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THE LONG MARCH TO FREEDOM



In last months BRN we reported that Harry Buckledee was to attend the premier of a new TV series "The Long March to Freedom" in which Harry's recollections were to be screened together with other survivors. eventually to be shown on the 'Yesterday' Channel. Harry's Daughter Janet accompanied him to the event and I am publishing her email to me as I received it.

"I thought you might like to hear about our trip to BAFTA on 30th August. We had a wonderful day - Dad was up at the crack of dawn and adorned with his medals, we set off from Colchester to Liverpool Street just after 10 am. The train was packed with no empty seats but fortunately a very kind gentleman gave up his seat for Dad. I had to stand so said I would wear the medals on the way back! BAFTA is in Piccadilly, not far from Fortnum & Mason but we didn't do any shopping. We went to BAFTA at about 1.15pm and were directed up to the David Lean suite where a reception was being held. Several members of the production team remembered interviewing Dad which was over two years ago. At 2.00 pm we were ushered up to the theatre where the producer/director, Stephen Saunders, welcomed everyone, especially the veterans and acknowledged that, sadly, some were no longer with us. I think they interviewed about 49 men in all.

We were shown the final episode which is about the long march itself and was a longer version than the one that will be televised. The film is narrated by Bernard Hill and is a mixture of reconstruction with actors, old news reel, filming of RAF cadets who do a 3-day memorial march from Zagan in Poland in sub zero temperatures each year, comments from an historian, all interspersed with clips from the POWs. We felt it was very well done and without the comments from the survivors, it would not have been nearly as powerful. Of course, the true horror of it all can never be conveyed. After the showing, we went back to the reception area for refreshments and the place was really buzzing. Despite sharing this terrible experience, I don't think any of the men knew one another.

We now look forward to seeing the three programmes on TV which tells the whole story from capture, through captivity to the march. When we

were on our way back to Liverpool Street at 5 pm our taxi driver wanted to know what we had been doing and was very interested in Dad's story. When we reached the station, he refused to take any fare - what a kind man.

The film is in 3 episodes and will be shown on the Freeview 'Yesterday' Channel (12). The first part of the three part series is due to start on the 10th November.

SYNOPSIS

In the final winter of World War Two, the borders of the Third Reich are disintegrating as the Allied Armies close in. Orders come from Berlin High Command. The decision has been taken to clear the Prisoner of War camps in the East that lie in the path of liberating forces. Over 100,000 Allied prisoners are to be marched away from liberation and into the heart of a collapsing regime. The series explores their astonishing journey from training, live combat, the moment of capture and the long years of captivity - many having spent five years behind wire - and the Long March itself. In stark and candid interviews, the surviving veterans tell of their experiences of starvation, brutality and suffering as they are force-marched through the chaos and ruins of a collapsing Nazi Empire. Many would walk over a thousand miles before becoming free men - untold numbers

would die.

In the exhilaration of Victory their ordeal was overlooked. With the passing of time, it has been forgotten - until now.

Episode One: *Capture*, Episode two: *Captivity*, Episode Three: *Freedom*



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NEWTON GREEN AUTUMN SHOW

The Newton Green Autumn show was held on Saturday 10th September in the village hall. After the success of last year's show, I had a mixture of anticipation and apprehension about how thing would go, particularly as we've had such strange weather and I know that gardeners have been struggling.

I was extremely pleased that 30 villagers entered nearly 150 exhibits between them.

The fruit, vegetable and flower classes were again judged by Harry Buckldee, an experienced judge at local shows, who commented that there was a marked improvement in the standard of this year's entries. He commented that the entrants had achieved 'greater uniformity' in their exhibits and was particularly impressed with Gary's amazing carrots and Judy and Rod's melons exhibited in a bikini top!! Gary also entered a huge pumpkin which was delivered and displayed in a wheelbarrow.

The cookery classes were fiercely contested and again kindly judged by Teresa Symons, publican of the Saracen's Bar and eatery. Not only did she fill up on delicious cakes, pies and pickles she also used her professional experience to judge the home brew.

There were fewer entries in the craft classes, which was a disappointment, but Dawn Bridge, who edits the Newton village newsletter, had her work cut out deciding the winners from the entries.

Again, the number of children exhibiting was less than last year – I suppose some are now older and less inclined to enter. However, those who did had obviously worked extremely hard and Wendy Turner had great fun deciding the winners.

The show opened to the public at 2.00pm and we had a busy afternoon with a large crowd arriving to discover who had won what and to view the exhibits, to have a chat with friends and neighbours and enjoy the refreshments provided by Carole and Joan.

The afternoon ended with an auction of donated produce and other items. Once again this was entered into with enthusiasm and friendly rivalry and the lucky bidders left laden with their purchases.

This year there were more cups and trophies to be won thanks to kind donations from Newton Parish Council, Newton Trust, the Newton village newsletter and individual villagers. We hope to have even more for next year.

WINNERS 2011

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
FRUIT & VEGETABLES	John Turner	Gary Flowers	Judith Smalley
FLOWERS	Wendy Turner	Paul Presland	Judith Smalley/ Judy & Rod Donnelly
CRAFT	Wendy Turner	Sue Presland	Rita Schwenk/ Ron Fletcher
COOKERY	Bev Faulkner	Roy Kibble	Wendy Turner/ Jo Parker
CHILDREN UNDER 6	Winner Jake Logan		
CHILDREN 6-10	Winner Kate Parker		
CHILDREN 11-16	Jodie Harris		
OVERALL WINNER	First Wendy Turner		
	Second John Turner/Judith Smalley		
	Third Sue Presland/Judy & Rod Donnelly		
JUDGES FAVOURITE FRUIT & VEG	Gary Flowers		
BIGGEST VEGETABLE	Gary Flowers		
CHEEKIEST ENTRY	Judy & Rod Donnelly		

All in all, it was another great day and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the event. Sue Presland (Organiser)



Phillip Clouts Quartet

With Philip Clouts piano, Carlos Lopez-Real sax, Alex Keen bass and Jon Desbruslais drums. Renowned for his work with world beating jazz band Zubop for which he has received great acclaim Phillip swings with rhythmic deliberation and a crystal clear sense of phrasing.

Friday, 21 October, 8.00, Ticket £17

Renato D'Aiello & Rachel Gould

With Renato D'Aiello saxophone, Rachel Gould vocals, Bruno Montrone piano, Enzo Zirilli drums and Nicola Muresu bass. With his highly dramatic manner of playing, Renato showcases one of the most attractive and affecting tenor sounds in contemporary jazz. His solos tell a story. Rachel Gould famously recorded with Chet Baker and we look forward to her Fleece debut tonight

Friday, 28 October, 8.00, Ticket £15

Jon Lloyd Quintet

With Jon Lloyd sax and bass clarinet, John Law piano, Rob Palmer guitar, Rodney Teague bass and Asaf Sirkis drums. Jon has worked in the field of improvised music, jazz and contemporary composition for over 20 years and has gained a reputation as an innovative and uniquely styled saxophonist and composer of intelligent and exciting jazz.

Friday, 4 November, 8.00, Ticket £14

Partikel

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Friday, 30 September, 8.00, Ticket £14

Kevin Flanagan

With Kevin Flanagan sax, David Gordon piano, Andrew James Brown drums and Russ Morgan bass.

Tenor saxophonist, prolific composer and brilliant academic Kevin Flanagan makes a very welcome return to Fleece Jazz with his quartet. The list of great musicians with who Kevin has played and collaborated over the years since his arrival from the USA would fill the whole programme!

Friday, 7 October, 8.00, Ticket £20

Norma Winstone

With Norma Winstone vocals, Glauco Zenier piano and Klaus Gesing sax and clarinet. The doyenne of jazz singers in the UK and winner of numerous awards, Norma is a vocalist of brilliance who can improvise with the fluency of an instrumentalist and breathe life into a song like no other.

Friday, 14 October, 8.00 Ticket £15

THE OCTOBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

They say people look like their dogs...! Well I don't know if that's really true, but at Boxford's Pet Service it was dogs who responded best to the posters calling for pets to bring along their owners. About 15 dogs of all shapes and sizes arrived at St Mary's Church so that they could each receive a blessing. We started the service by hearing words from the very beginning of the Bible which tell us that God takes delight in all the creatures of the earth. There was much fun and laughter (and surprisingly few barks), but also a deeper side too, as we considered the many different ways in which pets can be such important and life-enhancing companions to us. We thought about the comfort and reassurance that pets bring to the elderly and those who live alone, about Guide Dogs for the Blind, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, and Pets as Therapy, where taking an animal into residential or nursing homes



can break through the isolation or difficulties in communication experienced by the elderly and frail or those with dementia. We gave thanks in our prayers for vets and animal nurses and all who work with animals. In the service, people also took the opportunity to share what their pet meant to them. It was amusing and touching at times to hear people's stories, and great, too, that several of the dogs were Rescue Dogs, now given a safe and loving home.



Some humans who must have been glad to reach their own homes were those who took part in the "Ride and Stride" day, sponsored to cycle or walk to as many churches as possible, raising much needed funds. My grateful thanks to all the many who took part, whether cycling or signing people in and providing refreshments. Who knows, perhaps next year, I might even dust down my own cycle helmet and bike,

currently languishing in my garage...but don't hold me to it! Those who arrived at Little Waldingfield Church found more than just refreshments waiting for them, as the Flower Festival was in full swing. The stall outside offered tempting home-made or home grown produce and the arrangements were ingenious as well as beautiful. My thanks again go to all for the huge efforts involved. It was a particular joy that so many children had taken part, each producing a little arrangement in a seaside bucket placed beside the pews. We were honoured, too, that well-known local author, historian and conservationist farmer, Ashley Cooper, agreed to come and read his "Sudbury Hymn" for us at the Sunday evening Songs of Praise service. Ashley's eloquent words summed up everyone's feelings about this wonderful county of Suffolk in which we live – the theme of this year's Flower Festival. Ashley's quiet Christian faith also shone through his words and gave them a special depth and meaning. We do have so much to thank God for – our pets, our homes, our families, our beautiful churches, the wonderful county in which we live, but above all, for the promise that, though his Son, and by his Spirit, the God who gave us all these things, loves us and walks with us, day by day.



Blessings, Revd. Judith



Top left: The Gray Family with a rescue Greyhound

Below: The Kennedy-Scotts at Boxford during the sponsored cycle ride

Below Left: One of the winners at the Newton Show



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The August Bank Holiday weekend saw the Edwardstone White Horse host their 6th annual 'Eddyfest' Beer and Music festival. With over 60 real ales, 10 real ciders, and some excellent homemade food, visitors to Eddyfest were not put off by the odd rain shower, packing their tents into the pub's campsite. Approximately 6000 pints were sold over the course of the 4 day event, selling out of nearly every available ale and cider. The White Horse's own on-site brewery, Mill Green Brewery, had 9 different ales to try and plenty of barrels waiting to replace ones that ran dry. Mill Green's 'Tornado Smith' Eccentric Pale Ale sold out of an impressive 7 barrels, that's over 500pints. With such quantities of ale and cider being consumed it was good that there was a fine selection of homemade food to soak up the beer, including vegi chilli, venison burgers, and a hog roast. Over 25 live acts performed with non-stop music running from Friday night until Monday evening. Eddyfest favourites from North Suffolk 'Dumbfoundus' blew the crowd away with their unique covers of well known songs, local group 'Old Gun Young Bullets' were ever impressive, and some of the solo artists would have graced any stage. Overall the event appears to have been a great success, pub landlords Amy and Gav said "everyone enjoyed the friendly nature and the festival atmosphere of the weekend, children loved the face painting whilst the adults could relax and enjoy a pint or two".

DOG SHOW PICS, FULL REPORT NEXT MONTH



Left: Most Handsome dog in the show (it's the way he walks!!)



Right: A handsome veteran



Left: A nice pair

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STOKE BY NAYLAND COUNTRY LODGES

Work is progressing well on the five new self-catered Country Lodges which are being constructed by Stoke by Nayland Hotel on the former Women's Land Army Hostel site in Plough Lane, Leavenheath. Weather permitting, these should be completed by the early spring.



The two storey Lodges are being built to a very high specification and their position just above the 17th tee of the Gainsborough golf course commands outstanding views over the lakes, golf courses and Constable Country.

Susanna Rendall, Managing Director of the family-owned Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa says, "The Country Lodges will provide our guests with an idyllic escape where they can come for extended breaks with family and friends or colleagues and relax whilst experiencing the tranquillity of this beautiful corner of Suffolk. They will be able to take advantage of the excellent spa, golf and dining facilities offered at the hotel during their stay. We are hoping that the Lodges will also be used by local residents to accommodate their families and friends during visits for the holidays and festive season."

A central feature of the site is the original water tower from the Women's Land Army Hostel. The top floor of the tower will provide a unique observation point for visitors to enjoy the stunning views over the lakes and beautiful countryside and will host a collection of pictures and memorabilia of the site from its original use during the 2nd World War.

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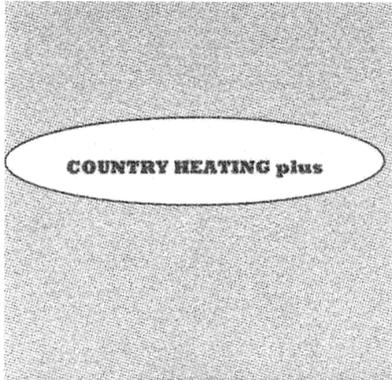


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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD FLOWER FESTIVAL



Little Waldingfields flower festival was held on the weekend of 10th-11th September at St Lawrence Church. The theme this year was "Suffolk" and in my humble opinion this was the best yet. As can be seen in the two displays illustrated here one did not have to stretch ones imagination too far to be able to tell what they were meant to depict. Others included Kettlebaston with its village sign Woodbridge with the Mill and Saxon relics, Snape with a music stand and reeds and The Suffolk Punch with its horse shoes and collar.

Everyone involved must be congratulated on such a fine display of flowers and items depicting our beautiful county and not forgetting the lunches served in the Parish Room and the stalls in the Church Yard and refreshments that were served in the church, all topped off with dry and sunny, if a little breezy, weather.

Remember, you can see these photographs in colour by going to: boxfordvillagehall.co.uk and downloading the Box River News

Left: With the lighthouse sitting in the font this could only be representative of Southwold.

Below: Who could mistake this for anything other than Portman Road, home of Ipswich Town FC.



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MASSAPEQUA AND ALL THAT!

BOXFORD YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT TO NEW YORK AND BOXFORD MASSACHUSETTS IN 1979

I was a Vice President at the London office of New York based Bankers Trust Company and, whilst on a business visit to the Head Office in 1978/1979 discovered that an American colleague, like me, had a son who played soccer. His son played for Massapequa in Long Island. We both agreed that it would be great if we could organize a trip to the USA so that they could play against each other. After many 'phone calls and meetings we managed to arrange a two week trip to Long Island over the Easter period in 1979 and all fifteen boys in the Boxford squad eagerly set off on, at that time, a trip of a lifetime accompanied by four of the boys' fathers. Prior to going much fund-raising had been done and a number of donations towards the cost had been gratefully received together with tracksuits from a local company. Boxford also had a visit from both the BBC and ITV and we were featured on both channels' local programmes. One of the presenters was Steve Rider who is currently to be seen in ITV's coverage of the Rugby World Cup from New Zealand. The then England player, Tony Woodcock, also came to Boxford and brought the League Cup with him which had been won by his club, Nottingham Forest.

At Heathrow, TWA had a special check-in desk for us, took photos of us on the tarmac in front of our plane and allowed us into the cockpit on arrival at Kennedy Airport. We were looked after by families in Massapequa and, while there played matches against a number of local clubs and took part in a Soccer festival with five other teams. Unfortunately, we did not win any matches but had a wonderful time. We were quite surprised by the high standard of play from their boys but we were playing against some of the best teams in the area. We had sightseeing days in New York and visited the Empire State building, Broadway, Rockefeller Plaza, 42nd Street and the ill-fated twin towers of the World Trade Centre. Thankfully there were no terrorist problems while we were there! We also went to the Giants Stadium, home of the New York Cosmos FC and met, amongst others,

the great Pele, Franz Beckenbauer and former Manchester City star Dennis Tueart. We also spent a day at the Head Office of Bankers Trust Company on Wall Street in downtown Manhattan.

The late Brian Havis organised a visit to Boxford in Massachusetts whilst we were in the States so during our second week, we drove there on the Monday and played a match on Tuesday against their team when the result was Boxford 5 Boxford 4 in favour of the home team. We were very well looked after by Boxford families and returned by road to Massapequa on the Wednesday.

The boys, aged 12 or 13, who went to the States were Colin Bullen, Paul Collins, Daryl Gasson, Mark Gasson, Richard Haining, Simon Havis, Robert Hughes, Michael Kent, Iain Laird, Barry Mattock, Karl McDermott, Jake Mead, Andrew Porter, Mark Saberton and Richard Stirling. They were accompanied by the late Peter Haining, Manager and the late Brian Havis together with John Kent and Brian Porter. In April 1980 Boxford returned the compliment when the Massapequa Chargers came to Suffolk and spent a week here during which they won the tournament we arranged and took home the Turnidge Cup.

Brian Porter.



The Boxford (right) and Massapequa squads

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So it came as no surprise that the Lakes Restaurant was recently awarded an AA Rosette. "We are delighted to have been recognised with this award," said Head Chef Alan Paton, "It is a fantastic achievement for the whole team and a testament to their hard work and dedication. We aim to offer our hotel guests and visitors alike a fantastic culinary experience in stunning surroundings - which is a perfect combination and one which should encourage them to return on a regular basis."

Chef Alan Paton and his team are continuously striving to exceed all expectations and provide delicious, innovative menus using locally-sourced, fresh, seasonal ingredients. The Restaurant is open to all visitors for breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as scrumptious English Afternoon Cream Teas with finger sandwiches, warm homemade scones and cakes.

It is perhaps the recognition of this commitment to quality that has secured Chef Alan Paton a place among the four finalists for "Chef of the Year 2011"

This category of the Essex Food and Drink Awards is coveted by many competent Chefs in the region and the winner will be chosen by five discerning judges, including two British Masterchefs, at a glittering Award Ceremony on 3rd October.

The good news for customers is that the delicious three course menu created by Alan Paton for the judges is now available for a limited period in the Lakes Restaurant. With stunning, panoramic views and al fresco dining on the terrace on warmer days, customers are returning again and again to experience this uniquely beautiful and tranquil environment.




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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Community Speed Watch – Volunteers Needed

Boxford Parish Council have decided to participate in this scheme if we are able to share the cost with other local councils.

Members of the public are trained to use a speed gun to monitor and hopefully reduce speeding in selected parts of the village.

Three further volunteers are needed to ensure that we have sufficient team members to make this worthwhile scheme work without it being too time-consuming on individuals.

If you would like to be involved please contact the Parish Council on 01 206 210943 or email hattrell@onetel.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please come along to our two afternoons at Mary's house

Monday 3rd October at 2.00pm and Monday 17th October at 2.00pm when we will be wrapping the boxes on the 3rd and filling them on the 17th. Any donations of toys, games, pens and pencils, toiletries etc. will be most welcome, in fact anything suitable to fit in a medium size shoebox. They can be left at Mary's house on the day or beforehand.

The leaflets will be in the village shops soon with all the details if you would prefer to fill your own boxes.

Could we have all the knitting by the end of October please either at Mary's house or we can arrange to collect it from you?

We would welcome anyone who would like to help us. This year we need more help at the warehouse checking the boxes before they are sent out to the children. It is great fun to be part of the team and you only need to do as much or as little as you are able.

If you are interested please phone Ann Porter on 210581 Shirley Watling on 210024 or Jennie Lindsley on 210520 if you require any further information.

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 21st November 2011 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.

Little Waldingfield Trail Sale 20th August

Twelve households agreed to hold sales in their garages and drives a fortnight before the event. A5 posters were displayed in surrounding villages and a notice was published in the events column of the Free Press. The event was also publicised on Twitter and Face Book.

Although the event was publicised to start at 10.00.am and finish at 3.00 p.m. there was a steady stream of buyers from 9.00. a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and more households put items out for sale.

Buyers and sellers enjoyed the day and it was sufficiently successful for people to suggest that it should be a regular event. Next time we would plan early enough to put a notice in the BRN though. Vic Flute

Local History Recorder

Suffolk Local History Council is looking for two Local History Recorders in this area.

Due to retirement a Recorder is needed in Great Waldingfield and due to re-location, and a Recorder is required for Little Waldingfield.

If you are interested in 'recording today for the historians of the future' please contact

Patricia Bridges, Hon Recorders' Secretary at Suffolk Local History Council for further details of the recording scheme. You do not need to be an historian, just have an interest in your part of Suffolk.

Telephone 01787 247626 or contact via SLHC website www.slhc.org.uk/recorders.html

The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding

We are looking for new volunteers to help at The Centre some already come from the Boxford area, as do a number of our riders

Thanks to those of you who responded to last month's request for more helpers. We have interviewed some new riders and hopefully will be able to get them started before too long. Several of our existing helpers have not been able to continue this term, for various reasons, so if you are still wondering if helping at The Centre would suit you, why not

come and watch a ride in progress, and have a chat with us, we'd be delighted to see you. The more helpers we have, the more riders we can take. Telephone to make a date!

Website: www.rda-east.org.uk/shelley.html Telephone: 01473.824172

Milden vs. Monks Eleigh Fund Raising Cricket Match

This rearranged friendly fixture went ahead on 10 September on a lovely summery day. A 20/20 game was played with help from Milden Cricket Club and teams made up of players from both villages. Milden managed to regain the cup in a game of good spirits and flexible umpiring. With the BBQ, bar, lovely cakes, ice creams, raffle and lucky dip we managed to raise £400. Thank you to everyone who supported the day and helped. In memory of John Bailey who was Milden Cricket Clubs Honorary Vice President, a bench has been dedicated to him at Milden Pavilion. John was a valuable asset to Milden Cricket Club and the Milden Pavilion Committee by maintaining the wicket and playing field.



DISABLED TOILET REACHES COMPLETION AT BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce that the disabled toilet within the hall is now available for public use. The committee would like to pass on its thanks to Carl Lawson and his team for completing the building work in a very tight time scale and to Denny Meekings and those people that have helped him in the marathon job of tiling both the Men's and Disabled toilets to such a high standard.

The installation of the toilet would not have been possible without the assistance and support of the Community Council, Gareth Weiland Fund, Babergh District Council and all those people who supported the abseil.

Don't Forget!

The annual **Edwardstone Christmas Fair** will take place on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November at the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Edwardstone, located between Boxford and Sudbury. Thursday night is the festive shopping experience in the Church from 7-9.30pm, with wine and canapés and on Friday, both the Church and Edwardstone Village Hall will be open for business from 9.30-1pm.

The Fair has a fantastic range of stalls this year, stocking everything from luxury leather handbags and jewellery, through to children's toys and original household items. We have a bigger variety of foodstalls than ever, including Emmett's of Peasenhall and Greengates Smokehouse. There will also be the opportunity to purchase the famous Edwardstone Christmas pudding, hand-made by the husbands of the committee. Christmas puddings can be pre-ordered nearer the time by contacting Sally Hoskyns on 01287 211266.

There is parking at the Church and village hall, and wheelchair access to both venues. Proceeds from the fair will be split between the church and village hall, and also the local charity, Success After Stroke (SAS). If you've never come to the fair before, why not give it a go? There's something for everyone, and a chance to meet up for complimentary tea and coffee at the village hall for a much needed rest after all that shopping!

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Wot's On

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday, October 1st at 7.30pm in Groton Village Hall

Tickets for this year's Harvest Supper are now out, and going fast; there will be all the usual attractions, an excellent 2 course hot meal, Pat-and-Gerald bar, quiz, etc. We would be very grateful for offers of Raffle Prizes and help with the cooking, and so please phone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC if you would like tickets [£10 each], and also if you are able to help with Raffle prizes or cooking. We look forward to hearing from you.

COFFEE MORNING WITH "ATTIC CLEARANCE" SALE

Saturday, October 22nd at 9.30am in Mary's House, Swan St. Boxford. Groton PCC have some items for sale, and we have decided to hold a Coffee Morning in Mary's House, where you will be able to view and buy some bargains, whilst enjoying a cup of coffee and some biscuits, cakes etc. So please do just drop in during the morning, and we'll look forward to seeing you.

FUND RAISING SEGA DANCERS NEEDED

The Hintlesham George is appealing for local dancers to help out at a charity event on 7th October. Natasha Foxlow and her mum, Rosie, are organising "A Taste of Mauritius" to raise funds for Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare. The evening will kick off at 7.30pm with starters and a themed Quiz when guests discover just how much they already know about Mauritius. Diners will then enjoy a selection of Rosie's home cooked traditional Mauritian main courses while listening to Creole music. At this point Natasha would like to put on a display of Sega dancing if some enthusiastic volunteers can be found. Tickets £12 including a £2 donation to SESAW, proceeds from a raffle will also help the animals. The George has chosen to support SESAW on this occasion at the suggestion of waitress, Lizzie Ferdinando, who will donate her wages for the evening to the animals. Please phone Natasha on 01473 652408 or email gh.pub@hotmail.co.uk to book tickets, donate a raffle prize or offer to shake your booty on the dance floor!

QUAY THEATRE

QUAY FUNDRAISERS PRESENT:

A piano recital by Elizabeth Jones

on Saturday October 1st at 7.30pm Tickets £8.50

First-class graduate of the Royal Academy and Durham University and multiple prize-winner Elizabeth Jones will play works by Scarlatti, York Bowen, Clementi and Kapustin, as well as Schumann's popular "Carnaval".

A welcome first visit from this accomplished young musician, already known internationally ... and from Sudbury- in Derbyshire.

The QUAY FUNDRAISERS support the Quay Theatre by staging events and activities of all sorts, both inside and beyond the theatre. We are very grateful for the generosity of artists like Elizabeth in supporting our endeavours.

Quay Lane, Sudbury Box Office tel: 01787 374745

QUAY FUNDRAISERS PRESENTS:

ANDREW PHILLIPS' FAVOURITES

on Sunday October 23rd at 7.30 pm Tickets £10

Andrew Phillips extends his record of sterling service to Sudbury with this keenly anticipated appearance on the Quay stage.

Taking his cue from BBC Radio 4's With Great Pleasure, Andrew presents an evening of his favourite words and music, interspersed with early Sudbury memories, highlights and anecdotes from his years in public life. He will be assisted throughout the evening by well-known Quay regulars.

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BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DUCK RACING NIGHT

YES, ITS BACK !!

Following the fantastic evening we had in 2009 we are once again presenting a Duck Racing Night.

This will be held on Sat. 15th November at Boxford Village Hall.

Ticket will be priced at £5 which will include a supper.

There will be a bar. A tote will be run at £1 per ticket with unlimited number of tickets available for each race.

There will be six races with six ducks in each race, you are invited to either sponsor the race for £25 or buy, name and race a duck for £5 (You can elect to race it yourself or nominate a jockey). A quality bottle of wine is presented to the winning owner of each race.

Race sponsors will get free advertising in the Box River News September and October editions.

There is a seventh race which will be auctioned on the night.

Doors open at 7.30pm. First race is at 8.00pm

Come and enjoy the experience and thrill of 7 action packed races.

To reserve, buy a duck or sponsor a race contact Peter on 210819. Tickets will also be on sale at Boxford News we hope. Get in early !! its going to be popular.

Race sponsors so far are.....

EDDIE KENCH – Box River News, Best in the County!

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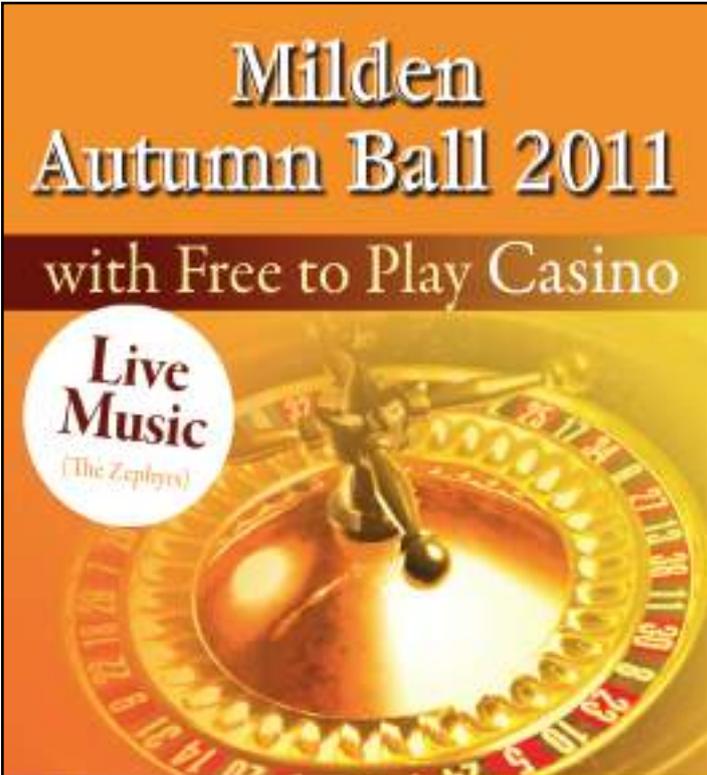
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Live music
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At: The Hall, Milden
courtesy of Mr & Mrs Hawkins

On: Friday 7th October
from 7.00pm
with carriages at 11.30pm

Ticket Price £27.50

For further information and to purchase your tickets please telephone:
Adrian 01787 248067 Justine 01787 248145 Pearl 01787 247965 Tessa 01787 248412

Wot's On

Snail Race Leavenheath Village Hall

The 9th Annual Snail Race will be on 12 November at Leavenheath Village Hall. The Bounty Hunters are raising funds for The East Anglian Childrens Hospice. We have a licenced bar with fish/chicken and chips supper. Reserve your tickets now £10.50 available from Gay on 01206 263997.

Milden Autumn Ball

7th Friday October at Milden Hall

kindly hosted by Mr & Mrs Hawkins.

With proceeds to be split between St Peter's Church, Milden and Milden Pavilion Fund and Playing Field.

Tickets are £27.50 per person and include a 2 course waitress served meal, free to play Casino and live band The Zephyrs.

Doors open at 7pm and carriages 11.30pm, there will be a licensed bar, the opportunity to pre-order your wine and a raffle. Tickets are available from Pearl 01787 247965, Justine 01787 248145 and Tissa 01787 248412. Black Tie and please advise of any dietary needs.

CHRISTMAS AND ALL THAT JAZZ

with the MILDEN SINGERS

Enjoy festive music and jazz favourites at the Milden Singers Christmas Concert.

Friday 16th December Doors open 7.30 for 8pm with licensed bar and buffet.

Saturday 17th December 2pm with Tea, Cakes and licensed bar.

Tickets are £5 and available from Pearl on 01787 247965.

If you would like to join this popular singing group which meets each Thursday please contact Pearl and male singers are needed.

Gardening morning

Saturday 29th October 9am to 12 noon

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE:

Please DO COME and support our annual Gardening Morning at St Mary the Virgin Edwardstone on Saturday 29th October, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Coffee, soup and rolls will be served afterwards.

Boxford Village Hall Management Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 1st. NOVEMBER 2011.

AT BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL, TIME 7:30 P.M.

IT IS YOUR VILLAGE HALL SO EVERYONE IS WELCOMED TO THE MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VARIOUS CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS THAT USE THE HALL AND ANY RESIDENTS OF BOXFORD AND SURROUNDING PARISHES.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SEE THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE

OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS. YOU MAY WISH TO SEE IF THE HALL IS A VENUE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HIRE FOR A FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY.

MEMBERS OF BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE SHOWING AN INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF THIS VERY NECESSARY VILLAGE FACILITY.



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Saturday 19th November

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FIRST RACE AT 8.00PM

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For duck ownership contact Peter on 210819

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

Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER, "SENNA".

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER Kind Hearts and Coronets

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

But You Don't Look Ill

Thursday 13th October, 1 - 3pm - drop in any time

The Stevenson Centre, Great Cornard £1 towards hire.

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Asana, Pranayama, Meditation Class, British Wheel of Yoga Certified Teacher, Wednesday Evening 7-8:30PM, The Granary, next to the Quay Theatre, Sudbury

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For information: Call 01787 259985 or email daphnemw@talktalk.net

FAIR TRADE STALL

Once again I shall be having a Fair Trade Stall in Mary's House (5, Swan Street) on Thursday, sFriday and Saturday Nov 17th, 18th and 19th.

There will be the usual fine selection of Christmas cards, foods, chocolate, jewellery and crafted gifts – all to tempt you for Christmas, and to support the co-operatives who make the goods.

It will be open all day 9.00am – 4.00pm (till 12.30pm Sat.) – with lots of coffee, tea and cakes!

See you there!! *Pauline Lamming* 210360

Sudbury Symphony Orchestra Autumn Concert

26th November 2011 7.30 pm

St Peter's, Market Hill, Sudbury, CO10 1TL

Conductor Matthew Andrews

Leader Christina Everson

Soloist - Catherine May, Soprano

Schubert Overture Rosamunde

Beethoven Symphony No 5

Mozart Queen of the Night Arias from the Magic Flute

Mozart - Two Concert Arias 'Alcandro lo Confesso'.... 'Non so d'onde viene' KV294 'No, no, che non sei capace' KV419

Tickets £10 (children £2) Available through website www.sudburysymphonyorchestra.com;

from Compact Music, North Street, Sudbury, and from 3 Beaconsfield Close, Sudbury CO10 1JR (send cheque and sae)

A limited number of tickets will be available on the door

British Canadian soprano Catherine May studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, and has been described as a "soprano to whet the appetite" (Opera Now) , with a "rich and expressive voice" (The Guardian) . www.catherinemay.net



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The Quay Theatre, Sudbury on Sunday 2nd October

Wot's On

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Present our latest films

7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets £3.50 per adult

Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken: (01206 263266) for tickets
Saturday 1st October WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (2011) Drama, Romance
Saturday 5th November OUT OF AFRICA (1985) Biography, Drama
Saturday 3rd December Nativity (2009) Comedy, Family
We hope you enjoy the films and look forward to seeing you at the Leavenheath Village Hall for a night at the Cinema

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

A ten week course on Monday evenings

in Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford,

starting on Monday 3rd October 2011 at 7.30pm

Tutor: Steven Trerise

Pamela's Daughters

Edwardian Fiction and 'The New Woman'

Between 1880 and the end of the Great War there occurred a reassessment and redefinition of older acceptable images of women and their experience. This period of political and cultural uncertainty challenged the traditional picture of domesticated virtue exemplified by Pamela in Richardson's 18th century novel and found in many Victorian novels. The writers who pioneered that change, and their critics too, were all engaged in the debate which the nineteenth century called 'The Woman Question'. The attempt to acknowledge women as complete human beings with individual, social and political rights was fought out to a great extent in literature.

We will be discussing:

Henry James: The Bostonians (1886)

George Gissing: The Odd Women (1893)

Arnold Bennett: Hilda Lessways (1911)

DH Lawrence: The Rainbow (1915)

Course Fee: £50 for the complete course (payable in week 1 or 2)

Further information from Mrs Etain Todds, Moat Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, CO10 5PY Tel: 01787 210344

"FITNESS IN BOXFORD"

A challenging fitness class (for both men and women) aimed at increasing physical strength and improving cardiovascular fitness is held at Boxford Primary School on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm. Age group 18 onwards.

Gentle Exercise Class

A gentle exercise class is held each Friday at 9.15am at The Spinney, Boxford This class addresses balance as well as osteoporosis and both men and women are encouraged to attend in order to improve their mobility and physical co ordination skills. Age group 50 plus. Should you have any questions about these sessions please call 01787 211822."

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH ROOM

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

10.30 A.M. TILL 12 NOON

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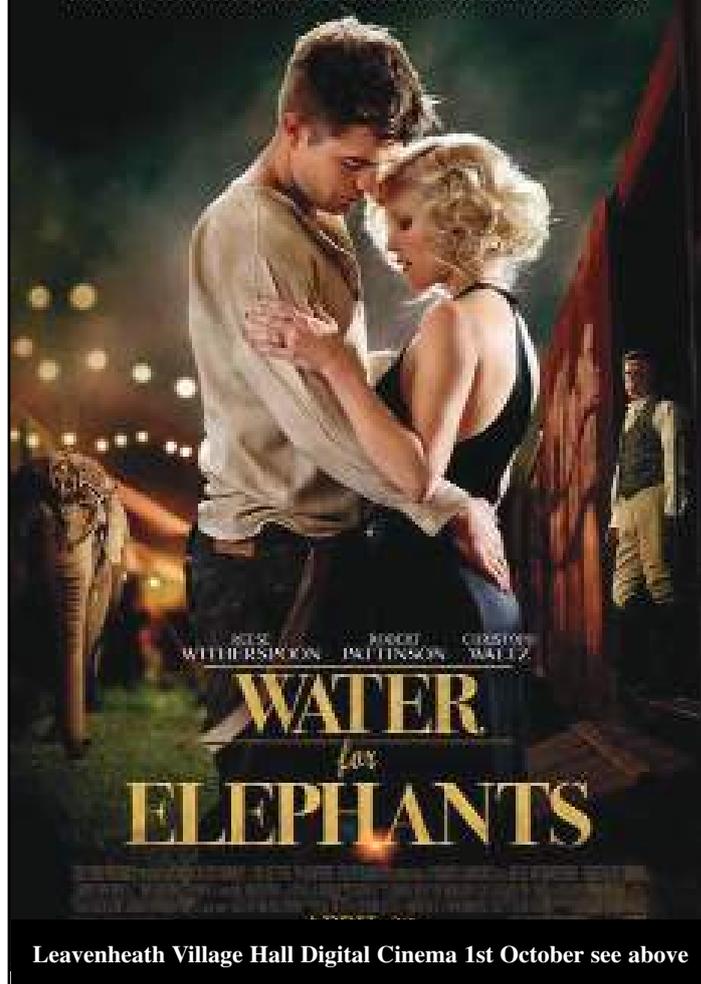
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Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema 1st October see above

Wot's On

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meeting in the village hall at 2.30pm

Monday October 10th: Chris Winter "Into the bewilderment"

Monday October 24th: "Table top games"

Monday November 7th: Quiz

Monday November 21st: Peter Kerr and Friends entertain us

December 2nd is the proposed date for our Christmas Lunch at The Brewers Arms

October 19th: We are hoping to arrange a coach trip to Perrywood Nurseries for a cream tea

For info contact: Barbara Hamling 210936 or Shirley Watling 210024

Boxford WI

This month's meeting included a return visit from Doreen Whitelock, with a fascinating slideshow and talk on Gardens Around the World. After a slight technical hitch, Doreen started her talk with the Welsh Botanical Gardens, which included the Kangaroo Claw from Australia. The Botanical Gardens of Madeira included the banana tree flower and a beautiful orchid garden and Doreen was able to capture a beautiful picture of a white peacock. Then followed slides of the Botanical Gardens in Majorca, the China Garden, which surprisingly is found in the centre of Shanghai, and the Peace Flame Garden in New Zealand. A surprising slide from Singapore, showed the arrivals hall filled with flowers! The Water Board Garden of Las Vegas, which is free of charge, was followed by the beautiful gardens of the Chateau of Villandry, the Victoria Islands Gardens of Canada, which are built in a former gravel pit and finally the Mondo Verde Garden in Holland which incorporates gardens from around the world. Our craft afternoon involved us busily making necklaces using silks and beads.

Anecdotes from Antique Roadshows, with Stephen Lester is the subject of our monthly meeting on 5th October. All visitors are welcome at a cost of £3. If you would like a copy of our 2011 programme please phone Heather on 01787 211566

Sudury Resource Centre

Halloween Disco - 29th October 2011 - 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Tickets £7.00p to include nibbles. Bar. Raffle

Curry and Quiz Evening - 19th November 2011 - 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Tickets £10.00p each

Pamper Night - 2nd December 2011 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Tickets £2.50p each.

All the above events are held at Sudury Resource Centre, Northern Road, Sudbury, CO10 2XQ. All tickets/enquiries on 01787-296090/1 option 5.

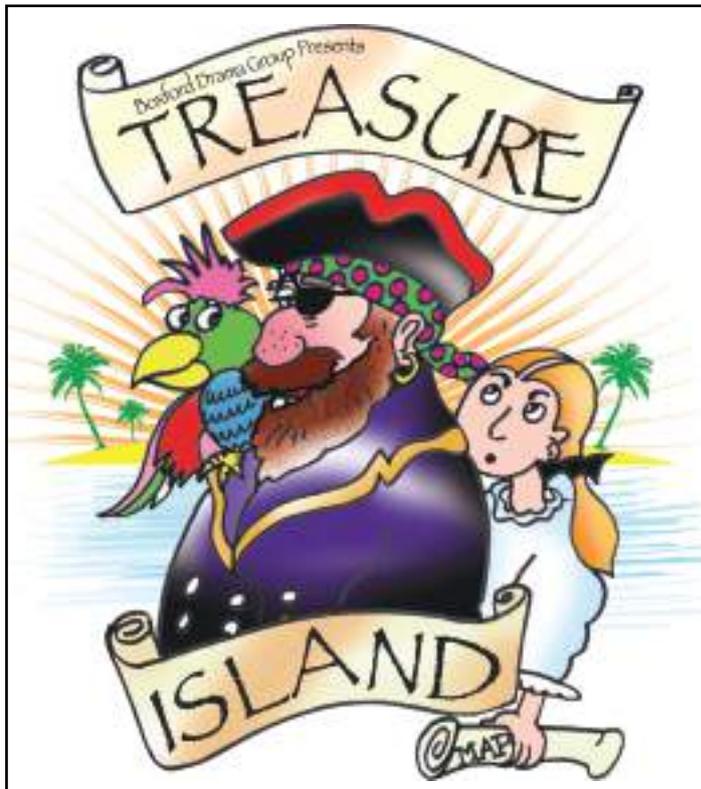
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RETURNS TO BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL Saturday 10th December will see the Christmas Bazaar return to the Village Hall for its third year. This has become a popular event in the weeks preceding Christmas. If you would like to book a table then prices are frozen at least year's rate of £10 per table. For a booking form and further information then please ring 01787 210376 or 01787 211529. Alternatively you can e-mail us on boxford.villhall@btinternet.com or visit our web site, www.boxfordvillagehall.co.uk to view and download a copy of the booking form. Early booking is recommended to avoid

disappointment.

Elizabeth Valda Estates

Join Elizabeth Valda Estates on the 20th October at 6:30pm at The Village Hall, Boxford for our free monthly Property Advice Event which includes wine and a chance to WIN a meal for two at The White Hart in Boxford. Guest speaker is Catherine Greenhough from Handwing Ecology giving advice on how to deal with problems associated with bats in your home or garden. We will be available to answer any property related questions you may have. For more info please telephone: 01787



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Forthcoming Events Diary

October

1 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
3 Operation Christmas Child	Shoebox wrap	Mary's House	2.00pm
5 Boxford WI	Anecdotes From Antique Roadshows, Stephen Lester	Village Hall	2pm
7 Milden Autumn Ball		Milden Hall	7.pm
10 Boxford Over 60's Club	Chris Winter talk	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
13 WI Craft Club	Decopath -	Mary's House	2pm
18 Boxford Gardening Society	Margaret Nimmo-Smith 'Ferns & foliage plants'	Village Hall	7.30pm
15 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Coffee Morning & Memorabilia Exhibition	Parish Room	10.30pm
17 Operation Christmas Child	Shoebox filling	Mary's House	2.00pm
22 Groton PCC	Coffee Morning and Attic Clearance Sale	Mary's House	9.30am
24 Boxford Over 60's Club	Table Top Games	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
29 Gardening Day	Edwardstone Church		

November

1 Boxford Village Hall AGM			7.30pm
2 Boxford WI group	Annual meeting and Special Christmas Cards	Boxford Village Hall	2pm
5 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room	Quiz Night	Parish Room	7.00pm
7 Boxford Over 60's Club	Quiz	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
10 Boxford WI Craft Club	Christmas Flowers	Mary's House	2.pm
15 Boxford Gardening Society	End of year party and AGM	Village Hall	7.30pm
17/18/19 Fair Trade Stall		Mary's House	9-4.00pm
19 Bridge Drive	Edwardstone Church		
19 Duck Race	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
21 Boxford Over 60's Club	Peter Kerr entertains	Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
25/26 Bad Companions	Crankenstein	Parish Room	7.30pm

December

2 Boxford Over 60's Club	Annual Christmas Lunch	Brewers Armsl	TBA
3 Cheese and Wine Party	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
2/3 Bad Companions	Crankenstein	Parish Room	7.30pm
10 Christmas Bazaar		Boxford Village Hall	TBA
16 Milden Singers	Christmas and all that Jazz	Milden Pavilion	7.30pm

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

Benefice house:

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



"Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit...."

These are the words spoken by the bishop at the key point in a confirmation service. For many who have been confirmed, this is a spine-tingling moment, an awesome moment, a moment of personal decision and commitment that will never be forgotten. But what is confirmation all about and why be confirmed? First of all, one myth needs to be laid to rest. Confirmation - the confirming of promises made on our behalf when we

were baptised (or christened) - is not just for children. Fantastic though it is when a child feels they want to acknowledge for themselves their belief in God and their wish to go deeper into the Christian faith - confirmation is for everyone - regardless of age. Perhaps you have been attending church for many years, but have simply never got round to taking this step. Or perhaps it was only as an adult, reflecting on your life's experiences, that the Christian faith began to be meaningful and real to you. Having children or grandchildren can awaken in us a strong sense of God at work in the wonder and preciousness of new life. Going through illness, bereavement or some personal struggle can bring us to lean on God in a new way, discovering as we do so that his strength really does support and carry us through the things life throws at us. On the other hand, it may be that something is holding you back from being confirmed - you may be aware of your own doubts and questions or perhaps some bad experience of the church has put you off. Whatever the reason, whatever your fears or questions, please feel free to talk these through with me at any time. Next year, I hope to run a course for anyone who thinks they might like to be confirmed. It would be a great joy to me if, for the first time in many years, some people in this benefice felt able to express their faith in this way. Why? Because I know that it can be a life-changing moment, a moment when you will know yourself held by God and blessed by him. A moment too, when taking the bread and the wine of communion will spiritually feed you, fill you, bring you God's peace and strengthen you for all that lies ahead. Blessings, Revd Judith



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

Churchwardens:

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White Street Green. tel 210346

Thought for the Month: Though we may not feel like it at times, we are all called to move on, to keep travelling, to encounter the unfamiliar. The disciples were called to leave their old lives behind and to embark on a journey full of risk and uncertainty. Jesus is forever there to pick us up as we stumble and fall on the unfamiliar path and we answer his call when we help those companions on the journey who find the going tough.

It's a good time to think about those starting difficult journeys - the new student finding it hard to settle in and make new friends, the neighbour facing a new life without a loved one, the friend about to start cancer treatment, the asylum-seeker struggling to build a new life in a strange culture...

We're also there to share in the good times, to celebrate, to laugh and to enjoy the well-paved road with its fine views. Whenever we feel a bit low and weighed down by it all, remember the beautiful words of Horatius Bonar, a prolific nineteenth-century hymn-writer and Presbyterian minister:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;

I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad

Harvest Festival Service. Will be on Sunday October 2nd. This is a service for all the family. Afterwards we are planning a "bring-and-share" lunch. Do come - please let a Churchwarden know.

Advent Celebration This year will be on Saturday 26th November at 6.30pm. Make a note to come. The Celebration will be followed by a Supper. Full details from a Churchwarden

The Bible Study Group. The Bible study group meets at 47 Swan Street at 8.00pm on the 2nd & 4th Monday each month. Please do come along, you will be made most welcome.

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

Musicians Wanted for Christingle Service in December (1st Sunday)
:Musicians wanted to create a band for this year's Christingle Service. Do you play the drums, guitar or another instrument? or know someone who does? Then please get in touch with either David Richardson on 01787 379343 or Rev. Judith on 01787210011 for more details

Smile Lines: From a notice board at a church in the USA - "If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd".



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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone

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David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone

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EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL COFFEE MORNING, 3 SEPTEMBER: Thank you to all who helped at the coffee morning and to all who came along and supported us.

Lovely comments were made on the improvements to the hall and £167 was raised towards our next project.

Pieces of a Mother and Baby jigsaw were found at the end of the day. If you purchased this please contact me and I will deliver them to you.

Daphne Clark 210698

GARDENING MORNING, SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON: ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE:

Please DO COME and support our annual Gardening Morning at St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone on Saturday 29th October, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Coffee, soup and rolls will be served afterwards.

Please contact *Jan Paul* on 210972.

PCC MEETING: 4th October, 19:30 at Mary's House

BRIDGE & SUPPER, SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER:

Willows Farm, Edwardstone, 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m. start:

Come and enjoy a friendly evening of Bridge and Supper with a glass of wine on arrival. Tickets £15 - Licensed Bar - No Raffle.

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REMINDERS:

HARVEST CONCERT: Saturday 24 September at 7.30 p.m. in Edwardstone Church:

Stour Winds, a wind decet based in the Sudbury area will show off the wonderful music written and arranged for 10 wind instruments. The group is led by Charlotte Robertson, a professionally trained musician who teaches in many local schools. The decet's repertoire is always approachable, ranging from traditional classical music to more modern takes on popular music. The evening will also feature interludes by individuals in the group. Light refreshments available in the interval. Donations in aid of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone.

Pam Dodd

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE: Sunday 25 September at 3.00 p.m.: Our friends from Morden College will be there and this year the service will be followed by a Harvest Tea in the Parish Hall. All villagers are invited to attend either or both. While the Harvest Tea is free to everyone from the village, if you hope to attend, could you please contact Pam (210397), Jan (210972) or David (211161) for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you there.

ROTA

	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Oct 2:	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	Mrs Paul	Mrs Saddleton
Oct 9:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd	"	
Oct 16:	Mrs Paul	Mr & Mrs Dodd	"	
Oct 23:	Visiting	Mrs Morris	"	
Oct 30:	Benefice Service	Mrs Morris		

*Daily Prayer: 9.00 a.m. every Tuesday

*Please note there will be no daily prayer on 4, 11 and 18 October



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday, October 1st 7.30 at Groton Village Hall

Tickets for this year's Harvest Supper are now out, and going fast; there will be all the usual attractions, an excellent 2 course hot meal, Pat-and-Gerald bar, quiz, etc. We would be very grateful for offers of Raffle Prizes and help with the cooking, and so please phone Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC if you would like tickets [£10 each], and also if you are able to help with Raffle prizes or cooking. We look forward to hearing from you.

COFFEE MORNING WITH "ATTIC CLEARANCE" SALE

Saturday, October 22nd at 9.30am in Mary's House, Swan St. Boxford. Groton PCC have some items for sale, and we have decided to hold a Coffee Morning in Mary's House, where you will be able to view and buy some bargains, whilst enjoying a cup of coffee and some biscuits, cakes etc. So please do just drop in during the morning, and we'll look forward to seeing you.

Rota

Sidesman with Sacristan: Mrs Kennedy Scott

Flowers: Mrs Lethbridge

Cleaning: Mrs Smith



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

Rota

Oct 2

Oct 9

Oct 16

Oct 23

Oct 30

Sidesman

Mr Squirrell

Visiting

Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington

Visiting

Visiting

Flowers

Mrs Gregor Smith

Mrs Harbord

Mrs Ewen

Mrs Squirrell

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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

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Tel; 370331

Rota

CHURCH CLEANING:

Mrs. Jean Adams

CHURCH FLOWERS:

October 9th

Mrs. Ruth Morgan

October 23rd

Mrs. Fiona Garman

We are looking forward to the Five Villages Service which will be held in Newton Church on October 30th the 5th Sunday in the month at 10.00 am. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All ages welcome.

General Church News

MEETINGS AT MARY'S HOUSE - INCREASE IN SUGGESTED

DONATIONS: Groton PCC, who own and are responsible for the management of Mary's House, have recently reviewed the finances of running the building. We see the house as a resource for the benefit of the whole benefice and, accordingly, do not charge fees for its use, instead inviting donations. However, like any building, it does cost money to run. Until this year the suggested donation, unchanged since 2002, has been 50p per head per meeting (average 2 hours). The PCC has decided that this should be increased to £1.00 per head. Will all users (including benefice PCCs) please note. A reminder that there is a box for donations (which is emptied regularly) on the mantelshelf.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT

The AGM + Open Forum of CTiS&D is on Wednesday 5th October 2011 at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury, at 7.30 pm with refreshments from 7.00 pm. Officers for the year will be elected, we shall learn about the work of Churches Together and the many linked organisations during the last twelve months, and hear about Fellowship Football. There will be an Open Session and this is your chance to say what CTiS&D are doing well, and what they could do better. ALL are welcome and all ideas for the future will be welcomed.

METAL THEFT: ANOTHER PETITION TO SIGN

Increased demand for and the consequent rise in the price of metal, has led to a sharp rise in metal theft nationally. For churches, theft of lead from church roofs is an increasingly serious problem. Not only is there the loss of the lead but often there is consequential damage from the building being left open to the elements. And it is not only lead: copper cables, too, are being targeted by thieves, as railway commuters from Guildford found to their cost recently. For churches, it means higher insurance premiums for all, and limits on what insurers will pay out in the event of a claim.

The Government has recognised the problem and is looking at ways to introduce tighter regulation of scrap metal dealers, who are the main recipients of stolen lead. One proposal is to prohibit them from dealing in cash. At a fringe meeting of the General Synod in July the Second Church Estates Commissioner, Tony Baldry MP, urged synod members to write to their MPs, asking them to put pressure on the Government to introduce a law to this effect.

After over a year's delay, the Government has restored the e-petition service, enabling people to table petitions on any manner of subjects.

One petition, which has already attracted over 12,000 signatures, calls on the Government to amend the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 by prohibiting cash transactions. The Coalition Agreement committed the Government to debating in Parliament any petition attracting 100,000 signatures. If every member of every church electoral roll in England signed the e-petition, that figure would be easily reached and exceeded. If you care about the fabric of our ancient church buildings (and their finances), please log on at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk> (no 'www', please note) and sign the petition now.

The Church At Worship October 2011

Sunday 2nd Lt Waldingfield Edwardstone Boxford Boxford	15th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Morning Prayer 11.00 FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL 18.30 Evensong for Harvest	(G) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 5th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 6th Lt Waldingfield	19.00 Holy Communion Newmans Hall (reserved sacrament)	Tim Harbord
Sunday 9th Groton Newton Boxford	16th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Hymns and Readings 11.00 Holy Communion	(G) The Revd David Abel Chris Cornell and team The Revd Tony Moore
Wednesday 12th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Sunday 16th Edwardstone Lt Waldingfield Boxford	17th Sunday after Trinity 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion	(G) The Revd David Abel The Revd Gerald Drew The Revd Gerald Drew
Wednesday 19th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House (reserved sacrament)	Antony Dodd
Thursday 20th Lt Waldingfield	19.00 Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
Sunday 23rd Boxford Groton Newton Boxford	Last Sunday after Trinity 8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 Holy Communion 11.00 Family Service 11.00 Matins	(G) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 26th Boxford	10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Sunday 30th Newton	4th Before Advent All Saints 10.00 Five Villages Service	Revd Judith
Daily Prayer*	A 30 minute informal said service with Revd Judith	All are welcome
Tuesday	9.00 Edwardstone 17.00 Little Waldingfield	
Wednesday	9.00 Groton	
Thursday	9.00 Newton 17.00 Boxford	

Soap Box

Last month saw Little Waldingfield hold its biannual Flower Festival. On this occasion the theme was Suffolk. The quality of the arrangements in St Lawrence's church never cease to amaze me. This year was better than ever. And the amount of effort that is put in by villagers to ensure that those who take the trouble to visit our festival is also worthy of recognition. It was a truly magnificent effort by all involved.

But as I looked around those who were manning the stalls or serving food and drink, I realised that it is the same faces year after year. Not just at this particular event, either. It seems that the same people tend to be running village events or organizations – not just in our delightful little corner of this most favoured county of ours, but throughout the country. It made me wonder whether twas ever thus or if this is a recent phenomenon.

There is no doubt that society is changing as rapidly as I have ever experienced. The growth of new media and the rapidly rising power of internet empowered social networks are creating a whole new way for people to interact with each other. Perhaps this is why younger people appear less willing to engage in what might be termed traditional activities. Certainly, the effect is being felt in a variety of ways.

Take Rotary, a most worthy organization, dedicated to helping charitable causes, while at the same time providing an amenable opportunity for like minded people to meet. Not being much of a joiner – and having a demanding work schedule - I had never really considered allying myself with one of their clubs. Still, when a friend asked me to attend a meeting, I decided to go along, despite misgivings that I might be too old.

Not only was I certainly in the bottom half of the age range amongst those present, despite being on the verge of drawing my State Retirement Benefit, but it became clear that the age profile of the club had been getting older over the years. The incoming President remarked to me that, when he had joined some twenty plus years previously, he was the youngest member of his club. Regrettably he still was.

As it happens, we have made some progress in bringing down the average age of our Parish Council. I remain concerned, though, that finding younger people to take up the reins of a number of village activities is becoming tougher to accomplish. It makes me worried over what the social appearance of a rural community might look like a few decades from now.

Who knows? Perhaps in the future we will have virtual flower festivals, with arrangers posting their designs on the web for all to share. It does strike me that trying to turn the clock back is not an option. The internet

is a powerful force and should be harnessed rather than ignored. Even Little Waldingfield has joined the twenty first century with its own website – <http://littlewaldingfield.onesuffolk.net>. Do visit it if you haven't already.

However, in my book social networks and other internet activities should complement, rather than replace, face-to-face interaction. And if village organizations are really finding recruiting younger people to take up the challenges of creating a vibrant local life, then we need to recognize it and act accordingly. I would be interested in your views on this – you, the readers of this august journal. And if you have ideas for improving our website – so much the better.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.



Above: 'Woodbridge' one of the excellent displays at the Little Waldingfield Flower Festival

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GARDENING IN OCTOBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Prepare the greenhouse now to house tender plants which are standing outside. To minimise the loss of light in winter, thoroughly clean the glass, using a solution of armillatox to remove all dirt and algae.

Cut down on heating by lining the glass with bubble polythene sheeting. The large bubble types, although more expensive, gives better insulation and admits more light. The ventilators should be covered separately to allow for opening. All electrical installations should be checked by an electrician as dampness and humidity in a greenhouse can damage insulation's. Where an oil heater is used, a ventilator should be left open one inch at all times to allow the fumes and moisture created by the heater to escape.

Plants which have been standing out for some time should be turned out of their pots and any worms that have got into the compost should be removed to prevent root disturbance.

Late in the month we can expect the first frost. Listen to the weather forecasts early evening and be prepared to protect any tender plants that are outside.

Dahlias are one of the first plants to have their foliage blackened by frost. When this happens, cut the foliage down to six inches from the base and lift the tubers carefully so as not to cause any damage. Wash the tubers free of soil and tie a label to each one. Tie the label round the tuber, not the stem - these stems can become brittle and break off during storage and you will be left with a lot of loose labels not knowing where they belong. If the weather is warm and dry they can be left outside for a few hours to dry out. They should then be brought indoors to a frost free place. Remember that the stems are hollow and can hold a considerable amount of moisture, so place them upside down for about two weeks to drain. Tubers can be stored in boxes of sand or peat under the staging of a warm greenhouse but on no account allow water to drip onto them. Examine them several times during the winter and cut away any portion of the rotten tubers, dusting the cut with sulphur powder. Any that are shrivelled should be plunged in tepid water for an hour or two to plump them up again.

Finish planting daffodils as soon as possible, but delay the planting of tulips until the end of the month. Lift half-hardy summer flowering bulbs and corms, dry them off thoroughly and store them in a cool dry, frost and

vermin proof place. Examine hyacinth bulbs which are being forced, and water if needed.

Spread a net over your garden pool to catch fallen leaves, and lift it off every week. If leaves fall into a pond and rot they will produce poisonous gasses which may be harmful to fish. Cut down the dead foliage of asparagus to ground level and clear away any weeds. Tidy the bed up and cover with two inch layer of well rotted compost.

Bare-root plants, such as fruit trees and roses should go in now. Autumn planting is best for container-grown plants too as the weather will probably keep them well watered. but, in a drought, watering must continue for newly introduced plants which have not had time to develop good root systems. Rather than frequent top watering for new trees and shrubs, they should have deep watering every five days. This encourages them to work hard for their water and develop deep root systems while top watering encourages shallow roots. At planting time insert a tube into the ground up to a metre's depth to get water down to the root. Do not do this for olives which do not like watering.

Now is the time to make sloe gin: Fill a litre pot a third way up with sloes, put in about 3 oz (75 gm) of sugar, top up with cheap gin to the brim, close the pot and stand in a dark place, turning the pot daily, until Christmas. Then drink the lovely red result. Ideally you should make three pots, one for this Christmas, one for the coming year and the third to mature for next Christmas.

The sowing of new lawns should have been completed by now, but you can start to lay turf from now until mid-February if conditions allow. Prepare the ground thoroughly before laying and make sure you do not tread on the prepared site whilst laying the turves. Use planks of wood to spread your weight and avoid damage to new turf and prepared ground. Apply a light dressing of sandy loam and water thoroughly.

The last of the beans should be picked now, compost the foliage but leave the roots with their nitrogen full nodules in the soil as a fertiliser.

Carrots can come up to be stored in sand or peat through the winter but leave the parsnips in the ground. They'll be sweeter after a frost. Cabbages should come up now too, they'll keep remarkably well in that frost-free shed but beware the slug that may be lurking under the leaves. Sprinkling the outside with salt will deter them from eating away through the winter,

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Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in July 2011

Meeting on 4th July

Public Forum: A number of residents attended to share their concerns regarding the proposed Goodlands Farm Development. Cllr Norman Chaired this part of the meeting. Points made by residents included: -

- Changes since the inclusion in the Local Plan. Since that time we now have the Partridge Close settlement and also the Homefield flats under construction. Therefore the originally planned 20 units should be reduced to take these other schemes into consideration.
- What guarantees are there that further development will not take place following this scheme?
- Issues relating to proposed car park, landscaping, protection of trees and green space in the development
- Assessment of traffic, underground water courses and drainage
- The potential access and impact to Primrose Wood
- Pedestrian safety including children walking to school
- Concerns regarding damage to the existing Grade II Listed buildings by vibration
- Concern that the properties proposed near the Daking Avenue access would overlook and overwhelm existing homes

Cllr Norman thanked everyone for their views. District Cllr B Hurren advised that if the Planning Officers were supportive of the proposed development he would ensure it went to full Committee following a site inspection. Cllr Gates spoke of the excellent record where he together with Cllr Hurren had taken the opportunity to speak at previous Planning Committee Meetings. It was also noted that a spokesperson from the village would also be allowed to speak.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, the Parish Council agreed to fund the mobile skate park for two dates during the summer holidays providing a suitable venue could be found. It was agreed to ask the Community Council if they would fund 50% of the cost. The Internal Audit Report was shared with members. All the Parish Council procedures were found to be compliant and there was one recommendation which has since been adopted. This was to increase the Sum Insured under our Fidelity Guarantee Insurance. It was agreed to issue a reminder to the White Hart as no recycling credits have been forthcoming. The first quarter budget review showed the finances on track against budget.

Intelligent Lighting Systems: The Responsible Finance Officer out-lined the financial position should the Parish Council decide to convert the lighting stock to the "Intelligent Lighting System". She also out-lined a potential programme for gradual upgrade of the lamps to the largely maintenance free LED type. It was agreed for the Chairman to write an article in Box River News to assess public support for a system of turning the lights off for a period during the night.

Community Speed Watch: Cllr Norman reported on a meeting with PC Enise Howe and PCSO Jamie Fudge where four locations including School Hill, Sand Hill, Stone Street and Swan Street were considered for Community Speed Watch. A further location had since been suggested of outside the Garage. A formal assessment was to be carried out. The next step would be to seek volunteers. The Clerk had enquired with Hadleigh Town Council and it seemed feasible to share their equipment. Out of the volunteers, a Coordinator would need to be appointed for the scheme in Boxford. It was agreed for the Chairman to seek further volunteers in his article for Box River News.

Reports from Members: It was agreed to authorise Bryn Hurren to finish the gate posts to the Church yard. It was agreed to provide a laminated sign for the cremation area in the Cemetery on the subject of planting. The Environment Agency was to be asked to clear a stretch of the river running from Ellis Street to the Spinney.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

- 1) Permission had been granted for change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural, storage and off-farm sales at 30 Cox Hill.
- 2) The felling of 2 ash and 1 pine may proceed at Brook House, 17 Stone Street.
- 3) Listed Building Consent had been refused to replace the windows at 26-30 Stone Street.
- 4) Approval had been granted for detached double garage at Richmond Lodge, Calais Street.

5) The application for front & side extension at Bishopton Lodge, Calais Street had been withdrawn.

The following applications were discussed: -

- a) The amended out-line proposal at Goodlands Farm. The Parish Council repeated their strong objections and stated the following had not been addressed:-
 - i) Local Plan stated maximum of 20 units the outline plan shows 25 – 25% increase!
 - ii) Road Safety: The large amount of traffic using Swan Street is already a concern and the number of houses proposed on the site would greatly aggravate the situation
 - iii) Plan shows use of the lane onto Swan Street, it is very narrow with houses abutting each side it is not suitable for any increase in traffic. This Council understands the developer is exceeding their rights by assuming a right of way for 3 units
 - iv) Lane entrance would cause safety issues for pedestrians
 - v) Narrow roads and parking is already an issue on the Daking Avenue Estate.
 - vi) There should be an audit of traffic using Swan Street before any decisions are made
 - vii) The footpath to the Boxford Community Woodland is not shown on the plan and is the only entrance to the woodland
 - viii) A full study of wild life must be carried out. It is known that barn owls are using the old buildings and nightingales are also present
 - ix) Water drainage and sewage are at their limit in Boxford with heavy rain causing flooding in some areas. Full details of how this would be overcome should be seen before any outline planning is agreed
 - x) Although Goodlands Farm has been in the Local Plan for some time and in "mythology" for even longer, is it still relevant today with the large increase in traffic using Swan Street.

In summary Boxford Parish Council strongly object to the outline plans. The proposal represents over development and does not meet the Local Plan. Access has not been clearly thought out and there are real issues with road safety, drainage and sewage. Further, this Council does not consider the design of the proposal to be sympathetic to its surrounding environment and it does not embrace modern "green" technology.

b) The proposed two storey side extension at 8 Marsh Road.

Parish Council Meeting on 18th July

Police Report: PCSO Jamie Fudge was unable to attend, however, provided a report. During the period from 17th June to 18th July there were 4 crimes recorded (which compares to 3 crimes for the same period last year). These included two burglaries from business premises on Hadleigh Road, and two vehicle crimes. A vehicle was damaged on Daking Avenue and fuel was stolen from a vehicle in Holbrook Barn Road. The Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood team priorities included speed detection in Valley Rd, Gt Waddingfield and Hitcham, school visits ahead of the summer holidays and anti-social behaviour in Long Melford.

Correspondence: The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The risk assessment of the school grounds for the mobile skate park was to be carried out. It was agreed to set up a meeting with the Manager of the White Hart to discuss how to better promote the bottle bank facility. Apology letters were read from the youths responsible for damage at the allotments.

Community Speed Watch: Members were disappointed only two of the locations were accepted for using the speed detection equipment. Members agreed to try to challenge the decision. It was agreed to put Hadleigh Town Council on notice regarding the sharing of their equipment.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch was present to deliver his report. His report covered details of the preferred corridor for pylons and potential travellers moving up from South Essex. There is a protocol for managing unauthorized encampments which allows all partners to work together to try to mitigate any impacts locally.

Babergh District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report. He confirmed Babergh District Council will continue to work with other Councils to achieve savings due to the merger not going ahead. He confirmed a vote of 8 to 7 meant that planning permission was refused for the Hadleigh Supermarket. The flats at Homefield were progressing slowly. Issues were raised with Cllr Hurren by members included the dropped kerbs,

continuation of the footpath from Partridge Close to the entrance to Homefield following removal of the wires and also some drainage concerns. Cllr Hurren agreed to follow these up with Babergh Officers. He is representing resident's views regarding the proposed outline planning for the Goodlands Farm Development. Finally he has received complaints regarding cars parking on the greensward opposite the Garage.

Housing Needs Survey: It was noted that the first working group Housing Schemes to meet the identified need from the survey has taken place. Representatives from Babergh District Council, Suffolk ACRE, ICENI Homes and the full Parish Council were present. A further meeting will be arranged as soon as preliminary enquiries have been completed.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

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Parish Council Matters

Little Waldingfield Parish Council meeting

16 August 2011

Apologies: B Tora, R Williams, D Kiddy

Present: M Ewen, V Flute, R Ridgeon, C Hamblett.

One member of the public

Declarations of Interest: None.

Police matters: There was no police presence or report received.

There have been difficulties meeting the commitments to Speedwatch and so it would be useful if more volunteers would undertake training. Details of the scheme will be added to the website to try and generate more interest.

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

Matters Arising: None not covered by the agenda.

Financial Matters: Cheques were signed to 3 x churchyard cuts and in respect of the annual audit fee. There were no matters brought to our attention following the external audit.

Planning Matters: Permission has been granted to fell a diseased walnut tree at Pink Cottage. Despite the previous appeal decision, permission has been granted for the retention of the barn at Park Farm. There have been conditions attached however regarding the external colour finish and landscaping.

Correspondence: Details of Sudbury Community Transport scheme have been received, and it is intended to deliver a copy to all households in the village.

National Grid: A decision has been made for the new pylons to follow the current route.

Telephone Kiosk: Following contact with the relevant person M Ewen has received the agreement to purchase for completion, signature and return with a cheque for £1. We will confirm that we require the electricity supply to be terminated.

Village website: A map of the parish footpaths is now on the website. The flyer for circulation throughout the village is not yet complete. Authorisation was given to V Flute to attend a website training course.

Footpaths: C Hamblett has met and spoken to the contractors responsible for cutting the footpaths on behalf of Suffolk CC and all have now been cut with the exception of that behind Wade Crescent.

M Ewen and B Tora have undertaken a couple of surveys of the route down to the main road. From the end of the pavement to the main road is a distance of 683 metres (747 yards), or just less than 1/2 mile. There are 2 landowners concerned for where a footpath would need to go, and they will be contacted. A quote for a footbridge over the Box has been requested from a local supplier.

Village Newsletter: A report of the meeting will as usual be submitted for inclusion on the website and in the BRN.

Churchyard: No problems reported.

Any Other Business: The date of the next meeting is 20 September.

Stroke survivor raises £4000 for the organisations that put him on the road to recovery

It was a moving charity networking dinner at The Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf and Spa on Wednesday 7th September.

The event was hosted by Nick Athorne who in November 2009 suffered a massive stroke which has left him partially disabled.

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Diane Robinson, manager of ICANHO says “ Nick came to us with restricted movement in both his left arm and leg 18 months ago and partly down to his tenacity and stubbornness and our occupational therapies and vocational rehabilitations he is recovering very well. We are delighted the networking event was so successful and are overwhelmed by the funds raised.”

Plans are now underway for the next Charity NWD event which will most likely be held in the spring or early summer of 2012.

Meanwhile Nick is going to take the time in between to recover from this last one.

For more information please contact Nick Athorne on nickathorne@hotmail.co.uk, 01787 212323

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Dear Sir

We would like to thank everyone from Boxford and Groton for coming to the inaugural Elizabeth Valda Estates Property Surgery on August 25th at Boxford Village Hall.

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Congratulations to Bob Martin who won the draw and we hope that he and Vera enjoy their meal at the White Hart.

Our next property advice evening will be on October 20th and we look forward to seeing you then.

Christine Hamilton and Brigitte Currin
Elizabeth Valda Estates

Dear Sir

Boxford family opens brasserie.

Ollie MacMillan always showed signs of becoming a successful entrepreneur especially when as a teenager he reared turkeys for Christmas, so it is no surprise that after training as a chef and having worked in restaurants such as The Talbooth, Dedham he should go into partnership with his sister, Lorna in The Swan in Long Melford. It was at The Talbooth that his sense of perfectionism was fine-tuned and you only have to taste his food once to appreciate the care that has been taken in selecting the ingredients, preparing them and then presenting them. It is an absolute delight for a family like mine who really appreciates good food to find a restaurant in this country where the food is the number one priority rather than the décor or the music. Having said that Lorna and her team have created an elegant and tasteful brasserie with original touches, no doubt thanks to her degree in Fine Arts and her experience in the fashion trade. However many of you will recognise that infectious smile from the Boxford Drama Group or from seeing her working at The Brewers Arms or more lately at The Crown in Stoke by Nayland. She fronts the house and has trained all her employees to welcome the guests warmly. This is a real family affair with younger brother Iain helping in the kitchen and keeping the very pleasant garden in order; and even mum, Janice, has been seen in the kitchen! What a multi-talented family this is!

My family and I really enjoyed our dinner there and we shall be back soon to try the lighter lunch time menu. If you enjoy pub grub with lots of frozen and micro-waved food with sauces in little plastic sachets, then this is not the place for you but if you appreciate reasonably priced fresh, seasonal produce prepared with finesse and served with a smile then give The Swan a try; we feel sure you won't be disappointed. (And no, we don't have shares in it!)

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Boxford School News

Here we go again at the beginning of yet another school year. Apparently this is my 20th! I trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. This term we welcome Miss Bates and Mrs Poole to our staff, Miss Bates as a Foundation Class Teacher and Mrs Poole as a Teaching Assistant. This year promises to be a very interesting one for us all at Boxford as we begin our federation with Monks Eleigh Primary School. We hope that through working closely together we can enhance the education we are able to offer the pupils of both schools. Already the pupils are involved in joint projects and the Monks Eleigh Year 3 children are joining us for swimming, music tuition, games and French.

This year also promises to be a challenging one for us all as the anger over the Governments proposals on teacher's pensions rages on. We sincerely hope that the two sides will get together and come to some sort of agreement before the prospect of strike action raises its ugly head again.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Dainty who has been a teacher at Boxford School for over 25 years. It was a very emotional farewell and I know that she was very touched by the many kind thoughts and wishes she received. We wish her a very long and happy retirement.

At the end of our Year 4 Leavers' Service I always ask pupils and parents to keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on and I have recently received some excellent news regarding two of our ex-pupils Jack Copping and Ross Britcher. Jack has taken his A levels and has been granted a place at Swansea University to study Medical Genetics and Ross is off to Exeter University to study History and Spanish. Congratulations to them both.

Over the summer we have been engaged in changing our Learning Platform and with it our website. From Monday 12th September our website address will be www.boxford.suffolk.dbprimary.com. There may be a short delay between closing the old website and starting the new so please bear with us during this period.

Finally our first event this term will be the Harvest Festival Service on Thursday 29th September in St Mary's Church Boxford starting at 9.30am. All of our children will be taking part and at the end of the service we will be decorating the church with our Harvest Gifts. These will then be distributed amongst people in our local area.

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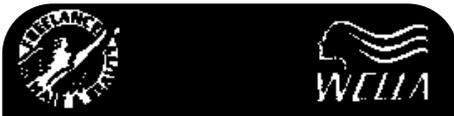
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NEWTON GREEN SHOWS THE WAY

A golf club has been boosted by a 20 per cent membership increase – while many others have been battling to mark time against the recession. The club that has been defying current trends is Newton Green, near Sudbury, which has been transforming itself in recent times.

It has revealed a one fifth membership increase as it plans to stage another open day on Sunday, September 25, when potential new comers are invited to play nine holes without charge.

Paddy Lockwood, club chairman, said Newton's formula for success had been to take a root and branch look at how it was performing three years ago, and set out a new path forward.

Despite a very difficult financial climate throughout the period, various new initiatives put in place had worked.

In addition to seeing a rise in membership, the club was blossoming in a number of directions.

Lockwood explained: "In a recent two week spell we saw three of our juniors making waves at national level; our men's team made their debut in the semi-finals of the Suffolk Stenson Shield; and we had a golf week that broke all previous levels of support from the membership."

He said the open day would commence at 1 pm with special joining offers available, including an initial three months for £125.

WESTWOOD GIVES TIPS TO NEWTON'S JED

World number one golf challenger Lee Westwood has given a promising Suffolk school boy tips on how to follow in his footsteps.

Newton Green's Jed Seeley played six holes with the super star along with one of England's top girl hopes Charlotte Leatham.

They had been among skills test winners in earlier events organised as part of Westwood's national academy scheme, and qualified to play six holes with him on his Lindrick, near Worksop, home course.

Jed, the 14-year-old Suffolk junior player and Sudbury Upper School pupil, who has halved his handicap to eight in the last six months, initially played 13 holes with Charlotte, who at the age of 16 plays off scratch and is one of England's rising young stars.

Jed, who would eventually like to turn professional, said: "Charlotte and I were very evenly matched, although no scores were kept as it was for fun. We then played six holes with Lee and were able to relax as we both started by hitting good tee shots. He gave us advice on the importance of continual practice to develop our shot making, and we both gained a lot from the day."

Jed initially qualified for the day by winning a qualifying skills test event, having been put forward by the junior section of the Suffolk Golf Union.



Jed on the green with Lee Westwood

NEW BOXFORD BIKE CLUB



Colchester train station, not the most inspiring of places, but for the members of the newly formed Boxford Bike Club, it was the starting point of a great adventure. This was to be the first official event of perhaps Boxford's newest club, and the event we had chosen was a corker. 120 miles from east London to Dunwich on the Suffolk coast, quite a respectful distance, but to top it off this ride was to be attempted during the night! The Dunwich Dynamo runs every year in July, on the Saturday night nearest the full moon. After travelling into London by train we met up with two thousand other cyclists at the Pub in the Park in Hackney. We left London just as it was getting dark and after passing very near to Boxford at around one o'clock in the morning, arrived in Dunwich at about half past five Sunday morning, totally exhausted but exhilarated by what we had achieved. The memory of flashing red bicycle lights stretching into the distance in front of us and riding into the sunrise will linger in our minds for a long while.

Over the past few months the Boxford Bike Club has grown from humble beginnings to now having an active and ever growing membership of about a dozen local people. As well as the Dunwich Dynamo, members have taken part in both the Suffolk Sunrise and Essex 100 charity bike rides in aid of Action Medical Research, to date raising near to £1000. The club membership is made up of people local to Boxford, but reflects a wide range of ages and abilities united by the enjoyment of cycling. The club also reflects the varied cycling disciplines, with members interested and participating in road cycling events, but also in mountain biking, triathlon and cyclocross.

As a club, we don't take ourselves too seriously and we hopefully come across as a friendly and approachable bunch, at the same time endorsing the benefits and enjoyment of cycling in all its forms. Members new to cycling have an instant network of support and advice available to them. Also having regular group rides encourages members to get out and ride on a more regular basis, with rides going out from the village usually on a Wednesday evening and a Sunday morning.

We also have plans for the future. Our first step will be to formalise the club and affiliate to British Cycling, the national governing body for the sport. British Cycling would offer support and advice to us as a new club, but also offer insurance, protection and other benefits to Boxford Bike Club members. In conjunction with this we are in the process of designing a club jersey which will give members more of an identity in the cycling community when participating in events.

Our ambition doesn't stop there. We feel lucky to live in an active and vibrant community such as Boxford and we would as a club, at some point in the future, like to organise a village cycling event to promote the health benefits and enjoyment of cycling, so watch this space...

As a new club we are keen to attract new members. In this age of social networks, making contact with the club couldn't be easier, the club has a Facebook page - search for 'Boxford Bike Club' and a Twitter account @BoxfordBikeClub. From these pages you can see details of rides organised and events members will be participating in. Alternatively ring Boxford 211296 for more details. We will also be running a series of introductory rides for people new to the sport and for those who might be interested in joining the club. These rides will be taking place on the 5 Sunday mornings in October, starting on 2nd October. Anyone interested should meet at the White Hart in the village at 9.30am for a gentle ride of around an hour. See you there!