

# Box River News



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## FLEECE IN NEW OWNERSHIP



*Above: John Norton, the new owner of The Fleece on the front steps together with his wife, Margaret and son Joseph.*

Before going to press, John said "We have had a chance to assess the work that will be required to open the bars and sort out the landlords accommodation and it will probably take longer than we originally thought. The intention though is to open the bars first and then phase in cooked food, function room and accommodation as the work is completed. We are very keen to hear from anybody with any relevant experience, who would like to work at the Fleece Hotel, in any capacity". They can email [john.norton@nortonorganic.co.uk](mailto:john.norton@nortonorganic.co.uk) or ring 01787210899 (day time).



*The security screens are removed revealing a more acceptable facade*

## MILDEN ROCKED 'N' ROLLED



Milden rocked 'n' rolled with performances by the Mildens Singers at their recent concerts. Elvis, The Beatles along with the tunes from ABBA and The Carpenters with a Bohemian Rhapsody finale Entertained the full house whilst raising an amazing £801 for The Pavilion towards the new play equipment. Well done to Pearl and The Mildens Singers. This group urgently needs more male singers, please call Pearl on 01787 247965. The Group meets on a Thursday and the ability to read music is not essential. We look forward to the next concert at Christmas.

### Please Note

On the 24th April I managed to press the wrong button and killed off all my emails. I managed to rescue most of them but if I have missed anything That was sent to me up to that date, please accept my sincere apologies *Ed*

John Norton, a local farmer and proprietor of the Castlings Heath organic cider also owns The White Horse at Edwardstone and Mill Green Brewery, the new micro-brewery at the White Horse, which is designed to be as energy-efficient as possible and was built with environmentally friendly and sustainable materials. The Brewer is John's son Tom who first brewed for the pub's "Eddy Fest" in August 2008.

As explained in last months BRN it is intended to restore the Fleece to being a proper village pub serving real ales and good wholesome locally sourced food. Plans for the future of the function room are still under consideration but we can expect it will involve some of the best music in the county.

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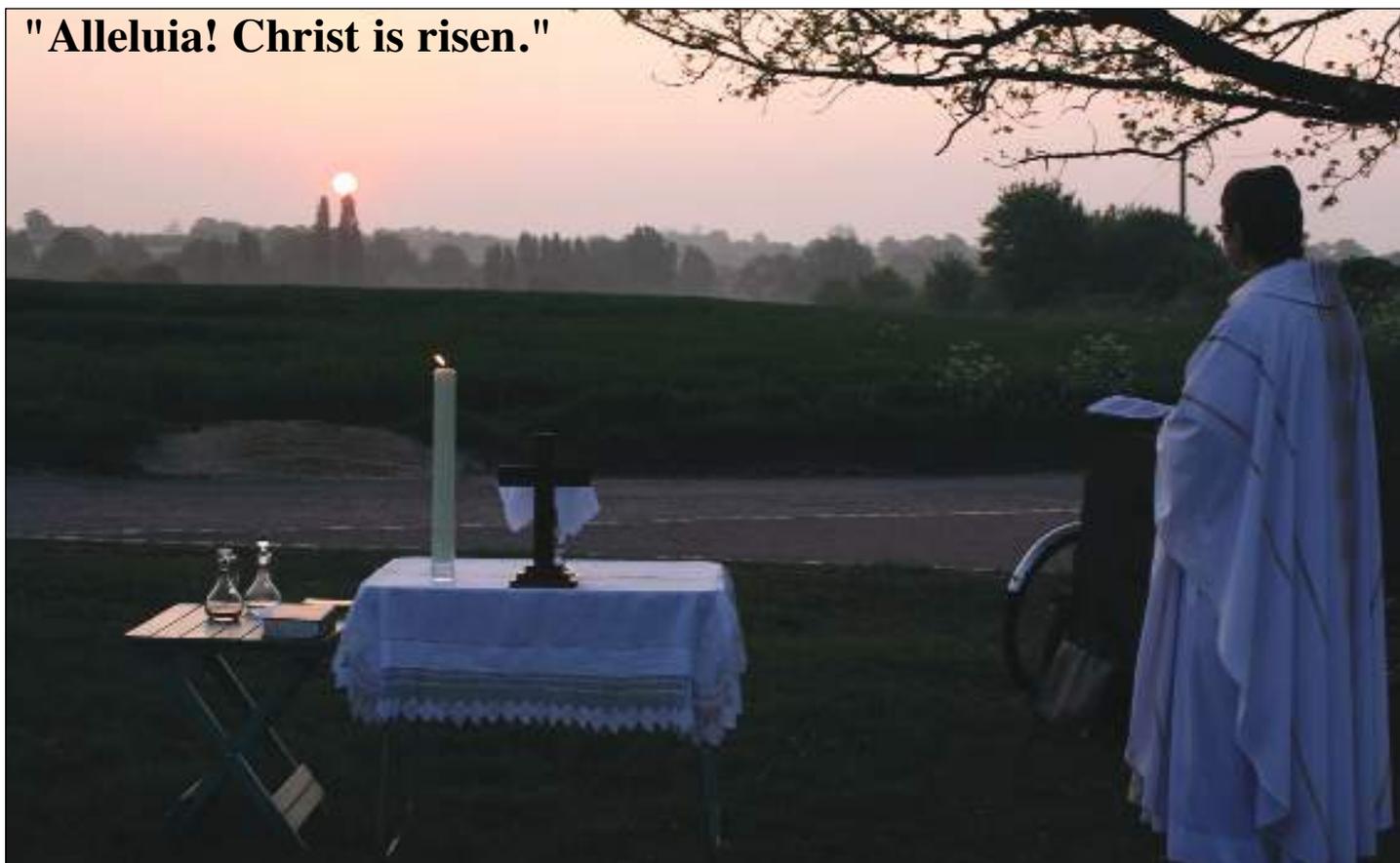
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## "Alleluia! Christ is risen."



"Alleluia! Christ is risen." Twenty-five people from across the Box River Benefice set their alarm clocks early in order to join in the response, "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" at the open-air celebration of Christ's resurrection in Groton at 5.30 am on Easter morning. The sun rose just as the Revd Judith Sweetman broke the bread, which served as a reminder that it was "at dawn on the first day of the week" that Mary

Magdalene and the other women with her found the stone rolled away from the tomb and were given the news, "He is not here, he has risen! There may not have been the "cascading fireworks" that Bishop Clive spoke of in his letter in the May East Anglican, but there was bucks fizz with the bacon butties as the celebration continued over breakfast in the church after the service.

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**Friday, 17 June 8.00, Ticket £16**

### **Neon Quartet**

With Stan Sulzman sax, Jim Hart vibes, Kit Downes piano and Tim Giles drums. Stan Sulzman is a seasoned veteran of second generation British Modern jazz who has played with such luminaries as Gordon Beck, John Taylor and Kenny Wheeler. The lyricism and dream weaving of all the members of this wonderful Neon Quartet is sure to captivate.

**Friday, 24 June, 8.00, Ticket £15**

### **Trish Clowes**

With Trish Clowes sax, Huw White piano, Chris Montague guitar, Heidi Parsons clarinet, Calum Gourlay bass and James Maddren drums. "Clowes has a warm and sensuous sound, reflective at times of Stan Getz and Bobby Wellins..Clowes promise \* and ambitious vision - is palpable" John Fordham. She has a bright future..

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### **Kate Williams**

With Kate Williams piano, Bobby Wellins sax, Jeremy Brown bass and Tristan Maillot drums. Jazz pianist and composer Kate Williams was born into a musical family (her father is the guitarist John Williams) She has released four albums to critical acclaim, the trio CD "Scenes and Dreams" (2005) was rated in the top ten that year. Kate has performed with many of the UK's leading musicians including John Etheridge, Julian Siegal and Tim Whitehead.

**Friday, 3 June, 8.00 Ticket £16**

### **Gabriel Garrick's Sidewinder Quintet**

With Gabriel Garrick trumpet, Michael Garrick piano, Sam Walker tenor sax, Matt Ridley bass and Chris Nicholls drums. Born into a musical family and gigging from an early age Gabriel graduated from the Royal Academy of Music and the National Youth Jazz Orchestra in 1995 since when he has worked with everybody from John Dankworth to King Candy and The Sugar Push! He is also a passionate educator and we should learn something tonight!

**Friday, 10 June 8.00, Ticket £15**

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## THE MAY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH



Dear Friends,

I hope that many of you have been able to take advantage of the unseasonably warm weather to enjoy being outdoors, either in your gardens (dry though they are!) or in the lovely countryside which surrounds us.

On one hot day in May, almost thirty of us joined a Five Villages Church Walk. We were privileged to be given a guided tour of Arger Fen, lovely ancient woodland near Assington, managed by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT). Our guide was Gordon Kennett. Gordon, who worships regularly at Newton Church with his wife Suzie, is also an SWT warden of Arger Fen, and is affectionately known to us as "Gordon the Warden"!

As well as enjoying the sea of bluebells, Gordon showed us the two places where an unusual plant "Water Violet" grows and a wonderfully crafted and well-concealed nest of a pair of Long-tailed Tits. We also learnt how the woods have been "coppiced" over many centuries, that is, cut down to the stool of the tree each year, producing a harvest of long straight poles which have many uses. Several children came with us, and they (and I) enjoyed trying to hear badgers snoring inside their setts, by means of a hollow tube, but sadly no one appeared to be home!

My other foray into the woods was when I joined some of the younger children from Boxford School as they went into the Spinney with their teachers and helpers to learn more about dinosaurs. It was my first trip into this wonderful local facility, which is well used, not only by the school but by the scouts and other uniformed groups.

The children entered their roles as dinosaurs with gusto, giving out scary roars. They also did a mini-archaeological dig, finding some (carefully placed!) bones and fossils, as well as unwanted evidence of the presence of humans (i.e. litter). All worked together to make a number of large dinosaur nests, which any dinosaur would surely be proud to lay its eggs in!

People tend to think that celebrating the creation is something you can only find in "New Age" spirituality, but of course, the creation is right there at the beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis, with God's life-force bringing about an abundance of every possible life-form: plants, fish birds, animals, humans and all living things. What's more, God enjoys the diversity and beauty of his creation, declaring it all to be "very good".

The Christian faith has its own special festivals celebrating creation and all the good things around us. The most well-known, of course, is Harvest Festival, when we celebrate the gathering in of the crops and thank God for our food.

At the end of May (hopefully you will have received this June copy of the Box River News by then), we are celebrating another countryside festival. A special Five Villages Family Service will take place at Groton Church at 10am on Sunday 29th May to celebrate Rogationtide. Traditionally, this involved the whole population of a village walking its parish boundaries, to ask God's blessing on the land and the growing crops.

I am not sure we can quite manage that, but we do aim to echo this symbolically by the medieval custom of "clypping" or walking right round the outside of the church. It would be wonderful if we had enough people – especially children – to join hands and make a complete circle around the church. Well..... you do have to live in hope! Blessings, Revd. Judith

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Trevor happens to be a keen cyclist, and the area is within his normal cycle range, which often leads to comments from new clients when he turns up on the bike. For example, Benton Street in Hadleigh, full of double yellow lines, is undaunting to the cyclist if he can park in your hall. He also drives to appointments, and meets clients at his home if the clients prefer this.

The service recognises that, in the case of many young couples, both are working and it can be difficult and costly for them to take time off for a meeting at a solicitor's office during the working day. For this reason, most of Trevor's client meetings are arranged for early evening, after normal office hours – often when the couple's young children have been put to bed.

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# BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCILS AGM



Above: Roger Cunningham, chairman of the Boxford Community Council makes a presentation to Suzanne Excell who has retired as Secretary to both the Executive Committee and the Social committee of the council after many years of loyal service.

Following the formal business of the AGM, John Norton gave a most interesting presentation of the development of the Edwardstone White Horse and Mill Green Brewery, now the Greenest pub and Greenest small Business in Suffolk.



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# SUNFLOWER PRESENTATION



*Above: Brian Green, Secretary of the Boxford Art Group together with Sue Beven, Chairman, presents his prize winning painting of Sunflowers to Moira Grant manager together with Tracy Rigo (left) Senior Assistant of the Sunflower Playgroup*

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## BOXFORD SCHOOLS ROYAL WEDDING PARTY



On the 28th April a day before the wedding the Boxford school held a bonnet parade and afternoon tea to celebrate the Royal event. They invited the parents and the children to enjoy their baked cakes which were served with a glass of bucks fizz to toast the Royal couple.

See School News for more pics and remember, go to [boxfordvillagehall.co.uk](http://boxfordvillagehall.co.uk) to download a colour edition.



## MILDENS ROYAL PARTY



Mildens residents enjoyed a Street Style Party at The Pavilion to celebrate the recent Royal Wedding with crown making and traditional races for the children. With plenty of food and a game of Rounders at the end of the day a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who joined us, helped and provided food. *Justine & Pearl.*



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*Josie Harris prizewinner.*

The Primrose Wood working party joined with the Boxford Society on Thursday 5th May to organise an evening to celebrate the purchase and planting of the wood by the community and Woodland Trust in 1999. Over 60 people attended. As part of the evening the results of our photographic competition were announced. The judges, Terance Bond and Nick Oliver, commented on the high standard of entries. Both Roger Loose, who won the first prize, and David Lamming the runner up were commended. The quality of the junior entries was also high and they were judged separately, with Josie Harris being awarded first prize, Maya DeAlwis, the runner up and Oliver DeAlwis was commended.

Our speaker, Geoff Sinclair, gave us a fascinating insight into the history of woodlands in England. Surprisingly the area of land devoted to woodland has changed little in the last 1000 years (dropping from 15% of the total land use to 12% now). However, there has been a significant change in their management. In the medieval period each community was dependent on its local woodland for many of its everyday needs – fuel, fodder, food, utensils, tools, building materials - simply because of the poor quality of the roads and communications.

Geoff Sinclair was keen for us to think of woodlands not only as wildlife reserves and recreational facilities, but also to value both the wood in its many forms and the skills needed to utilise the materials. He brought along a wide range of simple but effective rustic artefacts made from woodland trees which fascinated many in the audience.

We hope you will join us on Sunday 12th June when we have our open day in Primrose Wood for all the family, from 10am to 4.00pm. Access is from Dakin Avenue via the footpath. Bring your picnic, try our quiz and watch a wood turner at work. There will be people on hand to tell you about the woodland and its wildlife, and to answer your questions.



*Geoff Sinclair*

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in April 2011

### Meeting on 5th April

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, it was agreed to authorise the purchase of a new street light for School Hill. Members also agreed to extend the Street Cleaning Contract for a further year.

**Reports from Members:** Pot holes were still causing issues in the village and it was agreed to ask County Cllr James Finch to help move our pot holes higher up the priority list.

**Planning:** Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

1) Permission and Listed Building Consent had been granted to remove lean to extension and replace with a two storey extension at Admyra, 24 Swan Street.

The following were discussed: -

- a) Proposed work to a protected sycamore tree at Knollgate, School Hill.
- b) Proposed two storey rear extension, increase in roof height and 5 dormer windows at Elmington, Hadleigh Road.

### Meeting on 18th April:

**Police Report:** PCSO Alex Vinter was present and reported from 21st March to 16th April. During this time 3 crimes were recorded which was an equal number to the same period last year. All 3 were classified as theft. One involved theft of heating oil from a property in Swan Street. A property on Ellis Street was entered and items stolen and a week later another similar offence occurred on Ellis Street. PCSO Vinter confirmed the main trend lately has been scrap metal offences and the theft of heating oil. He reminded members of the forthcoming Priority Setting Meeting that was held on 21st April in Boxford Village Hall.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The County Council had confirmed recycling centres identified for closure would remain open until 31st July. It is hoped that solutions will be found to enable them to remain beyond that date. Members reviewed the plan for prohibition of waiting on Swan Street from the County Council. This was approved. Concerns had been expressed by residents regarding new fencing erected in Daking Avenue. It was agreed to seek the advice of Babergh Planning Enforcement in the first instance.

**County Council Report:** County Cllr James Finch was present to deliver his report. His report covered the opening of the new Fire Station at Nayland and the proposal to share a command centre with Cambridgeshire Fire Service. This is expected to save £400,000 per year. He spoke of positive ideas coming from community liaison over the Counties Libraries and the likelihood of bringing more community services under one roof. He was pleased that 95% secured their first choice of school for September 2011. He agreed to obtain more information on the cost of intelligent lighting systems for the street lights and whether it was feasible to install them on the Boxford lighting stock.

**Babergh District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren had sent his apologies, however, had advised that currently the Planning Officers were resisting and requesting further information to support the Goodlands Farm application.

**Housing Needs Survey:** It was agreed to interview Housing Associations for a potential new scheme in Boxford ahead of the next Parish Council Meeting

**Finance:** The End of Year Accounts were duly approved subject to internal and external audit.

**Cemetery:** Members of the sub committee were concerned that planting in the cremation area could hamper the grounds maintenance. It was agreed to further investigate the situation.

**Reports from Members:** The issue of cars being parked on the grass verge opposite the garage has arisen again. It was agreed to refer the matter back to Babergh Council to monitor.

*Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk*



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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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The Parish Room has been completely rewired to bring the electrical system up to date and to meet current regulations. New heaters and an emergency lighting system have also been installed. The excellent work was undertaken by Stewart Braybrook who had to complete the installation within a tight schedule between events. We are also grateful to County Councillor Colin Spence and Suffolk County Council for providing a grant of £2,250 being 50% of the cost.

## Boxford Community Council Senior Citizens Outing

Wednesday 22th June 2010

Once again this year we will be holding our Senior Citizens Mystery Outing on Wednesday 22th June. We will be setting off from the village centre between 5.30 and 5.45pm and having a nice leisurely drive to our destination.

We will be providing a supper this year so would ask you not to have your meal before you arrive in the village.

If you would like to join us please put your name and address down on the list which will be put up in the Post Office or telephone Peter on 210819, David on 210796 or Stephanie on 210444 to reserve your place. If you need picking up please indicate or tell us that also.

For any of you who are willing to drive would you please let David know on 210796.

We look forward to seeing everyone again this year and any new faces.  
*Peter Hibben* Social Chairman.

## Date for your Diaries!

Although it seems light-years away, especially with the amazing weather we've been experiencing, preparations for the 2011 Edwardstone Christmas Fair have already started. This year's fair will take place at Edwardstone Church on Thursday 10th November, with our traditional evening opening, complete with carols and canapés, and continue on the morning of Friday 11th November. We've already got some exciting new stalls lined up for this year, along with some old favourites, and hope that this year's fair will be bigger and better than ever before. So put the dates in your diaries, and we look forward to seeing you there.

## BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL GOES PINK!

As I am sure you will have noticed, during the Easter week the Village Hall underwent an amazing transformation from a dirty yellow to a clean pink. This was only possible due to an amazing amount of effort from a small band of volunteers. Two people in particular, who wished to remain anonymous, gave up their time in the weeks before the Easter weekend to ensure the walls had been scrubbed of all the dirt and green accumulated over many years. These same people then worked tirelessly to paint the rear and one side of the hall in the week before Easter. Due to their tremendous work, on Good Friday, one of the hottest days of the year so far, 3 members of the committee and 3 other volunteers were able to concentrate on painting the front and gable ends of the hall. It was a tremendous effort by all concerned and for which I thank them all very much.

A thank you needs to go to Carl for the tremendous work he did in making good the walls on the steps and alongside the slope, which has greatly improved the appearance of the hall. Also to Buildbase who not only supplied a tower free of charge to enable us to reach the tops of the gable ends but also persuaded ICI to donate 50% of the paint that was required.

Fundraising for installation of the Disabled toilet has continued with Sharon Ireland giving a wonderful and very tasty Pampered Chef evening. This was followed by 12 teams filling the hall for a wonderful music quiz hosted by Peter Norris. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended and contributed £800 towards the £5000 required for this project.

Saturday 2nd July will see the Village Hall host an eighties night, again raising funds for the Disabled toilet this is promising to be a very popular evening, if you wish to attend then tickets are available from Boxford News.

Finally, Sunday 10th July will also see a fundraising event with a difference and something, which we believe, has never been done on behalf of the hall before. I have persuaded Veronica and Robert to join me in doing an abseil down Ipswich Maternity block. I suspect that this will be made that bit harder because neither Veronica or I are keen on extreme heights! To ensure we do not back out at the last minute, please

do your best to sponsor us for as much as you can. You would also be most welcome to come and support us on the day as I am sure we will need all the encouragement possible. We are currently scheduled to begin the descent between 2pm and 3pm.

*Julian Fincham-Jacques*, Boxford Village Hall Chairman

## HELP NEEDED FOR SESAW FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare is appealing for volunteers to help at essential fund raising events. Based in Stoke Road Leavenheath, SESAW is holding several sales in June and a few pairs of extra hands would lighten the load for the existing hard working team. Jobs include running stalls and serving refreshments, but help is also needed at the beginning and end of the day to transport goods to and from the venue. Another important task is collecting money at local supermarkets which is done in relays of one or two hours. If you feel you can give just a few hours once or twice a month please phone 01206 799424.

**SESAW** will be at the Long Melford British Legion Hall from 12.30 to 3pm on 5th June and the United Reform Church Hall Coffee Morning in Sudbury between 10 and midday on 11th June. The Anchor in Stratford St. Mary is holding a Late Risers Boot Sale for SESAW on 18th June from midday to 3pm. Pitches are only £5 - book early to avoid disappointment on 01206 322143.

## Dark Ale Days Festival

The Edwardstone White Horse celebrated dark ale in style over the May Day weekend with their 15th annual Dark Ale Days Festival. 32 ales were available (of which 9 were from Mill Green Brewery on-site) along with 4 real ciders and some good honest homemade grub. The campsite was brimming with real ale enthusiasts who enjoyed plenty of live music from folk and blues to Boxford's own 'This Boy Wonders'. The variety in beer was impressively diverse ranging from easy drinking low strength brews to a couple that should (and in fact did) come with a warning attached. Great music, fine beer and a superb atmosphere made this festival a thoroughly enjoyable one for all.



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# Wot's On

Boxford Drama Group presents

## Communicating Doors by Alan Ayckbourn

Alan Ayckbourn's ingenious time-warp comedy begins in the year 2014 when a professional dominatrix, Poopay, is summoned to a deluxe London hotel suite by an elderly businessman to witness a document detailing the murder of his two wives by his psychopathic business associate. Stepping through the 'communicating doors' she finds herself back in time, to 1994, confronting Rouella, the second wife, and when Ruella finds herself further back in time, in 1974, with the first wife, she decides it's time to rewrite the future. Boxford Drama Group presents Communicating Doors at Boxford Village Hall from June 16 to 18 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13.00 and includes, as usual, a delicious supper, with the option of a £7.00 ticket without supper on June 16 only, available from Boxford's newsagent.

## Midsummer Music and a Meal

Hadleigh Choral Society warmly invite you to our Summer Concert on Saturday June 11th 2011 in Boxford Church, which will be followed by a super supper in the village hall. We shall be singing some sacred music- Pergolesi, Albinoni and Parry - followed by Songs from the Shows an arrangements by our conductor Christopher Phelps of "Bridge over Troubled Water" and "Bohemian Rhapsody". We hope you will support us in raising funds for our parish church whence all proceeds will go Tickets at £14 for concert and supper or £7 for concert only will be available from Boxford News or Jean Newble on 01473 827718.

## Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

Friday 17 June. "Tamara Drewe"

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

Boxford Drama Group presents Alan Ayckbourn's

# COMMUNICATING DOORS

*A time travel comedy thriller...*



At Boxford Village Hall

Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th June at 7.30pm

Thursday 16th £7.00 (no supper) or £13.00 (with supper)  
Friday 17th and Saturday 18th £13.00 with supper

## Friends of Boxford School Summer Fete

Saturday 9th July 2011  
2-5pm at Boxford School

Events to include:

- Donkey Rides
- Zippy Dipper
- Bouncy Castle
- Fete Games
- Licensed Bar
- BBQ
- Refreshments
- Gymnastic Display
- Raffle
- Lucky Dip
- Police Car
- Stalls



# Hadleigh Choral Society

## Midsummer Music and a Meal

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BOXFORD  
Saturday 11th June 2011, 6.30 pm.

Works by Albinoni, Pergolesi & Parry,  
popular music & songs from the shows

Tickets: £14 (concert & supper) · £7 (concert only)  
available from Boxford News

Hadleigh Choral Society  
John Cooper (organ & piano)  
conducted by Christopher Phelps

All proceeds to St Mary's Church



# Wot's On

## MELFORD MUSIC

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LONG MELFORD  
LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Every Wednesday 1.10pm, Admission FREE  
Light Refreshments available

**JUNE 2011**

**1 GYORGY KOVACS** (bassoon) Vivaldi & Mozart

**8 ELEANOR LOARING** (viola). Music to include Brahms

**15 SUDBURY PIANO & WOODWIND WINNERS**

Most Promising Young Pianist and Wood wind player, Sudbury Festival 2011

**22 JULIE HARMER** (flute). Music by Reinecke & Messiaen

**29 DANIEL LAW** (piano). Music by Beethoven & Britten

STOKE BY NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL

## CENTENARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

**Saturday 18th June 2011**

**BLUES, JAZZ AND R AND B MUSICAL EVENING**

A very special evening of Blues, Jazz and R and B featuring

"Just Another Blues Band" playing a mixture of blues and soul

And from London

"Mayday Mayday" - Blues and R and B Classics from the past 40 years.

Doors open 7.30 with 8 pm start

Licensed Bar and Raffle

Tickets - £8 including buffet supper

Tickets on Sale at Stoke by Nayland Post Office

STOKE BY NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL

CENTENARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

## VILLAGE FAYRE

**Sunday 19th June 2011 - 11.30 am until 3.30 pm**

Celebrating 100 years of Stoke by Nayland Village Hall with a Fayre on Church Street including

The Village Green, Hall and Gardens.

Stalls, sideshows, music, Punch and Judy, children's entertainment,

tug of war, Hog Roast, Beer Tent,

Cream teas and much more.

Plus "village photograph" to be taken in front of the Village Hall.

Free Admission.

Please park in the Recreation Ground car park in School Street

If wet stalls will be moved into the Hall.

Boxford Community Council

## Senior Citizens Outing

**Wednesday 22th June 2010**

Once again this year we will be holding our Senior Citizens Mystery Outing on Wednesday 22th June.

We will be setting off from the village centre between 5.30 and 5.45pm and having a nice leisurely drive to our destination.

We will be providing a supper this year so would ask you not to have your meal before you arrive in the village.

If you would like to join us please put your name and address down on the list which will be put up in the Post Office or telephone Peter on 210819, David on 210796 or Stephanie on 210444 to reserve your place.

If you need picking up please indicate or tell us that also.

For any of you who are willing to drive would you please let David know on 210796.

We look forward to seeing everyone again this year and any new faces.

*Peter Hibben* Social Chairman.

Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

## Vintage Rally

Great Waldingfield Airfield, Sudbury, Suffolk.

18th and 19th June

from 10.30am to 5.00pm daily

Steam Engines, Cars, Tractors, Motorcycles. Stationary Engines, Commercial Vehicles. Stalls Childrens entertainment

Ring events all day

Food, Licensed Bar

In aid of Lupus UK

For more information telephone Paul Goodchild: 01787 372478

BOARD OUR SHIP TO TREASURE ISLAND

FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN & FANTASY FOR ALL THE FAMILY

## Newton Green Treasure Island Fete

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011 FROM 12.00pm**

FANTASTIC NEW ATTRACTIONS & TRADITIONAL STALLS

REFRESHMENTS IN VILLAGE HALL, BURGERS & REAL ALE BAR

\* Visit the Pirate Party Parade and enjoy the

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**DONKEY RIDES**

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# Wot's On

## LittleWaldingfield Parish Room

Please note that the dates for the coffee morning and Quiz night have changed. This has been necessary now that the Flower Festival dates are known (10th & 11th Sept) and to give the Bad Companions more time to set up their stage.

25th June Car Treasure Hunt

15th October Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition

5th November Quiz Night

25/26th November Bad Companions - Crankenstein

2nd/3rd December Bad Companions - Crankenstein

## Snail Race

November 12 The Bounty Hunters Snail Race

Leavenheath Village Hall 7.00 pm

## Brookwood Manor, Summer Fete

On July 9th we will be holding a traditional Summer Fete in the gardens of Brookwood Manor, Little Waldingfield (on the B1077). All are welcome at 2pm, there will be cakes, white elephant and games. 20p entrance

I would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to display crafts and also anyone who could bring along a classic car or vehicle.

Please contact Kim MacDonald, Activities coordinator 01787 248062

## But You Don't Look Ill

Cheerful support for those with "hidden" conditions

Thursday 9th June

Drop in 1-3pm

The Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard

£1 (towards room hire)

## BOXFORD WI

Backstage Tales was the title of Carolyn Souter's talk at our April meeting. She had a wealth of material to draw on from her working life and the books she has written.

At the April Craft Club we produced greetings cards by teabag folding. Nothing to do with teabags but named after the paper that was originally used to wrap tea in.

Nathaniel's Story was the subject of a fascinating talk by Denise Hammond Webb at our May meeting. Denise's hobby is social history. Research into her own family resulted in the discovery of Suffolk family who emigrated to Canada. Like many farm labourers of the mid to late C19th several members of the Hammond family were tempted by the posters advertising the benefits of life in Canada. Members of Denise's family still farm the land that Nathaniel's family first cultivated at Thamesford, Quebec.

At the May Craft Club we used Spirelli circles to decorate greetings cards.

At our next meeting, on June 1st, Alastair Angus is coming to talk to us about food production from Field to Fork.

The Craft Club meeting on June 9th will explore drawing and painting. We welcome visitors to our meetings at a charge of £3, which includes tea or coffee and biscuits.

If you would like a copy of our 2011 Programme please ring Heather on 01787 211566

## GROTON FOOD MARKET

Saturday, June 18th

11.00am - 4.00pm

at Groton Village Hall

Groton may only be a small village, but this will be a BIG Event! So come along to

Groton Village Hall on June 18th. Coffee will be served all day by Paddy and Scott's Coffee, and you will be able to buy coffee to take home, as well as jams and chutneys from Pure Preserves, honey and eggs from Edwardstone, Polstead Apple Juice, bread and rolls etc. from The Old Bakery, Smoked goods from Green Gates Smokehouse, Yummy Mummy cup cakes, Sweet Memories sweets and chocolates, and many more, all from local sources. At lunch time there will be a barbecue from the Jolly Hog Roast. Entrance is only £1, so please do come along. Groton Village Hall will be sign-posted from the centre of Boxford.

**TAMARA DREWE**  
A COMEDY BY  
**Stephen Frears**

**POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 17th June**  
**Tickets £3-50, from Polstead Community Shop**  
**or on 01787 210029.**  
**All films begin at 7-30pm, doors open at 7-00pm**

**GROTON FOOD MARKET**  
**SATURDAY 18TH June 2011**  
**Groton Village Hall**  
**11:00 - 4:00**  
**Admission £1**

Vendors listed in starbursts:  
- Paddy & Scott's Coffee  
- Yummy Mummy Bakery  
- Willow Farm Apple Juice  
- Green Gates Smokehouse  
- Sweet Memories  
- The Old Bakery  
- Simons & Clarke Bicycles  
- Pure Preserves  
- Sherborne Farm Eggs  
- Jolly Hog Roast Barbecue

# Wot's On

## Milden vs Monks Eleigh Cricket Match

SATURDAY 16th July 2011

at Milden Pavilion and Playing Field

This year we have decided to move this cricket match to a Saturday. Come along and support your local cricket team, Milden who need to regain ownership of The Cup. Bar opens at 12.30 with first ball at 1pm there will be a BBQ, Raffle, Cake Stall, Lucky Dip.

This is a friendly game open to all so even if you are a novice, an old pro, junior or lady and want to join in please contact David Porteous Butler (Milden) 01787 249566 or Barry Jewitt (Monks Eleigh) 01449 740395 or just come along with your family and friends to enjoy a lazy afternoon eating, drinking and watching cricket.

## Friends of the Church of Preston St Mary Great Garden Home Event 2011

Preston Hall, Preston St Mary, Saturday 11th June 10am to 4.30pm

Raffle • carousel • Lunch • Beer Tent • Hog Roast • Question Time • Live Music • Specialist Plants • Pots • Garden Ornaments • Gifts • Sweetmeats and lots more

Something for all the family

## FAMILY CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 5th JUNE

AT SCOTLAND PLACE FARM STOKE BY NAYLAND

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More details - [www.scotlandplacefarm.co.uk](http://www.scotlandplacefarm.co.uk). 01206 262293

## POLICE SURGERY AT MARY'S HOUSE:

This month's informal surgery is on Monday 6th June. Do drop in between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon if there is anything you would like to report or discuss with our local police community support officer, Jamie Fudge.

# Summer Fete

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

2-4pm

Join us in the lovely  
grounds of  
Brookwood Manor Care Home

Little Waldingfield  
on the B1071

Tombola, white elephant cake stalls and more!

Raising Funds for the residents Garden.

TURN BACK THE CLOCK

# 80's Night!!

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## SATURDAY JULY 2nd

From 7.30 till late!

• DJ • DISCO • COLD BUFFET • BAR • RAFFLE

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE BEST FANCY DRESS (costume optional)

### TICKETS £10.00

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## Summer School of Performing Arts

Milden Pavilion, Milden Suffolk

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August

10am – 3pm

For children ages 8 to 16

*Drama Acting Music  
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Spaces are limited, so please phone Andrea King on 01449 740601 or 07778 576534 for more details.

All tutors are CRB checked.

# Wot's On

## Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Present our 2nd film with our new Cinema Equipment and improved acoustics

**MADE IN DAGENHAM (15)**

By Nigel Cole

One of the runaway successes of 2010, this inspiring comedy/dramatization of the fight for equal pay at the Dagenham Ford Car Plant in 1968 has a real feel good factor. An evening to look forward to.

Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, (signposted from the High Road) Saturday 11th June 2011, Arrive 7.00pm, Film starts 7.30pm

Refreshments (wine, beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee) will be available before the film starts and during the interval.

Please book early to avoid disappointment

Tickets £3.50 per adult

Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken: (01206 263266) for tickets

We are showing the new Brighton Rock on Saturday 2nd July so please see your Local News for further details

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## GROTON VILLAGE HALL

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Groton Village Hall will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts for the period to 31 March 2011
2. To elect members of the Management Committee
3. To conduct any other relevant business.

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

By order of the Management Committee  
17 March 2011



By popular request

## **MADE IN DAGENHAM**

**SATURDAY 11th JUNE 2011**

A dramatization of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham Plant

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Film with our new Equipment & Improved Acoustics

Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (113 mins with 20mins interval)

Please book early to avoid being disappointed

Tickets £3.50 per adult

Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets

Refreshments (wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee & tea) will be available before the film starts and during the interval.

Proceeds towards LVH Capital Project Fund (Charity No 262816)



## An evening with Graham Seed The late Nigel Pargetter of the "Archers"

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm.

At Lavenham Village Hall

Tickets £ 10.00 pp to include wine and nibbles

Tickets available from:  
Lavenham Village Hall or  
Lavenham Newsagents or  
Phone 01787 247585

To raise funds for St Lawrence's Church, Little  
Waldingfield



# Forthcoming Events Diary

## June

1 Boxford WI	Field to Fork by Alastair Angus	Village Hall	2pm
5 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford Building Trust	Boxford	11-5pm
9 Boxford WI Craft Club	Drawing and painting	Mary's House	2pm
9 Groton	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
11 Midsummer Music and Meal	Hadleigh Choral Society	Boxford St Mary's	6.30pm
11 Newton Green Great Treasure Island Fete		Playing Field	12.00pm
12 Primrose Wood Open Day	Primrose Wood Working Party	Primrose Wood	10am to 4pm
12 An Evening with Graham Seed	St Lawrence, Lt Waldingfield	Lavenham Village Hall	7.00pm
16/18 Boxford Drama Group	Communicating Doors	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
18 Groton PCC Groton Food Market		Groton Village Hall	11.am to 4.p.m
22 Senior Citizens Outing		Fleece	5.30pm
25 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Car Treasure Hunt	Parish Room	5.00pm

## July

2 Boxford Village Hall	80's Night	Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Boxford WI	Outing to Anglsej Abbey		
9 FOBS Summer Fete		School	2-5pm
9 Brookwood Manor Little Waldingfield Fete		Brookwood Manor	2-4pm
4 Boxford WI Craft Club	A mystery Craft	Mary's House	2pm
16 Milden V Monks Eleigh Cricket Match		Pavillion and Playing Field	12.30pm
17 Groton PCC Benifice Lunch		Groton House	TBA

## August

1/5 Summer School of Performing Arts		Milden Village Hall	10am - 3pm
3 Boxford WI Fun Waistcoats and How to Make One – Meg Browne		Village Hall	2pm
11 Boxford WI Craft Club	Knitting	Mary's House	2pm

## September

10 Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	Cycle Ride	local churches	9am to 5pm
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## October

15 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition	Parish Room	10.30pm
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## November

5 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.00pm
25/26 Bad Companions	Crankenstein	Parish Room	7.30pm

## December

2/3 Bad Companions	Crankenstein	Parish Room	7.30pm
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**First and Third Monday each month** Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

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Tel: 210360; Fax: 329770; 07968 791135; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com  
Antony Dodd, Mill Green End, Edwardstone CO10 5EX  
Tel: 210397; e-mail: doddpanda@tiscali.co.uk

*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 PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

### Churchwardens:

Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,  
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236  
Peter Patrick, Amberley,  
White Street Green. tel 210346

### God's life-giving Spirit

This month, on June 12th, Christians celebrate Pentecost – the special festival when we thank God for the gift of his life-giving and life-transforming Spirit. After Jesus rose from the dead at Easter and returned to the divine sphere at the Ascension, he was no longer restricted by his earthly body, which could only be in one place at one time. Instead, by his Spirit, he could now always be present with his followers, always available - wherever they were and in whatever century they lived - to inspire, support, strengthen, sustain, and, sometimes, challenge them.

But how does this work for Christians in our ordinary day to day lives? Ross Thompson, writing in "Spirituality in Season" (Canterbury Press, 2008) explains that we are not "filled with the Spirit" like containers, possessing a kind of divine liquid. Instead, our lives are somehow caught up in the motion of the mysterious Spirit, which shapes our lives and moves us towards God. The Holy Spirit, is somehow able to touch and transform us with God's unseen power. And just like wind, flame or flowing water – we can experience this as anything from a gentle nudge (like the prick of conscience, prompting us to do something, to pray for or visit someone) or a forceful push (a sudden compelling change of heart or change in the direction of our life).

It is the Holy Spirit's desire to unite us with God, because God loves us, and it is from that union and through the working out of our lives, that God pours out his love and his healing on our needy world. There is a simple Christian song we can use to ask God to bless us with the gift his Spirit. You may like to make it your prayer this Pentecost. Revd. Judith

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

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Thank you. Sue Edwards. 210785  
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**Thought for the month:** Many of us have sat navs in our cars these days. There are good parallels with their use & with following a Christian way of life. Trying to live by instruction manuals which are supposed to chart the journey is mighty difficult. Even trying to get instructions from others doesn't always work very well, if they don't really know where you are or which way you are facing.

Yet the great joy about the Christian faith, is that the one we try to follow actually took a very similar journey. He was an ordinary human being, facing all the hazards on route through everyday life and knowing about joys and sorrows. This was the one who promised not to leave us alone but to send us one who would lead us into all truth.

The real question for us today is, "How do you hear the prompts of the Holy Spirit?" Few of us would claim to hear a voice as clear as the lady on my sat nav. But most of us, on our particular journey, do feel that we have sensed a guiding presence at various times in our lives. It often seems to be when we are within our church community, at worship, or study, or prayer together, that the route seems clearest. Some would say that being part of the church gives their life direction.

**Fundraising in 2011** We would like to hold several fundraising events this year but we need dedicated people to help if you could assist in any way please contact a church warden or PCC member. Events to include, a Grand Draw, Quiz evenings, Bridge evenings etc.

**"A Boxford Calendar 2012"** We are delighted with the quality of the photographs submitted to date, but please do keep sending them as we still need lots more – please send them to ChrisKingsC@aol.com – our panel of judges will select photos for our calendar. **Sunday 5th June: All Age Worship** – 10.00am (early due to the Open Gardens Plant Stalls in church) Sunday 10th July 11.00 am

**A Civic Service** is being planned to celebrate the work of those who serve the village in so many ways & make our life here so good.

**Sunday 4th September- 11.00 A Pets Service** – to give thanks for & celebrate our Pets. Bring along your pet- whatever it may be, to this family service.

**Ladies Lunch-** Thank you to Teresa Patrick for the Lunch in May which was most enjoyable. The next lunch will be held at the home of Sue Copeland (tel: 211264) on 2nd June at 12.30pm. Please let Sue know if you would like to come. The Ladies Lunch raises valuable funds for the church.

**"Midsummer Music & a Meal"** See the ad in Wot's On

**Boxford Open Gardens 2011** See the ad in Wot's on

**Smile Lines:** A small town had four churches Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic and Baptist. All four had a serious problem with squirrels in the church. Each church in its own fashion had a meeting to deal with the problem. The Presbyterians decided that it was predestined that squirrels be in the church and that they would just have to live with them. The Methodists decided they should deal with the squirrels lovingly in the style of Charles Wesley. They humanely trapped them and released them in a park. Within 3 days, they were all back in the church. The Catholics also humanely trapped them and attempted to teach them, which of course did not work. The Baptists had the best solution. They voted the squirrels in as church members. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone

Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone

Tel: 211161

**ANNUAL MEETINGS:** At the annual meetings held in late April, Jan Paul and David Saddleton were elected as Church Wardens for the year. In addition to the wardens, the following were elected to serve on the PCC: Ineke Morris (Secretary), Peter Dawson (Treasurer), Simon Boggis (Deanery Synod representative), Marlene Clarke (Electoral Roll Officer), Charlie Boggis, Antony Dodd, Pam Dodd, Elisabeth Dastur and Howard Knight.

This year two long-serving members of the PCC decided not to serve again - Peter Welstand and Doreen French.

Peter has served the church in many ways over many years. He was Church Warden and later served as a Lay Elder and for many years chaired the PCC meetings. He has really been a great stalwart for the church and has been largely responsible for keeping the church functioning over some difficult times. In addition, Peter will be long remembered for the production of the church book which brilliantly documents the history of the church.

Doreen also has been a member of the PCC for many years and has contributed greatly to the life of the church. She will be remembered for her contribution in floral displays and festivals, as well as providing delicious soup for the working parties.

It is not possible to do full justice to their efforts in just a few lines and we thank them most sincerely for all that they have done - may they both enjoy a well-earned period of retirement and reflect on a job well done. Thank you both. *David Saddleton*

### ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
<b>June 5:</b>	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Morris	Mrs Dodd	Mrs Saddleton
<b>June 12:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Morris	"	"
<b>June 19:</b>	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Clark & Mrs Clarke	"	"
<b>June 26:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Clark & Mrs Clarke	"	"
<b>Daily Prayer:</b>	9.00 a.m. every Tuesday			



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

### Churchwardens

*Vacant*

### ROTA:

**June 5:**

**June 12:**

**June 19:**

**June 26:**

### Sidesman

Mr Squirrell

Visiting

Mr Bowden

Visiting

### Flowers

Mrs Squirrell

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor Smith

Mrs Harbord



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,

Tel; 370331

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held in church on March 29th, Christine Cornell was elected as churchwarden. Grateful thanks were expressed to Diana Stock on her retirement after 12 years. The following were elected as members of the PCC:- Jean Adams, Margaret Lowe, Ruth Morgan, Paul Presland, Lisa Robertson and Judith Smalley. Fiona Garman was re-elected as secretary and Anne Furlonger as treasurer.

### ROTA:

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Mrs D Stock & Mrs M Lowe

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

June 11th Mrs C Cornell

June 25th Mrs J Adams

Mrs R Otto

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

**DEANERY SYNOD – Thursday 16th June 2011:** The first meeting of the newly-elected Deanery Synod is at Bures Church on Thursday 16th June. The meeting will start with a service of Holy Communion at 7.30 pm. The main item on the agenda is consideration of the deanery plan, a draft of which has been out for consultation by PCCs over the past 27 months. One option is for a radical reorganisation of the parishes in the deanery as we look at the most effective way to deliver ministry and mission in the deanery over the next 5–10 years. Synod will be asked to vote on the three options in the revised draft plan. More next month.

**FIVE VILLAGES "5TH SUNDAY" SERVICE AT GROTON – 29th MAY:** It's Groton's turn to host the quarterly "5th Sunday" service on 29th May. 29th May this year is also "Rogation Sunday", when, traditionally, prayers are said for a blessing on our "rich earth" to be fruitful in providing the crops we all need. Judith has written about this in her letter elsewhere in this issue of Box River News. The service—a family service with communion—is for the people of all our five villages. Do come, and bring your friends. Time: 10.00 am, with refreshments after the service.

### ASCENSION DAY SERVICE AT GREAT CORNARD

The Revd John Bleazard, who will be moving to become rector of St Bridget's Church, West Kirby (in Chester Diocese) later this summer, will be presiding at a service of Holy Communion to celebrate Ascension Day at St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2nd June. All are welcome.

### CELEBRATE 400 YEARS OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE:

2011 sees the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible (the "authorised version"). Among events in celebration are:

**IN VOICE AND SONG** — A themed programme of music and the spoken word from Genesis to Revelation, featuring Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn and more, at 6.00 pm on Sunday 5th June at St Peter's Church, Cockfield. Tickets £5. *Judy Gifford* (tel. 01284 827516.)

**THE BIBLE IN A NUTSHELL:**—a whistle-stop interactive tour through the whole of the good book: 10.00 am to 1.30 pm on Saturday 25th June at Hawstead Village Hall. *David Ruddick* (tel. 01359 241277).

**WHY TRUST THE GOSPELS?**—Dr Peter Head, lecturer in New Testament Gospels at Cambridge University, will explain why the Gospel accounts are trustworthy. 7.00 pm on Sunday 26th June at Woolpit Village Hall. Tickets £5. Contact Ruth Farrell (tel. 01359 242244) A simple meal will be provided.



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** *Jayne Foster:*

*Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360*

*Sue Edwards:*

*Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785*

### GROTON FOOD MARKET

**Saturday, June 18th 11.00am – 4.00pm** at Groton Village Hall  
Groton may only be a small village, but this will be a BIG Event! So come along to Groton Village Hall on June 18th. Coffee will be served all day by Paddy and Scott's Coffee, and you will be able to buy coffee to take home, as well as jams and chutneys from Pure Preserves, honey and eggs from Edwardstone, Polstead Apple Juice, bread and rolls etc. from The Old Bakery, Smoked goods from Green Gates Smokehouse, Yummy Mummy cup cakes, Sweet Memories sweets and chocolates, and many more, all from local sources. At lunch time there will be a barbecue from the Jolly Hog Roast. Entrance is only £1, so please do come along. Groton Village Hall will be sign-posted from the centre of Boxford.

### BENEFICE LUNCH Sunday, July 17th

The Benefice Lunch will be hosted by Groton this time, and will be at Groton House. The tickets will be distributed between the parishes, but will be limited. So put this date in your diaries, and look out for further details next month. Pat Kennedy Scott [210319]

**Groton Lent Lunch:** There was a good variety of soups on offer on Wednesday April 20th for Groton's Lent Lunch at Mary's House, and £65 was raised for the Japan Tsunami Appeal. Thanks to all the cooks and to those who supported us, Groton PCC.

### ROTA:

<b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b>	Mrs Scriven
<b>Flowers:</b>	Mrs Kennedy Scott
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Mrs Kennedy Scott

## The Church At Worship June 2011

Wednesday 1st Boxford	<b>Rogation Day</b> 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 2nd Lt Waldingfield	<b>Ascension</b> 19.00 Holy Communion Newmans Hall (Reserved sacrament)	Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 5th</b> Lt Waldingfield	<b>7th After Easter (Sunday after Ascension)</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(W)</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman
<b>Edwardstone</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Morning Prayer</b> 10.00 <u>All Age Service (Note time!)</u>	<b>The Revd David Abel</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman with George & Pauline Barnes
Boxford	18.30 Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 8th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House (Reserved sacrament)	Antony Dodd
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<b>Sunday 12th</b> Groton	<b>Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(R)</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman
<b>Newton</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Holy Communion	<b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman

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

<b>Sunday 19th</b> Edwardstone	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(W)</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman
<b>Lt Waldingfield</b> Boxford	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Holy Communion	<b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman

Wednesday 22nd Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Thursday 23rd Lt Waldingfield	19.00 Holy Communion, Newman's Hall (Reserved sacrament)	Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 26th</b> Boxford	<b>1st after Trinity</b> 8.00 Holy Communion	<b>(G)</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman
<b>Groton</b> Newton	<b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Family Service	<b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman
Boxford	11.00 Matins	Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 29th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd Judith Sweetman
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<b>Daily Prayer –</b> Tuesday	<b>A 30 minute informal said service with the Revd Judith</b> 9.00 Edwardstone 17.00 Little Waldingfield	All welcome
Wednesday	9.00 Groton	
Thursday	9.00 Newton 17.00 Boxford	

*NB we are in Year A of the Lectionary*

## Soap Box

### How many men does it take to find a Stop Cock?

On the morning of **Friday 6th May** walking through our kitchen I found myself paddling and discovered a leak just before my domestic stop cock. Unable to stop the leak I called a plumber who decided that the water supply needed to be turned off at the external stop cock before he could carry out any repairs. We searched for the stop cock without success so I contacted Anglian Water to ask if they knew where it was. I was advised that someone would be along with tracing equipment to find the stop cock and he duly arrived late in the afternoon.

After quite extensive searching he was unsuccessful but for some reason believed it might be under my drive and marked the area with a blue spray. I pointed out to him that the drive had not been there when the cottage was built in 1930 and that the adjacent supply to the farm had only been there for about 20 years but to no avail.

On **Saturday 7th May** staff from May Gurney arrived and proceeded to dig in the drive whilst all the time expressing their view that it was a waste of time digging there, and they were proved right because after a depth of about 1 meter they came across the supply pipe to the farm. They left advising me that yet another person would be coming with different equipment to carry out another search on Monday and that they, in the mean time, could not fill in the hole they had dug because they had not got the right fill.

**Tuesday 10th May** in the afternoon the promised Anglian Water Company man arrived and began another search which went on for some time without much success until I pointed out to him the direction of the drains and a trace of flowing water was discovered under the tarmac adjacent to where plans indicated the drains were. This was duly sprayed with blue paint. I was advised that May Gurney would be back next day to dig in this area.

**Wednesday 11th May.** No sign of May Gurney

**Thursday 12th May,** telephoned Anglian water in the morning to ask when I could expect someone to come and they arranged for a May Gurney supervisor to contact me. When he phoned he seem to know little or nothing about the problem. Thought the hole had to be left for Anglian to carry out repairs, also said they had other work to do besides ours but would try to get someone along today or Friday. It was my belief that they would turn up, fill the hole and drive away!!!

**Thursday 12th May 2.00pm,** An unmarked truck parked on the corner of Stone Street and Wash lane so I went to investigate. 'Are you from May Gurney?' "No mate, just not sure where we are." Then they off loaded equipment and started to repair the road adjacent to where May Gurney are due to dig the road up. The road repair for four patches took six and a half minutes and was the worst repair work I have ever seen. Not only that but they left their road signs behind and we now have a total of seven road signs for our little hole in the drive.

**Friday morning 8.30am** my wife looked out of the front window and said "The hole has gone". Went to have a look and would you believe it they had sneaked in early and filled the hole before we were up leaving all the signs and barriers behind just as I had expected. However no attempt to knock and let us know and no attempt to dig the new hole required to find our stop cock

**9.30 Friday** another van turns up to collect all the signs and barriers. I asked the driver why he was taking them away when another team is allegedly due to turn up later in the day to dig the other hole. As far as he was concerned the job was finished and he Knew nothing about another hole.

**11.40 Friday,**Telephoned Anglian Water they were full of apologies and suggested they would try to tell May Gurney what is needed in words of one syllable.

**Approx 12.20 Friday** telephone call from May Gurney to tell us that they had scheduled the work in for Friday 20th May. When advised that we still had a leak that could become a flood at anytime they suggested we make the call an emergency but even if we did they would probably still not get to us until next Friday.

*I had a circular from Anglian water in front of me saying they aim to provide a two hour emergency response!!!!*

**Sunday 15th May 9.30am.** Leak had got much worse. Called Anglian Water as an Emergency.

**Sunday 15th May 10.30am** They sent an Anglian man with local knowledge and listening to what I had to say, he found the stop cock in no time at all..

**8 men, 6 vans and 10 days** and all I asked was "Please can you tell me where my stop cock is"

*Eddie, BRN*

Brian Tora is on holiday

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# GARDENING IN JUNE HARRY BUCKLEDEE

For good healthy roses with good clean attractive foliage and an abundance of blooms throughout the summer, it is necessary to keep up a programme of spraying against the three main diseases of roses - Rust, Black spot and Mildew. Rust and Black spot are the most serious - a severe attack can completely defoliate the bushes causing shoots to shrivel and after a few successive attacks may die. Fortunately spraying with Murphy's Tumble blight will give your roses the protection needed. In addition to spraying, good cultivation is essential. A well-grown, well fed and well watered plant will withstand an attack better than one that is poorly grown. Feed with a good rose fertiliser containing all the nutrients and trace elements necessary for healthy growth.

June is the month when all plants need plenty of moisture to maintain good growth. Plants transpire at a greater rate and moisture is lost from the soil by evaporation as the sun's heat increases. Vegetables and fruit in particular need to be well watered if the weather is dry, otherwise they will not make sufficient growth to produce a worthwhile crop for harvesting in summer and autumn.

It is now safe to plant out all half-hardy plants. Tomatoes can be planted outside in a sheltered position - each plant will need a good strong stake to support it when laden with fruits. Plant tomatoes in a depression so that this can be gradually filled in with good compost. Roots will form from the stem of the plant making a stronger root system.

Ridge cucumbers should be planted on a mound to prevent water settling at the base causing stem rot. Roots often appear on the surface and should be covered with compost to prevent them being burnt up by the hot sun. Keep a four foot diameter circle free of grass around newly planted trees. Grass robs the tree of moisture and rain is unable to

penetrate a thick mat of grass.

Cut back brooms after flowering to keep them in shape and to prevent seeding - but be careful not to cut back to the wood

Aubrietia should be cut down close to ground level as soon as flowering is over to encourage a compact mound of growth for next spring flowers. Tall bearded irises are at their best this month. When flowering has finished, the stems should be cut down and a dressing of general fertiliser given to build up sturdy growth for the following year.

Cut back with shears the leaves of Iris unguicularis (often called Iris Stylosa) to nearly soil level. This is necessary to expose the rhizomes to the suns ripening process.

Sow some more peas, and another row of beetroots. Put out plants of outdoor cucumbers, celery, marrow, brussels sprouts, sweet-corn and tomatoes, if not already done. Eat up all the chives and chop some of them very finely, with an equal amount of finely-chopped rosemary, into a bland cream cheese - they do this in the southern part of France, and it is delicious. When chives have flowered, chop them down with shears, and they'll pop up again most nimbly. Keep on gathering small bunches of herbs to dry. Do not let mint "bolt" into flower - it will be useless if you do; Just nip out the tall-growing heads, and it goes on splendidly.

Plant out baby biennials into a nursery bed, and keep them well watered. Put in another row of lettuces.

Have a turn out in the greenhouse. Arums, pelargoniums, fuchsias - all will do better out of doors in a corner where they get the morning sun, but are shaded after midday. Water them well each evening, and give a weekly liquid feed.

Consider your strawberries; they must be kept away from rain-splashing, which will rot them. Try surrounding them with straw mats, which one can buy already plaited, and store from season to season.

Deadheading and disbudding of the H.T. roses (and the floribundas) is now just as important as cutting them for the house. "House-cutting" is a form of mid-season pruning if done well; take a foot-long stalk, making your cut just above an outward-pointing "eye". You'll have a fine rose, and the "eye" will produce a splendid bud for the second flush. Bash your stalk-end well and let it rest in deep water before "arranging".



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# Parish Council Matters

## Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 19 April 2011

**Present:** B Tora, P Baker, R Mitchell, M Ewen, C Bowden

2 members of the public

**Apologies:** S Coomber, D Kiddy, PC C Garrod

**Declarations of Interest:** None.

**Police Matters:** A written report detailed 3 reported crimes – 3 cases of forced entry but nothing thought to be stolen.

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

**Matters Arising:** The Chairman thanked all those taking part in the litter pick. Further discussions are still to be held regarding the form the memorial to Mr and Mrs Clive will take.

**Financial Matters:** A cheque was signed in favour of SALC for the annual subscription. The annual accounts and Annual Governance Statement were presented to the Council. These were both approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer.

**Planning Matters:** Permission has been granted for the removal of the ash tree at Cypress Cottage. An application for the erection of a rear conservatory at Constable House was discussed and no objections raised. The application in respect of 1 The Street has been withdrawn.

**Correspondence:** None received.

**National grid proposals:** No further correspondence has been received from either National Grid or the Groton Pylon Alliance.

**Telephone kiosk:** Nothing to report.

**Village website:** V Flute has offered to manage the website.

**Footpaths:** Nothing to report.

**Newsletter:** R Mitchell will submit a report of the meeting as usual. He has kindly offered to continue to submit reports despite not remaining as a Parish Councillor.

**Churchyard:** Nothing to report.

**Any Other Business:** The Chairman has spoken to our County Councillor again requesting the provision of a footpath down to the main road as we no longer have a daily bus service. He thanked the 4 retiring councillors for their work and support throughout the years and went on to suggest a meal for both old and new members once the Annual Parish meeting had been held. All were in favour of this.

**Date of the next meeting** confirmed as 24 May following the Annual Parish Meeting.

## Minutes of Newton Parish Council 9th March 2011

**Present:** Councillors Colin Poole (Chairman), Gary Flowers, Roy Gardner, Peter Haylock, Rita Schwenk, Alan Vince and Rebecca Wade.

**Attending:** Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor), PC Chris Garrod, D Crimmin (Clerk) and 12 members of public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor).

**Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs Gardner and Vince declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 11/026 a as they were members of the Newton Green Trust and Cllr Schwenk declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 11/026 d as she is a neighbour. The councillors left the meeting while their items were discussed.

### Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd February 2011

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The meeting adjourned at 7.40pm for the Public Forum and reconvened at 7.50pm. The meeting was adjourned again for the Public Forum between 8.10pm and 8.40pm. (Appendix A)

**Correspondence and Clerks Report (Appendices B & C):** Following a review of the Correspondence there was no further action required. Following a review of the Clerk's Report the councillors requested the Clerk:

- To write to Tim Yeo MP outlining NPC's specific concerns regarding the current notification process to local residents in the process of allocating goods vehicle operating licences.
- To agenda an item on the bus shelter on the Green in relation to the lay-by at July's meeting..

**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. The councillors resolved to write to Bill Charity thanking him for his services to NPC as Internal Auditor for the past 5 years and wish him well when he leaves the village later in the year. The councillors resolved to appoint Heelis & Lodge as the Internal Auditors for 2010 / 2011 and the Clerk to write to confirm the appointment.

c. In the absence of a quotation from Bob Rowling the councillors resolved that the Clerk awards the contract to Bob if the overall cost of the contract for 2011 was within the budget set of £500.

d. The councillors resolved to register NPC with the HMRC for PAYE

purposes. The Clerk to identify changes to his contract of employment required for this and his service now being over 5 years.

e. The councillors reviewed the Speed Watch account and resolved that they were happy with the reclaim process undertaken by the Clerk for funds from the 4 other councils in the scheme.

f. The councillors reviewed the requests for donations from organisations and resolved to follow the policy by only considering those organisations who provide the information requested by the council and awarded £50 each to Age UK Suffolk and the Sudbury First Responders.

g. The councillors resolved to carry forward the following Earmarked Reserves to 2011/2012:

i.	Wooden Assets	£4,300
ii.	Village Hall	£500
iii.	Village of the Year Prize	£1,500
iv.	Election Costs	£950
v.	Clerk Gratuity Fund	£530
vi.	Speed Watch	£50.

**Planning:** a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00091 Whisper Wood, Sudbury Road - erection of 3 No. two-storey detached dwellings with detached outbuildings (following demolition of existing dwelling) associated works and alteration to existing access, as amended by the site plan and Certificate B received on 16/02/2011 and resolved to object to the application.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00115 1 Hills Farm Cottages, Sudbury Road - erection of single storey side extension and erection of detached outbuilding and resolved to support the application.

c. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/0116 1 Hills Farm Cottages, Sudbury Road Application for Listed Building Consent - erection of single-storey side extension; insertion of 1 no. replacement window at first floor level on front elevation; insertion of 1 no. replacement window at first floor level and 1 no. replacement window at attic level on side elevation; insertion of 1 no. replacement window in dormer on side elevation; insertion of 3 no. replacement windows on rear elevation; internal alterations and resolved to support the application.

d. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/00136 Jarvis Farm, Assington Road - Application for Advertisement Consent - Display of 2 No. non-illuminated advertisements and resolved to support the application

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

f. The status of previous applications, reviewed by NPC were as follows:

**Lilleyfields** The councillors reviewed to responses from BDC to the questions raised on the possible Gypsy and Traveller pitch at Lilleyfields. The councillors also heard the position as seen by BDC councillor Peter Holbrook on the issue. The councillors resolved that it would be more expedient for BDC to send a representative to meet NPC in order to discuss the issues.

**Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme:** a. The first phase of fence erection has been completed in the playground with the next day for a working party being Sunday 20th March. The Clerk updated councillors that the new seats for the swings had arrived.

b. The councillors asked for a quotation for wooden asset maintenance to be provided at the May meeting.

**Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:** With the impending parish council election the councillors resolved to review the Standing Orders at the July meeting following which a review of the Financial Regulations would be undertaken.

**NPC Election 2011:** The Clerk circulated the Nomination and Information pack to each councillor for the May election. If these are completed and returned to him by the 28th March he will pass them to BDC otherwise councillors will have to get their own nominations to BDC before noon on the 4th April 2011. The Clerk has put an information leaflet on the Newton website.

**Spring Clean:** The councillors resolved to hold a Spring Clean on Saturday 2nd April at 8.30pm. This will be followed by the NPC Coffee Morning at 10am. Clerk to make arrangements with BDC for the spring cleaning kit.

**Village Hall and Trust representatives update:** The VHMC have undertaken a number of maintenance tasks in the Village Hall and garden. The winter warmers have now finished after raising nearly a £1,000. The Midsummer Munch will take place on 10th July 2011. The councillors resolved to write to BDC fully supporting the kitchen refurbishment being undertaken by the VHMC. The VHMC to be invited to write to NPC with regard to a grant once the full project costs had been determined as there are earmarked reserves for VH projects in NPC accounts. The NGT have met and discussed Whisper Wood, Field usage, sight lines on Green, tracks across Green.

Question to Chairman: a. The Clerk was asked to write to BDC voicing the councillors concerns over the advertising board that has been on display outside Wrenwood since 5th March. The councillors want to know what action BDC is taking to get the board removed.

b. Clerk to contact James Finch regarding the requirement for a pavement outside 1 and 2 Assington Road.

Next NPC Meeting The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 18th May 2011 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

# Parish Council Matters

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in March 2011

### Meeting on 7th March

**Public Forum:** The Parish Council was asked about the bottle bank funds. The change in procedure at the District Council and the misunderstanding that arose was explained. Discussions with the White Hart have since been positive and it has been agreed for the funds to be nominated to the Parish Council in the future. It has been accepted that more could be done to promote the causes benefiting from the funds in the future. The state of the footpath at Clubbs Lane was mentioned and it was agreed for Cllr Norman and Mr House to explore what can be done to improve it. It was also agreed to ask our Police Community Support Officer regarding Community Speed Watch.

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, Cllr Fincham-Jacques explained the nature of the voluntary work that was being carried out in front of the Village Hall. The paving slabs would provide a better surface for those stepping out of their cars.

**Standing Orders:** Cllr Gates had led a review of the Parish Councils Standing Orders. The recommendations of the sub committee were agreed. The main change will limit a Chairman of the Parish Council to a maximum of four continuous years in the role.

**Planning:** Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

- 1) Permission had been granted for a first floor extension and front porch at 14 The Causeway.
- 2) Permission and Listed Building Consent was granted for rear extensions, outbuildings, gates and fencing at Greenbank, 5 Ellis Street
- 3) Conservation Area Consent granted for demolition of dwelling at 55 Swan Street.
- 4) Permission granted for an outbuilding, external works and change of use from agricultural land to domestic at 2 Cherry Ground Cottages, Wash Lane

The following were discussed: -

- a) Proposed extension and alterations to bungalow at Ambleside, Polstead Road.
- b) Proposed double garage with home office above at The Cottage, Sand Hill.
- c) Proposed felling of willow, sycamore and various self sown clumps together with a crown lift of a cherry tree at The Rectory, School Hill.
- d) Non-material amendments to replacement dwelling at Lynnfield, Butchers Lane.

### Meeting on 21st March

**Public Forum:** Fourteen members of the public attended regarding the Goodlands Farm development and all were against the outline plan. Objections included access from the small lane into Swan Street and also Daking Avenue (both these locations are already congested) and the size of the plan increasing from 20 to 25 houses. Garages would need to be demolished to make way for the development and it was reported that near neighbours had not been consulted on this issue. Members of the public did not feel the proposed car park would be used. A number of water courses are present on the site and drains are at capacity, so the people feared flooding would result. The footpath to the Community Woodland is not shown on the plan and Barn Owls are nesting in the present buildings. The local plan indicated an amenity area and this was not shown on the plan.

**Police Report:** PCSO Jamie Fudge attended with details of the Community Speed Watch Scheme. There would need to be a Committee and certain equipment would need to be purchased. This includes the speed gun, signs and fluorescent jackets. Parishes often share the costs, so it was agreed to explore with other nearby Parishes whether this would be possible.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. A letter of thanks had been received from the Playing Field Management Committee in respect of their annual grant.

**County Council Report:** The County Council had agreed the development of the New Strategic Direction in that divestment decisions should only be made through conversations in the village. Local proposals should take into account all areas of change required within one context rather than on a service by service basis. J Finch was pleased to report that road improvement in Swan Street has been included in this years programme following much lobbying. The Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions is also in place and objections are to be lodged by 4th May.

**Babergh District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren advised that a new Chief Executive for Babergh and Mid Suffolk had been appointed, Charlie Adan. The two Councils are already sharing services which have resulted in savings. A vote by the Councils has agreed in principle that the two Councils will join but this is subject to a poll of all voters in May.

**Reports from Members:** A street light was reported not working outside the Arc on Boxford Lane. A Councillor reported dog mess in the closed church yard which is regularly used as a walkway to the school. The Parish Council would urge all dog owners to clear up after their dogs and dispose in the dog waste bins provided.

**Planning:** The following were discussed: -

- A) Proposed addition of external staircase and other alterations at The Arc, Boxford Lane.
  - B) Outline Plans at Goodlands Farm Development.
- The Parish Council strongly objected to the outline plans for the following reasons in summary: -
- i) The proposal represents overdevelopment and does not meet the Local Plan.
  - ii) Access has not been clearly thought out and there are real issues with road safety, drainage and sewage.
  - iii) The Parish Council also supports the letter sent to Babergh Council by the Boxford Society.

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*Dear Sir*

On the 20th April we hosted our Champagne & Chocolate event and invited the residents of Boxford. We had no idea that so many people would attend and it was wonderful for us to meet our neighbours who have made us feel so welcome in the short space of time we have been operating from our office at The Black Barn, Swan Street.

We'd like to congratulate Jonathan Rands who won the Hotel Chocolat Easter Egg in our prize draw and runner up was Reg Alderton. Hopefully their chocolates didn't melt in the warm weather we had over Easter!

A very big thank you to everyone for joining us and you will always be welcome to visit us in our office, even if it's for a cup of tea and a chat.

Warm regards

Christine & Brigette



*Jonathan Rands and Reg Alderton who won the Hotel Chocolate Easter Egg in the prize draw.*

*Dear Sir*

**Clunis Porteous**

Clunis' Children, Sarah, Rachel, Richard and Hilary, would like to thank all her friends in Edwardstone and Boxford for your messages, cards and flowers when she was unwell and after she died.

Always robust in spirit and physically well, her last illness took us all by surprise and thankfully was short. We are particularly grateful to Revd Judith Sweetman for her kindness and availability to her and us all; and to David Richardson whose organ playing our mother always loved. She valued meeting her friends in the Boxford store and post office, in the surgery and around the village, and in the church where she was a regular worshipper.

On 14 May at 11.00 am a team of bellringers gathered at St Mary's church Boxford to ring the bells as a tribute to Clunis Porteous. If you were around Boxford on that Saturday morning we hope that you enjoyed the ringing..

*Sarah Bullett*

*Dear Sir*

On April 3rd I was invited to watch Boxford Got Talent a good show but I was disappointed at the lack of support and the number of entrants. It is not always about winning, its taking part and having fun, which the very small ones in the dance group certainly did, they had lots of fun.

Well done Coleen for organising this show, lets hope next year you will get more support, and well done to all those who took part, you were all very good.

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## Boxford School News

How time flies! As I sit here writing this news I have this feeling of impending doom as we are only a couple of weeks away from this year's Year 4 Residential. Seriously thought we are looking forward to another exciting week with many different visits and activities planned. Following the closure of the Hunstanton Youth Hostel we are once again going to Kent, staying in a Youth Hostel just outside Gillingham and on the Wednesday we were planning to go into London and visit the House of Commons. We have had to abandon this and change our itinerary due to the visit of Barak Obama to London that week. Was he aware that he was upsetting Mrs. Mayhew's finely tuned plans!

On the first Saturday of the Easter Holiday Mr Hood and I took a party of sixteen pupils to see Ipswich play Crystal Palace. Despite the quality of the football the children enjoyed an entertaining game. Ipswich won 2 – 1 which pleased everyone with the exception of Mr Hood who supports Norwich! Following the match I dashed back to Hadleigh for the Swimathon. I am pleased to be able to report that the three teams entered from Boxford School all completed the challenge. Congratulations go to all and in particular our pupil team of Erin Rose, Ollie Webb, Bethany Whittaker, Ismay Hathaway and Millie Robinson and to Edward and Flynn Wagland who swam for the Waglands family team.

I am always pleased to hear news of past students and recently I had some excellent news of one of our ex-pupils Catriona McDonald. Catriona left us at the end of Year 4 for Ipswich High School some years ago and I have just heard that she has been offered a place at Harvard in America for next year. Well done to her.

At the beginning of this term we held a bonnet parade and afternoon tea to celebrate the Royal Wedding. We invited the parents and the children baked cakes and served them with a glass of bucks fizz to toast the Royal couple.

Just before Easter I was delighted to receive a letter from the Big

Lottery Fund informing us that we had successfully bid for a grant to enable us to improve our outside play facilities. Together with this grant and support from FOBS we will be starting work erecting a new climbing area on our field. This is the second stage of a project to enable us to use the field throughout the year and will link directly to the gazebo we erected last year in memory of Jane Whitwell.

Finally a very big thankyou to all of you who came to the FOBS Quiz this year. It was extremely well attended and a good time was had by all. This is an event that I always enjoy as not only does it give me the opportunity to exercise, as Monsieur Poirot would say, the little grey cells but also the chance to catch up with many ex-parents who I may not have seen for a while. Congratulations to Stephanie and Ian Atkins for another excellent quiz and for the record the joint winners were The Flying Fishers and Gone 'N' Forgotten. Well done to both of them.



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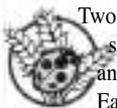
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Boxford Rovers men's football team have earned their sixth successive promotion after another storming campaign in the Colchester and East Essex League. They are now promoted to the premier league of the competition – but have their eyes firmly set on the Suffolk and Essex Border League.

Rovers lost only one game in 2010 and remain unbeaten in 2011 and were crowned division one champions at Homefield on Saturday 14th May when league officials arrived with the trophy. Club President Tony Excell joined Manager Richard Robinson and the first team squad to celebrate their richly deserved title.

The team, captained by Lee Wilkins, also qualified for three semi-finals but were just pipped on all three occasions so an cup final date still eludes the Homefielders. A major success story for the year has been 21-year-old Luke Waugh who has netted over 40 times for the first team and has also starred for the reserve team.

Rovers will start the 2011/12 season in the premier league of the Colchester and East Essex League unless their recent application for Border League status is agreed. They face stiff opposition for the berth in the league but have a strong committed band of volunteers ready to start work to improve changing facilities – which is one hurdle to overcome before membership.

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We began the season in mid April with a friendly game at Mellis which traditionally is a very competitive fixture between two similar sides. Edwardstone batted first and thanks to Adrian Gooderham (66) and Ben Taylor (65) produced a decent total of 187 in the 40 overs. Our bowlers begun well and the early pressure produced wickets in consecutive overs for Charlie Apter. However it wasn't to be our day and some fine batting from two Mellis batmen saw them reach our total in 32 overs.

The following week saw the opening fixture of the league campaign against Mildenhall. Edwardstone batted first and up against an accurate bowling attack could only make 89. Mildenhall easily reached the required total in 17 overs. Welcome to Division One!

Next up were Sudbury on a bright but windy afternoon at Friars Street. Sudbury batted first and reached 210. Pick of the bowlers for Edwardstone were Greg Hayton (2 for 16 off 10 overs) and Ben Taylor (3 for 32). In reply we reached 175 for 9 in our 40 overs, with Bert Jagger contributing a commanding 64 and Ed Croome 32 n.o. A loss but an encouraging performance against one of the strongest sides in the division.

Sunday 8th May saw the visit of Woolpit to Homefields. Another of

## THE GREAT BOXFORD RUN



### New village run a Great Boxford success!

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The event, which boasted 10k, 5k and 1k courses across the local countryside, was well supported by the local community as well as runners and enthusiasts from all over the region. Organised by Boxford Rovers FC, the run looks set to become a regular date for the diary and really captured the imagination of local people.

The 10k was won by Stephen Whiting from the Highgate Harriers club (34:08) and the first female runner was Gail Pryke from the Ipswich Jaffa club (43:31). The club runners were suitably impressed by the route and huge numbers have already pledged support for next year. The 5k result was more complicated with many of the runners led down an incorrect route – however, Barrie Robinson found the right way round the challenging course and was declared winner. Seth Philbidge was also awarded a winners medal as he led home those on the more 'scenic route'. No such problems for the 1k and Boxford's very own Will Eggleston took the honours with a spirited run.

The event was organised to raise vital funds for the proposed upgrade works to Boxford Pavilion. The works are necessary for Boxford Rovers FC to make their next step up the football ladder – and these works include a new shower room and referee's changing facilities. Many volunteers have already promised support for the scheme and the planning continues. Boxford FOBS and the Sunflower Playgroup also attended with a fantastic BBQ and refreshments.

The hero of the event was Dan Swansborough who devoted so much effort into organising the run and making it such a success. Dan, who is a player and Assistant Manager for Boxford Rovers FC, had been planning the run for almost six months and is already starting work on next year's event. Well done to Dan and to all who took part!

the divisions strong sides, Woolpit batted first and due to a workmanlike performance from Edwardstone, were bowled out for 215 in 36 overs. In reply Edwardstone could only reach a disappointing 114 against a disciplined Woolpit attack.

Despite 3 losses in the league so far, we have by no means disgraced ourselves in a division containing some excellent sides. We ran Sudbury close and on another day could have won that game.

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