been in December, but the bad weather intervened. Apart from there being no Christmas decorations, things will be much the same, excellent food, Pat-and-Gerald Bar, Auction of Promises, etc. Tickets [£7 each] available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Pat Bowdidge [211553] or any member of Groton PCC. We hope that all our usual supporters will come along, so get your tickets soon and we'll look forward to seeing you.

AN ECCENTRIC LOOK AT SUFFOLK WITH CHARLIE HAYLOCK

Saturday April 9th Groton Village Hall 7.30pm

We are most fortunate that Charlie Haylock [who was featured in the East Anglian Daily Times on Jan. 8th.] has agreed to come and talk to us about dialects. This promises to be a very entertaining evening, and there will be a break for refreshments in the middle of his talk; please bring your own wine [glasses provided] as we have not got a licence. Details about tickets will be available next month, but do put the date in your diaries now, and we'll look forward to seeing you there.

PANCAKE LUNCH

Tuesday, March 8th 12.30 Mary's House.

On Shrove Tuesday, Groton PCC are planning to host a Pancake Lunch in Mary's House, at 12.30. There will be both savoury and sweet fillings, and we hope to see many of you there to enjoy this seasonal treat. Just drop in to Mary's House in Swan Street, Boxford between 12.30 and 2.30. Proceeds to St. Bartholomew's Church.

ROTA

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Lamming

Flowers: Ms Finch

Cleaning: Mrs Skinner



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

ROTA

Feb 6:

Feb 13:

Feb 20:

Feb 27:

Sidesman

Mr Squirrell

Visiting

Mr Bowden

Visiting

Flowers

Mrs Squirrell

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor Smith

Mrs Grunsell



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Diana Stock,

12 Links View. Tel: 312828



Views of the recent cake stall and raffle in Mary's House

The Church At Worship February 2010

Wednesday 2nd Boxford	Candlemas 10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd. Judith Sweetman
Thursday 3rd Lt. Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

Sunday 6th Lt Waldingfield Edwardstone	5th before Lent 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) The Revd. Judith Sweetman
Boxford	9.30 Morning Prayer <i>Please note new time</i>		The Revd. Judith Sweetman
Boxford	11.00	All Age Worship	George Barnes & The Revd. Judith Sweetman
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 9th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
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Sunday 13th Groton Newton Green Boxford	4th before Lent 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) The Revd. Judith Sweetman
	9.30 Holy Communion		The Revd. Judith Sweetman
	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 16th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Antony Dodd
Thursday 17th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

Sunday 20th Edwardstone Lt Waldingfield Boxford	3rd before Lent 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) The Revd. Judith Sweetman
	9.30 Holy Communion		The Revd. Judith Sweetman
	11.00	Holy Communion	The Revd. Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 23rd Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd Judith Sweetman
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Sunday 27th Boxford Groton Newton Green Boxford	2nd before Lent 8.00	Holy Communion	(G) The Revd Judith Sweetman
	9.30 Holy Communion		The Revd Judith Sweetman
	11.00	Family Service	The Revd Judith Sweetman
	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Daily prayer in the benefice (see Revd. Judith's letter elsewhere in this issue).
All welcome!

Tuesdays	9.00 am at Edwardstone 4.00 pm at Little Waldingfield
Wednesdays	9.00 am at Groton
Thursdays	9.00 am at Newton 4.00 pm at Boxford

GARDENING IN FEBRUARY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Complete the pruning of fruit trees without delay. Cut out any dead, diseased, unwanted or spindly branches. Watch out for the appearance of pink pustules of the disease coral spot which usually attacks only dead wood but it can spread to live tissue.

After pruning, spray with a tar oil wash to kill over wintering pests and diseases also to clean the bark of moss and lichen. Do not spray with tar oil after trees are showing signs of bud growth, otherwise young growth will be damaged. Cover up any plants and grass under the trees to avoid damage from the spray.

If you have a heated greenhouse and can maintain a temperature of 50° to 55°. A start can be made sowing summer bedding and vegetable seeds - if no heat is available it is best to delay sowing until March. It should be remembered that many plants are attacked at the seedling stage by diseases that affect them at soil level. Whole trays of seedlings may collapse caused by disease known by 'damping off' which is caused by various fungi. Best control is to water the compost at sowing time with chestnut Compound, and at two week intervals after germination until the plants are established. Avoid over-watering.

Begonia tubers should be started into growth now for pot culture or for an outdoor display in tubs or borders. Plant the tubers upwards in a seed tray filled with compost and pot up individually when well rooted. Try

tubers of the non-stop variety - this is a multi flora type and as its name suggests will flower non-stop until autumn frosts. One of the most adaptable of bedding plants is the fibrous rooted Begonia semperflorens, it is tolerant of all types of

soil, shady or sunny positions, and will do well in dry or wet summers its flowers being unaffected by rain. Seed of B. semperflorens should be sown now as it requires a long season of growth to get good plants by the end of May. If you do not want to raise them yourself, seedlings are available now at garden centres.

At the end of the month, weather permitting, roses can be pruned. Hybrid T's should be pruned back to three buds from the base, Floribunda's to four or five buds. Don't be afraid to cut them back hard rose bushes will last longer, stay healthier and give a better display by hard pruning. After pruning spray the remaining wood and surrounding soil with Armillitox used as directed by the makers. There is still time to plant new rose bushes and other deciduous shrubs and trees. The planting of evergreens is best delayed until the soil warms up.

Ferns are in need of potting on if the soil ball shows full of roots when topped out of the pot. Re-pot in John Innes N01 and remove any dead or discoloured fronds. To increase your stock of fern, divide the old plants and use the vigorous outside crowns to pot up in 3" pots. Discard the weak ones from the centre.

Split up your snowdrops, this is the moment, while they are still in bloom. Bewilderingly, the handfuls of a couple of years ago will have increased into vastly overcrowded clumps; they will seed themselves around, of course, but treat them like chives, take tiny tufts, and set them at random about the place, wherever you want an (eventual) white drift. N.B. The "doubles" are infinitely more spectacular, if that is what you need, but the old fashioned slender "singles", are best in the grass. Take arms against the birds who are merrily tearing your yellow crocuses to pieces, and nipping all the buds off the forsythia bushes. Make chicken-wire tunnels, anchored with bricks, this will keep the sparrows off the crocuses. Black nylon thread, cat's-cradled over the forsythias, will deter the bluetits and finches. N.B. If the forsythias are not stripped, have a look at your fruit trees, the birds are probably busy on every fruit-bud you own!



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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in November 2010

Meeting on 1st November

Boxford Conservation Area Appraisal

The Parish Council together with 16 members of the public attended the Public Consultation on the Conservation Area Appraisal. Patrick Taylor, Babergh Conservation Architect, explained that guidelines from English Heritage were followed and each Appraisal was individually written. The scope included topography, geology, archeology, history, Listed Buildings, traditional materials, spaces between buildings, trees, open countryside, former uses and detracting features. He encouraged feedback which would be retained and available to members when they decide whether to adopt the Appraisal. Questions were raised regarding the conservation area boundary, the influence of the Appraisal and its contribution to the sustainability of the village. It was confirmed the Consultation period was due to end on 12th December. The document was scheduled to go before Babergh Strategy Committee on 12th January. The finished document will be of particular relevance to Planning Officers, the Parish Council and those considering work to their properties. All documents are available on the Babergh Council website.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, a contribution was made to The Royal British Legion in respect of the Remembrance Wreath.

Reports from Members: Cllr Gates reported on the Planning Committee Meeting at Babergh Council and confirmed that the application for replacement windows and doors in the Village Hall had been passed.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

- 1) Permission had been granted for a single storey side extension at 8 Stone Street Road.
- 2) Work was approved to crown reduce poplar, fell old alder trunk, crown lift lime and shape walnut tree at Causeway House, The Causeway
- 3) Approval had been granted to remove protected beech tree at Peyton Hall Farm, Stone Street.

The following were discussed: -

- a) Amended Plan to replace extension at 24 Swan Street.
- b) Proposed two storey front, single storey side and rear extensions at 40 Homefield.
- c) Consulted as adjoining parish on application for non material amendments to production premises at Copella

Meeting on 15th November

Police Report: PCSO Jamie Fudge was unable to attend, however, sent his report covering 18th October to 11th November. This covered 3 reports of criminal damage at the allotment sheds, a house window broken in Swan Street and also a theft of a pedal cycle.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren advised that Babergh Council were working hard on budget for the forthcoming year. Further progress was being made towards the proposed merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. The car parking charges for long stay parking had gone ahead in Sudbury and Hadleigh Town Centres. B Hurren was investigating the timing of the dust carts along Swan Street as it was coinciding with school buses and causing congestion.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was present to deliver his report covering the New Strategic Direction and the future of residential care homes in Suffolk. He elaborated on some areas and provided further literature to members on the principle of divestment. He confirmed that despite the desire for some services to be taken over by communities, in some cases the County Council would remain legally responsible. In view of the financial situation he confirmed it was necessary to work with community partners to explore new ways of operating.

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. Members agreed to support requests from residents in Homefield for an additional sign level with no. 1 Homefield indicating numbers 1 – 14 Homefield. This would hopefully avoid some of the confusion for visits and deliveries. It was agreed to write to Babergh Council in the first instance.

Reports from Members: Cllr Norman agreed to make arrangement for the Christmas tree again this year. Richard and Inneka Morris from Mill

Green had kindly agreed to donate one again.

Planning: The following were discussed: -

- A) Proposed removal of overhanging branch at Green Bank, 5 Ellis Street.
 - B) Temporary trellis at The Grange, Stone Street.
 - C) Pruning to overhanging plum and willow trees at 3 The Causeway
 - D) Detached double garage with home office above at The Cottage, Sand Hill
 - E) Proposed cart lodge at 2 Cherry Ground Cottages, Wash Lane.
- Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 14 December 2010

Present: P Baker, R Mitchell, S Coomber, C Bowden, M Ewen and D Kiddy. One member of the public

Apologies: B Tora

Declarations of Interest: There were none.

Police Matters: A written report was received confirming there were no reported crimes since the last meeting. We have a new volunteer for Speedwatch, R Ridgeon.

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

Matters Arising: Following the patching and filling of the potholes in Church Road these have already reappeared.

Financial Matters: Cheques were signed in favour of D Gotts for a churchyard cut on 7 October, and to Acton Village Hall for our share of hire costs for a public meeting on the Local Development Framework. Requests received for funding were circulated. We have been notified of a slight rise in the cost of the churchyard grass cutting. A unanimous decision was made to retain D Gott's services because of the high quality of his work. A budget for 2011/12 was discussed at length with the previously circulated proposals as the starting point. With the forthcoming changes to the planning responsibilities and the Localism Bill it was felt that a training budget will be necessary. It was decided that the allowance for charitable donations should also be increased. The decision was therefore taken to increase the precept by about 2.5% to £4230.

Planning Matters: Between meetings no objections were raised to an application for works to a walnut tree covered by TPO WSCC230 at Walnut Tree Cottage, and permission has been granted. An application for the demolition of the existing porch (Listed Building Consent and Planning) at Slough Hall and the erection of 2 and single storey extensions were discussed but no objections raised.

Correspondence: Notifications of forthcoming road closures have been received – Grove Avenue to Mildred Road from 10/1/11 – 4/2/11 and Church Road 21/2/11 – 19/2/11.

National Grid Proposals: Nothing to report.

Telephone Kiosk: Nothing to report.

Village Website: Parish councillor details have been uploaded.

Footpaths: Suffolk CC have been asked to add a 'No horse' sign to the waymark opposite Archers Farm. Repairs to this sign have not been completed due to the adverse weather conditions.

Newsletter: R Mitchell will submit the Minutes and an article about the switchover to digital TV.

Churchyard: Nothing to report.

Any other Business: None. Date of next meeting 25 January 2011.

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Parish Council Matters

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held in December 2010

Meeting on 6th December

Public Forum: Revd. Judith attended with Christopher Kingsbury. Revd. Judith introduced herself and welcomed working with the Parish Council. She was delighted with the Christmas tree organised by the Parish Council and donated by Richard and Inneka Morris. Christopher Kingsbury referred to their letter asking for the annual contribution towards the insurance costs of the Church. He explained the refurbishment work carried out to the Church during the year. A civic service will be arranged for the autumn 2011 and invites will be provided.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, a donation of £1500 was agreed towards the fabric of the Church. It was agreed to provide a larger grant to the Village Hall for this financial year of £1500. Attention then turned to the Precept for next financial year and members voted to make a nominal increase of 1.5% on last years Precept. It was agreed to authorise work to replace the gate posts at the Churchyard. Swan Street Junction

Cllr Gates reported on the meeting with PCSO Jamie Fudge in Mary's House regarding cars parked on junctions in the village. Members were concerned that trade to the village shops could be affected by over enforcement at the Swan Street junction. They also accepted that on some occasions traffic is obstructed by inappropriate parking which could have serious implications in an emergency. It was agreed to include as an Agenda item at the January full Meeting to discuss potential solutions.

Reports from Member's: It was agreed to ask for all the grit heaps in the village to be replenished and for an additional one to be located outside the Village Hall. Members thanked the Clerk for requesting assistance with the gritting outside the School and Village Hall. A large pot hole was reported near the garage.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

- 1) Permission was granted to vary certain planning conditions at Copella Fruit Juices.
 - 2) Work can proceed on trees at Greenbank, 5 Ellis Street
 - 3) Permission granted for detached double garage and home office above at The Cottage, Sand Hill.
 - 4) Permission granted for two storey front extension at 40 Homefield.
 - 5) Work can proceed to prune plum and willow trees at 3 The Causeway
 - 6) Permission granted for replacement windows & doors at Boxford Village Hall
 - 7) Permission granted for single storey side extension at 20 Holbrook Barn Road
 - 8) The application for cart lodge at 2 Cherry Ground Cottages, Wash Lane had been withdrawn
 - 9) Permission granted for two storey side extension at 17 Gunary Close
- The following were discussed: -
- a) Revised drawings for extensions, outbuildings, gates and fencing at Greenbank, 5 Ellis Street.
 - b) Proposed first floor side extension and front porch at 14 The Causeway
 - c) Amended drawings to extend Admyra, 24 Swan Street
 - d) Proposed work to Yew Tree at Ancient House, 18 Ellis Street
 - e) Proposed remedial pruning to protected Walnut tree at 55 Swan Street

Meeting on 20th December

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren reported there is likely to be no increase in the Babergh District Council element of the Council tax in the next financial year. He advised that the plans for 24 Swan Street were due to go before the Planning Committee. Babergh Councillors had voted for a merger with Mid Suffolk District Council. There will be a public poll on the proposals.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend, however, provided a brief report on the subject of a potential footbridge from the White Hart car park to the school grounds. He was seeking views from the Parish Council before progressing matters further.

Housing Needs: The results of the survey had been received. There was a 40% return rate which was above average and the Chairman thanked members for their assistance in the preparation and distribution of the forms. It was suggested to invite representatives from Babergh Council and Suffolk ACRE to a meeting in February 2011 to discuss the next step.

Reports from Members: Pot holes were reported in The Causeway, Swan Street and Groton Road.

Planning:

The following were discussed: -

A) Amendments to earlier applications for an Affordable Homes Development on land east of 28 & 29 Homefield.

B) Proposed conservatory at 53 Swan Street.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

A Memory of Boxford found on the internet

I would like to add a memory of Boxford, no, wonderful memories that I have of Boxford 65 years ago.

As a child of four, I was evacuated with my grandmother Mary Jane Farthing, nee Carpenter, to Boxford to stay with her parents, my great Grandmother Mary and Grandfather Charles Carpenter at Tinywent Corner - a little cottage with a well and a toilet way up the end of the garden.

The start of this adventure suddenly went haywire when the train stopped at Marks Tey, and we had to walk the rest of the way to Boxford.

Looking up Swan Street from the bottom, the school I attended would have been behind me, and also the village hall. This was our meeting place on a Saturday morning to see the silent black and white pictures with somebody playing the piano.

Moving up Swan Street, the first house on the right was rented out to my great uncle Eddy and great aunt Flo. (Her Yorkshire pudding and gravy, cooked on a paraffin stove was delicious.)

Further up the street on the left was the butcher who used to stop selling meat at midday on a Saturday, and then become the barber. He only used to cut the sides in a style known as the basin cut, leaving the top quite long.

Further on were some small old peoples' dwellings where my great Grand parents spent their last days. Just past this was the church., which I had to attend twice on Sundays, I believe it was Methodist. Keeping going past the road to Tidywent Corner, and up the hill was the public house called, I believe The Fox. This was managed by my Great Uncle Olly and Great Aunt Sybil. He was some character, with an artificial leg, which he used to stand in the corner with his collar and tie attached. Many a time I walked across the fields from Tidywent to get a bottle of beer for my Great Grandad. A frightening thing to do in Autumn and Winter.

Carrying on past the Fox was a field with a broken mulberry tree, when ripe we all made ourselves sick, but they were gorgeous. Next on the right was Rose Cottage within was my Great Aunt Beatrice. I hope it still stands, because it was so beautiful.

And now to Tidywent Corner. As the road turns at the top to the right, a pond sat next to a "modern" cottage wherein were two of my mates, a boy and girl, their names I cannot remember. Legend had it there was a horse and cart sunken in the pond, and we believed it! Next to it and opposite my cottage was a Molten, a long building for keeping hay etc, with below it a rifle range. I don't think I ever heard a noise from it.

Further up on the left was (to us) the Manor house. Once, when scrumping grapes, I was caught by the local bobby who clumped me round the ear and sent me home, to get another one from Great Grandpa! I mentioned the well earlier. This was directly outside the kitchen door, and quite deep. It was, for a long time our only source of water.

Before going to school, it became my job to wind up a few buckets to see us through the day. The toilet was a tin hatted contraption with just a hole in the ground, and a wooden seat. It was built under a plum tree I think, when ripe they sounded like bombs when hitting the roof.

Although blind, my grandpa kept singing birds in a brick shed by the side entrance. He had a cat, which was vicious, and would only go to him; I just kept out of its way. One day the cat never came home, until that is, whilst I was pulling up the water, the cat was in the bucket. I dropped it and ran into Granny who picked it up and buried it. I think to his dying day great grandfather thought I had thrown it down the well.

I used to help the milkman deliver the milk, just in the Tidywent corner that is. He had a horse and a cart like a Roman chariot, without the swords. The jugs were left by the door, with cash of 2 pence or more covered with a saucer.

My daughter is carrying out a family tree, and we would love to hear from anyone in the family. She has compiled a list of the Carpenters (see below) a large family as you can see, but there is one name not on the list. I was often teased by 'Una' a land army girl whom I am sure was a relative; I would dearly like to meet her again. I sincerely hope this little memory will stir someone's interest, and hopefully they will get in touch with us. By email to swiftcall@tiscali.co.uk, Or by snail mail to: Alan Lloyd, 12 Britannia view, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 9QT
Family tree of carpenters: Earnest married Leslie Fairs: Edgar married Elsie Herbert: Oliver married Sybil Hunt: Elsie married Percy Gant: Beatrice married Albert Tricker Mary Jane married Charles Farthing

Readers Letters

Sir,

Brian Tora claims that - "we have been chronically mismanaged as a nation for too long. Dare I say thirteen years". Well, he may find thirteen a daring number, but I prefer a different one. How about 30 years? The economic policies of the last thirteen years have been very little different from those of the previous 17. The insane dabbling with monetarism, the liberalisation of the financial sector, the destruction of manufacturing, the de-mutualisation of the Building Societies, the privatisation of everything (with disastrous results) all began (if my memory serves me right) in 1979. In my view, the principal 'mismanagement' of the last thirteen years is the uncritical acceptance and continuance of those policies by a government unwilling to reverse the true 'social engineering' that they represented. I have no interesting anecdotes to offer but I have spent much of my working life in the Public/Voluntary Sector and I am therefore no friend of overblown rewards packages for College Principals, Council Chief Executives, et al, but I find it misleading and intellectually disreputable to focus on Public Sector pay without comparing it to the Private Sector. The highest earners in the Public Sector (Heads of Russell Group Universities) earn salaries representing an average pay multiple of 19 to 1 when compared to their lowest paid staff. NHS Foundation trust chief executives earn an average of 14 times that of their lowest paid member of full-time staff, while local authority bosses receive on average much less than that.

I find these Public Sector figures shocking indeed, but they are puny in comparison with those in the Private Sector. Pay for FTSE-100 chief executives is now two-and-a-half times more than in 1998, which represents 88 times the UK median wage, and 200 times the national minimum wage. The fact is that there is a breathtaking cynicism involved in a lot of executive pay deals, which are unrelated to either personal or corporate performance and involve people who are very well off helping themselves to even larger salaries when private sector wages in many companies are being cut.

And, of course, they never pay the price of failure. Following the baby 'P' tragedy in Haringey, the Director of Social Services lost her (very well paid) job without compensation. Quite right too, some might say. But when does this ever happen in the Private Sector? Chief Executives like Fred Goodwin of the RBS disaster get huge severance deals when they fail - sometimes it seems that the more spectacular the failure the bigger the severance package.

But then Fred wasn't really at fault was he, Brian? As you put it - "who can blame the banks if they rose to the challenge?" Banks apparently exist in a social vacuum separate from Society. They are not expected to have any kind of a moral compass to guide them other than the demands of 'The Market'. And, of course, The Market reigns, supreme and unchallengeable, the only motor of economic activity, seen by its believers as the only means of satisfying human needs even though it patently fails, time and time again to do this, often with tragic consequences for humankind.

'Chronically mismanaged'? We most certainly are - when all governments of the last 30 years have seen their only responsibility as pleasing 'The Market' in order to provide calm waters for corporate sharks to feed in.

Jeff Wells

Crown House, Groton

Sir

Everyone at Sunflower Playgroup would like to thank the kind and generous people who bought recipe jars at the Christmas village fairs and donated to our Carol singing. We were sorry we couldn't sing to the full proposed route, but after 1 1/2 hours the children were getting ever so tired. We think they did a really good job though.

In total we raised a fantastic £131.76 for our carol singing and £180 for our recipe jars.

Thank you once again everyone. We still have a long way to go, but this is a fantastic start to help our Sunflower playgroup move.

Many thanks,
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Sir

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May I begin this news by wishing all the readers a very Happy New Year. I trust you had an enjoyable and not too expensive Christmas break. For my own part I got stuck with cooking the Christmas dinner for eleven members of my family. To say it was a little fraught would be an understatement. I will watch Masterchef with renewed admiration in the future!

I suspect this year is going to be a very tough one for us all in education as the new Government set about putting their mark on things. Alongside considerable changes to the structure of education in this country I think there will be inevitable pressure on school budgets and staffing. Amongst many proposals are the creation of Free Schools, Academy Status for high performing schools, the new Pupil Premium, a revised curriculum, new testing and reporting arrangements and a complete overhaul of Local Authorities and school funding.

This particular term is always a very busy one from a management perspective as we prepare for the new financial year. This year waiting for our budget will be a particularly anxious one as we have little information as to how the new funding formula will work for us. Listening to Mr Gove on the radio would suggest that the dramatic cuts being made to education support services will benefit us as he keeps saying that the money saved will be devolved to Heads who know how best to spend the money in their schools! This should mean we are awash with money next year.

The end of the Autumn Term was as always very busy but most enjoyable. The Nativity based on the book 'Round the Back' went very well and the church was extremely full for both performances, so full in fact that we are proposing to hold three concerts next year. The Nursery production of 'The Sleepy Shepherd' was also a great success. As always our children did outstandingly well and were a real credit to us all. One Grandparent wrote in response to the Nativity 'It was one of the most charming and well produced nativity plays I have seen.' My thanks must go to all those who put so much time and effort into making both productions so successful. The collections following the Christmas Nativity concerts raised over £250 which was donated to the church and to the muscular dystrophy charity.

At the present time we are receiving applications for a place in school next year. As we discussed at the last meeting all children will start the Reception Class the September after their fourth birthday.

Applications for places remain extremely high and we are almost certainly going to be over subscribed. If you think your child is entitled to a place next year and you have not yet contacted us please do so as soon as possible. Failure to do so could mean that there will be no place for your child next year.

Finally may I remind everyone that this year's FOBS Quiz will be on Saturday 30th April. If you would like to enter a team (up to eight people) please contact either Stephanie Atkins or the school office.



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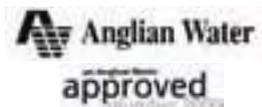
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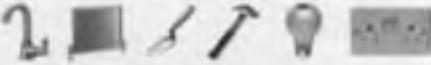
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CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS AT NEWTON GREEN

Newton Green Golf Club seniors battled through unpleasant conditions to complete a 18-hole Texas Scramble event prior to their annual Christmas presentation lunch.



Winners of the competition with a score of 62.5 were the foursome of John Steed, Bernie Pratt, Frank Salt and Steve Street .

Club vice captain Alan Cunningham (left) presented the annual awards to the following, back row: Ernie Doe, Alan Allum, Steve Clark, Frank Salt, Andrew Johnson and John Humphreys. Front row: Peter Webb, Nick Young and Jim Ansell.

TON UP FOR NEWTON GREEN JOINERS

A local golf club continues to be one of the fastest recruiting in the country, with 180 welcomed to membership in the last two years.

In the last 12 months Newton Green Golf Club has seen an influx of 100 newcomers across a wide range of categories. As it maintains its membership drive, it is opening 2011 with a 15 month membership for the price of 12 months.

The club has been offering special deals three times a year and says the marketing tactic has proved an investment, with many of the new joiners renewing their subscriptions at the appropriate times.

Chairman, Paddy Lockwood, said: "Our offers are realistically priced which means newcomers are paying an attractive, yet reasonable fee to come on board. We try and make a special effort to reach out to our new arrivals and are pleased so many go on to make a longer term commitment.

"Golf clubs across the country have been wrestling with declining membership numbers, although the actual number of individuals playing the sport has been going up.

"We are trying to show people that actually joining a club can take their participation in the sport to a new level of enjoyment.

"We recognise the need to allow people to get into a club through a range of entry choices, which reflect varying degrees of commitment, both in terms of leisure time availability and the amount they wish to invest in their sport."

Mr Lockwood said nearly 40 full members had joined during the year, plus 16 juniors, 10 Davey pay and play members and nine intermediates (aged 18-30). In addition, a further 21 had taken up a three month deal in October, and the club was now looking forward to taking many of them on board permanently.