

# Box River News



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## NEWTONS PIRATICAL EXTRAVAGANZA



The fete treasure chest is overflowing with gold doubloons following a fantastic day on Saturday that raised just under £3500.

When the fete was opened at noon by the Reverend Judith the sun was shining and the atmosphere was further lifted by a 'Shiver My Timbers' performance from the colourful Samboomba Band that got everybody dancing and in the mood for a great day.

The atmosphere built as the crowds arrived. Most people stayed for the whole afternoon as there was such a lot to see and do. The children enjoyed the usual traditional stalls, mostly run by the village. These included guessing games, lucky dips, face painting, bowling for a pig and this year, a children's tombola that proved to be a big success. There were also outside attractions including donkey rides, a bouncy castle, giant slide, swing boats and fairground attractions. There were also children's races and, as ever, the competition was fierce. The grownups were also catered for with a real ale bar, a fantastic burger bar, refreshments in the village hall as well as plant, fruit and craft stalls to mention a few.

A new attraction was provided by Flight of the Falcon Displays. The display itself was amazing with birds including Harris Hawks, a Saker Falcon, a Lanner Falcon and a Barn Owl. The displays were great and gasps from the crowd could be heard across the field. The Stoke by Nayland Karate Club entertained us with a display of their skills.

The fancy dress and children's colouring competition were judged, the Grand Draw and other competition winners were announced and everybody made their weary way home.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their hard work throughout the year, everybody who helped on the day and all those who attended and supported this event.

See you all next year! *Sue Presland* (Treasurer)



## AN EVENING WITH GRAHAM SEED



Photos David Lamming

**Above:** Graham in animated conversation with Tricia Eddington (herself an actress) during the refreshment break. **Below:** Graham, with Alison Carse (left) and Sandra Harbord (right), who organised the event.

"The actor Graham Seed who portrayed the well loved character Nigel Pargetter in the series "The Archers" visited Lavenham Village Hall on Sunday 12th June. He entertained the audience of around 130 with anecdotes of his theatrical career which included roles alongside John Gielgud and Derek Jacobi to name but two. The second half of his session concentrated on the 28 years he spent playing Nigel Pargetter with the audience contributing many and various lively questions. A vote of thanks was given by the Rev. Judith Sweetman and the evening concluded with the awarding of the raffle prizes.

The event was held as a fund raiser for the church of St. Lawrence in Little Waldingfield. Many thanks to all who attended."



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## CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING



The Christian Aid cake stall at Mary's House raised £318 and the coffee morning raised £200, this together with the envelope collectin resulted in a grand total for Boxford of £1,578. Thanks must go to all involved in this very rewarding collection.

## MIDSUMMER MUSIC AT ST MARY'S



The Midsummer Music & a Meal Concert on Saturday 11th June - Raised an amazing £1200.00 for St.Mary's Church. We are indebted to Jean Newble for organising the concert this year & to Peter Newble for the programme printing. Many thanks to Hadleigh Choral Society for this very enjoyable concert consisting of sacred and secular popular music from the shows, arranged and conducted by Christopher Phelps & with John Cooper (organ & piano). A delicious meal was then enjoyed in the village hall afterwards- thanks to Cynthia Wanniarthy & all who provided the food & worked so hard to make the evening a great success. Thanks to the Village hall bar staff & in fact everyone involved.

## A PEACEFUL SWAN STREET



Photo's David Lamming



**Friday, 15 July, 8.00, Ticket £16**

### **Zoe Gilby Quintet**

With Zoe Gilby vocals, Noel Dennis trumpet, Mark Williams guitar, Andy Champion bass and Richard Brown drums. Fleece Jazz welcomes an exciting newcomer. Zoe has a voice with a wide range, a warm timbre and clear diction and her lively personality comes across on every number. Her sparkling debut CD "Now That I am Real" has been widely praised. "Modern, mature, swings like a bell" - Carol Kidd MBE.

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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, 8 July, 8.00, Ticket £16**

### **Sam Crockatt Quartet**

With Sam Crockatt tenor sax, Gwilym Simcock piano, Oli Hayhurst bass and Ben Reynolds drums. Sam Crockatt has rapidly built a reputation as a hugely talented musician and has worked with many others including Peter King, Stan Sulzman and Jim Hart. A founding member of the London based Loop Collective from which three other associates complete tonight's band.

## THE JULY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH



Dear Friends,

A bright and windy Sunday saw about fifty people attending the open-air Five Villages Rogation service in Groton churchyard at which we gave thanks to God for all that grows, especially the crops, and for our daily work. Four tables had been set up at the four points of the compass - north, south, east and west - to indicate the whole reach of our benefice. On these we placed, one by one, with the help of the children present, a range of items to help us reflect on and pray about God's provision. The first table, with its secateurs, seed packets and plants reminded us about our gardens, which provide us with things to eat and are places of solace. The second table focused on cereal plants and grains, with a packet of muesli, jars of rice and pasta, and a small bottle of beer (made with barley, of course), which very nearly went walkabouts...The third table concentrated our minds on the wide range of daily work which the people in our five villages undertake: a filing box represented office and administrative work, a CD represented all who work with computers, a sewing box and spanner reminded us of those who work with their hands, at home or in mechanical or technical fields. Finally, a copy of the Box River News lay open at the pages representing all the small businesses in our communities. Our prayers at this "station" also included local people who are unemployed or unable to work through some disability. Finally, our fourth table, complete with bunch of carrots, celery, new and sweet potatoes and a cooking apple, brought us back to the heart of the meaning of Rogation, as we gave thanks to God for our food plants. Before we re-entered the church to share in a simple communion service, we paused, as appropriate in a churchyard, to think about, and give thanks for, our ancestors who had farmed the lands around us, dug the ditches, planted hedges and trees, and done back-breaking work, for so many hundreds of years.

It has been a busy month across the benefice and I have been delighted to meet and have conversations with so many of you at the various events around the villages: Boxford's Open Gardens and Hadleigh Choral Society concert, Newton's "Treasure Island" Fete (to which, keeping in the spirit of things, I wore my soft-toy parrot on my shoulder all afternoon!), Little Waldingfield's evening event with Archers' actor Graham Seed, Groton's Food Market, and a trip with Rufus to Morden College in London, which has strong links with Edwardstone Church. I have also been working closely with Boxford School preparing for a major service in Boxford church, led by the Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, to celebrate 200 years of the life and achievements of church schools.

Alongside this, it is has been my privilege to share some of the most special and poignant moments of your lives, both happy and sad, at baptisms, funerals and a wedding. I hope that, in all these occasions, as well as in the village celebrations, and in your daily working lives, you are able to sense God's presence with you, his love supporting and surrounding you.

Blessings, *Rev. Judith*

## BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN 2011



The good weather certainly brought out the gardeners on Sunday 5th June, the 14th Boxford Gardens Open. We were very lucky in view of the rain that poured down on Monday morning! There were 438 visitors to our lovely gardens and the event raised over £3,600 for Boxford St Mary's Church. Thank you also to all of our sponsors for lending their financial support - Copella, Ukay Fuels, Elizabeth Valda Estates, Zinnia Garden Design, GRO Landscapes, Suffolk Medical Clinic, The White Hart and Stoke by Nayland Hotel.

A huge thank you to all open gardeners for their hard work leading up to the event. This year has been a challenging one following the cold winter and then the drought conditions, but the gardens all looked fantastic and gardeners' efforts were rewarded with many positive comments. There was a real buzz in the village. Many visitors had come from quite far afield - one couple from Yorkshire raved about the beautiful gardens and the lovely village. Anne Holdgate and her catering team deserve a special thank you since they delivered ploughman's lunches and cream teas for so many visitors. The village hall never seemed to be empty of people eating! A special mention and thanks also go to all those who helped by selling programmes, serving coffee, taking visitors up the church tower, making scones and cakes, setting up and taking down tables, running a stall, garden sitting and attending the loos in Mary's House!

Although it is a little early to start thinking about next year, any comments would be gratefully received. BGO 2012 cannot take place on the first weekend of June since there are celebrations planned in the village for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. If you have any feedback or have any suggestions for a date next year (earlier or later?) you can contact me on 01787 212264 or email [angela@tolputt.com](mailto:angela@tolputt.com)

*Angela Tolputt*

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# FULL STEAM AHEAD



Photo DavidLamming

One of the attractions at the Hadleigh Show was Lisa and Peter Brandt's 1900 steam-driven carriage, as you will see from the photo above. Unfortunately it was only a stationary exhibit as something broke when they tried to start it last week (it's not been on the road for 25 years).

Like any other vehicle on our roads, before it could be driven on the public highway the steam car had to have an MOT. Where better for a 100 year old car to be tested than at Riddelsdells 100 year old garage in Boxford. The test provided a major challenge for the garage but Howard Watts of Riddelsdells managed to get it through the test and working ahead of a BBC Look East film crew that came to Boxford early on the morning of Wednesday 25th May.

Howard, accompanied by the BBC Look East presenter Clive Lewis got up steam and drive the car through the village with Lisa Brandt leading the way with a red flag. The whole event was shown on Look East at 6.30 the same evening

*Above: the car at the Hadleigh Show*

*Above Right: Howard Watts takes the tiller to steam through Broad Street, Boxford accompanied by Clive Lewis*



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# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS!



Does anyone out there remember this Snooker table or the organ on the left, in a somewhat dilapidated condition but still recognisable?

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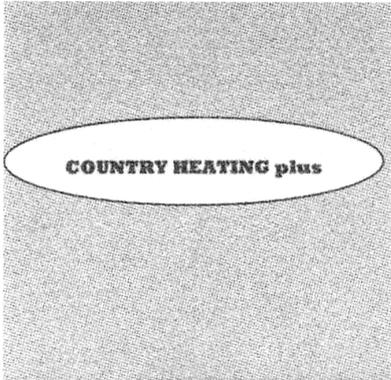


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The scenario might even have had Hitchcock scratching his head: An old man, Reece, played by Kevin Roychowdhury, is regretting his past, but he trusts no-one around him. Seeking a witness to his 'confessions' he summons a prostitute to his hotel room to witness them before a sinister henchman tries to silence her. She escapes through a hotel bedroom door into a time-space continuum and comes face to face with a previous victim of the person she is fleeing. Together, they devise a plot to travel further back in time to warn a third woman whose life is in danger, before it is too late – or possibly before it is too soon. and if you can work that out your a better man than I am!

Monica Murphy was superb as the sharp-witted, practical Ruella, a true homage to the Hitchcock heroine, whose reaction to the appearance of a futuristic hooker in her room was particularly enjoyable; and Sarah Hyde as Poopay, the prostitute brought out all shades of her complex character, exposing an unexpected wit and tender heart beneath her leather jacket and as the plot unfolded.

The fusion of comedy and suspense could be difficult to pull off in other, less capable hands; but Ayckbourn hit on a magical combination in *Communicating Doors*, which delivered laughs and thrills in equal measures without either one undermining the other.

Yet what drove the play was the unlikely friendship which sprung up between the two very different women. Their rapport throughout sparkled effortlessly and the final scene was quite moving.

The pair were accompanied by an excellent cast of characters, including Reece's first wife, Jessica, played by Lorna Macmillan as the younger and by her mother Janice, some 20 years older. The bloodthirsty Julian played by Jeremy Morgan was the sinister villain of the piece and last but by no means least, Harold the security man played by Derek, I can't remember my lines, Butler. If anything it was Derek who was the catalyst to many of the biggest laughs.

David Phillips as both Director and Producer is to be congratulated on such a fine production together with he and his team for the complex set and it goes without saying that the food and service provided during the interval were up to their usual high standard thanks to Jan Graves and Di Butler and their team.

Jessica (left) with Reece's confession, confronts Ruella with Harold the security man



Below: The Cast L to R Lorna McMillan, Kevin Roychowdhury, Monica Murphy, Sarah Hyde, Derek Butler, Janice McMillan, Jeremy Morgan.





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Nearly 50 people took the opportunity to visit Primrose Wood on its recent Open Day. Amongst them was Hannah Maxwell (pictured right above) who was only a small child when she joined others from Boxford School in planting a tree to begin the new wood in 1999. How surprised she was to see how it has grown! Today there is dense woodland and a beautiful water meadow filled with orchids.

Visitors enjoyed a Nature Trail which helped them to look more closely at flowers, trees and insects and find out about them. A nature quiz aimed at families was much enjoyed as the picture below shows. The prize winners were Ben Clubb, Maya De Alwis, Rosie Setterfield and Tilly Mace, all of whom received a nature book provided by the Boxford Society as a prize. The trail and quiz have been left out for a further two weeks to allow the Brownies and Rainbows to enjoy the nature walk and anyone else who missed it.

There were six of the organisers on duty throughout the day giving information to visitors. In their spare moments they enjoyed counting the orchids (nearly 1000) and watching a family of kestrels learning to hunt and doing acrobatics with their parents across the marsh. The bug hunters were rewarded by a great variety of ladybirds, the Bloody-nosed beetle out in force and a new moth and new bush cricket entered the records. Two new plant species were also recorded. Some people saw a tree creeper, woodpeckers and the whitethroat.

Primrose Wood now has a Geocache and visitors have recorded on the internet their joy at finding this place. One visitor to the Geocache on the Open Day wrote

'What a wonderful place, I didn't know it even existed. Was a bright and peaceful morning and thought it was all so lovely. Wild flowers everywhere, especially the orchids. Birds singing, wildlife running about at every turn. Really enjoyed this walk, so much so that I'm giving this a favourite. Thanks for bringing me here, I'll be back.'

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*Tina Loose*





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Does anyone out there know if, a house name has been changed or a new property been built in the last three years. As we go around we try to keep up to date but some will get missed, it would help us considerably and save us a lot of footsteps. and if we don't have your 'new house name' we could spend a long time looking for you.

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Vic Rice.

## I need your help, please!

As I think some of you know already, on Wednesday, 7th September 2011, at The Stoke by Nayland Hotel and Golf Spa, I shall be hosting a Charity Networking Dinner, in order to raise money for Success After Stroke and ICANHO Livability, the two local stroke charities that have helped me enormously, following my stroke in 2009.

Believe me, taking those first tentative steps towards rehabilitation is a real challenge. But, you know what, once you get started, you just want to keep on getting more!

"Lead by example" I have heard it said. On having the stroke I had first told myself that I would not host another networking event again. The prospect seemed overwhelming!

But after someone coming up to me at one of my events to say that it had been the best networking event they had ever attended, I guess I must have been making a difference. And when lots of people start telling me that, then I know I am making a difference!

So, as my strength and self-confidence began returning slowly, together with friends and former colleagues encouraging me on to do more 'gigs', I started telling myself that "Yes, I can do it." And what's more, not only did I want to host another big networking event, but I also wanted to raise some money for my fellow stroke survivors to help themselves at the same time to improve their own lives!"

As a result, I now find myself, with the help of those friends, planning a Charity Networking Dinner to which we hope at least 200 people will attend. Already 60 people have said they want to come, and we haven't even started the marketing yet!!

So what can you do to help? Bluntly, we need pledges of prizes for an Auction of Promises and a Raffle Prize Draw. Already we have some we have some fabulous prizes pledged, but we shall need some more. So whether you, or someone you know, can for example offer a week's break in a holiday cottage; or a trip down a leafy Suffolk memory lane in a classic car; or an experience of a lifetime, such as a hot air balloon ride over the Suffolk countryside; or a selection of gorgeous toiletries in a basket; or a small food hamper of Suffolk Fayre, then I would very much like to hear from you please on 01787-212323 or nickathorne@hotmail.co.uk

By the way, if you too want to attend the gig, the tickets for are £35.00 incl VAT. Just let me know. *Nick Athorne*

## BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL ABSEIL

By the time you read this, Veronica & Robert Hobbs and myself will be nervously counting down the days to the 10th July when we abseil 140ft down the Ipswich Maternity block building. Why are we doing this I hear you ask!

For some time there have been plans to install Disabled Toilet facilities within the hall and we are abseiling to raise some of the funds required to make these facilities reality later this summer. If you would like to sponsor us doing this mega event then please see Veronica in the newsagents where she has a sponsor form at the ready.

If you wish to come along and support us on the day then you would be very welcome, we are due to start our descent at approximately 2pm.

Saturday July 2nd also see the hall host the 80's night which is also raising funds for the Disabled Toilet. If you wish to attend then please ensure you have purchased tickets (£10) from Boxford Newsagents by

Monday 27th June to avoid disappointment. For further information please telephone 01787 211529 or 01787 210376

## The Bad Companions

The Bad Companions are back this year performing Crankenstein, a comedy in our usual style, at Little Waldingfield. We are looking for one final cast member, female, to join us. We begin rehearsals at the beginning of September and rehearse Sunday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 and Wednesday evenings 7.00 to 9.00 up to the shows which take place 25th & 26th November and 2nd & 3rd December. No previous experience is necessary and the emphasis is on having a bit of fun. All profits will go to charities of the casts' choice.

We're looking for someone who is looking for a laugh and prepared to make this modest commitment. Anyone interested can telephone me on 01787 211273 or E-mail me at martm.doman@yahoo.co.uk  
Martin C.Doman

## Calling all netball fans

**Come and join us!** We are 'Boxford Gallaghers' a Boxford netball club that has been running for the past thirty three years. At the moment we are in need of some new players, as due to members getting pregnant and some going off to see the world or just going to University we find our numbers are depleting rapidly. Don't worry that you have not played since college or school. If you love the game as we do, come along and give us a try. We have a lot of fun on and off the court.

Our ages range from twenty to sixty! So it does not matter how old you are from sixteen upwards as long as you can catch and throw a ball and are prepared to commit to the team every Monday night, which is when we play our matches, give us a go. At the moment we play in the Ipswich Netball League and we are currently in the third division, not bad for a team that just turns up to play without any coaching or practice nights! It might seem a bit cavalier to some of the other teams but we generally give a good account of ourselves by giving them a good game. To play the game you love with all your friends is great and if you happen to win it is a bonus.

For anyone who is interested we are holding an open evening on Monday 11th July at Hadleigh High School netball courts at 7.00pm. If you have any problems with transport meet us at Boxford Fleece at 6.30pm and we will get you there. If you have any queries at all telephone: Sylvia Preedy on 01787 210908

or email Lorna on [lorna.macmillan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lorna.macmillan@yahoo.co.uk)

We look forward to meeting you

## BOOT CAMP TRAINING -

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Bored with your work out, always the same routine and no motivation. Have you ever considered a ladies only boot camp? We offer a number of boot camp options and days available, all tailored to suit your needs. You have probably heard of Boot camp training but think that it's scary, run by ex military and that you are not fit enough to take part in one. Boot camp is in fact a fun and exciting way to lose weight, kick start your exercise routine and improve your fitness.

You can join us for a full day session which is 8.30am - 4.00pm, a school day session, which fits perfectly with dropping the kids off and picking them up, 9.30am - 2.30pm or if you just want to dip your toe in the water, throughout June we are offering one hour sessions at 9.30am. Boot camp is ideal for all, why not have a hen party with a difference, come along with work colleagues, with a friend or on your own.

For further details please contact Just Peachee on 07792334443 or visit [justpeachee.co.uk](http://justpeachee.co.uk) and click on Boot camp

## GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Registered Charity No. 1118325

The Trustees will meet on Wednesday 7th September, 2011 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and those parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs. Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5ER  
Tel:- 01787210263

Applications from organizations serving the above area will also be considered.

# Wot's On

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We are running an Opening offer of 2 for 1 throughout June. For further details please contact Just Peachee on 07792334443 or visit just peachee.co.uk and click on Boot camp

## Caribbean Extravaganza

**Saturday 2nd July 2011 - 7.00pm to 11.30pm.**

To be held at the Sudbury Resource Centre, Chilton Industrial Estate, Northern Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 2XQ.

Music by SOLO DJ Drizzle & DJ Des.E.D.

FOOD - LICENCED BAR - RAFFLE.

Tickets £13.50p on the door or £10.00p in advance available from:

In aid of the Helping Hands (Friends of Sudbury Resource Centre)

Registered Charity No. 1010934.

## Suffolk Villages Festival

**Myths and Legends, 26 – 29 August 2011**

**Artistic Director: Peter Holman**

**Friday 26 August, 8pm**

**St Mary's Church, Hadleigh**

Carissimi Jephthe, Charpentier Actéon and music by Monteverdi & Cavalli.

Claire Tomlin & Philippa Hyde (soprano), Daniel Auchincloss (tenor)

Psalmody, The Parley of Instruments, directed by Peter Holman

with pre-concert talk at 6.45pm by Hugh Belsey MBE 'Diana and Actaeon – perennial inspiration'

**Saturday 27 August, 12 midday**

**St James's Church, Nayland**

Biber Rosary Sonatas nos 1, 3, 6, 10, 11 & Passacaglia

Pavlo Beznosiuk (violin), Paula Chateaufneuf (theorbo)

**Saturday 27 August, 7.30pm**

**St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland**

Legends of Betrayal: Armida – Agrippina – Arianna

Handel Overtures to Rinaldo & Agrippina, cantatas Armida abbandonata & Agrippina condotta a morire,

Locatelli Concerto 'Il pianto d'Arianna', Haydn Arianna auf Naxos

Rebecca Bottone (soprano), Essex Baroque Orchestra, directed by Steven Devine

**Sunday 28 August, 7.30pm**

**St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland**

Corelli Sonata op 1 no 12, Handel Trio Sonata HWV393, Kuhnau The

Fight between David and Goliath, Bach Trio Sonata No 6 BWV530,

Couperin L'Apotheose de Lulli & La Paix de Parnasse

London Baroque

**Monday 29 August, 12 midday**

**St Mary's Church, Boxford**

Douce Dame Debonaire – Secrets & Desires in Mediaeval Song

Joglaresa

**Monday 29 August, 7.30pm**

**St Mary's Church, Hadleigh**

Handel Choice of Hercules, Bach Cantata 213 Hercules auf dem Scheidewege

Psalmody, Essex Baroque Orchestra

directed by Peter Holman

Box office & further information:

01206 366603

box@suffolkvillagesfestival.com

www.suffolkvillagesfestival.com

## But You Don't Look Ill

Cheerful support for those with "hidden" conditions

Thursday 14th July

Drop in 1-3pm

The Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard

£1 (towards room hire)

## SUFFOLK ART SOCIETY

**Early Summer Exhibition**

St Peter and St Paul Church Lavenham 28 May to 12 June 2011

**Late Summer Exhibition**

Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford 29 July to 15 August 2011

10am to 5pm daily 10am to 5pm daily

Suffolk Art Society returns to these beautiful Churches for its two summer exhibitions. These popular venues make elegant settings for the work of some of Suffolk's finest artists.

A wide spectrum of subjects and styles will give everyone something to enjoy. Standard of work remains high and the membership has several internationally well-known artists. The Society is non-profit-making and it donates substantial sums of money to charities, in this case, these two Churches.

Admission is free and visitors will be assured of a warm welcome.

## Edwardstone Parish Hall, 3 September:

Would you like to have a stall?

We are holding a coffee morning with stalls on Saturday 3 September in Edwardstone Parish Hall.

Please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210698 or email on daphne@clark-home.me.uk if you are interested.

## Boxford & District Bowls Club 100 Club Winners:

May: £40 Bill Dodd, £15 Heather Daultrey, £5 Jill Ashton.

June: £40 Heather Daultrey, £15 Ray White, £5 Daphne Clark.

## Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club

Working Day off Valley Road, Gt Waldingfield 28th August

10.30-5.00pm. Vitage Tractors ploughing, Stationary Engines

Vintage vehicles etc. More info from 01787 372478



# Wot's On

## BOXFORD WI

Alistair Angus came to our June meeting to tell us about the setting up and running of the Christmas Hill Farm Shop. This is situated near Lakenheath and has only been opened 2 years. It was Alistair's idea to start this business when he came out of university.

Christmas Hill Farm is the main source of the meat sold in the shop and it is supplemented with local chickens and Blythburgh pork.

He used a power point presentation to show us the various rare breeds that are kept on the farm and why they produce excellent meat.

Adjacent to the farm shop is Mary's Tea Room which is run by a local lady and uses meat from the farm.

This was an interesting and informative talk which prompted several questions.

The Craft Club meeting on June 9th explored drawing and painting using a picture of a house as the starting point.

There will be no meeting next month as we are going on an outing to Anglesey Abbey. The Craft Club will meet on 14th July for a mystery Craft.

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 01787211566

## Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, 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

Saturday 6th August TRUE GRIT (2011) Classic Western

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

## MILDEN vs MONKS ELEIGH CRICKET MATCH

AT  
MILDEN PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011  
Bar open at 12.30, first ball 1pm



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The cricket match is a friendly and open to all so if you've never played and fancy a bat or bowl please contact David Porcous Butler (Milden) or Barry Jewell (Monks Eleigh) to put your name on the team sheets. Even if cricket is not your game come and enjoy the party and see at first hand the wonderful facilities the Pavilion and playing field has to offer!



For more information  
call

Justin 01787 248145  
Pearl 01787 247845  
David 01787 249566  
Barry 01449 340395



**25th ANNUAL DAY SCHOOL**  
Stoke by Nayland Village Hall  
10.00am, Sat, 16th July 2011



Morning Lecture followed by lunch  
Roger Mannion  
speaking on

Isambard Kingdom Brunel



An afternoon visit to  
The East Anglian Railway Museum  
Chappel Station near Colchester



Total cost - including coffee, lunch, lecture and entrance to the Railway Museum - £14

To book please contact: Ruth Bellairs 01206 262312

Future course - Autumn 2011 - Douglas Evans on 20th Century Design

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Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema



**SATURDAY 2nd JULY 2011**

Rowan Joffe's new adaptation of Graham Greene's groundbreaking classic underworld thriller

Our 3rd Film with our new Equipment & Improved Acoustics  
Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (111 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)

# 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.

15th October Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition

5th November Quiz Night

25/26th November Bad Companions - Crankenstein

2nd/3rd December Bad Companions - Crankenstein

## SUMMER CONCERT

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, STOKE BY NAYLAND

MIEI AMICI, a Chamber Choir of professional singers, will perform a wide range of music "from Mozart to the Beatles" in the Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 30th July 2011.

Tickets - £12, (£10 Friends of St Mary's) under16s £6 - are available from Stoke by Nayland Post Office, 01206 262659 (please leave name and tel. no.) and at the door on the night and include interval refreshments There will be an opportunity to picnic before the concert - details from 01206 262659

## MELFORD MUSIC

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LONG MELFORD

LUNCHTIME RECITALS Every Wednesday 1.10pm

Admission FREE Light Refreshments available

### JULY 2011

6 ANNE FRANKS (flute), Schubert's Piano Sonata in C minor D.958

13 FIONA DERMIT (clarinet), CLIVE SMITH (piano)

Music by Mozart, Finzi & Gampiere

20 KALEIDOSCOPE (soprano & chamber ensemble)

Music by Ravel

27 MELINDA BLACKMAN (viola) Music to include Bach

## POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

"Britten and his Festival" 43mins Friday 8 July

A 1967 documentary film featuring the opening of the Snape Maltings Concert Hall. Legendary performances and conversations between Benjamin Britten, Henry Moore, Sviatoslav Richter and many others. The film has been made available to the Suffolk Digital Cinema Network by the East Anglian Film Archive thanks to a special digitising project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

This is a unique opportunity to see the infancy of what has become a world famous international music festival.

Proceeds from the evening will be given to the Lavenham Sinfonia

TICKETS: £10-00 (which include a first glass of wine and light buffet) from Sue Wigglesworth 01787 210029

Doors open at 7-00pm

The evening will open with a short programme of chamber music performed by members of the Lavenham Sinfonia.

## Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

Friday 22 July "Meek's Cutoff"

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

## Polstead Art Group Annual Exhibition

Polstead Art Group Annual Exhibition will be held in Polstead Village Hall on Saturday 29th July from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday 30th July from 11am to 5pm. Pictures to view and for sale.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be available.

Admission free and all are welcome.

## SESAW SUMMER FETE OF YESTERYEAR

Volunteers at Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare are hard at work, preparing for the Sanctuary's big annual event on Sunday 31 July. This year they are holding a Summer Fete of Yesteryear with the emphasis on old fashioned family fun.

Attractions include side shows galore, competitions for all ages, tarot readings, musical entertainment, refreshments and an ice cream van. The Public can enter their pooches into the Fun Dog Show and there will be a Dog Agility Display by Ace Agility from Glemsford. Visitors will then have the opportunity to put their own dogs over the course for small charge. The Fete opens at noon, admission 50p, under 12's free, dogs on leads welcome at SESAW, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.



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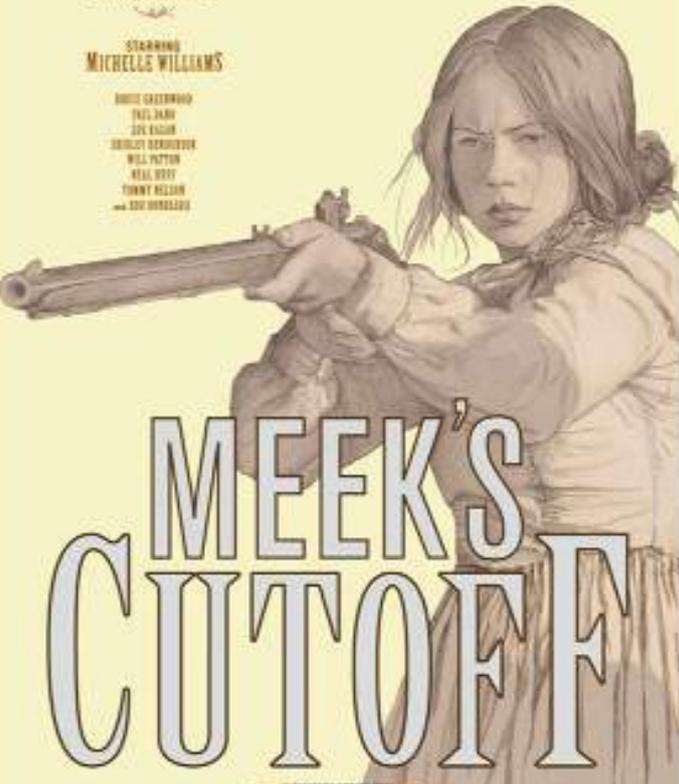
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# MEEK'S CUTOFF

IN THEATRE SPRING 2011

**POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 22nd July**  
**Tickets £3-50, from Polstead Community Shop**  
**or on 01787 210029.**  
**All films begin at 7-30pm, doors open at 7-00pm**

# 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.

## Benefice Lunch

Sunday, July 17th 12.30pm at Groton House, Groton

Tickets will soon be available for the Benefice Lunch, and each parish will be designated 20 tickets at £10 each, to cover costs, available from:-

Boxford -- Ruth Kingsbury 211236.

Edwardstone -- Pam Dodd 210397.

Groton -- Pat Kennedy Scott 210319.

Little Waldingfield -- Alison Carse.247585.

and Newton -- Lisa Robinson 375150.

There is plenty of parking at Groton House, and let's hope for a dry day,

even though the date is only 2 days after St. Swithin's Day.

## Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting on July 18th is at Mr and Mrs Golding's, Corner Cottage, Polstead.(corner Wash Lane, Polstead Road)

Meeting on August 15th is at Mr and Mrs Crawley's, Cox Hill Please bring a chair if possible.

# 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!!

get out those leg warmers!  
Shoulder pads!  
big hair!  
Hair goals!  
Power dressing!  
Million man!  
bling! bling! bling!

**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** from Boxford News



## 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*  
*Movement Teamwork*  
*Self-Confidence Creativity*  
*Theatre Skills Self-Expression*  
*But most of all Fun!*

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

All tutors are CRB checked.

# SPONSOR THE BOXFORD ABSEIL

...only another 130ft to go!



Please pledge your support for 3 heavyweight, unfit and very brave members of our community who will be launching themselves off the roof of Ipswich Hospital at 2pm on Sunday July 10 to raise money for the building of disabled toilets in Boxford Village Hall.

**PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT IN BOXFORD NEWSAGENTS NOW!!**

**Be there on the day: 2pm July 10th**  
Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5PD

## LIPREADING CLASS

Is your hearing not what it used to be?

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Class in Hadleigh, Tuesday mornings, September 2011

Classes also available in Ipswich and Great Cornard.

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Cost: £120 per course of 30 weeks

(pay £60 August 2011 & January 2012)

**Hurry!** - Bookings being taken now. Enquiries to:

Suffolk Hearing Support Service

(part of Suffolk Deaf Association)

2 Wharfedale Road, Ipswich IP1 4JP

**01473 467785**

## BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL June Draw Results

1st No 74	G. Baxter	White St Green	£40
2nd No 101	E & F Carter	Boxford	£20
3rd No 155	J. Phillips	Boxford	£10
4th No 11	J. Sibley	Colchester	£5

Next draw is on July 5th at the Bingo

The Boxford Village Hall Draw will have been in existence for 30 years in July. Throughout that time Von Wymark has been the organiser and collector and has to be congratulated for such dedicated service to Boxford Village Hall and the community.

**Well Done Von**



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### Friends of Boxford School SUMMER FETE

9<sup>th</sup> July 2-5pm

If you would like to support your local school and be in with a chance of winning great prizes we are selling Raffle Tickets for the draw to be held at our Summer Fete. Tickets available in Boxford News and Boxford Stores.

For a 50p Ticket you could win some of the following prizes donated by local businesses.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Family Entry to Bressingham    | -Paul Charles Recruitment       |
| Hamper of Local Produce        | -East of England Co-Operative   |
| Round of Golf for Four         | -Stoke by Nayland Hotel         |
| Family Membership              | -Solar Bowl, Ipswich            |
| 6 Vouchers to Bowl/Laser Quest | -Strikes, Sudbury               |
| Meal Voucher for 2             | -Waitrose Coffee Shop           |
| Entry Voucher                  | -Easton Farm Park               |
| Garden Equipment               | -WJ Green, Hadleigh             |
| Tea & Scones for 2             | -The Orangerie, Hadleigh        |
| 2 Quasar Games                 | -Rollerworld, Colchester        |
| 2 Skating Vouchers             | -Rollerworld, Colchester        |
| Party Voucher                  | -The Giggle Factory, Sudbury    |
| Hand Made Children's Quilt     | -Jo Powell                      |
| Picnic Cool Bag                | -MW Partridge & Co - Hadleigh   |
| Family Entry to Farm Trail     | -Hollow Trees Farm Shop         |
| £15 Voucher & Hair Products    | -Fatal Attraction Hairdressers  |
| Children's Relaxation CD       | -Caterpillar Toes Yoga          |
| Family Entry                   | -Baylham House, Rare Breed Farm |



## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD FLOWER FESTIVAL

Theme of "Suffolk"

**St Lawrence Church**  
**Little Waldingfield**

(on B1115 Sudbury to Stowmarket road)

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.00am – 6.00pm**

**Songs of Praise Sun 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 6.30pm**

# Forthcoming Events Diary

## July

2 Boxford Village Hall	80's Night	Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Boxford WI	Outing to Angelsey Abbey		
9 FOBS Summer Fete		School	2-5pm
9 Brookwood Manor Little Waldingfield Fete		Brookwood Manor	2-4pm
14 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	12.30pm
18 Boxford Over 60's	Mr and Mrs Golding's, Corner Cottage, Polstead.		

## 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
10/11 Little Ealdingfield Flower Festible.		St Lawrence Church.	10-6pm
15 Boxford Over 60's	Mr and Mrs Crawley's, Cox Hill		
19 Suffolk Village Festival		St Mary's Boxford	12 noon

## September

3 Edwardstone Parish Hall	Coffee Morning with stalls	Village Hall	TBA
10 Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	Cycle Ride	local churches	9am to 5pm
10/11 Little Waldingfield Flower Festival			10-6pm

## 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

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# The Box River Parishes Church News

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

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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.*

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

### Churchwardens:

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### God in Ordinary

With the great festivals of Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity behind us, the church year now moves into a period known as "Ordinary time" or "The Sundays after Trinity".

Throughout the year, the colour (known as the "liturgical colour") of the church vestments (that is, the altar frontal, the cloth covering the chalice, the chasuble or robe the priest wears) changes according to what is being commemorated or celebrated. So, for example, at Christmas and Easter, the colour is white – the colour signifying joy - joy at Christ's birth and the joy of the resurrection.

During "Ordinary Time", the liturgical colour is green. Green is the colour we see all around us, every day, in nature. It is a colour which is familiar and friendly, the colour of the grass and the leaves on our plants and trees. And so green seems a very fitting choice, because God is not confined to our church buildings and God is not just to be encountered on Sundays in services.

The Christian belief is that God, through the Spirit of Jesus, is with us every day, Monday to Saturday as well. God is to be found all around us, as we sense his presence in creation, in our gardens, in the loveliness of our countryside. God can be encountered in our ordinary, everyday lives, as we go about our work, meet people in the streets, pubs and shops of our villages. God is just as much there with us in "the common task" as in the soaring beauty of our cathedrals. May we all find our "ordinary lives" shot through with those special moments of God's love and God's light.

Revd. Judith

**Thought for the month:** "Worshipping" seems rather a strange way of responding to another person in today's world. But maybe we would do well to remember that it really means "giving someone their true worth". Over the years I'm not sure the Christian church has always lived out the teaching of the one who constantly emphasised that every life is infinitely precious to God. We have sometimes failed to give others their worth and instead acknowledge our own. Yet the record of Jesus' dealing with people in the gospel accounts is all about raising people up and encouraging them to see their potential as God sees it.

So how about us all doing a bit of "worshipping"? I don't mean just coming to church to acknowledge God's worth. I mean responding to one another with loving encouragement and constantly looking for the good in each other, rather than focusing on each other's failings. Maybe we could start by trying to do that with our nearest and dearest.

**The Midsummer Music & a Meal Concert** on Saturday 11th June - See the Newsletter pages.

**Open Gardens 2010.** Angela Tolpitt & her team are to be congratulated for raising the magnificent sum of £3670.00 at the Boxford Open Gardens on Sunday June 5th See the Newsletter pages for more detail.

**Christian Aid Week 2010:** See the Newsletter pages.

**"A Boxford Calendar 2012"** In August our judges will have to decide on the pictures for the calendar which we hope to have on sale in the autumn. 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 – Further information from a churchwarden.

**Ladies Lunch-** A huge thank you to Sue Copeland for hosting the Ladies Lunch in June. These lunches raise much needed funds for the church.

**Looking ahead- "A Pimms Evening"** - 30th July at 6.30pm. Enjoy a glass of Pimms with delicious canapes - With 20's & 30's music - in the garden at Knollgate. Tickets are £7.00 - speak to Cynthia Wanniarachy or a churchwarden for tickets. **Sunday 3rd July: All Age Worship** – 11.00 am Everyone is welcome. **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. These services are lots of fun. Any pet can be brought to the service from a mouse to a donkey! Bring along your pet- whatever it may be, to this family service.

**The Church Organ-** The church organ in St.Mary's, a fine Hill instrument of the 1880's, will soon need a considerable sum spending on its restoration. Donations to St.Mary's Church Organ Fund. Please look out for further information on our appeal to raise funds to keep the church organ in good condition.

**Smile lines:** A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

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Tel: 210972  
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Tel: 211161

**PCC MEETING:** There will be a PCC meeting on Thursday, 7th July, 7.30 p.m. at Mary's House.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please contact David Saddleton on 211 161 if you are able to help out with either the church cleaning or coffee rotas. Thank you.

### EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL, 3 SEPTEMBER:

Would you like to have a stall?

We are holding a coffee morning with stalls on Saturday 3 September in Edwardstone Parish Hall. Please contact Daphne Clark on 01787 210698 or email on daphne@clark-home.me.uk if you are interested.

### ROTA:

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
<b>July 3:</b>	Mrs Paul	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	Mrs Saddleton	Mrs Morris
<b>July 10:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	“	“
<b>July 17:</b>	Mrs Paul	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	“	“
<b>July 24:</b>	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	“	“
<b>July 31:</b>	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd	“	“
<b>Daily Prayer:</b>		9.00 a.m. every Tuesday		



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

**Churchwardens:** Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2011.** £443.37 was raised by the house-to-house collection in Groton this year—money that Christian Aid will use to “help people in poverty out of poverty.” Nearly half of this total was gift-aided, raising the value of the collection, after Christian Aid has recovered the tax from HMRC, to £497.34. Thank you, on behalf of Christian Aid, to all who contributed and to those who collected.

**PCC MEETING:** Wednesday 20th July, 7.30 pm at Mary's House, Boxford. Any items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary (David Lamming, Tel: 210360; e-mail djlamming@hotmail.com) by 10th July.

**OUR AMERICAN CONNECTION:** Groton is proud of its American connection and a glance at our visitors' book shows that we continue to receive a regular stream of visitors from “across the pond.” One recent entry is of particular note: “Marilyn – 15th generation descended from Richard Doggett 1484 – after 1526 Groton, Suffolk, whose 8th great-grandfather, John Doggett, came to America on the ship with John Winthrop.” The “special relationship,” which President Obama reaffirmed in his recent address to the Houses of Parliament, has a long history! And as the president pointed out, “the relationship is special because of the values and beliefs that have united our people through the ages.”

### ROTA:

<b>Sidesman with Sacristan:</b>	Mrs Foster
<b>Flowers:</b>	Mrs Payne
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Mrs Payne



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2011.** The house-to-house collection in Little Waldingfield raised £280.62, a new record. With more collectors this year we were able to cover the whole village and this is reflected in the total—an increase from £117 last year. Just over half the amount given was gift-aided, raising the total value of the collection, with the tax

recovered from HMRC, to £316.56, money that Christian Aid will use to “help people in poverty out of poverty.” A big ‘thank-you’ to all who gave and to all who collected.

### ROTA:

	Sidesman	Flowers
<b>July 3:</b>	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Squirrell
<b>July 10:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Eddington
<b>July 17:</b>	Mr & Mrs Tora	Mrs Gregor Smith
<b>July 24:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Harbord
<b>July 31:</b>	Mrs Harbord & Mrs Carse	Mrs Ewen



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

“Opus”, Sudbury Road, Newton,

Tel; 370331

**Our May Family Service** took as its theme, “Living Stones”.

The children went outside to look at the stones used to build our lovely church. Then they listened to a reading, after which everyone sang hymns accompanied on the guitar by the Rev. Judith.

Finally the children and all the congregation wrote their names on a paper cut-out ‘stone’, and added others who are like ‘living stones’, helping to build our church community in Newton. The ‘stones’ were pasted on a drawn outline of the church, ending a theme worth thinking about for the future.

### ROTA:

**CHURCH CLEANING** Mrs. Wendy Turner & Mrs. Eileen Marshall

### CHURCH FLOWERS:

**July 9th** Mrs. Wendy Turner

**July 23rd** Mrs. Eileen Marshall

**On Tuesday 14th June** we celebrated the life of Lucy Cutts at a beautiful service conducted by the Rev. Judith.

Lucy was 94 years old and was sadly pre-deceased by her daughter Linda. Both were very active ladies and gave much of their time to village activities and to the church and were much appreciated and loved by us all.

## GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

**Benefice Lunch** Sunday, July 17th 12.30pm at Groton House, Groton Tickets will soon be available for the Benefice Lunch, and each parish will be designated 20 tickets at £10 each, to cover costs, available from:- Boxford - Ruth Kingsbury 211236. Edwardstone – Pam Dodd 210397. Groton - Pat Kennedy Scott 210319. Little Waldingfield - Alison Carse 247585 and Newton - Lisa Robinson 375150. There is plenty of parking at Groton House, and let's hope for a dry day, even though the date is only 2 days after St. Swithin's Day.

**WOMEN BISHOPS:** At its meeting on 11th June, the diocesan synod voted overwhelmingly to support the draft legislation that will enable women to become bishops. Our diocesan synod follows those of Birmingham, Canterbury, Chelmsford and Europe dioceses in approving the proposals, which include provision for those parishes (likely to be only a few in our diocese) which, on theological grounds, request the alternative oversight of a male bishop. Most diocesan synods will be voting on the issue in the autumn. Approval by at least half the 44 dioceses is needed for the legislation to go forward for final approval by General Synod, expected to be sometime in 2012.

**SUDBURY DEANERY SYNOD:** a report on the meeting held on 16th June, when the deanery plan was discussed, will appear next month.

**ART AND SOUL: DON'T MISS IT!** The Methodist Church Collection of Modern Christian Art will be on display at St Peter's Church, Sudbury, from 16th July to 21st August 2011. The collection comprises more than 50 paintings dating back to the turn of the 20th century. Depicting the life of Christ, it is a hard-hitting and evocative exhibition with examples of work from both devout Christians and non-Christian artists. It features some of Britain's and the world's finest artists, including Graham Sutherland, Elizabeth Frink, Edward Burra and Patrick Heron and is widely regarded as the finest collection of modern Christian art outside of the Vatican. The exhibition will be officially opened at 12.00 noon on 16th July by Maggi Hambling and is then open each day from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Admission is free

# The Church At Worship

## July 2011

<b>Sunday 3rd</b> Lt Waldingfield <b>Edwardstone</b> Boxford  Boxford	<b>2nd</b> 8.00 <b>9.30</b> 11.00  18.30	<b>Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion <b>Holy Communion</b> All Age Worship  Evensong	<b>(G) (St.Thomas)</b> The Rev Judith Sweetman <b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman with George & Pauline Barnes Christopher Kingsbury
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Wednesday 6th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd Judith Sweetman
Thursday 7th Lt. Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion Newmans Hall (reserved sacrament)	Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 10th</b> Groton <b>Newton</b> Boxford	<b>3rd</b> 8.00 <b>9.30</b> 11.00	<b>Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion <b>Holy Communion</b> Civic Service	<b>(G)</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman <b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman and Christopher Kingsbury
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Wednesday 13th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Antony Dodd
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<b>Sunday 17th</b> Edwardstone <b>Lt Waldingfield</b> Boxford	<b>4th</b> 8.00 <b>9.30</b> 11.00	<b>Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion <b>Holy Communion</b> Holy Communion	<b>(G)</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman <b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b> The Revd Judith Sweetman
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Wednesday 20th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Rev David Abel
Thursday 21st Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord

<b>Sunday 24th</b> Boxford <b>Groton</b> Newton Green Boxford	<b>5th</b> 8.00 <b>9.30</b> 11.00 11.00	<b>Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion <b>Holy Communion</b> Family Service Matins	<b>(G)</b> The Rev Judith Sweetman <b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b> The Rev Judith Sweetman Christopher Kingsbury
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Wednesday 27th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd Judith Sweetman
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<b>Sunday 31st</b> <b>Lt Waldingfield</b>	<b>6th</b> <b>10.00</b>	<b>Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Five Villages Service</b>	<b>(G)</b> <b>The Revd Judith Sweetman</b>
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Daily Prayer – A 30 minute informal said service with the Revd Judith – All welcome			
Tuesday	9.00	Edwardstone	
	17.00	Little Waldingfield	
Wednesday	9.00	Groton	
Thursday	9.00	Newton	
	17.00	Boxford	



Photo's David Lamming

# GARDENING IN JULY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

There are many jobs to do in the garden this month. Plants to stake and tie, seeds to sow, plants to be watered, shrubs to be pruned and cuttings to be taken, not to mention the weeds to be dealt with.

Cuttings of alpines can be taken now. Plants which were cut back earlier after flowering will have produced many young growths and these will have been ripened by the sun and make ideal cuttings. Take cuttings of about three inches in length and insert in boxes or pots in a very sandy compost and soak with water. Place these in a frame and cover with a frame light, shade for a few days if hot and sunny.

Climbers and shrubs can be propagated this month by layering. Select long flexible shoots close to ground level and one which is not too old and woody. A slanting cut should be made at each leaf node about half way through the stem, using a match stick to keep it open. Each leaf node should be pegged down to the soil using a bent wire to hold it in position. The layers must be kept watered and should be rooted by the end of summer.

Renew your stocks of pinks and border carnations this month. Pinks can be increased by taking two inch long tips of young shoots. Border carnations do not strike easily from cuttings and are best layered. *jp*Heathers can be propagated by taking one inch long non-flowering shoots. Insert the cuttings in a seed tray and cover with a clear plastic top made to fit a normal size seed tray. When rooted, pot up into small pots using lime free compost.

End of month is the best time to take cuttings of geraniums for over wintering in pots. Geraniums which are well established by the autumn are less likely to succumb to black stem disease. Sterilise the compost by watering once a month with cheshunt compound and avoid over-watering - give only sufficient water to stop the plants flagging. Pinch the tops out of any plants which do not break naturally.

As vegetable crops are used and land becomes available there is still time to make more sowings and planting. French and runner beans sown now will mature in September. Carrots, red beet, turnips, perpetual spinach and lettuce will provide an autumn and winter supply from a July sowing. Sow a small patch of parslev now for winter use, place a wooden frame around it and cover with glass in bad weather. Last week in the month,

make a sowing of spring cabbage for planting out in early October.

The sun is the most effective weed killer you can get - so make good use of any hot dry weather by regular hoeing with a Dutch hoe. Most weeds will die in a few hours and even the more persistent perennial weeds will not stand continual hoeing in dry weather.

Although at the moment every thing in the garden is in need of water, it is essential to avoid the every day little and often watering. This does more harm than good as it puts the plants under stress by encouraging the roots near the surface where they are prone to drying out in the hot sun. Plants which appear to be coping with the dry weather and are not under any stress are best left alone.

In the vegetable garden there is still time to make sowings of French Beans, carrots, lettuce, red beet and turnips.

## Show Garden at Sandringham Flower Show

This year GRO Landscapes is delighted to have been accepted to design and build a show garden at Sandringham Flower Show on 27th July 2011.

Our garden, entitled "Ripple", is based on the theme of raindrops hitting water and creating a ripple effect. We have commissioned two large glass raindrops, which will be the centrepieces and the representation of the ripples will be constructed of paddlestones and cobbles in rings away from them. Further glass raindrops have been made at different heights on glass stems and will be placed in a band around the ripples, within the planting of cool coloured plants. Bamboo will also be used to represent the sound of rain when the wind blows.

If you have time to visit the show, please come and see us. We also have a plant stall selling our range of plants, antique Turkish pots and sundries from GRO Plants.

Sandringham flower Show is celebrating it's 130th Anniversary this year and is a great day out for all the family. With a mixture of flower show and country fair, as well as access to the fabulous Royal Estate grounds, there is something there for everybody to enjoy.

This years show is on Wednesday 27th July, with the gates opening at 7.30am. Adult entrance is £8, with children under the age of 16 free.

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*Guy & Vicky Ormes* (GRO Landscapes & Plants)

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## Soap Box

Did you miss me? I am sure not everyone reads this column, but I confess to being a little disappointed that nobody has asked me where I had been for the June edition. The answer, boring it is true, is that I was on holiday. Very nice it was too – and much needed, following far too many trips to hospital. Nothing serious, you must understand, but sufficient to make me reflect on the state of the nation's health service.

My generation is very privileged. Throughout our lives we have had access to a free health service. By and large, despite the odd problem, most of us have had a good experience of the National Health Service. Yet the NHS remains at the heart of government initiatives aimed at change. You might well conclude that if it ain't broke, why fix it? But change is inevitable and even necessary.

There are two compelling reasons why the way in which the NHS operates deserves a radical rethink. First, we are all living longer. Not only could this put a strain on the resources of our health service, it might also fundamentally affect the way in which it is funded. An aging population means that a shrinking workforce will be required to pay for a burgeoning burden of needy people. The argument is much the same to that being applied to those in receipt of government sponsored pensions.

Second, society has changed dramatically – certainly in my lifetime. Moreover, arguably the pace of change is accelerating. The nuclear family is now more the exception than the rule. From looking after our own in their

infirmity, this responsibility has been thrust back onto the state in significant measure. Add to that the increasing incidence of dementia cases, itself a function of greater longevity, and you can see the problem emerging.

Unfortunately I find myself able to articulate the concerns, but less able to offer solutions. However, what has become clear from the rather messy debate that has surrounded the latest Coalition efforts to alter the way in which the NHS operates is that change looks very resistible, particularly if you are on the inside. I detect a fear element here. Better the devil you know than the opaque monster lurking out there in the future.

There is an old adage that says change is never accomplished without pain, even if it is from worse to better. That the NHS needs – deserves, even – change is undeniable in my opinion. Quite what that change should be is far from certain. What it mustn't be is more form filling, more reviews and more bureaucracy. The NHS is a national asset and should be a national treasure. Let's hope it stays that way.

So at last the local elections can be consigned to history. I didn't gain a place at District level, by the way, probably just as well if my marriage is to remain on an even keel. And the good electorate of Babergh decided getting together with Mid Suffolk was not such a good idea after all. The people have spoken, but it seems a little strange that services are to be merged, but not the people who ensure they are being delivered appropriately. Such is life.

Meanwhile, I find myself once again in the hot seat at our Parish Council. It is with a degree of relief I can attest to a full Council, with a drop in the average age of those serving on it. My thanks to those who have contributed in the past and my very good wishes to those embarking on this adventure for the first time. It can be fun and rewarding. I hope you enjoy it. I plan to.

*Brian Tora is (still) Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.*



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# Parish Council Matters

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in May 2011

### Meeting on 3rd May

**Housing Needs:** Members had listened to a presentation from ICENI Homes/ Suffolk Housing Society ahead of the meeting. Whilst members were impressed, they felt it important to interview an alternative Housing Association. The Parish Council could then decide which Association is to partner on a potential new Local Needs Housing scheme for Boxford.

**Matters arising from previous Minutes:** Cllr Impett reminded members that under the Burial Regulations, any planting in the Cemetery requires the permission of this Council.

**Reports from Members:** The Chairman confirmed that he has written to John Boutcher, the retiring County Council Highways Officer, thanking him for all his support over the years. It was agreed to purchase a small wheely bin for use by the Street Cleaning Contractor. Cars being parked on the grass verge next to the entrance to The Causeway were mentioned. It was agreed to refer to Babergh District Council who had monitored this situation previously. New fencing in Daking Avenue causing concern to neighbouring residents was raised and it was agreed to ask Babergh District Council to investigate in the first instance.

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

- 1) Permission had been refused for a detached garage with home office above at The Cottage, Sand Hill. The proposal was considered too dominant compared with the host dwelling and aspects of the design were considered harmful to the character in a countryside setting.
- 2) Permission had been refused to extend the bungalow at Ambleside, Polstead Road. This was due to planning policies that require extensions to blend in with those of the dwelling and its wider setting. It was considered that the proposal would be harmful to the character of the host dwelling and visual amenity in the countryside in view of its position at the edge of the settlement.
- 3) Permission had been granted for affordable flats on land east of 28 & 29 Homefield.
- 4) Approval had been granted to remove lowest branches of protected sycamore tree overhanging Knollgate.

## Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May

### Election of Chairman and Representatives

We are pleased to confirm Roger Balls has been elected Chairman for a further year. Cllr Norman will take over as Vice Chairman. All existing representation will continue with some minor changes as follows: Cllr Gates will represent the Parish Council on the Playingfield Committee; Cllr Green will take on PCC matters and join Cllr Hughes as Suffolk Assoc. of Local Councils representatives.

**Police Report:** PC Enise Howe from our Safer Neighbourhood team was present to give her report. During the period from 18th April to 10th May 2011 there were 6 crimes (which is the same number as the same period last year). These included a burglary from the scout hut and 5 reports of criminal damage. The criminal damage incidents occurred around the Allotments at Homefield and the bowling green. As a result of these incidents, this location has been made a priority for our Safer Neighbourhood team. Cllr Green asked whether local intelligence had been followed up in relation to these incidents. PC Howe took details and advised she would investigate. Cllr Rule asked about the apparent increase in rural burglaries. PC Howe confirmed that usually properties with inadequate security were targeted when the occupants were not at home. Some arrests have been made but there has been difficulty linking the perpetrators to other similar incidents. PC Howe urged everyone to report any suspicious sightings.

**Public Forum:** D House attended to enquire about any progress with Community Speed Watch for Boxford. It was confirmed that PCSO Fudge had provided the available literature which was being circulated to members. D House was handed a copy for his information. County Cllr James Finch had approached various local Councils to see if equipment could be shared locally to save costs. This scheme allows volunteers to monitor traffic speeds and leads to police letters being generated to speeding motorists. (If anyone is interested in taking part in a potential scheme for Boxford, kindly get in touch with the Parish Clerk). D House expressed disappointment at the length of time it has taken to replace the Churchyard gate posts and the lack of publicity around the plans to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The Chairman read a letter from Pat Rockall, the outgoing Chief Executive of Babergh District Council. The new Chief Executive, Charlie (Charlotte) Adan was about to take over both District Councils. A letter from the Infrastructure Planning Commission was shared with Council. A response had been received from Babergh District Council regarding new fencing erected in Daking Avenue. Cllr Norman agreed to share the letter with the residents who raised the issue with the Parish Council.

**County Council Report:** County Cllr James Finch was present to deliver his report. His report covered the launch of Suffolk Links – BRETT vale. He

explained it is a Demand Responsive Transport service which provides connections to bus and train links in rural areas. To use the service it is necessary to book up to a week before the planned journey on 01473 828202.

**Babergh District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report. The Chairman took the opportunity to congratulate Cllr Hurren on his recent re-election as District Cllr. Cllr Hurren confirmed that he enjoyed the campaign and would do his best for all residents in his ward. He confirmed that the election has left no overall political control over Babergh Council. Representation at the various Committees was still to be agreed. He confirmed that the Planning Officers still had issues with the Goodlands Farm application. Cllr Hurren confirmed that he was on the case and any concerned residents should make contact with him. Cllr Hurren reminded members that voting papers had been received by residents regarding the potential merger of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. Points raised with Cllr Hurren included the promised junction improvement at Homefield and cars reversing into The Arc, Boxford Lane. Cllr Hurren confirmed that the junction improvement at Homefield was a condition of the Planning Consent for the Homefield Affordable flats so this would be completed. He agreed to follow up the issue with cars reversing into the Arc driveway from the A1071.

**Housing Needs Survey:** The Clerk confirmed that Louise Wilby, Suffolk ACRE representative, had approached another Housing Association to ask them to present to the Parish Council.

**Reports from Members:** Cllr Rule confirmed that the footpath that crosses the Wash is obstructed by a branch. It was agreed for Cllr Rule and Cllr Gates to remove the obstructing branch. *Debbie Hattrell*, Boxford Parish Clerk

## Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 24 May 2011

**Present:** B Tora, M Ewen, D Kiddy, R Ridgeon, C Hamblett

4 members of the public

**Election of Officers:** B Tora was proposed as Chairman for a further year, this was seconded and Mr Tora was unanimously elected. M Ewen was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and unanimously elected to the post. V Flute and R Williams were proposed for co-option on to the Council and were unanimously elected. The Chairman welcomed them both to the Council. Acceptance of Office forms were signed by all councillors and the declarations signed by the Clerk. Register of Interest forms were issued to all councillors for completion and return to the Clerk for dispatch to Babergh DC Monitoring Officer.

**Declarations of Interest:** None to declare as there are no planning matters to discuss.

**Police Matters:**

The police report has been received at the previous Parish Meeting.

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

**Matters Arising:** None not covered by the agenda.

**Financial Matters:** A cheque was signed in respect of 3 cuts to the churchyard and to NALC for the annual subscription. The first half of the precept, £2115 has been received.

**Planning Matters:** No applications have been received and there are no other matters to discuss.

**Correspondence:** None received.

**National Grid Proposals:** Nothing to report.

**Telephone Kiosk:** Discussed at the earlier Parish Meeting.

**Village Website:** Councillor contact details are to be updated following the election. Possible content was discussed and copies of the new look home page circulated.

**Footpaths:** C Hamblett is willing to take on the role as footpath warden.

**Newsletter:** R Mitchell will submit the Minutes on our behalf.

**Churchyard:** There are no issues, all is neat and tidy.

Any other business

The Chairman will circulate some suggested dates for a meal at The Swan for both new and old councillors. Dates for future meetings were set as 5 July, 16 August, 20 September, 25 October and 6 December.



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# Parish Council Matters

## Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.00 pm Wednesday 11th May 2011 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Blackmore, D Elliott, C Fraulo, J Osborne, G Smith

In attendance: S Gray (Clerk), Sarah Brockless, Pauline Lamming, Brian Fraser Jamie Fudge and Barry Snell

### 1) Election of Chairman of the Council:

Carey Fraulo was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council, proposed by Jeremy Osborne seconded by, Colin Blackmore

At this point Carey Fraulo thanked Gerald Smith for all that he had done as Chairman over the last five years and the Councillors were unanimous with their thanks.

### 2) Election of the Vice-Chair:

Jeremy Osborne was unanimously elected Vice-Chair, proposed by Colin Blackmore, seconded by David Elliott,

### 3) Apologies for Absence:

No apologies were received.

### 4) To Receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest in any item on this agenda:

There were none.

### 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 2nd March 2011

The Minutes of the 2nd March 2011 were approved

### 6) Co-Option of Members to the Council

The Councillors discussed co-opting members to Groton Parish Council and agreed for the Clerk to contact the interested parties and ask them to write a letter to the Clerk explaining why they are interested in becoming a Councillor and what they have to offer to the Council

### 7) Planning Matters:

The Clerk reported that, Planning Application No: B/11/00080/FHA Frog Hall Castlings Heath Groton Sudbury, Erection of Single Storey Side and Rear Extension, Planning Permission granted with Conditions

Also, regarding Planning Application No: B/11/00081/LBC Frog Hall Castlings Heath Groton, Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of single -storey side and rear extension, Planning Permission has been granted with Conditions

**8) Highway and Footpath Matters:** The Clerk reported to the Council the temporary closure of part of the U8338 Slabs Lane/Groton Street and Phase 2 -C720 Willow Corner/Mill Green between Sherbourne Street and SlabsLane/Groton Street, and the U8339 Mill Green between the C720 and U8340. The reason for closure was Anglian Water mains replacement. Gerald Smith reported that, with regard to the flooding at Parliament Heath, he had been in contact with John Boutcher who thought that the work would be carried out. .

### 9) Financial Matters:

#### A) Annual Accounts

The Responsible Financial Officer, Sandra Gray, reported that the internal auditor had audited the Accounts and that all procedures were in order

**10) To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Parishioners:** Parishioner Brian Fraser again raised with the Council the speed limit in Daisy Green. The concern is that, on the road before the houses in Daisy Green, it is 60mph and prior to that it is 30mph. Brian was informed of the feedback from County Councillor James Finch that investigation into the matter could be accelerated with more residents voicing their concerns. The Council agreed that, if a presentation was made to the Council, they would assist residents in pursuing a reduction in the speed limit in that area. PCSO Jamie Fudge took details and agreed to investigate establishing some form of speed check in the area. County Councillor James Finch mentioned Councils in the area who had purchased a community speed watch and the offending drivers received a letter from the police. It was agreed by the Council that this would be looked into.

### 11) Future Agenda Items

Co-option of Members

2012 Community Council Donation

Website

### 12) Dates of Next Meetings:

- 6th July 2011
- 7th September 2011
- 2nd November 2011
- 4th January 2012
- 7th March 2012

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

## A NUMBERS GAME

The proposed new high school in Stoke by Nayland hopes to educate somewhere between 450 to 600 students. Supporters of this school argue

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that, at the upper end, it is of similar size to the existing Great Cornard Upper School (currently circa 740 students) and hence should be able to offer at least as broad a curriculum. This seems to make logical sense, until you consider that GCUS has that volume of students across only 3 year groups, equating to an average year intake of 247 students. The proposed new school would have somewhere between 90 and 120 students per year group.

The primary figure affecting the breadth of curriculum that a school can provide and sustain is the number of students in a year group. For example, in a year group of 100 students, roughly 4 classes can be taught for them at any point. Doubling the year group to 200 means that approximately 8 classes can be taught concurrently.

Assuming that students take 3 option subjects each, a year group of 100 students can be seen to provide circa 12 option classes. Again, this choice doubles to 24 option classes if the year group increases to 200.

This is where flexibility and broadness of choice becomes a limiting factor for students – if only 10 students in a year group wish to study an option it is unlikely to be viewed by the school as cost effective to run that course. The same proportion of students interested in that course in a year group of 200 generates a class of 20 which is more likely to be viewed as viable.

The clear risk in a smaller school is that students would have a much narrower range of options to pick from and could then be defaulted into their 3 or 4th preferences of courses to balance numbers in an efficient and cost effective manner.

It is likely that staffing for core subjects such as Maths, English & Science would be sufficient, but it would be very difficult to offer students a comprehensive range of choices in option subjects. When combined with the effect of the English Baccalaureate, it is very likely to be the more specialised courses of dance, textiles, engineering, media, ICT, sport, electronics, horse care and child care which go missing from the curriculum offer. It is courses such as these which keep many students highly engaged in education, not only during years 10 and 11, but also encourage many of them to remain in education after age 16.

If you share our concerns about the impact a new free school may have on 11-16 education in this area, please visit our site at [www.compass-suffolk.org](http://www.compass-suffolk.org) for more information and register your support by signing our petition. Many thanks, Simon Woollatt on behalf of COMPASS.

## Readers Letters

*Dear Sir*

My name is Richard Hodge and have lived for many years now in Perth, Scotland.

I have recently been in touch with Revd Judith Sweetman who advises me that you might be able to help me, through Box River News, with a query I have.

*My connection with Boxford is as follows.*

Some 10 days after I was born in August 1943 (Norwich) I was placed in the care of Mrs Florence Lacey whose address at that time was Highfield, Boxford, Colchester. She cared for me for some months prior to my adoption in 1944.

In the course of my "family research" I have tried to find Highfield and also have tried to find out what might have happened to The Lacey's.

My adoptive father did write to the "Vicar" of Boxford Church in 1953 for another reason, but I have no idea what the reply was. He had written to the Lacey's prior to that but had no reply. He assumed that they had moved away. It could also be that Mrs Lacey had died.

I am imagining that Highfield was quite a busy house as there is mention of several different children and mothers having stayed or visited and that she had a "maid".

I know that the Lacey's cared for several "foster" children over the years and had contacts with the Adoption Society in Baker Street, London.

It would also appear that my adopted sister, also born near Norwich (Acle), had been in Mrs Lacey's care prior to her adoption.

I would appreciate it if you could include a small article in the Box River News in the way of a request to find out whether anyone in your area might have heard of or even remember the Lacey's and their work at Highfield.

If you are able to help I will allow some "poetic licence" in the terms of wording of any request for information you might be able to give out.

Should you require my home address or phone number just email me and I shall be pleased to supply them.

Yours sincerely,  
*Richard Hodge*

*Dear Sir*

Since losing our buses only having a Saturday one, I have been walking to the Lavenham Road to get the 753 bus as we have no footpath it is very dangerous, I have had a few near misses or places where you can't step off the road. Some drivers do slow down but most of them are speeding. Also while waiting for the bus there are accidents waiting to happen. Cars speeding from Lavenham nearly hitting traffic turning to go up the B1115. There needs to be more signs.

I am lucky I can walk the distance but there are many elderly folk in the village who can't and rely on a lift. There are some lovely people who offer me lifts for which I am very grateful. I am dreading the winter coming with the bad weather and darkness, it will be too dangerous to walk.

Bring back our busses or get a footpath

*Sandra McGuinness*  
Little Waldingfield

*Dear Sir*

I have been on this earth half a century and in that time many things have changed. Before I left school they brought in decimal currency, the British pound dropped in value overnight. Then inches and feet were replaced by millimeters, centimeters and meters and pounds were replaced by kilogrammes and gallons were replaced by litres. How many of us still use pounds and ounces, feet and inches and gallons, but we still enjoy the British Pint.

I went for a ride on my bike one Sunday in May and got as far as Castle Headingham and down the hill at the junction there was a shop and I noticed that the window display had not changed since I was but a foot high. There was an old valve radio and all the valves were on display around it. It is next to what was tills and Smith petrol pumps. Is that window display still there or was it my imagination, just seeing it gave me reassurance that maybe it is in a time warp.

In a couple of months we are going to have to change to digital television, no one gave us any choice in this not like years ago when colour TV came in, we had a choice of either colour or black and white but now it is going ahead whether you want it or not. We had five channels with nothing much on them, now we have hundreds of channels and if we have satellite TV we not only have to pay the licence fee but also have to pay extra to the Sky people and you have to pay extra to watch sport and other special channels. Does that make sense? Well that's my opinion anyway.

*Mr Coe*  
Newton Green

*Sir*

We just felt that we needed to say what a lovely walk we had on Sunday 12th June (Open Day of Primrose Wood). Despite the showery weather, we went for a walk in the afternoon and were pleasantly surprised how much the wood has changed and what a lovely walk it was, especially the wild orchids.

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<b>Richard Gates</b>	2 Brick Kiln Hill	
<b>Sue Green</b>	34, Swan Street.	210603
<b>Suzanne Impett</b>	Amberley, The Causeway	
<b>Michael Norman</b>	13 Gunary Close	
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*No confirmation of make up of new council yet*

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<b>James Rodger-Brown</b>	9 Mill Green	

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# Boxford School News

Early in June we received some very exciting news. After several months of discussions the Governors of Boxford and Monks Eleigh Schools have decided to join together to form a federation. This is becoming an increasingly popular way for small schools to join with a larger school, thus guaranteeing their future at a time of great uncertainty. Whilst it will be business as usual in it will mean that I will become the Headteacher of both schools and we will begin to look at ways in which we can work together to ensure our pupils continue to receive the best possible standard of education. There will be opportunities to share sports activities and in particular children at Monks Eleigh to enjoy competition with a wider group of pupils. There will also be the financial savings that working together brings. It promises to be a challenging yet exciting opportunity for Miss Mitson and myself.

Just before our half term break we took our Year 4 pupils on a residential trip to Kent. Staying just outside Gillingham in a converted oast house we had a fabulous week visiting such places as Howletts Zoo, just outside Canterbury, and the London Eye. As always our children behaved impeccably and were a real credit to the school. There is a full report of the places we visited and what happened each day on our website [www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.boxford.suffolk.sch.uk).

This particular half term is probably our busiest one with many events lined up for the last few weeks of this academic year. These include three sports days, three swimming galas, a music evening, a Year 4 leaver's service and many visits to places such as Walton-on-the-Naze and a WW2 bunker in Ipswich. Add to this the annual Early Years Camp and you can see it is going to be a very lively time at Boxford School. I will update you as the term progresses.

This term's main fundraising event for FOBS will be our annual Summer Fayre. This will be taking place on Saturday 9th of July and as usual there will be all of the normal stalls and of course the all important licensed bar! I hope to see many of you there.

Later this month on the 29th June we will be taking part in a special service in St Mary's Church to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the introduction of church schools in this country. These were apparently called National Schools and were the first attempt to provide schooling for all. We will be joined by the archdeacon of Sudbury and Judith, our vicar. If you would like to join us for this you will be made most welcome.

Finally as you pass the school you might just catch a glimpse of our new climbing frame on the far side of the field. This design has been chosen by the children from a number of options and is being paid for through funding from the Big Lottery Fund and FOBS.



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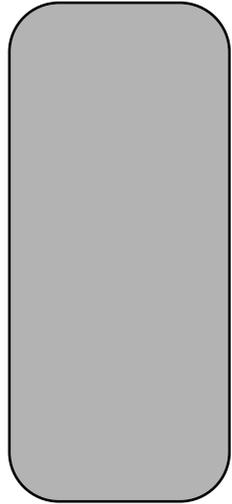
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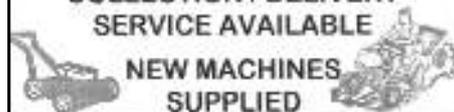
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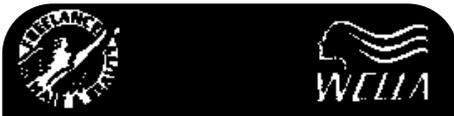
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The club gave out individual trophies to every player and also special awards for Most Improved, Players Player and Managers Player in each competitive team. Kara Ives won the manager of year after success in the league and cup with the U11's, Tim Lucas received the president's award for his sterling work with the minis, Ian Archer was awarded the Chairman's trophy and Gary Jarvis was presented with the Clubman of the Year after five years as Chairman.

Alfie White scored twenty eight goals in league and cup competitions for the U11's to take home the Golden Boot.

The U9 A's won the South Suffolk Youth League Division Two and U11's the Colchester and Essex C league and were presented with the league trophies by Club President Tony Excell.

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## BOXFORD ROVERS U13'S GO DUTCH



"Boxford Rovers U13s took part in a European invitation competition at Trimley this weekend. A fine display in very hot temperatures saw the boys beat Whitton United 1-0, before losing to hosts Trimley. The day concluded with a very close game against Dutch team Velo. Despite having a large proportion of the possession, Boxford went down 1-0 after a break away goal from the Den Haag side. It was a very interesting day watching the different styles of play. Some of the Dutch team are destined next year to play in the Velo age group team that will take on the youth teams from the likes of Ajax, Feyenord and PSV Eindhoven. A great experience for the boys, and by handing to the visitors a Boxford Rovers Youth FC pennant, an area of Dutch wall will now be forever Boxford!"