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THE SECKFORD FOUNDATION TO BID FOR STOKE-BY-NAYLAND FREE SCHOOL



The Seckford Foundation, who manage Woodbridge School are working towards the bid to run Stoke-by-Nayland Free School in 2013.

With over 400 years of educational experience and a team of expert educationalist, local parents and the community are busy registering their support to make sure this once in a life time opportunity becomes a reality. A meeting was held on 11th January at the Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club to give parents the opportunity to meet with The Seckford Foundation and hear their plans for the school. There was a great turn out and a flurry of registrations. The emphasis on the school is about size - a small rural school of 540-A passion for exceptional pastoral care and a drive to make sure every child excels in Math's and English.

If you missed the meeting and want to find out more, there will be some smaller events happening over the next few weeks at schools and village halls in the surrounding area. To find out more please go to the website www.stokebynaylandfreeschool.org.uk.

Why Register your child(ren)?

If you would like an 11-16 rural high school at Stoke-by-Nayland and a choice of Secondary Schools in this area, it is really important that you register your child. The Department for Education will only allow the school to happen, if they are satisfied that parents feel there is a need for this school. Registering your child helps towards proving the demand for this school.

Where can I register my Child?

Please go to our website www.stokebynaylandfreeschool.org.uk and complete the registration form.

I registered last year - do I need to re-register?

Yes - This is a new application and therefore it is very important that you register your child(ren) again.

My child(ren) are pre school age - can I still register?

Yes - Children of all ages can be registered up to the age of 12

For more information please contact The Seckford Foundation

Tel: 01394 615186

Email: enquiries@stokebynaylandfreeschool.org.uk

Write to:

Stoke by Nayland Free School,

c/o The Seckford Foundation

Burkitt Road,

Woodbridge,

Suffolk IP12 4JJ



Celebrating Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics
Monday 4 June 2012 - A Day to Remember!

At high water on the afternoon of Sunday 3 June 2012, up to a thousand boats will muster on the River Thames in preparation for Her Majesty The Queen to lead the **Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant**. It will be one of the largest flotillas ever assembled on the river. Rowed boats, working boats and pleasure vessels of all shapes and sizes will be beautifully dressed with streamers and Union Jacks, their crew and passengers turned out in their finest rigs.

Crowds will gather, but many in our area will be glued to the TV after attending Bloated Open Gardens. So, no doubt, will be getting ready for the **Boxford, Edwardstone & Groton Street Party** in Boxford on the following day: **MONDAY 4 JUNE 2012 - PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.**

Plans are coming on apace and the celebrations include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Champagne Breakfast in Edwardstone• Boxford Open Gardens• Boxford Bike Club community ride• Inter Pub Quiz• Mini-Olympic Games for children• Street Market• Wheelbarrow Race in Groton• Heritage Photographic Displays• 3 Village Geo-Cache Trail• Barbecue and Fish & Chips• Food stalls from around the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama Group "Diamond Jubilee Years"• Senior Citizens' Tea• Children's Tea and Fancy Dress• Best Decorated Crown Competition• Deck Race• School Choir• Drum Majorettes• Brass Band• Street Entertainers• Fairground Attractions• Art Exhibition
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NB: Broad Street will be closed to traffic on Mon 4 June
*****more information to local residents and businesses soon*****

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MILDEN SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Mildens Singers crooned their audience with jazz favourites and traditional Christmas songs. The nostalgic music had the audience singing along and with their original and very entertaining comedy sketches there was much laughter too. These festive concerts raised £950 towards Mildens Pavilion Fund so a huge thank you to Pearl and The Mildens Singers for such a successful fundraising event.

Their next concert is titled 'Mildens Goes Pop' and back by popular demand will be their rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody. If you would like to join this friendly singing group or for tickets for the next performances on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st April please call Pearl on 01787 247965.



SESAW CHRISTMAS BAZARR

SESAW volunteers Sandra, Pam, Hanya, Pat and Barbara.



Visitors turned out in force again last month to support the Suffolk and Essex Small Animal Welfare Christmas Bazaar held at Hintlesham Community Centre. The sum of £850, raised on the day, was boosted to over £1000 thanks to generous match funding from Barclays Bank.

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported SESAW during 2011 which was a particularly difficult year. An overwhelming number of sick and abandoned animals arrived at the Sanctuary. Many have started new lives with caring owners, some are still suffering the effects of gross neglect, others await rehoming. It would be impossible to carry on this work without the generosity of the public, the co-operation of local companies, vets and the media and the unflinching volunteers.

2012 is off to a good start with the news that SESAW is the chosen charity for the Bypass Nurseries Primrose Festival, from 25th February to 4th March. There will be craft stalls at this very popular event and the company will donate 5p to SESAW for every primrose sold.



Friday, 3 February, 8.00, Ticket £17

Joe Stilgoe Trio

With Joe Stilgoe piano/ vocals, Chris Hill bass, Ben Reynolds drums. Joe Stilgoe is a remarkable singer /songwriter and a sparkling pianist who has been favourably compared to Oscar Peterson so expect a treat.

Friday, 10 February, 8.00 Ticket £15

Frank Harrison Trio

With Frank Harrison piano, Davide Petrowka bass, Stephen Keogh drums. It is always a pleasure to welcome Frank Harrison whether with Gilad Atzmon's acclaimed Orient House Ensemble or Frank Williams's African Jazz Quintet but especially with own very distinguished trio. He is undoubtedly one of the most talented young pianists on the UK circuit and in Europe

Friday, 17 February, 8.00, Ticket £15

Robin Jones Sextet

With Robin Jones congas / percussion, Nick Walker sax, Gavin Broom trumpet, Andrew Noble piano, Jonny Gee bass, Mark Cecil drums /timbales. Robin Jones is recognised as one of

the finest exponents of the Afro-Cuban jazz idiom and leads one of the premier jazz groups around today with many fine recordings to its name. We are delighted to welcome him and his fabulous sextet back to Fleece Jazz

Friday, 24 February, 8.00, Ticket £15

Mark Crooks Quartet

With Mark Crooks sax / clarinet John Pearce piano Dave Chamberlain bass Steve Brown drums. Whether on clarinet or tenor saxophone Mark is sure to delight us with his brilliance. His career has had many high points one of which was playing the part of Artie Shaw in a gala performance in Dublin which so impressed that he was then invited to perform a Benny Goodman programme followed by featuring as clarinet soloist in an all American band at the Lincoln Center in New York

Friday, 2 March, 8.00, Ticket £15

Sarah Moule Quartet

With Sarah Moule vocals, Simon Wallace piano, Mick Hutton bass, Paul Robinson drums. Sarah Moule is one of our most exciting vocal talents. Compelling empowering and highly original was the audience reaction to a recent show of tonight's singing star whose warmth can lift a lyric off the page.

Friday, 9 March, 8.00, Ticket £15

Adam Glasser Quartet

With Adam Glasser harmonica, Robin Aspland piano, Alec Dankworth bass, Frank Tonto drums. A very respected musician Adam is one of the UK's leading chromatic harmonica players appearing on many gigs sessions and recordings. He has also played keyboards for Martha Reeves, Jimmy Witherspoon and many others.

To buy tickets for any gig, obtain further information or add your name to the mailing list please telephone the BOX OFFICE:

01787 211865

All cheques (with S.A.E. please) to:

Jazz at the Fleece, 18 The Causeway, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JR

THE FEBRUARY LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

WHO IS MISSING?

Take a look at the pictures on this page and ask, who is missing? The answer of course is:

YOU ARE!

OK - this is a bit of a cheat, on my part, I admit, since all these photos were taken at my previous church in Coggeshall. However, I thought they would show you adults getting happily stuck in to working with children in the church.



You'll notice that there are even men helping too!

Church, to me, is not really church, unless we have people of all ages and all backgrounds making the Christian journey and exploring the Christian faith together. Not only that, but we should be helping our children and young people to explore and develop their own natural and innate spirituality. To do this is both a great privilege and great fun. But it is also hard work!



So this month's letter is not so much a letter but more of a plea for help!

Every month, there are two services in the benefice which aim to be extra-special family-friendly: the All Age Service at Boxford (first Sunday of the month) and the Family Service at

Newton (fourth Sunday of the month) - both at eleven O'clock.

I don't wear formal robes for these and some of the songs are sung to the guitar, or using a CD, instead of the organ. There is always an interactive story and a craft, drawing or dressing up activity for the younger children to take part in. Older children can be involved in doing the readings, writing the prayers, playing the instruments many are learning at school. There is also a short, informal reflection to give the adults present something to chew over too.

I am looking for ways to bring some new energy, zest and excitement into all the things we do with children in our churches, but I can't do it alone!

What I need now, is YOU!

Parents - you are especially wanted! But also anyone who can help in any of the following ways:

- coming up with ideas
- designing or distributing flyers and posters
- reading the Bible story, taking part in short drama sketches
- helping the children to make things, draw, paint, play music, write prayers, do drama
- bringing your own instrument to play
- operating the CD player, laptop, projector and screen



Do think if you can help in any of these ways - for the children's sake - they deserve it!

Please come to the rectory on Tuesday 7th February at 11am to help me prepare the next month's family services (let me know if you're hoping to come) or phone or email me with what you can offer: 01787 210091 or rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. Thank you! Blessings, Revd. Judith



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2nd No 29	J F Tesner	Wivenhoe	£20
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LATE CHRISTMAS ROUND UP



On this page the photographs were taken at Box River Benefice Carol and Christingle services held in December.

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Wed 8th Feb 8.30pm

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Blues Night

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Remember we have our own Brewery on-site, and we are planning to open up for some Brewery Tours.

Facebook

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Above, Above Right and Below Right were taken at the Boxford Village Hall Christmas Fair, Centre Top is Fob's Father Xmas visiting Stone Street and Right is Father Christmas at The Friends of Boxford School Christmas Fair.



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Saturday March 3rd 2012
from 10.30am to
1.30pm(ish).

Venue: Edwardstone Village Hall
£40 per person
16 x 12 inch canvas

If you bring a friend or partner you can BOTH receive a £5 discount.
Visit website or contact Sue for details and other classes.

THE FLEECE HOTEL WELCOMES IT'S NEW LANDLORDS



The couple due to take the ram by it's horns at The Fleece Hotel in Boxford will do so from the second week in February. Jarred and Clare will take on the Manger's role at The Fleece, eager to bring back a truly local feel to the pub, in more ways than one.

Jarred hopes to use his vast expertise in the Culinary Arts, on both sides of the Atlantic, to offer a delicious menu of locally sourced, home-grown, and organic ingredients. Jared and Clare are looking to reinstate The Fleece as a community hub, utilising the upstairs function room, the courtyard to the rear, and the age of this historic building.

Jarred grew up in Florida, choosing an education in the Culinary Arts as well as Hospitality Management. Clare grew up in Sudbury and on moving to Florida first worked with Jarred, catering private events and high profile corporate functions. Since moving to Suffolk, Jarred has created quite a following with a reputation for tasty, quality dishes, and hopes he can continue this at The Fleece Hotel.

Jarred and Clare, are confident that the pub can thrive. With an ethos to sell local drinks and homemade food, the Fleece should have a bright future at the heart of the village. The award winning selection of Ales and Ciders from Mill Green Brewery are already proving a hit with locals, and now Jarred is hopeful that his homemade menu, including breads and pasta made from scratch, will share the same success.



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Journeys

On one of those wonderfully quiet, thoughtful and reflective days at year's close during that period between the festivity we know as Christmas and that which we know as New Year, 28th of December to be precise, I was walking through Boxford to post a birthday card, when I espied a good friend of many years' standing, one Mr Brian Tora, accompanied by the always delightful and ever charming Mrs Elizabeth Tora, outside the recently re-opened and tastefully re-furnished Fleece Hotel. They were meeting mutual friends for a drink. "I'll see you in there shortly then. Just got to go to the post" I said.

On entering the bar, and very nearly tripping over myself in the process, (God, it can be fun being disabled sometimes!) I promptly said my 'Hello's' and took a seat on one of the famed ample bar stools. Very soon Brian and I were in conversation relating our respective experiences with recent illness, his with cancer and mine with stroke, during which it occurred to me just how jolly lucky we both were to be having the conversation at all!

In his December 2011 SoapBox, Brian had described his son Tom's calling to Christianity and how he found his way to the 'Journey' in the depths of Berkshire, itself an inspiring tale. Brian closes his piece with these words. "Life, it is said, is just a series of journeys. And travelling should be, and usually is, fun. I enjoyed this particular journey," referring to Tom's Christian adventure. "I hope you have too."

He and I have been on journeys, the likes of which both of us I would imagine would have preferred to have avoided. But I suspect that part of the reason as to why we could enjoy each others' company that day was because we were holding glasses at that bar that were at least half full, and which, for some extraordinary reason, never became half empty! Keep up! ?! And believe me we both enjoy a good drink! As indeed we discovered as we recounted past serious 'winning and dining' adventures that we had had in some of the 'finer' houses of Suffolk!

My point? The word 'Journey', much used these days, has been very much a part of my own rehabilitation, as indeed it has for Brian. It is, if you like, a philosophy. Couple it with Brian's words alluding to the notion that 'travelling should be, and usually is, fun' and one begins to understand and appreciate exactly what is entailed in overcoming adversity, in whatever form it may take. And thus armed with such attitude of mind, one is then able to conquer a particular mountain of adversity, and in the process of which, gain strength as a result.

So, as we take on the challenges of the New Year that present themselves, let us all do so with a positive heart and spirit to succeed. The mountains beckon!

Nick Athorne

FEBRUARY BOOK REVIEW

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Must You Go? My Life with Harold Pinter by Antonia Fraser

In 1975 Antonia Fraser was at a party given for Harold Pinter to celebrate the end of a successful play. Later that evening Antonia bid goodbye to Harold. His reply was 'Must you go?' What a chat up line! She fell for his dark twinkling eyes, enigmatic charm and recklessly she replied, 'No, it's not absolutely essential.' So began a touching love story. They were both married with children, and their affair was scandalised by the tabloids. It is a miracle how she found time for Harold Pinter, her MP husband Sir Hugh Fraser, her six children plus her writing career!

She was posh, the daughter of Lord Longford, a catholic. Pinter was an atheist, the son of a Jewish tailor from the East End. But their differences had long been buried. They were not teenagers but mature people, and they saw themselves as bohemians with a common cause for justice in the world.

Antonia Fraser is a highly regarded author of historical biographies and novels and she kept a diary. Harold Pinter is one of the most influential playwrights of the twentieth century. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 2005.

This book is a tribute to their thirty-three years together, taken from her diary. It is beautifully written, uplifting and warm. Not only does it tell their story but it gives us an insight into the lives of their influential and glamorous friends. They stay in fancy hotels, eat at expensive restaurants and wear designer clothes. No wonder they were short of money! Strangely, there is little mention of the children. The story has some amusing extracts that will make you laugh out loud, but the final part is overshadowed by his illness. He dies on Christmas Eve 2008. Antonia's last words to him are 'Must you go? Goodnight, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing you to your rest.'

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YOUR COUNTRY LODGES NEED YOU!



Attention all former Women's Land Army Girls and their families!

The fantastic new Stoke by Nayland Country Lodges are almost complete. They are situated above the second large lake at Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, on the former Leavenheath Womens' Land Army Hostel site, and command amazing views over the picturesque golf courses and rolling Constable Country.

We are looking to collect as many photographs and memorabilia items from the original wartime site as possible and require your assistance in finding these! We would also love to hear your stories so that we can include them in the proposed display in the unique original Water Tower which we have preserved as a memorial to all your hard work.

The five new self-catered luxury Lodges – which each sleep from two to ten guests - will be welcoming their first occupants in April and we wish to share your stories with our visitors.

Bill and Devora Peake bought the Land Army Site and surrounding acreage from the War Agricultural Department immediately after the war and adapted the Land Army Hostel to house pigs, chickens and turkeys over the next 20 years or so. Since then the site has been derelict until last year when building started on the Lodges.

The land around the Hostel site has therefore been farmed by the Peake family since the war, with mainly arable crops at first and now apples, strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. Most of that acreage however was transformed by Bill and Devora in the 1970s into the two championship golf courses that formed Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, which the next generation of the family have since developed into the Hotel, Golf and Spa complex that it is today.

Managing Director, Susanna Rendall, says "As a family we are delighted to have been able to create these beautiful Country Lodges from what was a derelict site on our land for so long. At the same time we recognise that it is important to remember the significance of the site's history both locally and nationally. Hence our appeal to anyone who can come to us with their memories of living and working here during the war so that we can give them a permanent place in our Water Tower to share with our guests and community in the future."

If you have any old photographs, memorabilia or anecdotes please contact Liz Ingle on 01206 265808 or email directorspa@stokebynayland.com. For Lodges bookings and holiday enquiries please contact Michelle White on 01206 265835 or email info@stokebynaylandlodges.com and visit www.stokebynaylandlodges.com



More than just Physiotherapy...

Formerly the Sudbury Physiotherapy & Sports Injury Clinic, Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre has been providing private physiotherapy services to the general public since 2001. Frustrated by some of the restrictions faced in the NHS, and the corporate practices of the larger private healthcare companies, Uschi Grounds and Leon Stephens, the owners of the clinic, started the venture together with the vision of providing a more comprehensive and holistic physical rehabilitation service, one where they could spend the time they deemed necessary with patients, and one where they could set their own individual schedules of treatment for each and every member of the public who walked through the door.

Over the years they have built up a team of expert therapists in their fields, providing treatment and relief from conditions including back pain & sciatica, sports injuries, posture and work related problems, and arthritic conditions. Members of the public can just call in and make an appointment without referral, but these days the centre also receives significant numbers of referrals from local GP's and consultants, with a number of surgeons choosing to send their private patients to the Sudbury team for their post-surgery rehabilitation.

Uschi & Leon have always been aware that physiotherapy alone is often not the whole answer to their patient's needs, so in addition to their team of physiotherapists, they have built up a team of complementary therapists who are able to offer a comprehensive range of therapies to assist with physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. The range of complementary therapies available includes Hypnotherapy & Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Counselling, Thought Field Therapy, Reiki, Emotional Freedom Technique, Sports & Swedish Massage Therapy, Acupuncture for Pain Relief, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Holistic Beauty Therapies and the highly popular Pilates classes. The team of complementary therapists are all fully qualified in their respective fields, and includes a registered GP, alongside the Health Professions Council registered Physiotherapists. There is also a hearing test centre on-site, run by Hidden Hearing, a company with over 40 years' experience in the treatment of hearing loss, and also HPC registered. Now, to mark the first anniversary of the move to their fantastic new premises in Cornard Road, Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre will be holding its first Complementary Therapies Open Day on Saturday 3rd March 2012. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone to come along and have a chat with the therapists who work at the centre and find out more about the services on offer and how they could help, and maybe even to have a free taster session of some of the therapies available – no pressure, and no obligation!

Light refreshments will be provided so why don't you come down for a coffee, cake and a chat!

Sudbury Physiotherapy Centre, 8 Cornard Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 2XA Tel: 01787 378178, email: sudburyphysio@hotmail.co.uk, www.sudburyphysio.co.uk

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GROTON CONNECTICUT

The Town of Groton lies on Fishers Island Sound between the Thames and Mystic Rivers where from times past its rugged hills and lush green woods have sloped down to sandy beaches and rocky shores. When Dutch explorer Adrian Block charted the coast in 1614, this was the stronghold of the Pequot Indians, the dominant native tribe, who were displaced in 1637 when Captain John Mason led a punitive expedition against their Mystic fort.

Groton was settled by Europeans as part of New London when John Winthrop, Jr., came from Massachusetts Bay in 1646 to found Pequot Plantation at the mouth of the Thames. By 1705 the population east of the river had increased sufficiently for the General Court to allow the inhabitants to incorporate as a separate town, which they named Groton in honor of the Winthrop estate in England.

Early settlers were primarily farmers, but they turned early to shipbuilding and the maritime trade to supplement their livelihood scratched from the rocky soil. Groton vessels traded with Boston and New York and soon found their way to the West Indies and across the Atlantic.

During the American Revolution the town was active against the tyranny of King George, sending out privateers to prey on British commerce. Perhaps in reprisal for their success, superior troops led by the traitor Benedict Arnold attacked Fort Griswold on Groton Heights Sept. 6, 1781. The one-sided battle ended with a dreadful massacre of the brave American defenders. The site is marked with a 134-foot monument and is now Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park.

After the war shipping and commerce boomed, and mill wheels turned on every stream. Groton seamen sailed to the ends of the earth hunting seals and whales. Major shipyards developed. At West Mystic, Maxson & Fish built clipper ships and the Civil War ironclad Galena. After the war, in 1868, a Navy Yard was established on the Thames River, which during World War I was officially commissioned as a submarine base.

Groton became known as the Submarine Capital of the World when the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics delivered 74 diesel submarines to the Navy in World War II. This was followed in 1954 with the launch of the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, now permanently berthed at Goss Cove near the Submarine Base.

Today Groton is a regional center for commerce and industry while its shoreline location and its many historical sites have made the region a prime tourist attraction.



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course dinner and dancing to "Soul
Collective".
Tickets: £39.50

Valentine's Candlelit Dinner

Saturday 11th & Tuesday 14th February

Spend a romantic evening together in the
Lobster Restaurant. For £34.50 per person you
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Swing Into Spring

Saturday 11th February

Beginner's Golf Tuition 6 week course for the
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Junior Golf Day

Monday 13th & Friday 17th February

These Golf Academy days are great fun and
help you learn to improve your game.
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Mother's Day gifts at Pippin

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Tim Coopers Golf Accademy Events coming soon for 2012

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Police Notice

Now the nights are getting longer and the temperature is dropping, I feel it would be appropriate to give some road safety advice. A safe journey starts in the preparation the night before. Check the weather forecast, if it's going to be cold, put a protective sheet over the windscreen (available from most good vehicle accessory shops) or get up 15 minutes earlier to allow enough time to fully defrost your car before you set off. Please don't pour hot water on your windscreen. Although the windscreen companies will love all the extra business from the shattered windscreen, I'm sure you can think of better ways of spending your time and hard earned money.

One mistake that many drivers make when it snows, is to only clear the snow from the windows of their vehicles. It is important to clear the snow from the bonnet and the roof of your car. The reason for this is that whilst you are driving along, the snow on your bonnet will be blown up onto your windscreen, instantly obscuring your vision and potentially leading to you having an accident. Likewise, the snow on the roof of your car will be blown off onto the windscreen of the vehicle following you, causing exactly the same result to their windscreen. Do you really want to be responsible for causing an accident?

Think carefully if your journey is really necessary. If it is, allow a greater stopping distance between you and the car in front especially on wet or icy roads. Generally there is a 2 second rule on normal dry roads, you should at least double this on wet or icy roads.

Hopefully you find these tips useful and will help you have a safe and enjoyable festive period with your friends and loved ones. If you would like any detailed advice on road safety or crime prevention, please contact your local safer neighbourhood team on either our new telephone number of 101 or email us at babergwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We processed 11701 shoeboxes at the Sudbury warehouse this year - a record number again. All the boxes were loaded on to the lorry bound for Belarus on Monday 5th December.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in so many ways to make this a very successful campaign once again.

We hope all our knitters will keep busy through the year supplying us with hats mittens glove puppets etc. Shirley made some lovely mobiles out of old CDs and DVDs this year so if you have any to spare she would be glad of them. Ann has easy knitting patterns for anyone who would like to knit for us. So thank you all once again. We really do appreciate your generosity.

For further information please contact:
Ann Porter 210581 Jennie Lindsley 210520 Shirley Watling 210024

Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 18th May 2012

Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their

lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips

Boxford Baby & Toddler Group

For information about the group, please contact Laura on 01787 210990 or find us on Facebook: "Boxford Baby and Toddler Group".

Happy New Year!: The Christmas break has left us full of joy, energy and food (well, one out of three isn't bad...).

Baby & Toddlers Group is the perfect way for those new to the area to meet people and truly feel part of our thriving community. We welcome Hannah & Eliza (Sherbourne Street), both to toddler group and to Boxford.

The role of toddler groups in socialising your little ones should not be underestimated. The safe, creative and fun environment allows them to develop important social skills and friendships, as well as acclimatising them to different noises and people. This makes the transition to nursery or pre-school much easier and less daunting (for both the children and the parents!).

No child is too young to come along, and we encourage those with babies to attend as soon as possible. We have a safe and colourful "baby zone", with age appropriate provisions, so you can relax, make new friends and enjoy a cuppa, while your child soaks up the atmosphere.

We are open every Wednesday during school term time, from 9.00am til 11.30am in Boxford Village Hall (opposite the school on Stone Street Road), for children aged 0-4 years. It costs just £2 per family per session, and includes snack time for the children, and tea / coffee and homemade cakes for the grown-ups. There is a baby area, craft table, ride-on toys, dressing up and role play areas, cars and trains and so much more.

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Wot's On

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.

Dates for your Diary

Feb 18 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz Night Parish Room 7.00pm
June 30 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz Night Parish Room 7.00pm
Oct 27 Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Quiz Night Parish Room 7.00pm

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. Alle welcome. Come and have your say about what events you would like

Milden Quiz Night

Friday 2nd March

Join 'Andrea and Laurie' for their Quiz Night in aid of Milden Pavilion. £10 per head to include a Fish & Chip Supper and there will be a licensed bar. Doors open at 7.30 with supper served at 8pm. Teams of up to 6 per table. For tickets please call Pearl on 01787 247965.

Murder Most Manic!

Having recovered from their recent panto 'Treasure Island' Boxford Drama Group is embarking (no pun intended) on their next production and this time it is the comedy farce by Jack Sharkey entitled 'The Murder Room'.

Shortly after her marriage, Mavis Hollister, a villainess if ever there was one, and her lover put into motion their cunning plot to kill her wealthy new husband, Edgar. Meanwhile Edgar catches his new bride telling obvious lies about where she has spent the evening and Mavis is forced to think quickly to concoct a whole scenario which becomes more and more ludicrously frantic as the questioning progresses, all culminating in her improvised second attempt on Edgar's life which seems to succeed rather well and all too easily.....or did it?

Before long the family cat cops it and Edgar's body vanishes. The arrival of Edgar's nice but dim daughter Susan, with fiancé in tow, plus an interfering housekeeper, fails to help, as do the two bumbling members of the local Constabulary. All manage to complicate everything as they try to solve the mystery of Edgars' disappearance whilst being thwarted by an ever increasingly manic Mavis.

The Murder Room is a comic gem with a loony plot, barmy characters, slick and fast-moving dialogue and a cellar with a great deal of steps. Complication follows complication until chaos reigns supreme, and all directed by Jane Lindekam who helmed BDG's Tiptoe Through the Tombstones, Brush With a Body and the popular. Farndale comedies. Performance dates are Thursday 8th 7.30pm £7.00 no supper or £13 with supper, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th March 7.30pm £13.00 with supper. Tickets will be available from Boxford Newsagents from Saturday 4th February, or you can reserve tickets by emailing bdgtickets@btinternet.com - simply tell us the day you want and how many tickets you would like. If you reserve Thursday tickets, please state whether you want supper or not. Please note we cannot accept ticket reservations made via email after 29th February.

But You Don't Look Ill - Cheerful support

9th February 1-3pm - drop in any time
The Stevenson Centre, Great Cornard £1

Yoga, Meditation and Relaxation Class

Starting 1st February 2012, The Granary Sudbury
Wednesday evening 7-8:30PM
Taught by certified BWY Teacher, Phone 01787 269985
or email daphnemw@talktalk.net

Boxford Over 60's Club

Meetings every fortnight on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Boxford Village Hall
February 6th and February 20th
We will be making a donation to the Church Organ Fund in memory of Barbara Hamling. We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone of whatever age to visit our club for a chat and a "cuppa". We are a friendly club, have a variety of activities and are hoping to arrange a trip or two during the year. For information please contact Shirley Watling 01787 210024

Boxford Gardening Society

Boxford Gardens Open

Sunday 3rd June 2012, 11am-5pm

This year's Boxford Gardens Open is set to be a very special event since it takes place on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend and coincides with the visit of many friends from Boxford, Massachusetts. Please put the date in your diary and be sure to take a break from the village celebrations to visit our beautiful local gardens. Please also pray for good weather! This popular event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help are always extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (212264).

EXERCISE FOR YOU -

Wednesday evenings at our local school, 7.00pm, aimed at getting stronger and improving cardiac health.

Friday mornings at Boxford Spinney, 9.15am, aimed at an older age group but with the same objectives. Call me on 01787 211822.

PANCAKE LUNCH

SHROVE TUESDAY

February 21st 12.30 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford

Following last year's successful Pancake lunch Groton PCC fund-raisers thought that we would repeat it this year, so please do drop in to Mary's House on Feb. 21st to sample some delicious pancakes, with exciting fillings, to help us mark Shrove Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mark Mitchel's Lecture

Friday, March 16th, 7.30pm Groton Village Hall


We still have to firm up on the subject of Mark Mitchel's illustrated talk, but it is likely to be 'The Suffolk Coastline'.

There will be more details next month, but please do put this date in your diary, and those of you who have heard Mark's talks before, will know that we are in for a real treat. There will of course be light refreshments, and all proceeds to the parish church of St. Bartholomew, Groton.

Boxford Drama Group presents

The Murder Room

by Jack Sharkey



It's Murder Most Manic... or is it?

At Boxford Village Hall

Thursday 8th March 7.30pm £7 no supper or £13 with supper
Friday 9th and Saturday 10th March 7.30pm £13 with supper

Tickets available from Boxford Newsagents from 4th February
or to reserve tickets email bdgtickets@btinternet.com

Warning - this show contains loud bangs

Wot's On

Polstead Cinema

Polstead Village Hall. Forthcoming films

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

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.

BOXFORD WI

The first meeting of the New Year was enthusiastically appreciated by all our members. Memories of New Zealand, presented by one of our members and her husband, made us long for warmer climes. We followed their tour round with a wonderful slide show presentation and a map for each table, so we could identify each view. As well as the beautiful scenery we heard about some of the interesting people they met, including the 80 year old lady who collects wood by swapping it for tomatoes, which she grows in abundance, and cakes she bakes.

It brought back happy memories for those of us who have visited New Zealand and inspiration for other to do so perhaps.

The craft club mastered the art of braid making and are going to submit their finished braids to Quilts 4 London project. The idea is to give each competing athlete in the 2012 Olympics a pennant, which will be attached to a piece of dowel by a braid.

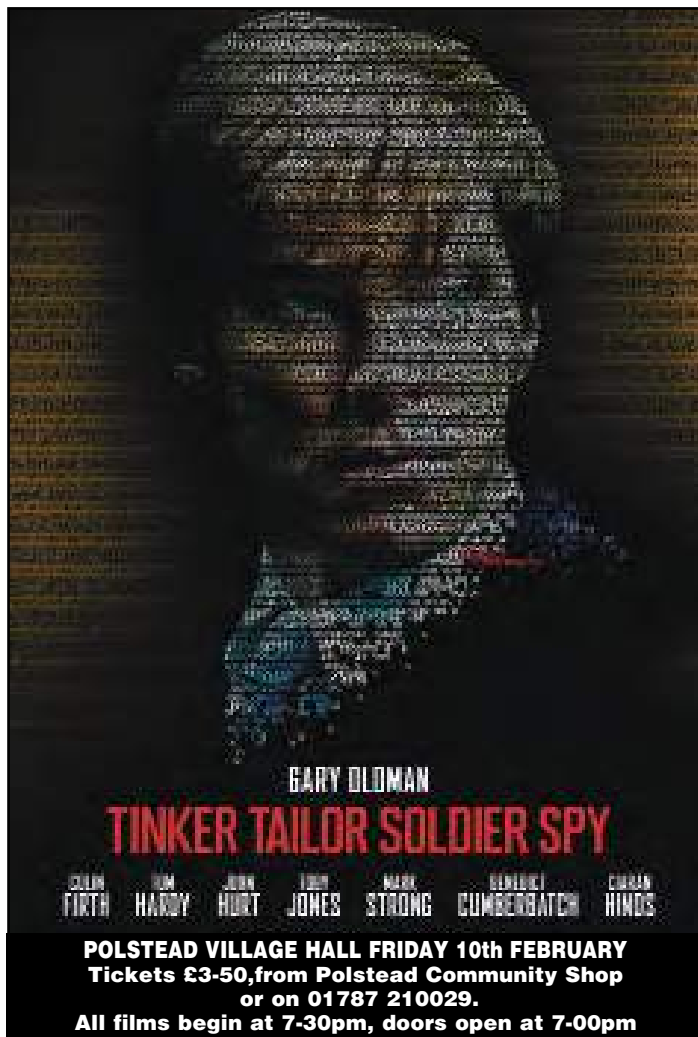
All visitors are welcome at a cost of £3.

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

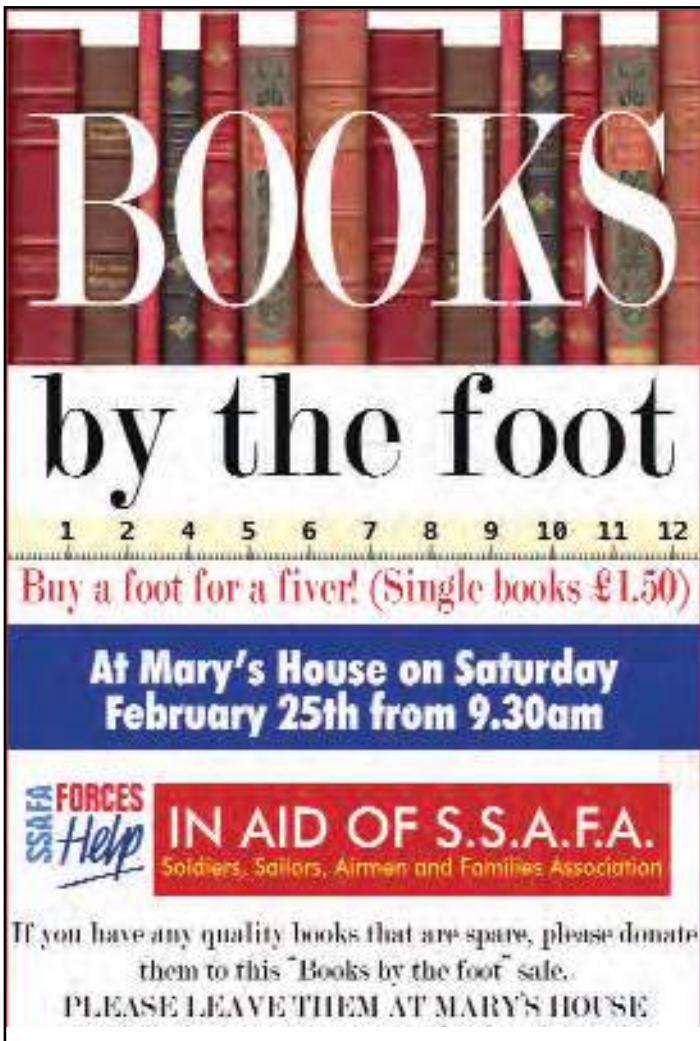
Forthcoming Events

1st February - The History of Jazz 1900-1945 - Village Hall 2pm

9th February - Craft Club - box making -- Mary's House 2.15pm



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QUIZ NIGHT

EDWARDSTONE PARISH HALL

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

Tickets £5.00 each
(To include light refreshments)

Tables of up to 8 people

Licensed Bar & Raffle

Tickets available from Daphne Clark 01787 210698
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Wot's On

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Present our latest films

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LARRY CROWNE WITH TOM HANKS AND JULIA ROBERTS

12A Comedy Drama Romance, SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY

Arrive 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm (105 mins with 20mins interval)

Please phone early to reserve your seats

Tickets £3.50 per adult and £2.00 per child

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

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)

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

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

PROGRAMME for first half of 2012

17th January Bill Gardiner Former Chairman of Suffolk Orchid Society "Exotic Orchids" How to care for and enjoy them

21st February Sarah Cook, Former Head Gardener at Sissinghurst Castle. "Sir Cedric Morris and his Irises"

20th March Matthew TantonBrown, Dip. Hort. RHS Manager, The Place for Plants. "Growing your own vegetables"

17th April PLANT SALE In Village Hall as usual

15th May Bob Flowerdew, Organic gardener, lecturer, television and radio personality. "No Work Gardening".

TICKET ONLY EVENT: Cost: £8 Members, £12 Non-members

Tickets available at monthly meetings or from the Events Organiser, Rosie Osborne

19th June, Away Evening by car to Shrubs Farm, Lamarsh, Bures

C08SEA. Guided tour by owner, Robert Erith

Rare trees, perfumed rose garden, Bronze Age burial urns.

Glass of wine/soft drink, light supper. Cost £12

All events, unless otherwise stated, take place in Boxford Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. at a cost of £1 per person for Boxford Gardening Society Members. Members' Guests welcome to attend our normal monthly talks for £5 per guest. All tickets available from Rosie Osborne Events and Outings Organiser: Rosie Osborne 01787 211960 e-mail: rosie.osborne@btinternet.com Membership Secretary: Elizabeth Wagener 01787210223

e-mail: elizabeth.wagener@btinternet.com

FOBS QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 10th MARCH 7.30pm

The Annual FOBS Quiz Night will take place on the above date in the school hall at Boxford School. Teams of up to 8 people, £5 per head. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a licensed bar and raffle. Please note it is a prompt start at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm.

To book a team: Please telephone Stephanie Atkins on 01787 210444 or Boxford School on 01787 210332.

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GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At

Groton Village Hall (Former WI Hall)

On Friday 20th April 2012 7.30 for 8.00 Start

£8.00 per head (entry plus choice of curry & dessert)

Teams of four

B.Y.O. Bar

Raffle

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



Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema 4th February. see above

Forthcoming Events Diary

January 2012

31 Mildenhall Pavilion Trust AGM

February

1 Boxford WI	The History of Jazz 1900-1945
6 Boxford Over 60's Club	
9 Boxford WI Craft Club	Box making
18 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room
20 Boxford Over 60's Club	
21 Pancake Lunch	Groton PCC
21 Boxford Gardening Society	Sarah Cook
25 Books by the Foot	In aid of SSAFA
26 Suffolk Villages Festival	Winter Concert Series
28 Boxford Community Council Executive meeting	

The Pavilion	8pm
Village Hall	2pm
Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
Mary's House	2.15pm
Parish Room	7.00pm
Boxford Village Hall	2.30pm
Mary's House	12.30 - 2.30pm
Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
Mary's House	9.30am
Boxford St Mary's	6pm
White Hart	8.00pm

March

2 Mildenhall Quiz Night	
8/9/10 Boxford Drama Group 'The Murder Room'	
10 Edwardstone Parish Hall Quiz	
10 FOBS Quiz	
16 Illustrated Talk by Mark Mitchells	Groton PCC
20 Boxford Gardening Society	Mathew Tainton-Brown

Mildenhall Pavilion	7.30pm
Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
Parish Hall	7.00pm
Boxford School	7.30pm
Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

April

17 Boxford Gardening Society	Plant Sale
20 Quiz and Curry Evening	Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee
22 Suffolk Villages Festival	Winter Concert Series

Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
Boxford St Mary's	6pm

May

TBA Boxford Drama Group 'Weekenders' & 'Last Flight'	
12 1st Boxford Scouts Open Day	
15 Boxford Gardening Society	Bob Flowerdew

Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
The Spinney, Boxford	TBA
Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm

June

3 Boxford Gardens Open	Boxford Gardening Society
4 Little Waldingfield Jubilee Celebrations	
10 Little Waldingfield Gardens Open	
19 Boxford Gardening Society	Visit Shrubs Farm
30 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room

	11am-5pm
Playing Field	Noon - Evening

October

27 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room
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Parish Room	7.00pm
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First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford 7.30pm



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Getting confirmed this year – “be bold, be strong!”

I have written in a previous Box River News about confirmation. It is a great step to take, at any stage of our lives – a step which helps us to confirm – to ourselves, to others and to God – that our Christian faith really matters to us.

It doesn't matter whether you've been coming to church for years or whether you are somewhere on the fringes of church life, but have been feeling God's gentle tug on your heart and your life.

There is a line in a modern hymn which goes something like “be bold, be strong” and I would encourage you, if you are at all hesitant, questioning or doubtful about confirmation, to be bold and, this year, come along, find out more and see whether confirmation is for you.

I will be holding a few very relaxed and friendly discussion sessions over a cup of coffee or tea, in the rectory's comfortable sitting room. There won't be any homework or preparation needed between sessions, though I will give you an introductory book on confirmation, which you may find helpful as you think things through. By coming to the sessions you are not committing yourself to being confirmed.

For those who have already spoken to me, I will be in touch with you soon about dates and times that suit you, but if you have not yet contacted me, please do so by 13th February at the latest. I am very happy to talk to you individually, by phone or in person, before this date, if that would be a help: 01787 210091.

Remember – “be bold”!

Every blessing, *Revd Judith*



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: Thinking of the story of Martha and Mary, when Martha complained to Jesus that Mary was not ‘pulling her weight’ with the household jobs, but was listening to Jesus instead. Jesus explained to Martha that Mary was in fact doing a good and necessary thing in listening to him. We can find any number of thoughts from this episode in Jesus’ ministry. It shows two contrasting aspects of our human life, and of the varying responses of different people to the same circumstance. It is clear that both types of work are necessary in our lives - the devotion to Jesus, and getting all the practical things in life done properly.

What this story reminds us is that in all the busyness of our lives we need to take time to listen to Jesus.

The Parochial Church Council Next meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th February in Mary's House.

PCC Secretary Needed: The Parochial Church Council is seeking a secretary to assist with the work of the council. If you feel you could spare some time please contact a churchwarden or the Revd Judith.

Christmas Tree at St Mary's Church - Many thanks to the Parish Council for providing the very attractive tree for the Christmas Season.

The Boxford Calendar- 2012 Calendars continue to be 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. Very many thanks to Peter Newble for producing the very attractive calendar for this year & to all those who submitted such wonderful photos.

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 small boy told a Sunday school teacher: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive — only God doesn't yell at you all the time."

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.

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Churchwarden:

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A BONE-HANDLED SERRATED CAKE KNIFE was left in the village hall kitchen after the Harvest Tea and so far I have had no luck in finding the owner. If it is yours please phone Pam Dodd on 210397.

CAROL SERVICE: Well over 200 people attended the Edwardstone Carol Service on Christmas Eve. The collection amounted to £456 which was donated to the Edwardstone Charities. Thank you to all who attended and who donated towards this worthy charity fund. David Saddleton

PCC MEETING: The next PCC meeting will be held at 7.30 p.m., in Mary's House, on Tuesday, 31st Jan

QUIZ NIGHT: There will be a Quiz Night in Edwardstone Parish Hall on Saturday 10th March, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £5 to include light refreshments. Tables of up to 8 people.

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	Sidesman	Cleaning	Flowers	Teas/Coffees
Feb 5:	Mr Saddleton	Mrs Moore & Mrs Paul	Mrs Suckling	Mrs Saddleton
Feb 12	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"	"
Feb 19:	Mr Saddleton	Mr & Mrs Saddleton	"	"
Feb 26:	Visiting	Mr & Mrs Dodd	No flowers - Lent	
Daily Prayer:		9.00 a.m. every Tuesday		



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Edwards:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

PANCAKE LUNCH, SHROVE TUESDAY

February 21st 12.30 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford

Following last year's successful Pancake lunch Groton PCC fund-raisers thought that we would repeat it this year, so please do drop in to Mary's House on Feb. 21st to sample some delicious pancakes, with exciting fillings, to help us mark Shrove Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mark Mitchel's Lecture

Friday, March 16th, 7.30pm Groton Village Hall

We still have to firm up on the subject of Mark Mitchel's illustrated talk, but it is likely to be 'The Suffolk Coastline'.

There will be more details next month, but please do put this date in your diary, and those of you who have heard Mark's talks before, will know that we are in for a real treat. There will of course be light refreshments, and all proceeds to the parish church of St. Bartholomew, Groton.

ROTA

Sidesman with Sacristan:	Mrs Lamming
Flowers:	Mrs Foster
Cleaning:	Mrs Fearis & Mrs Foster



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchyardens

Vacant

ROTA

	Sidesman	Flowers
Feb 5:	Mr Squirrell	Mrs Squirrell
Feb 12:	Visiting	Mrs Eddington
Feb 19:	Mrs Rattee & Mrs Eddington	Mrs Gregor-Smith
Feb 26:	Visiting	No Flowers - Lent



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton,

Tel; 370331

Flowers: Mrs. Jean Green

Cleaning: Mrs. Wendy Turner & Mrs. Fiona Garman

CAROL SERVICE: In our beautifully decorated, candle-lit church a crowded congregation of villagers and friends were welcomed by Revd Judith to our Festival of Lessons and Carols. In spite of a number of illnesses we were delighted to have readers representing a cross-section of Newton, including a school girl. The enthusiastic singing, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, sent us home with a warm feeling that Christmas was soon upon us.

Our thanks to all who decorated the church, provided the refreshments and of course, to all who came. It was a wonderful start to our Christmas.

CRIB SERVICE: On Christmas Eve the Revd Judith welcomed a packed church of people of all ages to our annual Crib Service. The lovely greenery, candles and, especially, the young families made a wonderful setting for the Nativity Service.

Before the service the Revd Judith handed out envelopes, the twenty fourth one being a special gold one, to members of the congregation, who, during the service, read out the nativity messages they contained. The younger children in the congregation then went with great enthusiasm in search of the figures to be placed in the Crib.

The prayers were beautifully read by young people aged from eight to thirteen.

Home made be-ribboned Danish honey ring biscuits were handed out at the end of the service to be hung on the Christmas trees (or consumed immediately!)

Thank you to all villagers and friends who joined us.

We offer you a warm welcome to join us at any of our services.

PLOUGH SUNDAY: The first Sunday of Epiphany was celebrated on the 8th January with a service taken by Roy Tricker. On this Sunday, popularly known as Plough Sunday, we stood beside our old plough in church and joined in asking for blessings on our land, our church and all in our parish. In this service we think of the turning over and renewing of the land. Bearing in mind the story so dramatically told to us, may we renew ourselves for the coming year.



The above photograph together with others in this issue of Box River News were taken at the Little Waldingfield Carol Service by David Lamming

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship February 2012

Wednesday 1st Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 2nd Lt. Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion at Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Tim Harbord
Sunday 5th Lt Waldingfield Edwardstone Boxford Boxford	3rd before Lent 8.00 9.30 11.00 18.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer All Age Worship Evensong	(G) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 8th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Sunday 12th Groton Newton Green Boxford	2nd before Lent 8.00 9.30 11.00	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith
Wednesday 15th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion (Reserved Sacrament)	Antony Dodd
Thursday 16th Lt Waldingfield	19.00	Compline at Newmans Hall	Tim Harbord
Sunday 19th Edwardstone Lt Waldingfield Boxford	Next before Lent 8.00 9.30 11.00	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	(G) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith
Wednesday 22nd Boxford	Ash Wednesday 10.30 19.30 (with imposition of ashes)	Holy Communion Mary's House Holy Communion	Rev Judith Rev Judith
Sunday 26th Boxford Groton Newton Green Boxford	1st of Lent 8.00 9.30 11.00 11.00	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Matins	(P) Revd Judith Revd Judith Revd Judith Christopher Kingsbury
Wednesday 29th Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion Mary's House	The Revd David Abel
Daily Prayer Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	A 30 minute informal said service with Revd Judith 9.00 17.00 9.00 9.00 17.00	All are welcome Edwardstone Little Waldingfield Groton Newton Boxford	

Soap Box

Visiting a local hostelry not so very long ago – something that is far from rare in my case – I became embroiled in a somewhat heated discussion on the merits of Speedwatch. This scheme, introduced to reduce the incidence of speeding through our villages, clearly attracts opposing views. Apparently, according to one of the participants in this lively debate, Boxford had not been able to attract sufficient volunteers for the scheme to operate – and good job too, was the conclusion.

It happens that I am involved in our own Speedwatch initiative and have been since its introduction a couple of years ago. Don't get me wrong. I'm not a do-gooder, anxious to slap a speeding fine on anyone with the gall to travel through our village at 31 mph or more. And I have been caught speeding myself – fortunately not too often. But I have found the exercise of standing by the side of the road measuring how fast vehicles are travelling when they fly past my house rather revealing.

First I should explain. Speedwatch is not an attempt to swell police coffers with more speeding fines. Indeed, speeding tickets cannot be issued as a consequence of the activities of a Speedwatch team. The speed is measured by the same type of device that might be used by the police and, if a vehicle exceeds the speed limit by a certain amount (which has varied), then the licence number is noted and the details forwarded to the police.

The correct procedure then is for the police to write to the offending motorist, advising them of what has been measured and no further action is taken. Unless, that is, a speeding motorist crops up again on a Speedwatch beat. Then the unlucky driver could well receive a visit from the Old Bill, but still no prosecution is possible. It is all designed as a deterrent – and certainly my experience is that when motorists see the Speedwatch sign at the side of the road, they moderate their speed.

Of course, some drivers do take exception and occasionally there is a little verbal abuse from the car when a number is noted down. For the most part, though, motorists take this in good heart and I would like to think we have achieved some moderation of speed through our village, which on occasions in the past has resembled Le Mans more than Little Waldingfield.

There is training for those that take part and the "gun" we use is calibrated each time it is used. We have also been fortunate in our village in attracting sufficient volunteers for us to be able to run our own scheme,

rather than combine with other villages, though we all share the equipment. There is always room for more to help spread the load, though, so if you are interested, do contact Rick Ridgeon who runs the scheme on behalf of the Parish Council. His contact details are on our website and in the Parish Council section of this magazine.

I was disappointed to find such a negative attitude to this particular initiative when discussing it in the pub. The debate was good hearted enough, but if people wish to try to moderate behaviour of others – as we have tried to do in Little Waldingfield – then it would be nice to think one's neighbours are supportive. If indeed Boxford did fail to find sufficient volunteers, then that is also sad. We don't want a death in our village to prompt more intrusive traffic calming measures – which probably couldn't be afforded by the County Council anyway. So donating a little time seems to me to be worthwhile. I would like to think others believed so too, even if they don't take part.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

AYOUB ART

Hi, I'm Sue Warne. Although I live in nearby Capel St Mary, I've only recently become familiar with this particular area thanks to my Partner. These lovely villages have been right on my doorstep and I never even knew about them. I can't think of a better place to start some new art classes for this New Year.

I'm an art teacher you see – but with a difference. The classes I teach won't bog you down with technicalities and theories, but they are informative in a relaxed way and they will entertain you. They are for young and old, experienced or complete beginner. I often have this combination of students in my classes too and that's what makes them so much fun.

I believe everyone has a masterpiece inside them and I'd like to be the one who helps to put that onto canvas, in oils. Or at least teach you a simple technique so you can play around for yourself at home – that's just how I started. Anyone can do this – and the only skill you need is to be able to draw breath for 4 hours. Where you go from there is entirely up to you.

I'm in Groton in February and Edwardstone in March (details in this newsletter and my website). Do feel free pop your head in the door and have a look at what's going on. You might just get the bug!

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GARDENING IN FEBRUARY HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Deciduous hedges, like privet, hawthorn, and beech which have become overgrown and difficult to clip, can be cut hard back to the main stem on one side, leaving the other side until next year or the year after.

Clear the dead tops from herbaceous plants. Fork lightly between the plants and feed with a slow acting fertiliser like John Innes Base fertiliser, hoof and horn or any long lasting fertiliser which is high in Phosphates and Potash but low in Nitrogen.

Chrysanthemum stools which have been left in the ground should be checked to make sure they have not been lifted loosened by the frost. Remove all weeds from around the stools and re-firm the soil around the roots. Scatter slug pellets around the plants as slugs can cause a lot of damage to the young shoots emerging from ground level.

Complete the pruning of fruit trees and hardy shrubs. Wall fruit trees should be given a dressing of bone meal and a general fertiliser, stone fruits will benefit from some hydrated lime. The buds of wall and bush fruits are frequently attacked by bull finches, cotton, intertwined amongst the branches will deter them. Pruning of silver foliage plants and shrubs is best left until April as severe frosts can damage young shoots.

Weather permitting, Hybrid T and Floribunda roses should be pruned at the end of the month. Cut out all diseased and frost damaged wood and prune healthy shoots back to two buds. Hard pruning produces better blooms and prolongs the life of the bush. After pruning spray the stumps with Armillatox Soap Based Outdoor Cleaner, used as directed by the manufacturers, to kill off spores of black spot which may be lying dormant ready to infect new shoots as they form. There will still be the need to make the fortnightly preventative sprays throughout the growing season against black spot, mildew and rust. Although Armillatox has proved to be a safe and effective fungicide, the powers that be have decided for some reason to ban it. Armillatox has therefore become 'Armillatox Soap Based Outdoor Cleaner' so taking it out of the pesticides regulations - the formulation remains the same. Armillatox is useful as a patio cleaner and for a wide range of other applications.

Dormant fuchsias should be cut back to within three buds from the base, have all the old compost shaken off the roots and washed clean. Washing off all the old compost from the roots is one way of ensuring that you get rid of any vine weevil grubs which may be lurking there. Any large roots

can be trimmed back and always re-pot down to one size smaller pot. Place the pots on the bench with a bit of bottom heat and spray the wood with tepid water twice a day to encourage new shoots.

If the weather is kind at the end of the month we should see the first blooms of crocus, primroses and polyanthus. These blooms often attract the attention of small birds, all that is needed to protect them is a few strands of cotton supported by small twigs.

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

Begonia tubers should be started into growth now for pot culture or for an outdoor display in tubs or borders. Plant the tubers upwards in a seed tray filled with a peat based compost and pot up individually when well rooted. Try tubers of the non-stop variety, this is a multi flora type and as its name suggests will flower non-stop until autumn frosts. One of the most adaptable of bedding plants is the fibrous rooted Begonia semperflorens, it is tolerant of all types of soil, shady or sunny positions, and will do well in dry or wet summers its flowers being unaffected by rain. Seed of B. semperflorens should be sown now as it requires a long season of growth to get good plants by the end of May. If you do not want to raise them yourself, seedlings are available now at garden centres.

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

Ferns are in need of potting on if the soil ball shows full of roots when topped out of the pot. Repot in John Innes Nol and remove any dead or discoloured fronds.

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Parish Council Matters

Newton Parish Council meeting 9th November

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

Attending: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor), Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor) and D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Apologies received from Cllr Vince who is on holiday and PC Garrod.

Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Gardner and Schwenk declared personal and prejudicial interests in items 11/134a as they were members of the Village Hall Management Committee who are seeking payment of hall hire fees. The councillors left the meeting while the item was discussed.

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th September 2011: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Public Forum: The issues raised during the public forum are contained in Appendix A.

Correspondence (Appendix B): The councillors reviewed the Correspondence received and requested the Clerk to ask villagers to return any papers belonging to NPC if they had any in their possession.

Clerks Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's Report by the councillors there was no further action required.

Finance: a. All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix D, were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting and reviewed the Statement of Accounts against the budget and the bank reconciliation against the bank statements.

b. The councillors reviewed the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations being planned and agreed a £5,000 budget for the event subject to at least 50% funding being obtained from other organisations. Newton Green Trust to be approached regarding the budget.

c. The councillors resolved to ask James Finch if his Locality budget could consider a grant of:

i. £135 to pay for the street light intelligent lighting system upgrade at Plampin Close

ii. £250 towards the production of a Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebratory booklet incorporating the Welcome to Newton publication.

d. The councillors reviewed NPC's Budget Proposal (Appendix E) for 2012 / 2013 and resolved an expenditure budget of £11,521 and that BDC are given an indication that the Precept for 2012 / 2013 will be set at £9,000. The Precept will be confirmed at the meeting in January.

e. The councillors resolved to apply for Quality Status reaccreditation at a cost of £60.

Planning: a. No planning applications had been received since notice was posted.

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

Playground and Asset Maintenance Programme: a. The councillors resolved to obtain a quotation for the replacement of the rotten wood identified in RoSPA's report on the play equipment. The councillors will identify a solution to protect children from hitting the heads on the tunnel entrances,

b. The councillors resolved to upgrade the 3 street light units in Plampin Close with the intelligent lighting system at a budgetary cost of £150 but would look to see if a grant from the Locality Budget could be obtained to cover the expenditure.

NPC Survey: Cllr Poole updated the councillors that he had received 128 completed and returned surveys, which is a 56% response based on 226 houses included in the survey. 61% of responses were from households who are all or majority over 60 years of age, 34% 40-59 and 5% under 40.

Unnamed roads in Newton: The councillors reviewed the responses from residents directly affected by the proposal to give names to the 3 unnamed roads on The Green. All residents who have responded support the principle of giving names to the roads and in the cases of School Lane and Mill Lane the names were supported by all residents contacted. However, The Drive was not supported by a minority of residents contacted. The Clerk to review responses with BDC and update councillors at the next meeting.

BDC Core Strategy consultation: The councillors reviewed the documents produced by BDC for the Core Strategy consultation. A summary of the issues / concerns raised will be collated and circulated to the councillors for their agreement before being sent to BDC as NPC's response.

Licensing Act 2003 consultation: The councillors reviewed the issues raised by BDC against the proposal by the Government that "any event or activity with a capacity under 5,000 persons would need no entertainment licence." The councillors resolved that they agreed with BDC that events under 5,000 persons should still be licenced by the district council as at present and that the Clerk to respond accordingly.

SCC's winter preparations: The councillors agreed with SCC's schedule for grit distribution in Newton over the coming winter. The councillors also requested the Clerk to ask that people who spread grit to give their details so that their names could be included in SCC's insurance policy. The Clerk was requested to publicise SCC's advice note on how to spread grit and salt.

NPC's Policies: The councillors resolved to adopt the updates to the Training and Development policy and the Charitable Giving policy.

Village Hall and Trust representatives update: The VHMC has completed the kitchen refurbishment and are now looking to undertake the decoration of the corridor next.

Newton Green Trust is reviewing the boundaries on the edge of The Green as well as the licences given to residents around The Green. The entrances to the playing field have now been secured. The NGT will be writing to NPC regarding the installation of weight limit signs on the road between the A134

and Sackers Green. There is a meeting planned with residents of Little Green regarding the track on the 23rd November. The vehicular access to Whisper Wood is on-going.

Question to Chairman: There are a number of initiatives being followed up by councillors on trying to prohibit selling cars in the layby on the A134.

Next NPC Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 11th January 2012 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 10.40pm.

Appendix A Public Forum: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) updated those present with the latest status of issues regarding the new Chief Executive, Budget, Schools, Libraries and Broadband. Peter Holbrook (Babergh District Councillor) updated those present with the transformation and integration projects, BDC's Budget, Car Parks, Grants, Licensing and the Core Strategy consultation.

In the absence of the Police the Clerk read the following report "My report covers the period from Monday 12th September 2011 to Tuesday 9th November 2011. During this time there has been 4 crimes recorded within the parish, this compares to 4 crimes for the same period last year.

One report of Burglary Other Building - Between 1900hrs on Sunday 16th October 2011 and 0600 Monday 17th October 2011 a wooden door to a business premises on The Green was kicked open and an untidy search of the property was made. All lines of enquiry have been exhausted and at present there are no to help identify the offender(s) Crime number SU/11/2370 refers. Two reports of Assault / Public Order - At 1600hrs on Sunday 25th September 2011 in Assington Road a known offender was verbally abusive towards the victim. This has been resolved by community resolution. Crime number SU/11/2243 refers OIC is PC834 Hart - At 2330hrs on Saturday 8th October 2011 at a residential property in Airey Close a known offender assault a victim causing actual bodily harm. This matter has since been resolved between the two parties concerned. Crime number SU/11/2345 refer. The OIC is PC1787 Sturman

One report of Theft - Between Monday 19th September 2011 and Sunday 9th October 2011 a large quantity of old English floor bricks and a petrol trimmer was stolen from a barn in Rectory Road. All lines of enquiry have been exhausted and there are no leads as to whom the offender may have been. Crime number SU/11/2328 refers. OIC is PC1337 Pearson."

Appendix D: RFO Report

Newton Parish Council Minutes of Meeting 7th December

Present: Councillors Colin Poole (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Lee Parker, Rita Schwenk and Philip Taylor.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence: Apologies received from Cllrs Presland and Vince.

Declaration of Interests: None were declared.

Minutes of Meeting held on 9th November 2011: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The councillors resolved that in future, one week after the draft minutes of a meeting have been circulated to councillors and unless any amendments or objections are received by the Clerk during that time, that the Clerk will publish the draft minutes to the newsletter and the Newton website. This will ensure that the minutes are published in a timelier manner.

Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.

Planning: a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/01386 Land (in the Parish of Great Waldingfield) north of New Barn, Valley Road, Newton - Erection of detached stable block including Change of Use of existing Agricultural Land to Paddock / Grazing and resolved to support the application.

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/11/01361 Lilleyfields, Sackers Green - Application of Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use - Continued use of land as contractor's yard for plant and lorry maintenance and storage of road maintenance materials. BDC has asked NPC to provide any local knowledge and general observations to support or contradict the applicant's claim that the site has been used as described above for 10 years. The councillors resolved that they were not able to support the claim of the applicant in this case. The councillors offer the following observations:

i. Visits by both the Chairman and Vice Chairman to the mobile home on the site during 2010 and 2011 do not support the applicant's claim that the business described was in operation.

ii. Councillors recollection of the yard's use over the years are in line with the Google Earth pictures of the site in 2003 and 2007 which do not support the application

iii. There is contradiction to the yard's use in Planning Application B/06/00111 made by the same applicant in February 2006 when applying for permission for the "temporary siting of mobile home for a period of 5 years" at Lilleyfields. In the application the response to the question "Please describe the purposes for which the land and/or the buildings are now used or the last use - if more than one purpose please give details." was "Livestock Housing of rare breeds." No other purpose was listed.

iv. In the permission given by BDC on 7th November 2008 re Planning Application B/08/01282 for the mobile home at Lilleyfields to have temporary permission for 3 years, BDC stated in point 1 of the permission that "....the land shall be restored to its condition before the use commenced (a hard standing associated with the adjoining agricultural buildings)."

v. Applications for VOSA Licenses for "2 vehicles without trailers" relating to the property only appear to date back to April 2007.

c. No further planning applications had been received since notice was posted.

Question to Chairman: There were no questions to the Chair but the Chairman briefed the councillors on the initial feedback of the village survey results.

Next NPC Meeting: Wednesday 11th January 2012

Parish Council Matters

Meetings of Boxford Parish Council held in November 2011 Meeting on 7th November

Public Forum: Members of the public attended to express concern regarding the Goodlands Farm amended proposals. A spokesperson stated that although the number of dwellings had reduced in the latest version, the size of properties had increased resulting in the potential to have similar population numbers and cars. He summed up their issues as overdevelopment and interference with the privacy of neighbouring residents. District Cllr Bryn Hurren agreed to speak to Deborah Board, the Planning Officer and encourage her to come out to see residents. The Boxford Society had expressed concern that the development would take away the existing access to Primrose Wood and to date an alternative had not been suggested. There was no news on the requested traffic survey on Swan Street.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, it was agreed to authorise some necessary work to the Cemetery trees.

Diamond Jubilee 2012: Members examined some potential Jubilee mugs for donation to households in the village. Cllr Norman agreed to take matters forward with the suppliers.

Street Lighting Briefing Report: The Clerk had spent time scrutinizing the briefing report from the County Council and had identified risk factors of the lights failing and not being able to be repaired efficiently in the future. The Parish Council has 5 lights that are not G39 compliant. This relates to health and safety regulations and leads to delays and costly repairs. Additionally the Parish Council owns many lights with mercury bulbs that are no longer manufactured. The solution recommended by the County Council are modern LED lanterns which are guaranteed for 25 years, however, are costly to purchase. Additionally Intelligent Lighting Systems can be installed to all the Parish lights which allow the lights to go out for a period during the night and the capital costs would be recouped from power savings in around three years. It was agreed to invite the Electrical Services Manager at the County Council to attend a Parish Council Meeting to discuss his recommendations.

Reports from Members: It was agreed to order a Christmas tree again from Richard Morris to be put up in the Churchyard for the village to enjoy. It was noted the disabled bay outside number 23 Swan Street can be removed. Cllr Egglestone was to continue to investigate a project for skate and bike jumps for older village children. Work continues towards a detailed plan of the Cemetery for burials.

Planning: Confirmations from Babergh District Council:-

- 1) Babergh Council advised permission had been granted for a single storey side extension and front porch at Bishopton Lodge, Calais Street.
- 2) Work can proceed to replace eucalyptus tree with fruit tree at Little Orchard, Butchers Lane
- 3) Work can proceed to fell buckthorn, lime and silver birch at land to the rear of 8 Fen Street
- 4) Work can proceed to halve the height of a conifer at 53 Swan Street.
- 5) Permission granted for work to protected trees at 27 Brook Hall Road.
- 6) Babergh Council confirmed the application for 5 dwellings at Ramree, Clubs Lane had been withdrawn.

The following applications were discussed: -

- a) Proposed development of 21 dwellings at Goodlands Farm. Members voted unanimously to object to the proposals as the number of dwellings proposed are still in excess of the Local Plan despite other significant developments since the Local Plan. In the latest version although the number of dwellings has reduced to 21, the size of individual dwellings proposed has increased so would be more imposing on their surroundings. The Parish Council also cited a number of earlier points that still had not been addressed including traffic audit and access to Primrose Wood.
- b) Proposed single storey rear extension at 75 Daking Avenue. The Parish Council had no objections.
- c) Proposed alterations connected with conversion of barn/ outbuilding to residential annex and link extension at Kemball House, 22 Broad Street. The Parish Council had no objections.

Parish Council Meeting on 21st November

Police Report: PCSO Jamie Fudge was unable to attend, however, had provided a report showing no crimes recorded between 17th October and 14th November. He urged vigilance regarding properties in the process of renovation and building sites. He urged everyone to be aware of neighbouring properties and to report anything suspicious. It was agreed to ask PCSO Jamie Fudge to continue to monitor double yellow lines in Swan Street.

County Council Report: County Cllr James Finch attended and reported on the steps being taken to achieve savings to bridge the budget gap over the next two years. He spoke of achievements in relation to improvement of educational standards across the County and the opening of New Academies and Free Schools. He discussed the new model for the County's library network and proposals for the future of Mobile Libraries. He out-lined plans to secure backing to deliver faster broadband speeds via fibre optic cabling. Other matters covered by his report were the National Grid Electricity

Transmission project, the appointment of Deborah Cadman as Chief Executive of the County Council and the potential for travellers to move from South Essex.

Street Lighting: Cllr James Finch noted it was for the Parish Council to consider what was appropriate, practicable and realistic for Boxford in relation to upgrading the street lighting. It was agreed for the Clerk to undertake a feasibility study to be presented to the December Planning and Finance Meeting.

District Council Report: District Cllr Bryn Hurren was unable to attend however, had provided a report. He had scheduled a meeting with the Planning Officer for Goodlands Farm, Deborah Board. He had received many letters of objection from Boxford residents and was concerned that the County Council had not objected on highways grounds.

Correspondence: The Clerk had circulated her report ahead of the meeting and key areas were discussed. It was agreed to involve the County Council in the matter of hedging obstructing footways in Daking Avenue.

Cemetery: The Cemetery Sub Committee agreed to meet the usual contractor to agree winter projects. It was recommended that the scrub boundary to the cemetery is reduced by about a third. It was also noted that the lawn cemetery will need marking out.

Reports from Chairman and Members: Cllr Green had attended the Police Priority Setting Meeting and confirmed Community Start (the probation service) is available to carry out work in the area. The Community Car Scheme is going well with details available at the Doctors Surgery.

Debbie Hattrell, Boxford Parish Clerk

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The end of last term was a very hectic one for us all with the various concerts, parties and Christmas activities so it was nice to be able to sit and enjoy a relaxing carol concert in St Mary's Church on the Sunday before Christmas with a group of our children who performed a medley of songs from this year's nativity Hosanna Rock. As always they were a credit to us and sang with great enthusiasm and gusto.

The next year promises to be an interesting one for everyone in education as the Government begins to develop its education policies for the next four years. Alongside the headline grabbing agenda for Free Schools and Academies they will be looking at a major reform of the curriculum. Early indications would suggest that the education secretary Michael Gove is keen on a return to traditional fact based learning, I just hope he takes into account the advances in technology that have made information gathering so readily available to us all. When I was at school I had to learn a map of the North East and to be able to label where towns such as Gateshead and Middlesbrough were on a map, today I would simply look on the internet on my mobile phone if I wanted to know where they were. More worrying for us is yet another revision of the OFSTED inspection criteria and a so called tougher approach from the inspectors. When the new Chief Inspector writes in the Times Educational Supplement that if your staff morale is low then as a Head you must be doing something right in my book it is time to begin to worry.

Finally on a brighter note this year's FOBS Quiz will be on Saturday 10th March. As always the evening will be organised by Stephanie and Ian Atkins and will be usual range of general knowledge questions culminating in their legendary music round. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening so if you are planning to enter a team (up to eight people) then please contact either the school office or Stephanie herself. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

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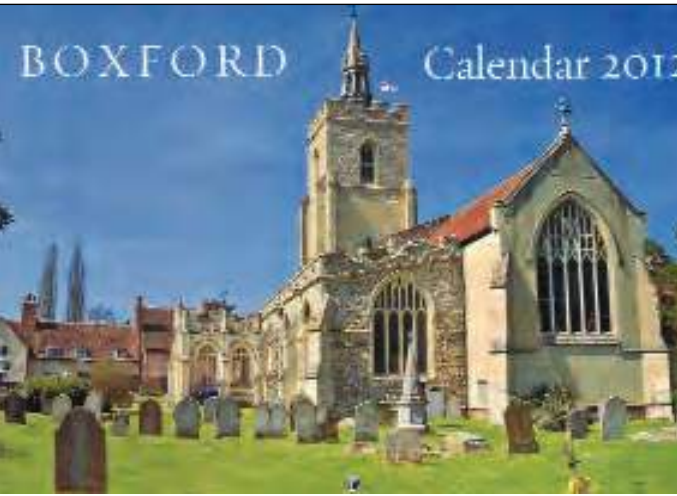
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