

# Box River News

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## A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to you all



**What a Treasure Island it was!! Robert Louis Stephenson's tale of pirates and buried treasure got the Panto treatment in Boxford.**

The moment the the curtains opened it was clear this was going to be something special. If you like your pantomimes fresh, fun and a little bit off the wall then this version of Treasure Island will rank as one of the best performances by the Boxford Drama Group in the last decade.

Full of smart jokes, flawless performances and hilarious songs, even Derek, I can't remember my lines, Butler did not let us down. Mrs Hawkins (the dame) was probably David Phillips best dame ever getting the show off to a laugh a minute supported by his son, Jim Hawkins (Hannah Carpenter) and the rest of the cast kept the pace up throughout the performance.

Squire Trelawny (Kevin Roychowdhury), Billy Bones (John Kirby), Long John Silver (Michael Munn) not forgetting Captain Smollet (Derek Butler) all put in strong performances along with the Lady!! Pirates (*Pictured below*) played by Elaine Horne, Margaret Clapp, Sally Phillips an Coralie Marshall. In fact everyone involved must be congratulated.



This performance was a great reminder of the wealth of acting talent, passion and production know-how that happens on our doorstep. Joe Barrett author and director has every good reason to be proud of himself and Ward Bakers music ranked high as well.

Last but not least, how do Di and Jan do it!! The Christmas dinner served during the interval was also amongst one of the best ever and the sprouts were cooked to perfection a sure sign of a great cook. Well done all those involved in the kitchen.

## The Fleece Re-opens!!!

The Fleece Hotel Public House in Boxford is re-opening, and just in time for Christmas! The much anticipated opening is expected to take place over the weekend of Friday 16th of December, and will restore two pubs to the centre of the village. Initially The Fleece will serve only drinks, bar snacks, and a good atmosphere, but will look to open its kitchen in early February. The couple taking over as Landlord and Landlady are Jarred and Clare Harris of Sudbury, and will start this role from February. They hope to combine a truly local feel, with excellent homemade food, and a superb selection of the best drinks the country has to offer. For opening times or for any other information please visit [www.boxfordfleece.com](http://www.boxfordfleece.com) or ring 01787211138.

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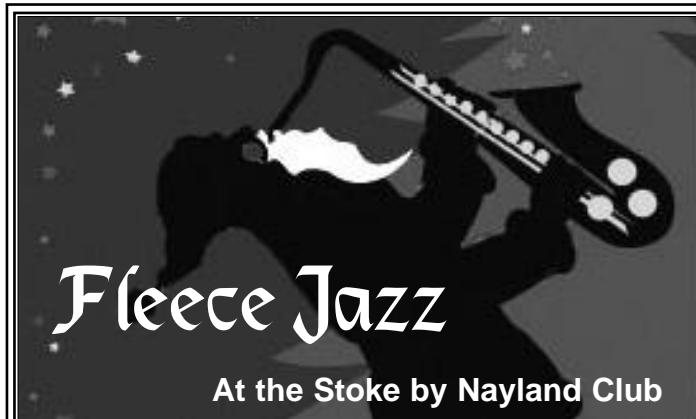
# FOB'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



The FOB'S Christmas Fayre held on Saturday 3rd December was another great success. Held in the School Hall and classrooms one experienced the first real feeling that Christmas was coming despite the depressing doom and gloom of our economic crisis.

The School was full to bursting. Face Painting, manicure and all things beautiful attracted the girls but by far the longest queue was for Father

Christmases Grotto where a steady flow of children met the great man and received a small gift. They were also able to enjoy the many stalls, Wine to Water, Teddy Tombola, The Hamper Raffle to name a few plus they were able to play the legendary Human Fruit Machine. From the help and donations from the school children's families, we were able to raise £1350. This will help fund ongoing projects, equipment, trips and treats for the children, which are not covered in the Schools budget.



## JANUARY

### 6 LIANE CARROLL £20

Liane Carroll VOCALS / PIANO Roger Carey BASS, Mark Fletcher DRUMS

### 13 DEIDRE CARTWRIGHT £15

Deidre Cartwright GUITAR Kathy Dyson GUITAR, Alison Rayner SAX Winston Clifford DRUMS

### 20 SARAH GILLESPIE AND GILAD ATZMON £17

Sarah Gillespie VOCALS Gilad Atzmon SAX / ACCORDIAN / CLARINET, Enzo Zirilli DRUMS Ben Bastin BASS

### 27 DAVE CHAMBERLAIN QUARTET £15

Dave Chamberlain GUITAR Dave O'Higgins SAX Ross Stanley PIANO Geoff Gascoyne BASS

## FEBRUARY

### 3 JOE STILGOE TRIO £17

Joe Stilgoe PIANO / VOCALS Chris Hill BASS Ben Reynolds DRUMS,

### 10 FRANK HARRISON TRIO £15

Frank Harrison PIANO Davide Petrowka BASS Stephen Keogh DRUMS

### 17 ROBIN JONES SEXTET £15

Robin Jones CONGAS / PERCUSSION Nick Walker SAX, Gavin Broom TRUMPET Andrew Noble PIANO Jonny Gee BASS, Mark Cecil DRUMS / TIMBALES

### 24 MARK CROOKS QUARTET £15

Mark Crooks CLARINET John Pearce PIANO Dave Chamberlain BASS Steve Brown DRUMS

## MARCH

### 2 SARAH MOULE QUARTET £15

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### 9 ADAM GLASSER QUARTET £15

Adam Glasser HARMONICA Robin Aspland PIANO, Alec Dankworth BASS Frank Tonto DRUMS

### 16 DAMON BROWN INTERNATIONAL QUARTET £17

Damon Brown TRUMPET Martin Zenker BASS Yutaka Shiina PIANO Christian Brewer SAX Mark Fletcher DRUMS

### 23 FRANK GIASULLO AND ART THEMEN £15

Frank Giasullo PIANO Art Themen SAX

### 30 MARLENE VER PLANCK £15

Marlene ver Planck VOCALS John Pearce PIANO, Bobby Worth DRUMS Paul Morgan BASS

## APRIL

### 6 MARTIN TAYLOR AND ALAN BARNES £22

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## THE JANUARY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH



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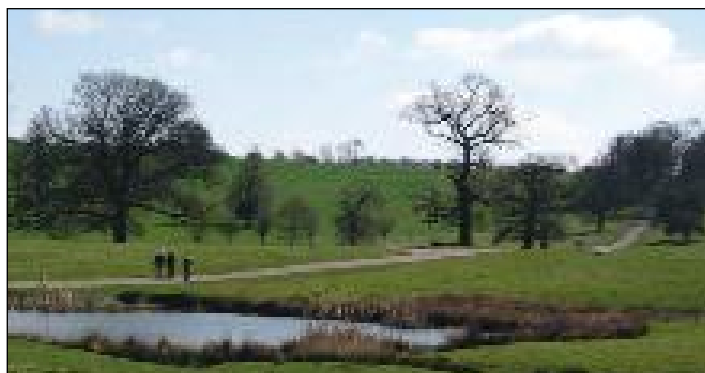
Are the festivities getting all too much for you? Do you have trouble getting away from the demands of the family? Is it impossible to find a moment to yourself? Susannah Wesley, considered by some to be the founder of Methodism, had her own unique if somewhat bizarre way of finding a moment's peace. The mother of nineteen children, only ten of whom survived, would simply stop what she was doing, and there and then, wherever she was in her home, flip her apron up over her head! This was the sign to her numerous children and bustling household that she needed time to herself, and specifically time to pray.

Not being in the habit myself of wearing an apron, my way of getting away from it all is rather different. Twice a year I go, with a small group of friends who trained with me for the priesthood, to a retreat house. We usually choose somewhere quiet, set in its own grounds, where, as well as talking things over together and praying together, we can go for a walk and enjoy the countryside. In November, we returned to a favourite haunt, Launde Abbey in Leicestershire, a large stately home converted into a retreat centre, set in gently rolling hills.

Although we are only away from lunchtime one day to lunchtime the next day, those twenty-four hours are a Godsend. They provide an opportunity to take stock – of what is going on in our lives, of what is important and what isn't, of the things are going well and the things that are not. They help us to stand back and see things from a different perspective. They put us back in touch with the spiritual part of ourselves, that part which for many people is too often neglected in the busyness and stresses, not only of Christmas and New Year, but of ordinary daily life.

If you have issues in your life which you are struggling to resolve, or you just need a complete break from routine, there are retreat houses and "Quiet Gardens" all over the country where you can go for some peace and some space, whether just for a few hours, a day, or for longer. Good places to start looking are the websites of the Retreat Organisation: <http://www.retreats.org.uk/> and The Quiet Gardens Trust: <http://www.quietgarden.org/>. Or you can give me a ring, and I will be happy to try and help. Retreats are not just for those with a religious belief, all are welcome and you are free to spend the time as you choose, perhaps reading, walking, or just thinking, and in the company of others or by yourself. Often there will be people on hand to offer guidance too.

Of course, for many people, getting away completely like this may be a luxury they cannot afford, either financially or just through the pressure of family circumstances. However, each of us still needs to find that quiet space, those quiet moments in the day, where we can just be ourselves – putting aside for a moment the roles we all inhabit, and the masks we sometimes wear – whether as wife, husband, father, mother, teacher, office worker, shop worker, priest, or whatever it is that people know us as.



It can be enough just to stop what you are doing, step out into your garden and take the air, or to sit down for a few minutes in a favourite chair, with a cup of coffee, allowing your gaze and your thoughts to wander. Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." If we make just a little space and time for ourselves in our day, we may find that, by doing so, we have also made a space and a time in which God can meet us, can heal and refresh our spirits, before we return once more to the fray. Blessings, *Revd Judith*.

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# TRI-TOWN TRANSCRIPT



*The following has been reprinted from the Boxford MA local newspaper the 'Tri-Town Transcript' November 10th 2011.*

**Boxford residents plan trip to Boxford, UK for Queen's Jubilee in June**  
It began 35 years ago with an invitation to the citizens of Boxford, Suffolk, UK to join the celebration of the U.S. Bicentennial. The rest is the history of six reciprocal visits, generational friendships, and even a visit of Boxford, MA Girl Scouts to their counterparts across the big pond.

The tradition continues with an invitation for Boxford residents to attend the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Queen Elizabeth's sixty-year reign. Beginning on June 1, 2012, Boxford, UK opens its doors to Boxford, MA and four days of activity-packed celebrations.

Boxford, Suffolk is a delightfully quaint town that officially dates from the 1100s, but which was actually settled much earlier. Over 100 of its buildings, some dating back to the 1300s, are architecturally and historically significant. Many residents of the Boxford, Suffolk area populated Essex County in the early years of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

During the upcoming trip, each participating person or couple will be paired with Boxford, UK residents and enjoy the hospitality and the cultural exchange of a home visit. One lucky couple will be hosted at Groton Manor, the birthplace of John Winthrop in 1537.

Diamond Jubilee events include receptions, a Jazz Night at the local gathering spot, a champagne breakfast in the town of Edwardstone, visits to local historic sites in Bury St Edmund and surrounding villages, a special service in Boxford's St Mary's Church, a garden tour, a bowls tournament, and a day-long Jubilee Celebration street party that includes shows, games, music, dancing, crafts, shopping, food, drink and much fun and camaraderie.

Many of the local folks who journeyed to Boxford in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's 50th anniversary will be returning again to renew acquaintances and participate in the many activities.

Anyone who is interested in joining the trip should contact Barbara Was at 978-887-5660 or BarbWas@aol.com.

Read more: Boxford residents plan trip to Boxford, UK for Queen's Jubilee in June - Boxford, MA - Tri-Town Transcript  
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/boxford/features/x363494298/Boxford-residents-plan-trip-to-Boxford-UK-for-Queen-s-Jubilee-in-June#ixzz1fJM412P>

## Christmas, New Year, and January at the EDWARDSTONE WHITE HORSE

### DECEMBER

- ❖ SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> - FREE SHERRY AND BAR NIBBLES
- ❖ TUES 27<sup>TH</sup> - THE QUIZ OF THE YEAR
- ❖ WEDS 28<sup>TH</sup> - CHRISTMAS BLUES NIGHT
- ❖ SAT 31<sup>ST</sup> - LIVE MUSIC 'THE WHITE HORSE SHOW BAND' - FREE BUFFET

### JANUARY

- ❖ 12<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> GAME FOOD FESTIVAL (SOURCED FROM THE SURROUNDING PARISHES)
- ❖ WEDS 25<sup>TH</sup> - BURNS NIGHT  
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## DUCK RACING NIGHT



### Boxford Community Council

#### Duck Racing Night Saturday 19th November

A great night of fun was had by all those attending, lots of shouting and jumping about, lots of friendly banter, lots of community spirit. Many thanks to the race sponsors, to the duck owners for each race, to the members of the Community Council Social Committee who staged the event, to the donators of the raffle prizes, to the team from Bildeston who ran the races and to all you villagers who attended and took part. Another good community effort to raise funds to grant out to village organisations. This report is offered to the editor of the Box River News knowing that it will certainly be included in the next edition, just one of the important functions of the BRN in communicating to our local villages within the benefice and keeping us up to date with village life. Please show your continued support for this important publication.



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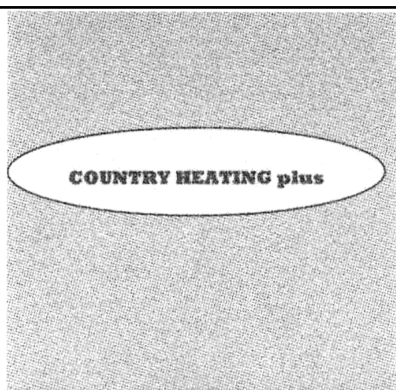


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# CRANKENSTEIN!!!



Little Waldingfields Bad Companions latest production of 'Crankenstein' was the story of a Transylvania doctor who brought misery to his village with the creation of new life. His monstrous creation caused havoc and mayhem to all those who crossed his path especially anyone at the Swan Inn which it drank dry.

Assisted by Igor, his trusted servant who became the Monsters drinking companion, the evil Dr. Crankenstein, created the new life surrounded by other evil characters including a somewhat friendly Count Dragula, Valhanna, presumably a pun on the house of the dead, and his man servant Crouch the plot became confused ending up with the monster performing brain surgery on Crankenstein turning him into a copy of himself.

There were strong performances from Igor played by Phil Scott, Count Dragula played by Lewis Miller and Crouch, the butler obsessed with his recipe book and played by the author, Martin Doman. Crankenstein, played by Glen Cooper came across well but through no fault of his own, spent far too much time up front on stage and overcooked the part, a bit of editing by the author could have prevented this

## JANUARY BOOK REVIEW Jo.marchant

### Revelation by C J Sansom

Sansom is a crime writer who sets his books in the Tudor period. Each book follows the investigations of Matthew Shardlake, a lawyer turned detective. In Revelation the year is 1543, a time of religious turmoil and fanaticism. The title of the book is taken from the last book of The New Testament, predicting the Second Coming and the end of the world. It reads as an apocalyptic nightmare of dark prophecies.

Sansom's story is slow to get going but then it kicks off with the mysterious murder of Shardlake's close friend Roger Eliard. He promises his widow that he will bring the murderer to justice, but then there are six more murders, and a pattern develops. All the victims are lapsed radicals and the manner of their gruesome deaths is inspired by the seven vials in The Book of Revelation. They have political implications and Cranmer and the King's Coroner have to work in secret using the skills of Shardlake and his ever faithful servant Jack Barak.

For me the most interesting aspect of the read was the sounds and smells of Tudor London. You feel you are there. There are some wonderful descriptions of Westminster Abbey. The medieval wall paintings in the Chapter House are vivid depictions of the Book of Revelation and they must have terrified the monks. The 'doom painting' at the church in Wenham, near Bythburgh is equally horrifying – go and have a look! Imagine if you thought you would not be saved on Judgement Day. You could go mad with worry, as young Adam Kite does. This is crime fiction at its best; a page turner. If you enjoy history and crime you will enjoy curling up on the sofa on a dark afternoon, but, as you would expect, you will have to wait until almost the end of this riveting read before the mystery is solved.

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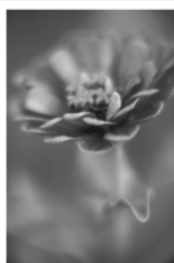
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## GROTON CHEESE AND WINE



Photo: David Lamming



2011 will be remembered in Groton as the year of not one, but two Cheese & Wine parties! After last year's winter weather caused the postponement of the party to March, this year's pre-Christmas feast of food and fellowship went ahead on its traditional date, the first Saturday in December. As the photographs here and in the Church News section show, another most enjoyable evening was had by all, with the bonus of a welcome £880 added to church funds. Thanks to Pat Kennedy Scott and her team for organising the evening, to all who provided the food, to Pat and Gerald Smith for their usual efficiency in running the bar, to Bob Bowdidge for keeping us in order and extracting bids for the auction of promises, and to everyone who came and helped to make this another successful Groton event. David Lamming

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# THE EAST WINDOW

The East Window at St Mary's Church, Boxford  
Boxford St Mary's dates from the early 15th century, while the stained glass window was designed by local Suffolk artist Rosemary Rutherford in 1973. All the light that enters the church comes in through this one spectacular window.

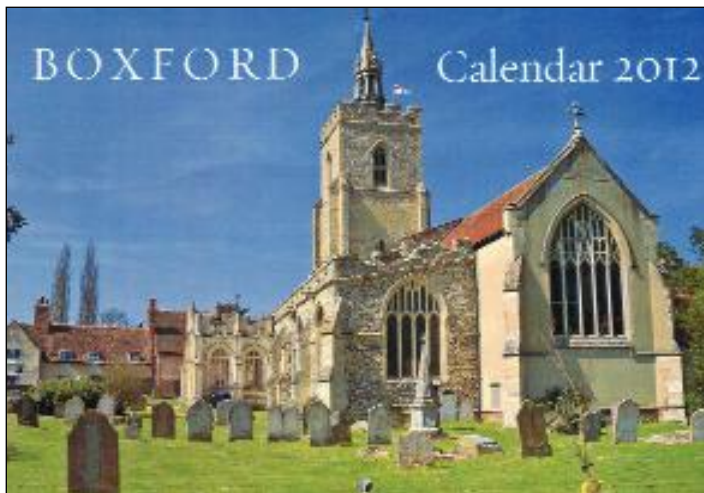
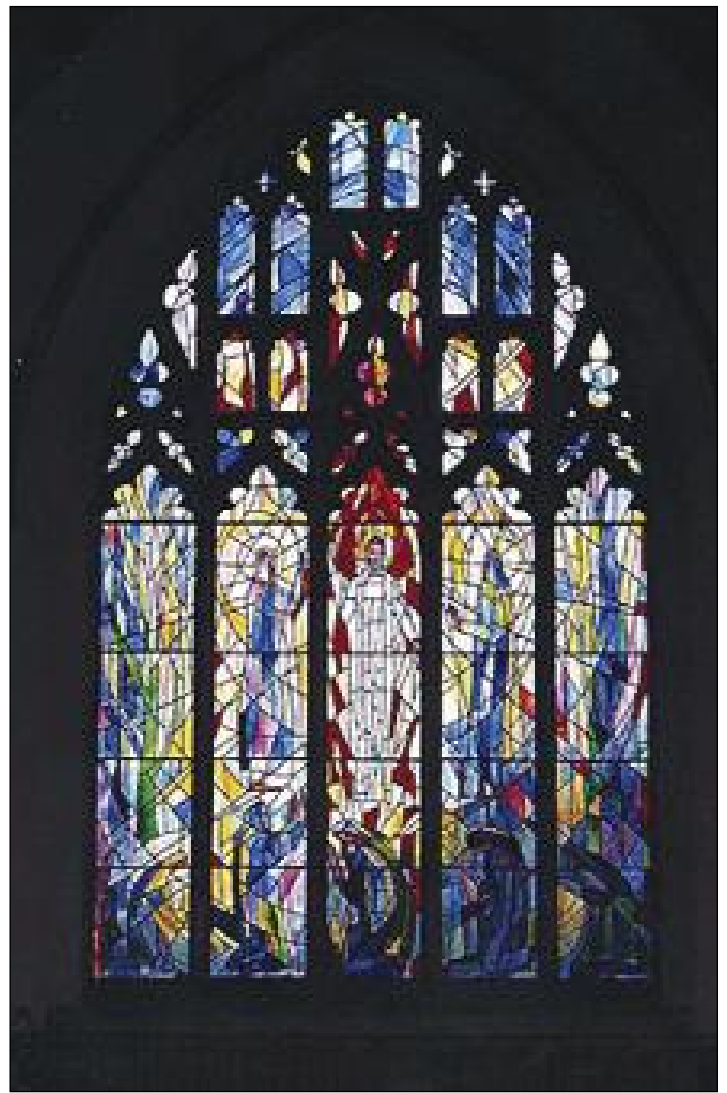
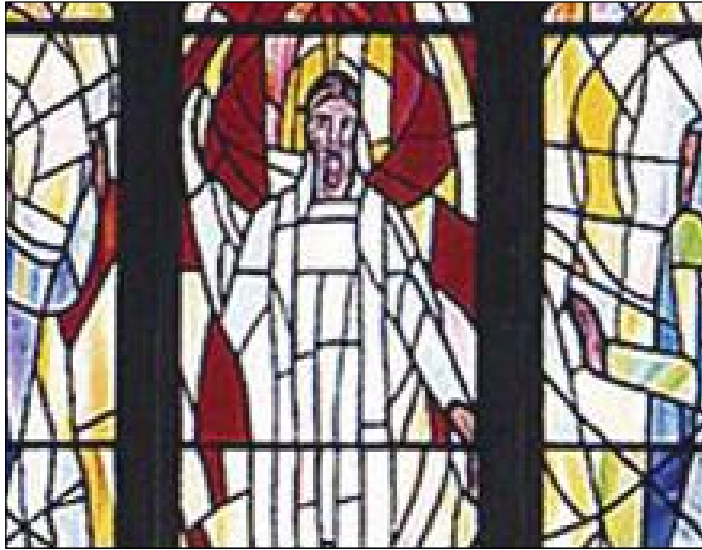
The east window in the church depicts 'The Transfiguration' and was created by Rosemary Rutherford, a Suffolk artist who specialised in stained glass.

This 20th century stained glass window which rains colour and vibrancy from the east end of Boxford Church, exudes tremendous light, even on the dullest of winter days. But to sit in the church and 'experience' the window when the sun is shining, is just magical.

The figure of Christ, accompanied by apostles, is so triumphal and powerful. At certain times a reflection appears on a nearby wall, creating a double experience of colour and light.

The pictures here do not really do justice to the window - it really has to be seen!

*Margaret Hamlyn*



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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

## Local Poppy Appeal

Thanks once again to the generosity of people in **Boxford, Edwardstone and Groton**, the recent local poppy collections have generated over £2,250 to help the Royal British Legion in its vital work. This is only slightly below last year's record total. On behalf of the Legion, I would like to thank all the house-to-house collectors for their hard work and dedication. Thanks also to the various local organisations who purchased wreaths or made space for collecting boxes, and to Boxford School whose staff and pupils have given their usual support at Remembrancetide. The donations at the special service in Boxford Church, which again exceeded last year's figure, made a significant contribution to the above sum. *Brian Jones* Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

## Milden Poppy Appeal

The Annual Poppy collection in Milden raised £131, an excellent amount for such a small village.

Tissa's Big Brew Up Tea Party for SSAFA on November 22nd raised £286, an even more amazing amount, so "thank you" to all who came and spent, who provided cakes to sell (£37.) and raffle prizes, (£38).

## Newton Poppy Appeal

There was the usual very good response to the Poppy Appeal this year as follows:

House to House collection	£622.16
Saracens Head	£55.56
Golf Club	£259.94
Church Collection	£44.05
Village Green Trust	£200.00
Total	£1181.71

## British Legion Certificate for Derek

It was my privilege and pleasure to receive a certificate this month in appreciation for ten years of collecting money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. I would like to thank all the residents of Homefield and Partridge Close for their generous support. I have been in Boxford for the past 27 years and from the start have been met with a warmth that has always pleased me. As many of your readers will know, I have had 16 years of absolute fun and enjoyment with the Boxford Drama Group and have built up a certain reputation for forgetting my lines. I would like to thank everyone for making these past 27 years so much pleasure

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

*Derek Butler, Homefield*

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## Little Waldingfield Over 60's Friendship Club

On Wednesday afternoon the 30th of November we gathered at the Pavilion on the playing field to hear a talk given by Mr. Don Tyler. He introduced us to the mysteries of brass instruments and how to play them. A long coaching horn, a cornet, a flugelhorn and a trumpet, various mouthpieces and mutes were all there for us to inspect and listen to. It was both informative and amusing. Our members and guests enjoyed a happy afternoon finishing with tea and hot mince pies.

Mr. Tyler was thanked and we hope he may return to entertain us again.

Our next meeting is on the 25th, of January 2012, when we shall enjoy lunch at the Newton Green Golf Club. *Patricia Eddington*

## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

All of us involved in putting on the Boxford Panto this year would like to thank all of you who came along as audiences or helped, in all the unsung ways that you did, to ensure its continued success. From those who braved the cold and rain to get tickets at 7.30am one November morning, outside the Village News (Lenny was first in the queue!) to the girls who sold the tickets, shops and organisations who put up our posters and especially all the other groups and users of The Village Hall who coped with the inconvenience of the big stage, props and scenery that interrupted the calm of their usual schedules. It is thanks to your support we were able to donate to these charities in 2011 - Help for Heroes, The R.N.L.I. and St Nicholas Hospice. Look out for our next productions 'The Murder Room', a comedy thriller, 8, 9, 10 March and in May local author Elaine Horne's intriguing new double bill 'Weekenders' & 'The Last Flight Home'.

## Milden Cricket Club Annual Dinner Dance



We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year and thank you all for the regular submissions of letters, photos, articles and very kind comments throughout the year. Special thanks to our distributors who go out in all weathers to deliver the magazines to your door.

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### Quay Theatre, Sudbury

programme for DECEMBER

FRI 16TH-MON 26TH PANTO

BABES IN THE WOOD

TUES 27TH 3.00PM

MAGIC

PAUL PLEASANTS

FRI 30TH 7.30PM

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### Little Waldingfield Open Gardens

We shall be opening our gardens again on Sunday 10 June 2012. All proceeds to church funds. More details will follow.

### BOXFORD STUDY CENTRE

Napoleon Bonaparte and the French Revolution

Dr David Dougan will be guiding us through this turbulent period of European history over 10 lectures on Tuesday evenings at Boxford School. The first lecture will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th January. The cost will be £50, payable at the second lecture. All history lovers welcome.

### Milden Pavilion Trust AGM

The Annual General meeting of the Milden Pavilion Trust will be on Tuesday 31st January at 8.0 pm in the Pavilion, Church Road, Milden. All welcome. Come and have your say about what events you would like



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**Starts:** Tuesday 10th January 2012

**Venue:** Boxford School, 7:30 pm

**Information Tel:** 01206 337334

**Fee:** £50

# Wot's On

## Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH 'One Day'

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH 'Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy'

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

## WHAT'S ON AT THE QUAY

Tuesday 27th December 3.00pm

PAUL PLEASANTS' CHRISTMAS MAGIC, PUNCH AND JUDY AND BALLOON MODELLING

Tickets £5.00 Child £4.00

Paul has been an entertainer for many years performing with some of the best Magicians in the World. He was winner of Stage Magic Magician and Childrens' Entertainer of the year 2009/2010. Earlier this year Paul performed his magic at the famous London Palladium.

Tickets for PAUL PLEASANTS' £5.00 each Child £4.00 and are available from The Quay Theatre Box Office on 01787 374745 (boxoffice@quaytheatre.org.uk).

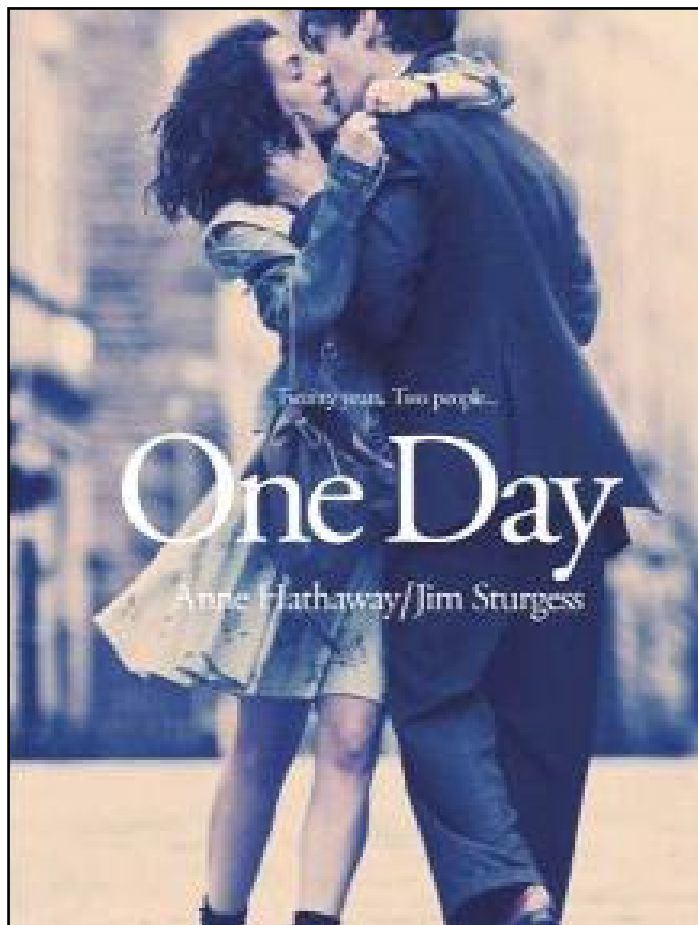
## Noel Myles

East Anglia and the Stour Valley

Gainsborough's House, Sudbury, Suffolk 31 March - 23 June 2012

This display of work by Noel Myles explores his lively and unconventional approach to landscape photography. The exhibition opens at Gainsborough's House on Saturday 31 March and runs until 24 June 2012.

Noel Myles currently lives and works in Sudbury, Suffolk. A painter in his early days, he turned to photography for its directness and intimacy. He has exhibited internationally as well as at the V&A, Royal Academy, National Portrait Gallery, Royal Photographic Society, National Museum of Photography, Film and TV and the Contemporary Art Society.



**POLSTEAD VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 20th JANUARY**  
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## QUIZ NIGHT

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**Saturday 10th March**  
**7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets £5.00 each**  
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# Wot's On

## Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Present our latest films

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

Saturday 7th January Jane Eyre

With MIA WASIKOWSKA, MICHAEL FASSBENDER AND JUDI DENCH

Please book early to avoid being disappointed

Tickets Adults £3.50 Children £2.00

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

Proceeds towards LVH Capital Project Fund (Charity No 262816)

We hope you enjoy the films and look forward to seeing you at the Leavenheath Village Hall for a night at the Cinema

## The Suffolk Villages Festival

Winter Concert Series 2011 - 2012

Artistic Director: Peter Holman

Sunday 26 February 2012, 6.00 pm

St Mary's Church, Boxford

Claire Tomlin (soprano), Psalmody, The Suffolk Villages Festival Viol Consort directed by Peter Holman

Biblical Scenes

William Byrd 'Christ rising again' & 'Susanna fair', Orlando Gibbons 'This is the record of John' & 'See, see the word is incarnate', Matthew Locke 'When the son of man shall come in his glory', Heinrich Schütz Die sieben Worte Jesu Christi am Kreuz SWV478, Annunciation Dialogue SWV333 & 'Selig sind die Toten die in dem Herren sterben' from Musikalische Exequien SWV281

Sunday 22 April 2012, 6.00 pm

St Mary's Church, Boxford

David Owen Norris (fortepiano) From Mendelssohn to Elgar

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Songs without Words Book One, Johannes Brahms Six Piano Pieces Op.118,

William Sterndale Bennett The Maid of Orléans: Sonata Op.46, Edward Elgar Concert Allegro

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## Fun and Games Night

Saturday 21st January 2012 at Boxford Village Hall

Once again we will be holding our annual Indoor Fun and Games Night challenge in the Village Hall. Teams of 8 contestants will battle through the various games and mindbenders striving for the prestigious title of Fun and Games Champions for 2012. A fun night is promised for all and we will be having a licensed bar and refreshments. The evening will commence at 7.30pm for registration with first round of games at 7.50pm. Ticket prices will be £48.00 per team, £6.00 per head.

Our limit is 16 teams so if you don't want to be disappointed, please contact David Gasson on 210796, Stephanie Atkins on 210444 or Peter Hibben on 210819, we will list you on first come first served basis

We would like to get all teams listed before Christmas if possible so ask your help in a swift reply. If anybody is not in a team but would like to come and help then please give Peter Hibben a ring on 210819.

have difficulty obtaining tickets, contact martin.doman@yahoo.co.uk.

Any profits will be donated to charity

## BOXFORD WI

It was party time at this month's meeting with quizzes, food and fun.

The music quiz made us aware of how many Christmas songs there are, and as we had to identify them from the introductory few bars it was very challenging. A delicious tea was provided by the committee members and a Secret Santa by all the members.

At the craft afternoon the members planned next year's programme.

Our next monthly meeting, on 4th January will Memories of New Zealand, presented by one of our members and her husband.

On the 12th January the craft group will be attempting braiding.

All visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.

If you would like a copy of our 2012 Programme it will be available at the beginning of January, please phone Heather on 01787 211566.

## REMEMBER!!

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## BOXFORD TEA TOWELS



With Christmas upon us what would be a better present or accompaniment to a present than a Boxford Tea Towel. These are nicely manufactured from top linen quality and printed with scenes from Boxford village together with the Boxford village sign. They sell at £3.50 each or 3 for £10 and

are on sale at

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



Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema 7th January. see above

# Forthcoming Events Diary

## December

31 Barn Dance	Boxford Village Hall	BVH	8 to 1.00am
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## January 2012

4 Boxford WI	Memories of New Zealand	Village Hall	2pm
10 Boxford Study Centre	10 week course, Napoleon Bonapart	Boxford School	7.30pm
12 Boxford WI Craft Club	braiding	Mary's House	2.15pm
21 Fun and Games Night	Boxford Community Council	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
31 Milden Pavilion Trust AGM		The Pavilion	8pm

## February

1 Boxford WI	The History of Jazz 1900-1945	Village Hall	2pm
9 Boxford WI Craft Club	Box making	Mary's House	2.15pm
21 Pancake Lunch	Groton PCC	Mary's House	12.30 -2.30pm
26 Suffolk Villages Festival	Winter Concert Series	Boxford St Mary's	6pm
28 Boxford Community Council Executive meeting		White Hart	8.00pm

## March

8/9/10 Boxford Drama Group 'The Murder Room'		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
10 Edwardstone Parish Hall Quiz		Parish Hall	7.00pm
10 FOBS Quiz (provisional date)		Boxford School	7.30pm
16 Illustrated Talk by Mark Mitchels	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm

## April

22 Suffolk Villages Festival	Winter Concert Series	Boxford St Mary's	6pm
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## May

TBA Boxford Drama Group 'Weekenders' & 'Last Flight'		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
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## June

10 Little Waldingfield Gardens Open

**First and Third Monday each month** Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm



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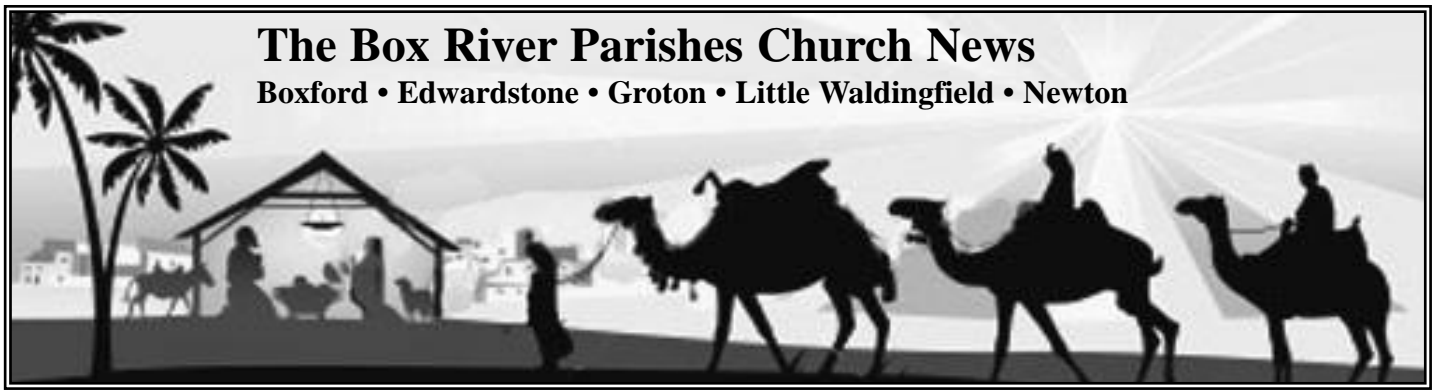
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Thank you!

In my mind these are two of the most important words in the whole of the English Language. It takes so little to say or to write them, and yet they can make the difference between someone feeling appreciated or undervalued, their contributions or efforts being recognised or overlooked.

Having said that, I know I am guilty myself of being late sometimes in writing thank you cards or letters, but how nice it is to receive one!

Christmas, of course, is when we say thank you to God for the greatest gift of all, the gift of himself to the world, coming to be born as one of us, in Jesus – God made flesh. That means that God has felt what it is to be human like us – to be happy, sad, elated, afraid. It means that he has enjoyed the earth and all its beauty. It also means that he has experienced suffering and death. But above all, it means that he has shown us a way of life which can bring us closer to each other and closer to God – the way of love, of justice, of peace. Now that's something to be really thankful for.

It seems appropriate at Christmas, then, for me to say thank you to all the many people who support the life and worship of the five churches in all kinds of ways. Many of you I never see and hardly know, as you quietly and faithfully beaver away behind the scenes week by week at church cleaning, church flowers and baking and making things for church functions, and many other hidden tasks. There are also those of you who don't come to church and yet support the work of the church financially. It is to you especially that I want to say a heartfelt thank you, and I hope that this year, I might be able to find ways of meeting up with some of you so that I can say thank you in person.

I also want to take this chance to say thank you to all those who have more obvious roles in the life of the church: Chris Kingsbury, our lay minister; Revd David Abel and those retired clergy who help cover holidays; the hardworking churchwardens, (and those who take on that role unofficially), treasurers and secretaries; those who watch out for health and safety in our churches; our choir and the many organists who play around the benefice; our wonderful printer (he knows who he is!); all those of you who have helped in any way in the past year with fundraising activities, including Open Gardens, Christmas Fayres, fetes, coffee mornings and lunches and much more. So many roles, so many people – I am bound to have forgotten someone! But you are never forgotten by God, so a huge thank you to you all, as you work in his service and for his glory.

Blessings, *Revd Judith*

## MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2012 diary in Mary's House for making bookings.

When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of every booking, as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.

Please also note that the suggested donation is now £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings.

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



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

### Churchwardens:

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

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

### Thought for the month

The beginning of the year is, in some ways, a paradoxical and often confusing time. Our heads are still full of the sounds of Christmas carols and our stomachs still bearing the marks of an end of year celebrated in style, but it feels that we already have to set our sights on what comes next. It's as if we were caught up between two realities that could prove, at times, difficult to reconcile.

Words like credit crunch and recession are now an integral part of our language, not just as mere figures of speech, but a painful reality, crippling countless lives. Many of us might look at 2012 with dread and uncertainty and we all wonder whether we'll be able to hold on to that vital job, be able to repay the mortgage or merely afford the increasingly taxing cost of life amidst this recital of gloom, let us, hear again the encouraging words of Jesus: do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? (Matthew 6:25-27)

So, let us be a people defined by hope; A new year has started. It comes with its train of expectations and fears, dreams and challenges. Let us pray that 2012 may be to us all a memorable year for all the good reasons we can each think of.

**The Boxford Calendar** - Calendars are available in Village Shops -price £7.00. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars to St. Mary's Church

More news about a possible Boxford Calendar for 2013 next month. Many thanks to Peter Newble for producing the calendar.

**The Bible Study Group.** The Bible study group meets 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.

### Concerts At St.Mary's Church:

The Suffolk Villages Festival Winter series of concerts are held at St James' Church Nayland, St. Mary's Boxford, & St.Mary's Hadleigh. Sunday 26th February at 6.00pm in St.Mary's Boxford & Sunday 22nd April. Full details are available in church.

**Smile Lines** A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?' I don't know what to say,' the girl replied.

'Just say what you hear Mummy say,' the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'

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## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

### Churchwarden:

Jan Paul Willow Farm, Edwardstone  
Tel: 210972

David Saddleton 8 The Winthrops, Edwardstone  
Tel: 211161

### FROM THE REGISTERS:

**FUNERAL:** Edith Mary Richardson on 1st February 2011  
**FUNERAL:** Amy Clunis Porteous on 27th February 2011  
**FUNERAL:** Paul Cooling on 19th April 2011  
**FUNERAL:** Peter Welstand on 12th July 2011  
**BAPTISM:** Charlton Gilbert Atticus Land on 6th August 2011  
**BAPTISM:** James Edward Cripps on 11th September 2011  
**MARRIAGE:** Christopher James Perkins and Emma Louise Nicholls on 19th November 2011

### HISTORY OF EDWARDSTONE CHURCH:

A very interesting discussion on the development of Edwardstone church over the ages was given by Clive Paine on 22nd November. It was attended and greatly appreciated by over 50 people from around South Suffolk - even a few from Edwardstone! *David Saddleton*

### REMINDER - CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:

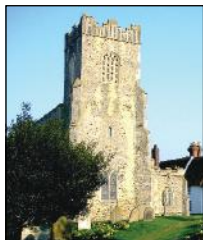
The Christmas Carol Service will be held in Edwardstone Church on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. *David Saddleton*

### BRIDGE DRIVE & SUPPER:

A very successful bridge drive was held at Willows Farm, Edwardstone on the 19th November. There were 12 tables and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening and a lovely supper. £800 was raised for St Mary the Virgin Church, Edwardstone. *Jan Paul*

### ROTA

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<b>Jan 1:</b>	Mrs Paul	Mrs Morris	Mrs Morris	Mrs Morris
<b>Jan 8:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Morris	"	
<b>Jan 15:</b>	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Clarke	"	
		& Mrs Clark		
<b>Jan 22:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Clarke	"	
		& Mrs Clark		
<b>Jan 29:</b>	Visiting	Mrs Moore	"	
		& Mrs Paul		
<b>Daily Prayer:</b>		9.00 a.m. every Tuesday		



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

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**FROM THE REGISTERS – FUNERAL AND BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD:** 5 December 2011 – Sharon Sylvanie Lui, aged 47 years.

### Rota

**Sidesman with Sacristan:** Mrs McCorkell  
**Flowers:** Mrs Tweed  
**Cleaning:** Mrs Gooderham



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

**Churchwardens**

*Vacant*

### Rota

**Sidesman**  
**Flowers**  
**Jan 1:** Mr Squirrel  
**Jan 8:** Visiting  
**Jan 15:** Mr & Mrs Tora  
**Jan 22:** Visiting  
**Jan 29:** Visiting

**Flowers**  
**Jan 1:** Mrs Eddington  
**Jan 8:** Mrs Gregor Smith  
**Jan 15:** Mrs Harbord  
**Jan 22:** Mrs Roser  
**Jan 29:** Mrs Ewen



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

### Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,  
Tel: 370331

### Rota

**CHURCH CLEANING** Mrs. Ruth Morgan  
**FLOWERS IN JANUARY** Mrs. Jean Green

### PLOUGH SUNDAY. January 8th at 9.30 am

As usual Roy Tricker will be entertaining us as we celebrate and bless all things agricultural using our own ancient plough as the focus.

**Not to be missed.** All welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

## General Church News

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING:** The Ministry Team meets at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th January 2012.

**DIOCESAN SYNOD** – An extra meeting of the synod, to be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th January 2012 at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich, will consider the report of the Review, led by Archdeacon Judy Hunt, of the diocesan provision of Ministry, Education and Training ("MET"). This important and wide-ranging 86-page report will be a key document as we seek to develop a vocational culture at all levels within the diocese, provide education for discipleship for congregations, and look at how ministry is to be provided in parishes over the coming years when there will be fewer available stipendiary ministers.

**METAL THEFT CAMPAIGN: LATEST NEWS.** On 15th November Graham Jones, MP for Hyndburn, was given leave to introduce his Metal Theft (Prevention) Bill. Measures in the Bill would introduce a 'robust' licensing regime for scrap metal dealers, abolish cash payments for scrap metal, increase police powers of search and closure, provide for CCTV at scrap metal yards and for dealers to require photo identification of sellers. The Bill is due to have its second reading in the House of Commons on Friday 20 January 2012. Please write to Tim Yeo MP, asking him to be in Parliament on 20th January to support the Bill.



### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The aims of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, are

- To pray as Christ prayed, "That they may be one"
- To pray for the unity of all Christian people as we share in Christ's ministry.

The Week of Prayer offers opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations.

The theme for 2012 is, "We will all be changed."

Change is at the heart of our Christian faith. St Paul said that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, and we are called to live as children in the light. The theme comes to us from the churches in Poland, who have reflected upon their own experience as a nation, and in particular how, as a nation, they have been changed and transformed by the many upheavals of their history, and sustained by their faith.

Change is also at the heart of the ecumenical movement. When we pray for the unity of the church we are praying that the churches that we know and which are so familiar to us will change as they conform more closely to Christ. This is an exciting vision, but also a challenging one. Furthermore, when we pray for this transforming unity we are also praying for change in the world

The dates and venues of this year's services/events in Sudbury & District are:

Sunday 15 January, 6.30 pm: United Service, led by Future Vision, at Cornard Christian Fellowship, 1 Broom Street, Great Cornard.

Monday 16 January, 12.00 noon at St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard.

Tuesday 17 January, 12.00 noon at Bures Baptist Church, High Street, Bures.

Wednesday 18 January, 12.00 noon at All Saints Church, Sudbury.

Thursday 19 January, 12.00 noon at Long Melford United Reformed Church.

Friday 20 January, 12.00 noon at Our Lady & St John's RC Church, The Croft, Sudbury.

Saturday 21 January, 8.00 am – 9.30 am: prayer breakfast at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury.

### PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Each Saturday a different church hosts a prayer breakfast from 8.00–9.30am



The dates and venues in January are:

7 Salvation Army Community Church, 1 Station Road, Sudbury  
 14 Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury  
 21 Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury  
 28 St John's Methodist Church Hall, York Road, Sudbury

## NEWS FROM LEBANON

Caroline Hallett writes: Sam Mitchell has been working in Lebanon as a volunteer since September and is coming home for Christmas. He will give an update about his work on Thursday 29 December 2011 at 6.30pm in Great Waldingfield Church. All are welcome.

## Box River Benefice The Church At Worship January 2012

<b>Sunday 1st</b> Lt Waldingfield <b>Edwardstone</b> Boxford	1	<b>The Naming of Jesus</b> 8.00 Holy Communion <b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 8.30 Evensong	<b>2nd of Christmas (W)</b> Revd Judith <b>Revd Judith</b> Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 4th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 5th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion at Newmans Hal	Tim Harbord
<b>Sunday 8th</b> Groton <b>Newton Green</b> Boxford		<b>The Baptism of Christ (W) Epiphany 1,</b> 8.00 Holy Communion <b>9.30 Plough Sunday Service</b> 11.00 Holy Communion	<b>Plough Sunday</b> Revd Judith <b>Roy Tricker</b> Revd Judith
Wednesday 11th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House (Reserved sacrament)	Antony Dodd
<b>Sunday 15th</b> Edwardstone <b>Little Waldingfield</b> Boxford		<b>Epiphany 2</b> 8.00 Holy Communion <b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Holy Communion	<b>(W)</b> Revd Judith <b>Revd Judith</b> Revd Judith
Wednesday 18th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
Thursday 19th Little Waldingfield	19.00	Compline Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
<b>Sunday 22nd</b> Boxford <b>Groton</b> Newton Green Boxford		<b>Epiphany 3</b> 8.00 Holy Communion <b>9.30 Holy Communion</b> 11.00 Family Service 11.00 Matins	<b>(W)</b> Revd Judith <b>Revd Judith</b> Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 25th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
<b>Sunday 29th</b> <b>Boxford</b>		<b>Epiphany 4</b> <b>10.00 Holy Communion</b> <b>Five Villages Service</b>	<b>(W)</b> <b>Revd Judith</b>
<b>Daily Prayer</b> Tuesday  Wednesday Thursday		<b>A 30 minute informal said service with Revd Judith</b> 9.00 Edwardstone 17.00 Little Waldingfield 9.00 Groton 9.00 Newton 17.00 Boxford	<b>All are welcome</b>

*Some of the many happy faces at the Groton Cheese and Wine party*



Photo's: David Lammings



## Soap Box

I dare say I have mentioned before that one of my past editors described me as a stream of consciousness writer. What he meant was that my articles were seldom planned, arising as often as not from the simple action of putting a few initial words down on the screen – the rest flowing as a consequence. I'm not sure he meant it as a compliment, but he had a point.

The reason for raising this seemingly irrelevant point is that in searching for a topic with which to enrich your Christmas reading, I could find little of seasonal cheer. Europe remains in

disarray. A further recessionary period is looming. Both unemployment and the cost of living are on the up. And a recent survey suggests that, in these challenging times, people are less sympathetic towards the less well off amongst us.

It was this latter survey that caught my attention. It seems that the poor are being blamed for their condition. The popular perception is that poverty comes through laziness. Perhaps it is natural at a time when we are all feeling the pressures of a shrinking economy and rising prices, but it does indicate that we are becoming a more selfish society. It appears that there is growing resentment over the costs of meting out benefits, while those that have are anxious to keep as much as they can.

Interestingly, this survey was published shortly after I read a report that concluded welfare benefits were at the heart of the West's debt problems. It wasn't just a case of the affordability of the support offered by many of the developed nations. Rather it was that an attitude of dependability had been engendered, placing us at a

disadvantage to the developing world, where little in the sphere of social services exists.

Apparently some of the emerging countries look at our welfare model and shake their heads in disbelief, seeing over-bureaucratised and over generous systems that place an unbearable burden on the tax payer and create a culture in which people expect to be supported. They may have a point, which is not to say that much can be done about it – at least, not without upsetting a significant proportion of our and other so-called rich nations' electorates.

Meanwhile, I detect a swinging pendulum as pressure mounts on the inequalities of wealth within this and other developed countries. Indeed, in some parts of Europe, where the worst excesses of uncontrolled state spending are forcing cuts of unimaginable proportions, the blame is already being placed on the approach of the Anglo-Saxon, finance led business community, with their commitment to globalisation.

The reality is that you cannot re-bottle the genie. It is simply not possible to turn the clock back and withdraw benefits to which people consider they have an entitlement. But these are very real problems that will need to be addressed if society is to remain stable. It all makes me believe that the austere times that have been ushered in by the various debt crises that have plagued us in recent years may be around for a little while.

This is hardly the most cheering of messages to be peddling at Christmas, but that is the problem with trying to plan what I was to share with you. It might have been better to let my fingers stray uncontrolled across the keyboard. Still, at least I can wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. It's just that I cannot find it in me to include the word "Prosperous" on this occasion without feeling something of a hypocrite.

*Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.*

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## Gardening in January

Harry Buckledee

Weather permitting, this is the best time to carry out alterations and construction work in the garden. In the summer there is too much maintenance work to permit it. Pathways can be laid, pergola's built flower beds and shrubberies made. Examine posts and tree stakes for signs of rot and replace. Posts on pergola's and archways that are rotten at ground level can be supported by driving a metal stake into the ground beside them. Slacken off ties which are in danger of cutting into tree trunks.

Carry on with the winter digging of the vegetable garden. Lime, in the form of hydrated lime can be applied this month, if necessary. Manure and lime should not be applied at the same time because the chemical re-action of the lime releases nitrogen from the manure in the form of gas. Allow at least three months between manuring and liming.

Many people will have received house plants for Christmas presents and may not understand what is needed to keep them as near as possible to the conditions they have become accustomed to in a nursery. One of the most difficult plants to keep in a good condition is the Poinsettia which in the nursery are grown in exactly the right environment to ensure that they are in perfect saleable condition for the Christmas market. The temperature, humidity, light and water they received is all carefully controlled by highly skilled nurserymen, so when they are moved into our homes they are going to undergo a great change from what they have been used to throughout their growing period, and plants do not like sudden changes. To help them to acclimatise to their new surroundings keep them in a room where the temperature is fairly even and does not fluctuate too much between day and night. Avoid draughts and do not place too close to a hot radiator. Give as much light as possible and pay particular attention to watering.

Watering is bound to be a little bit hit and miss because we do not have the highly sensitive automatically controlled system in our homes that the

professionals have. Do not water from the top. It is better to stand the plant pot on a two inch layer of fine grit in a shallow tray or bowl. Add water to the level of the grit and it will be taken up by capillary action. As the level drops, add more water, but do no more than to the level of the grit. The water tray will also help create the right humidity around the plant and prevent leaf drop.

Where there are any signs of waterlogging on lawns or around herbaceous plants, pierce the ground several times with a digging fork by inserting it to its full depth. This will help the surface water to drain away.

Your lawn is a great contributor to the welfare of the environment. When grouped together with the millions of other grass patches tended in gardens today. That's a net reduction in carbon emissions from a great play area that can look great and that acts as an interesting foil to colour flower borders. A well-tended lawn will not only absorb 0.5 tonnes of carbon per acre per year they also absorb heat and prevent wasteful water run off. As grass now seems to grow throughout the year, it can soon grow long in patches and look untidy during winter. To keep the grass length reasonable a mid-winter cut during a mild spell in January is a valuable job. Best results will be achieved if you cut the grass on a dry afternoon when dew has dried.

During frosty weather, try to keep everyone off the grass. Trampling over a lawn that is white with ice crystals will bruise the grass leaves and leave behind dark footprints that will be visible for a couple of months.

While most plants are dormant, it's a good time to prune back rampant climbers to reduce leaf growth and to ensure they bloom well. Do this now while the plant is dormant. The tangled growth of late flowering clematis can also be cut back to within a few inches of the soil, thus encouraging strong new shoots and taking away any growth that continues to carry any powdery mildew on the dead leaves.

Newly arrived bare root roses and fruit trees can be "heeled in" by covering the roots in compost in a container in a cool, frost-free place until the ground defrosts. It is fine to prune fruit trees in frosty weather. If it's when you have most time, prune hardy foliage plants now, too.

Remove any snow-damaged branches from shrubs and small trees, cutting cleanly back to a healthy branch or the trunk. Partly broken branches you can try to wrap or bolt together, but they are highly unlikely to rejoin and may attract fungal problems. Wound paints are not recommended.

There's no need to clear ice from ponds. Oxygen will still be available for wildlife and plants. Fish may benefit from extra oxygen, so keep the pump running to prevent freezing.

Control small flies (fungus gnats) in houseplant compost by applying Westland Plant Rescue Bug Killer Ornamental Plants as a compost drench. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Harry Buckledee



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# Parish Council Matters

## Minutes of Newton Parish Council Meeting 28th September 2011

**Present:** Councillors Colin Poole (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Lee Parker, Paul Presland, Rita Schwenk, Philip Taylor and Alan Vince.

**Attending:** D Crimmin (Clerk).

**Apologies for Absence:** None.

**Declaration of Interests:** No interests declared.

**Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September 2011:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**NPC Standing Orders:** The councillors resolved to adopt the revised Standing Orders.

**There was no public forum.**

**Planning:** a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application The Deans, Sudbury Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Alterations and repairs to existing well including new well surround above ground level and replacement area around well and resolved to support the application.  
b. No further planning applications had been received since the notice was posted.

**Bus Stop and Shelters:** The councillors resolved a budget of £100 to repair a bench for the bus stop opposite the Saracens Head and to install seating in the two bus shelters on the Green.

**NPC 4 Year Plan:** The councillors agreed the content of NPC's residents' questionnaire for circulation. The final draft will be issued for final proofing by the 3rd October following which the Clerk will print the copies for circulation. The Clerk to allocate surveys for distribution to councillors by the 10th October. The councillors will collect the surveys from each household on the 28th October. The survey will also be put on the Newton website.

**Question to Chairman:** The councillors resolved that Cllrs Poole and Presland will represent NPC at the Babergh Core Strategy workshop at Gt Cornard Upper School on the 15th November 2011. The councillors do not consider a response from NPC on Suffolk County Council's Budget Challenge as being appropriate, due to the lack of detail provided on the questionnaire.

**Next NPC Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November 2011 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

## Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in October 2011

### Meeting on 3rd October

**Finance:** In addition to the usual business, the report from the External Auditors showed all matters to be satisfactory. A change in the rules regarding the stating of assets was also mentioned. The budget review showed administration expenditure at 49% and general expenditure at 24% at this half way point in the financial year. The Annual Risk Assessment had been issued and the Memorial Safety Assessment had not identified any major issues.

**Mobile Library Consultation:** It was noted that the service was secure at Boxford in view of the current usage of the facility. However, it may be necessary to reduce the frequency of visits to achieve the necessary savings. All users have been surveyed for their views. The Parish Council felt they would like to see the service remain at current frequencies, however, if it was necessary to reduce to monthly visits, provision should be made between visits to order books via a contact at the County Council.

**Reports from Members:** Cllr Hughes reported blocked drains at the bottom of Sand Hill. It was agreed to pursue an idea of planting in the green space near the entrance to The Causeway. Both of these items would be pursued with our new Central Highways Engineer at the County Council, Paul Gant. Cllr Green had attended the Police Priority Setting Meeting and some of our issues including school parking were being investigated. The Chairman was concerned there may be a need in the village for further volunteers to help drive the elderly to medical appointments. It was agreed to investigate. The Chairman formally thanked Cllr Norman and David House for arranging the work to the footpath from Cox Hill to Clubs Lane. It was agreed to send thank you letters to each volunteer.

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

1) Babergh Council advised permission had been granted for a two storey side and first floor rear extension at 8 Marsh Road.

2) Permission had been granted for a single storey rear extension at 9 Brook Hall Road

3) Permission granted for a rear extension at 23 Stone Street.

4) Permission granted for conversion of a car port to form new utility and study at 12 The Causeway.

5) Permission granted for a first floor extension at 18 Brook Hall Road

The following applications were discussed:-

a) Proposed crown lift of protected trees at 27 Brook Hall Road.

b) Proposed felling of buckthorn, lime and silver birch at land to the rear of 8 Fen Street

c) It was agreed to respond regarding the National Planning Policy Framework on the following lines:-

The Parish Council is deeply concerned with the principal of a presumption for developments taking place. However, this consultation does not help us respond. The Parish Council is made up of lay people and not specialists in Planning Law. It is therefore impossible for us to respond to this consultation.

We therefore requested a simpler consultation document.

## Parish Council Meeting on 17th October

**Police Report:** PCSO Jamie Fudge was present to deliver his report. From 19th September to 14th October, there were 2 crimes recorded within the parish comparing to 4 crimes for the same period last year. These involved the theft of building supplies and tools from buildings. He confirmed that properties being renovated and building sites were being targeted by criminals. He urged people to be aware of neighbouring properties and report anything suspicious. The current Safer Neighbourhood Priority is Highways issues in Lavenham. He confirmed that he has been monitoring Swan Street following the introduction of double yellow lines and also the school at parent drop off and pick up times.

**Public Forum:** Elaine Davidson from the Diamond Jubilee project team attended to update members. They are giving the opportunity to businesses to advertise on their website. They are talking to a potential sponsor in Ipswich and Copella and the Stoke by Nayland Club locally. They are arranging a New Years Eve party at the Fleece with a good raffle. They would appreciate some financial support from local Parish Councils to bridge the shortfall between the funds raised and the eventual cost of staging the celebrations. They asked whether the Parish Council would consider funding commemorative mugs.

**Correspondence:** The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. The briefing note from the County Council regarding Street Lighting was formally noted and it was agreed to include as an Agenda item for the next meeting. Members agreed they had no objections to the proposed diversion of Footpath 18. It was agreed to report the poor condition of the road surface of Brick Kiln Hill to County Highways.

**Community Speed Watch:** The Clerk had formally confirmed to Hadleigh Town Council that we would like to share the detection equipment. The Clerk had written to each volunteer asking whether anyone was willing to act as coordinator for the project. A coordinator has not come forward. Members expressed concern with the viability with only three members of the public in addition to Parish Council Members. It was agreed to seek further volunteers with a notice in the next Box River News to make the scheme viable

**Babergh District Council Report:** District Cllr Bryn Hurren was present to deliver his report. He confirmed the recent application for new dwellings at Ramree had been withdrawn. He confirmed progress is slow regarding the Goodlands development application. He has investigated the situation at Homefield and confirmed the current arrangements regarding kerbing is temporary and the permanent kerbing will be completed when the whole road is surfaced at the end of the project. Similarly everything was in hand regarding the uninterrupted footway from Partridge Close to Homefield. The District Councils continue to integrate services and it is unlikely Babergh Council will change back to weekly black bin collections.

**Cemetery:** The sub committee was due to meet with the usual contractors regarding winter priorities in the Cemetery.

**Reports from Chairman and Members:** Cllr Hughes reported an uprooted signpost on Footpath 10 and Cllr Norman agreed to investigate. Cllr Egglestone felt that provision should be made for older children in the village in the form of a circuit with jumps for skating and stunt bikes. An idea of land recently purchased by Flagship for a drain away was mentioned and Cllr Egglestone agreed to investigate. Cllr Green has set up an information sheet for the Doctors Surgery on a community taxi service via the original meals on wheels volunteers. The letter worded by the Chairman to Swan Street residents regarding the new road markings was approved. The purpose was to thank residents for their cooperation and also to ask people to make full use of any available off road parking.

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

a) Proposed solar PV panels on roof of outbuilding at Wynne House, Swan Street.

b) Application for Listed Building Consent for internal alterations including removal of external store at Peyton Hall, Stone Street.

c) Proposed reduction of oak tree by 20% and work to an alder tree at Hendrick Ho, 9 Swan Street.

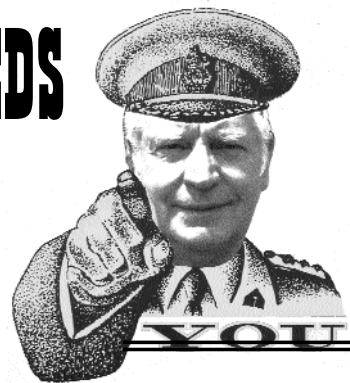
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# Parish Council Matters

## Edwardstone Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Monday 14th November 2011 at Edwardstone Village Hall**

**Present:** C Britcher, P Clarke, S Flack, S Norman (Vice-Chair & in the Chair), G Peacock, J Robinson

**In attendance:** S Gray (Clerk), David Burden, Daphne Clark & Suzanne Excell  
**Apologies for Absence:** C Boggis. The Councillors consented to this absence. James Finch (County Councillor), Bryn Hurren (District Councillor) & Jamie Fudge.

**To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 19th September 2011**

The Minutes of the 19th September were approved; proposed by Clare Britcher, seconded by Paul Clarke.

**Report from Suffolk Constabulary:** In the absence of Jamie Fudge the Clerk reported that there had been one crime reported for the period from 19th September 2011 to 9th November 2011, a burglary. This compares with two crimes for the same period last year.

**Report from District Council:** In the absence of Bryn Hurren the Clerk reported on his behalf that, with regards the query from Jim Robinson about the life time criteria in the proposed planning Application for houses at Mill Green, he had spoken to Tracey Brinkley who confirmed that the plans do conform.

Unfortunately, the issue of car parking charges had made the local paper headlines. As an asset a judgement has to be taken annually with regards the car parks and the subject must, therefore, be discussed.

Bryn said that Babergh had had an increase in requests for local housing. He stated that it was of concern and he emphasised that he helped where he could.

**Reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public:**

The Chairman welcomed Suzanne Excell and David Burden. David updated the Council as to the planned events so far for the Diamond Jubilee weekend in June 2012 for the three villages, Boxford, Edwardstone & Groton. Edwardstone would be hosting a champagne breakfast on the Saturday in the village hall.

David asked that Edwardstone Parish Council consider a donation to the three village event when discussing their precept.

Both Suzanne and David stated that they would continue to communicate to Councillors of the three Parish Councils through the respective Clerks.

Jim Robinson reported to the Council that he had attended the Babergh Core Strategy meeting in October. As the current local plan had run out two years ago Jim gave a brief outline to the Council of the position of the Core Strategy as it stood at the moment. Councillors could still put forward their views, if they had any; regarding planning and that this would be the last time to contribute for ten years.

**2012 A Year to Remember:** The Council agreed to a donation to the three village event and a donation to the Village Hall event, the exact sums would be agreed in January 2012 when the precept will be discussed.

The Council discussed the possibility of giving commemorative mugs to the children of Edwardstone but, after much discussion, no resolution was arrived at. It was agreed for Councillors to discuss this matter in January after individual research.

**Highway & Footpath Matters:** Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated to the Councillors the locations of the proposed Grit bins/heaps that Suffolk County Council proposed to maintain for the coming winter. It was agreed that no additional locations were required.

Garry Peacock informed the Council that, after his meeting with a representative from Suffolk County Council, there was a new footbridge by the meadow on footpath 9.

It was agreed for the Clerk to report the broken footpath signs on footpath 5 and the lack of safety mesh on the bridge which joins footpath 3 to footpath 4.

There had so far been no reply from Paul Gant regarding the safety issue of the overhanging hedge at Christmas House. It was agreed for the Clerk to continue to pursue this issue.

**Planning Matters:** Planning Application No : B/11/006595/FHA 20 Mill Green Edwardstone Sudbury CO10 5PZ Retention of Garden Shed. Planning Permission Granted with conditions

Planning Application No: B/11/00148/OUT Land South of Daking Avenue and West of Swan Street Boxford Sudbury. Outline –Erection of 21 no.dwellings with new access road and off street parking for Swan Street ( as amended by agents e mail dated 26/05/11 and accompanying plans received by the Local Planning Authority on 26/05/2011); further amended by plans received 18.10.2011

The Councillors discussed the above application and had no objections.

Planning Application No: B/11/01355/FHA Holt, School Green Edwardstone Sudbury CO10 5PJ. Erection of first floor bay extension.

The Councillors discussed the above application and had no objections

**Financial Matters:** 2010/11 Audit

The Responsible Financial Officer reported to the Council, as in September, that the Auditors BDO Stoy had completed the audit for 2010/11 and no matters came to their attention.

**War Memorial:** The Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk reported that she had received information from Percy Fletcher regarding the ownership of the Edwardstone War Memorial. It had been purchased by the Parishioners of Edwardstone and erected on 14th March 1920. After speaking to the insurance company the replacement cost of the memorial would need to be included as an asset on the Council's insurance.

**Dates of Future Meetings:** 16th Jan 2012, 19th March 2012, 21st May 2012 AGM &APM, 16th July 2012, 17th September 2012, 19th November 2012

## Groton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday 2nd November 2011**

**Present:** C Blackmore, D Elliott, C Fraulo (in the Chair), Mark Mayhew, J Osborne (Vice-Chairman) & A Dixon-Smith.

**In attendance:** J Finch (County Councillor) & Bryn Hurren (District Councillor) S Gray (Clerk) **Apologies for Absence:** G Smith & J Fudge.

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the 7th September 2011

The Minutes of the 7th September 2011 were approved with the amendment of "Mark Mayhew being added to those present"; proposed by David Elliott, seconded by Chairman Carey Fraulo

**To receive a report from Suffolk Constabulary:** In the absence of Jamie Fudge, the Clerk reported that there had been one crime of theft reported in the period from 9th August 2011 to 30th October 2011. This compares to no crimes for the same period last year.

**To receive a report from Suffolk County Council:** James Finch reported on the areas of budget, schools, libraries and high speed Broadband. In terms of the 2011/12 budget there are £43m savings whilst retaining key frontline services. Key Stage Two results were up 1% across the County and GCSE results saw a 4% improvement overall. The County's first Free School opened in Clare.

Suffolk will be one of five Counties in the first wave of high-speed broadband. £10m from Suffolk County Council helped secure £11.6m from the Government. James confirmed that Suffolk County Council was ready for the winter with 25,000 tonnes of salt stockpiled. The Council asked for clarification regarding the liability of parishioners if they helped to clear snow and James said that he would get back to the Council regarding this issue.

With regards the issue of Free Schools, Chairman Carey Fraulo asked James for his view on the proposed school at Stoke by Nayland. James clarified that Government policy was to support Free Schools and he believed that the site in Stoke by Nayland would make an ideal special needs school.

**To receive a report from District Council:** Bryn Hurren reported that the budget for 2012/13 was being discussed and savings were needed. Unfortunately, the issue of car parking charges had made the local paper headlines. As an asset a judgement has to be taken annually with regards the car parks and the subject must, therefore, be discussed. Bryn said that Babergh had had an increase in requests for local housing. He stated that it was of concern and he emphasised that he helped where he could. The flats at Homefield would be allocated soon. They would all be available for rent and not for a percentage of shared equity as previously planned.

David Elliott asked Bryn if the bank at Homefield would be removed as agreed in the Planning Application for the flats. Bryn assured the Council that the bank would be removed as it was legally part of the Planning Application.

Carey Fraulo questioned Bryn regarding Planning Application No: B/11/00148/OUT Land South of Daking Avenue and West of Swan Street Boxford. Concerns were raised by Groton regarding the increased traffic in Swan Street as this was the main access route to Groton village.

David Elliott raised the concerns of the residents of Partridge Close regarding the overgrown hedges. It was agreed for the Clerk to request Flagship Housing to maintain the hedges and Bryn would send the contact details to the Clerk.

The Councillors were in full agreement that with regards the Local Development Framework for it to be a future agenda item and for the local parishioners to be asked for their views.

**To receive reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public**

The Chairman welcomed Elaine Davidson, Treasurer for the 2012 Community Event. With regards funding, it was hoped that the events would make a profit and that these would be distributed amongst the three villages, Boxford, Edwardstone & Groton..

**Footpath and Highway Matters:** The Clerk had circulated the proposed salt/grit heap locations for the coming winter to the Councillors prior to the meeting and it was agreed to add Spout Hill to the list.

Chairman Carey Fraulo reported that she had met Paul Gant on site at Parliament Heath and that the drainage pipes were clear and had been jetted. It was agreed for Paul Gant to speak to David Elliott to clarify the exact problem of the drainage system and explain the history behind the flooding.

**Planning Matters:** Planning Application No: Planning Application No:B/11/00864/FHA. 8 Castligns Heath Groton Sudbury CO10 5EU. Erection of two storey and single-storey side extension. Planning Permission Granted subject to conditions • Planning Application No: B/11/01136/FUL Sadlers Nap Mildens Road Mildens Ipswich IP7 6PZ Installation of a 3.99kw ground mounted photovoltaic system.. Councillors raised no objections. • Planning Application No: B/11/01195/FHA Hillside Cottage, Groton Street, Groton Sudbury CO10 5EE. Erection of timber framed detached cottage with workshop and storage area above including solar panels on roof, Councillors discussed the above application and had no objections. • Planning Application No: B/11/01039/FHA 3 Daisy Green Groton Sudbury CO10 5EN. Erection of replacement garage and attached shed (following fire damage) Planning Permission Granted subject to conditions.

Planning Application No: B/11/01317/FHA Kiln Cottage Daisy Green Groton Sudbury CO10 5EN. Erection of single-storey extension.

Councillors discussed the above application and had no objections.

**Financial Matters** 2010/2011 Audit, The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) reported that she had received the audit for the year ended 31st March 2011 from BDO Stoy. The Audit was accepted by the Council.

**Website:** Chairman Carey Fraulo reported to the Council that John Kirby had volunteered to create a Groton Parish Council Website and would talk to the Council at a future meeting.

**2012 A Year to Remember:** Councillors agreed that a donation amount could be confirmed when the precept for 2012/13 is discussed.

Dates of Next Meetings: • 4th January 2012 • 7th March 2012 • 2nd May 2012

# Boxford Village Hall AGM

Tuesday 1st November saw Boxford Village Hall welcome several village residents to its Annual general Meeting. The last year has continued to be a very busy year and has seen many improvements both inside and outside the hall.

The latter half of last year saw us working frantically to raise the remainder of the money we needed to start the installation of the new doors and windows. A major part of this fundraising was the Christmas Bazaar and Grand Christmas Raffle, with Veronica and Robert again doing outstanding work in persuading or should I say press ganging people in to donating a fantastic array of prizes. We should also thank the Drama group for an outstanding Santa's Grotto which they will be repeating at this year's event.

New Years Eve then saw an array of people gather in the hall for a fantastic party in the company of The Beavers, as usual Sylvie Tait and Jackie Illife worked their magic with the organisation. This year again sees another New Years Eve party, in the form of a Barn Dance, look out for the tickets to be on sale any day as it promises to be another great night.

Whilst talking about the windows we must also not forget the support given by other organisations in the village, especially the Drama group through their fundraising, the Community Council, the Parish Council and Bryn Hurren, without all of these people and Veronica's support and hard work it would have been very difficult to get to where we are now. I am sure you will agree the new windows are outstanding and hopefully with the work done to the heating we will see the full benefits over the coming winter.

The high point of the year has to be abseiling the Ipswich Maternity Block to raise money for the Disabled toilet. When I came up with the idea and persuaded Veronica to join me, we expected to raise a couple of hundred pounds towards the toilet, however this idea also captured the imagination of the village and before long we went from a couple of hundred to a thousand and then two thousand pounds before then tipping the balance in excess of £2500 and a blessing at the church, thank you Rev Judith and all those people who supported us. The hall is now also registered to receive gift aid and will shortly be submitting a claim for this to boost the total even more. If you have not seen these excellent facilities then take a look when you next visit the hall.

The committee, whilst we have said goodbye to Michael and Carol Burgess we have welcomed David House and Laura Leeder. We have also said goodbye to Paul and Marjorie Rose, with myself, Veronica and Robert undertaking most of the caretaking and an excellent contract cleaner maintaining the cleanliness of the hall, without an increase in expense. Feedback on the cleaning has been excellent and we thank Russell for all his hard work.

Aware that the hall was being charged an excessive level of bank charges, upon making enquiries with several banks I discovered an excellent account with the Co-op without charges. This account also opens up further funding opportunities, whilst saving the hall several hundred pounds in charges each year.

Many people will also have noticed a large green receptacle appear at the front of the hall, in the form of a clothing bank. Believe it or not this has now been in place for six months raising nearly £500 for the hall so far. Veronica and I have been working hard this year to build good relations with suppliers, this work includes a new path on the edge of the road installed for free so people do not step in the mud whilst getting out of their cars, new equipment for the bar including the donation of a glass washer, new beer pumps and cheaper bar stock from Shaun and Mitch at the Brewers Arms, their constant support and assistance is greatly appreciated. A new dinner service for use by large functions and glasses for the bar at a 25% discount, cloakroom consumables also at a minimum 25% discount. We have also worked closely with Buildbase who secured us a 50% discount on the paint for the external decoration of the hall and discounted fittings for the Disabled Toilet. Then there is B&Q who discounted all the tiles and adhesive used by at least 30% and this is just the beginning of a very long list.

As you can see every expense the hall incurs has been scrutinised to ensure the hall has the best deal for the money available. This has helped deliver further improvements including a permanent hot water supply, new flooring and a dishwasher just in the kitchen, new curtains in the hall and tiling of the ladies toilets which is due to start in the next few days and many others. The committee also owe an enormous thank you for all those people who have assisted in some form with fundraising, whether organising and holding a fundraising event like Peter Norris and members of the Drama group or by donating time, money or prizes of whom there are far too many to name individually for fear of missing somebody out.

In the current climate of constantly increasing heating and lighting costs,

running and maintaining a hall of this size is becoming very expensive, with electric costs increasing by 35% and Oil by approximately 17% in the last couple of months. The committee is also aware that clubs are finding it increasingly difficult to survive, therefore by keeping a tight control on expenses and running costs the committee is proposing to freeze the cost of their three hour session to £18 for the coming year, whilst also continuing to underwrite the costs of new clubs/organisations attempting to form.

This does not mean we will not continue delivering improvements; plans include landscaping the area in front of the hall to provide a seating area, a permanent water boiler in the kitchen for hot drinks, further improvements for disabled access and starting a fund to replace the wooden floor in the hall. If there are any items you would like considered then please do not hesitate in letting the committee know.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for the last twelve months, especially to Veronica for all her hard work as vice-chairman and then with Robert spending endless nights ensuring that all bar profits go to the hall. A special thank you must go to Von who with his able assistant Eileen, has run the hall draw for 30 years ensuring a constant supply of income. Together the committee has had many ups and downs in the last year but we have worked through them to maintain the best interests of the hall.

I am pleased all the committee are happy to continue for another year and I look forward to working alongside them.

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## Readers Letters

*Dear Sir*

You might have noticed a local landmark has gone. There is a rumour that our wind turbine was taken down in order to paint it bright orange and put it back up again. No, it has actually gone to a good home – to an engineer in Warwickshire, to higher ground with a lot more wind than we were able to muster. Alas for us, the Skyrota never delivered what it was supposed to, but engineers being who they are, this chap is confident he can get it going. I hope so. I think the challenge to be sustainable in terms of use of the earth's resources is one of the most crucial of our time. We were really sad that we weren't able to harness the wind power of Suffolk in a genuinely effective way. So can I express again our gratitude to all those who supported us - and also to the patience of those who didn't. We are now turning our attention to other methods of generation - the path to sustainability was always going to be long and subject to the elements of course. But I really do believe, it is an interesting and inspiring journey; I even quite enjoyed watching the turbine being craned off site - even if my heart was in my mouth as I watched it dangle precariously in the wind above Boxford Lane. Good luck Skyrota.

*Lindsey Nicholas,  
The Arc, Boxford Lane.*

*Dear Sir*

Thank you to everybody who offered their sympathy and condolences following the death of our mother, Barbara. It has been much appreciated.

*Peter Hamling and Julianne Fernandez*

*Sir,*

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Yours sincerely,  
*Peter & Jean Harvey*

*Dear Sir*

On Thursday 17th of November, I was walking my dog, 'Bo' a rescue lurcher/labroodle (who looks like a cartoon strip at the best of times) around Edwardstone. We were ambling along the side of the Millennium Wood when a very very very big Great Dane with a Muzzle and a little snappy pug homed in on us from the other end of the field and made a beeline for 'Bo'.

My dog is just 1 year old and not built for destruction, he is more Dudley Moore, roll over and love me than Sly Stallone. A rescue puppy, 'Bo' lies down and waits for other dogs to say hello to him.

The Great Dane said more than 'Hello'. She had a muzzle on her and was off the lead and she pinned him down and dominatrix style tried to bite 'Bo' through her muzzle at which point my dog, slipped his collar and his lead and bolted off faster than greased lightning towards the White Horse pub..

I sprinted after him but half as fast calling his name. The owners of the two dogs looked shocked I'm afraid I was too angry and worried to say much other than a rather pathetic, 'Don't Worry' as I ran passed them.

"Bo" went awol for the rest of the day the night and the following morning.

I want to write this letter of thanks and apology to the whole village and Priory Green where we started our walk. Everyone was so helpful and lovely and put up with me traipsing across the county, putting flyers in their letter boxes and hollering like a mad emotional woman, "booooooooooooo" at the top of my voice late into the night with a head torch.

Thank you Angie my gorgeous neighbour and Mark for the Headtorch which lit me up like Chelsea Stadium, thank you to the White Horse

pub and Amie and her Mum for looking for him. And thank you the post man who I kept passing and for Suffolk Radio who offered to help launch a 'Find Bo' message! Finally, a big thank you to Debbie and her parents who rang me on Friday 18th at lunch time just as I was calling myself hoarse again around Edwardstone Church. "I think we've got your dog." Well, cue, emotional wreck bursting into tears., "He's curled up in our wood and he's not moving but I think he's o.k."

Arghhhhhhhhhh Wait for me Bo.

There was the scamp, absolutely fine, just exhausted and shaken with half a forest in his ears and paws. He had the decency to remember who I was and stood up and wagged that tail of his, so no lasting injuries, thank goodness.

I am so thankful to everyone for their help and support. Boxford Stores and most of Edwardstone! Bo is now fast asleep, snoring it all off, he still lies down when he sees another dog but I think he'll grow out of that!

Many thanks,  
*Bex Morrison-Corley*

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## Boxford School News

As we come to the end of yet another year we find ourselves busily preparing for the end of term nativity concerts. This year the church will be host to concerts by our older children, our younger children and the Sunflower Playgroup. It promises to be a very enjoyable few days for us all. As you will be aware from my earlier news items I have over this past term been Headteacher of both Monks Eleigh and Boxford and I am extremely pleased with the way it has gone. However I am a little concerned that being head of two schools means twice the number of Christmas dinner s and end of term meals. If you see me crawling out of school like Geraldine did in a Christmas episode of The Vicar of Dibley you will know why!

On Saturday I had the pleasure of attending the annual FOBS Christmas Fayre and it was a most enjoyable afternoon. It was good to be able to catch up with many local people and ex parents who I haven't seen for some time. My thanks, as always, to all of the FOBS members and staff who gave up their Saturday to make the event such a success and to all of you who came along and supported our school. We raised over £1,300 which I am sure you will agree is a fantastic effort in these difficult economic times.

This year has been an interesting one for us all at Boxford with many highlights, not least the Year 4 Residential to Kent and the Federation with Monks Eleigh School. The last few weeks have been particularly difficult for us all with the Public Sector Strike which our staff very reluctantly took part in. In previous news I commented on our concerns about carrying on teaching into our late sixties so I do not intend to repeat myself but I was interested by an article in the Daily Mail about teachers targeting nativity plays in a work to rule. I cannot imagine this happening in any school but I can imagine teacher's taking action by working to rule as this does not disrupt children's education or parents who are at work. Interestingly the Daily Mail suggested that a work to rule would 'be catastrophic for the pupils'. Is this finally a recognition that teachers and support staff work much longer hours and much harder than their contracts allow for? I do not know about other schools but I do know that this is the case at Boxford School.

Finally may I say a very sincere thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure Boxford School continues to be such a wonderful place to work and to all those people who have supported the school in so many ways. I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



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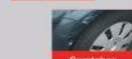
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### NEWTON GREEN HONOURED AT SUFFOLK AWARDS



Newton Green Golf Club has picked up two awards at the annual presentation night staged by the Suffolk Golf Partnership.

Ian Woodhead, the inspiration behind the club's high achieving junior section, has been named Suffolk Coach Volunteer of the Year.

The single handicap amateur golfer, who captains the club's Hambro and Stenson teams, has held the Professional Golfers' Association Level One coaching badge for three years and at Newton works alongside professional Tim Cooper instructing 45 juniors.

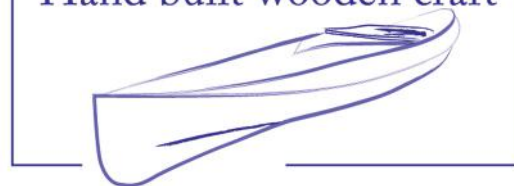
He is also manager of Suffolk under 14s.

One of Newton's juniors, Connor Talbot, also figured in the Suffolk presentations. Newton is one of three centres of excellence in the county where promising youngsters are sent for extra tuition once a month during the summer. Connor was named best trainee at Newton, which draws its intake from across West Suffolk.

The award is given for commitment in learning, improvement and general demeanour. During the year his handicap has dropped from 32 to 18, and he is now in the Suffolk under 14s squad.



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