

Box River News

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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD'S FLOWER FESTIVAL



Trikes and Bikes

The theme of 'Children at Play' was chosen to complement our new Creativity Area, which was officially opened by Revd. Judith during the Festival. It was lovely to see so many children happily using it over the weekend.

As always, the centerpiece of the Festival is the floral displays, and the inspired and colourful creations depicted Water Play, Colouring In, Ring o' Roses, Snakes and Ladders, Maypole, Kite Flying, Dolls and many other amazing arrangements, which were sure to bring back many happy childhood memories.

Despite rather chilly weather, especially on the Saturday, we were blessed with a constant stream of appreciative visitors, many of whom mentioned what a friendly community we have here in Little Waldingfield. In fact, the weather may possibly have been in our favour, as we were kept very busy serving hot lunches, teas and coffees, and delicious home-made cakes (what a talented lot of bakers we have!). The stalls outside, selling books, home produce and bric-a-brac, also proved very popular, as did the tombola and raffle.

For 'Songs of Praise' at the close of our Festival on Sunday evening, Revd. Judith chose hymns and readings to reflect our theme.

Grateful thanks to all our visitors, our sponsors Holmes & Hills Solicitors, and to everyone who worked so enthusiastically and well together to make this such a successful weekend. A total of over £2,300 was raised, a large proportion of which will go into our Restoration Fund.



Revd. Judith opening the Creativity Area

CYGNET COURT

Red brick, with black brick gable end and corrugated sheet roofing, influenced by the local vernacular!!!!



The Boxford Society

To: Ms C Thurlow Corporate Manager Development, Babergh D C Planning Application – B/15/01078 Cygnet Court, Swan Street, Boxford. Thank you for your letter of 2nd September 2015 referring to this latest application.

The Boxford Society with a membership of over 120 residents supports the building of more housing within the village provided it does not detract from the heritage of this unique village or reduce the quality of life for those already living in it. The above application does not meet those criteria and we therefore oppose it on the following grounds:

1. Appearance and materials: The proposed dwellings with corrugated sheet roofing and large plain windows on a "block" design do not fit the vernacular of Swan Street or the core conservation area as a whole. To reference them to Riddelsdell's Garage over 400 metres away is surely unacceptable and merely an excuse for such poor design. This wooden building is of its period (1920s) and built for the motor trade, not as a dwelling. It is a unique feature of the village, but would not be given planning permission today and should not be superficially referenced.

The computer images of the proposed buildings given in the Design and Access Statement show them to most closely resemble a prison or barracks. Surely no-one will want to live in them. These images also greatly exaggerate the space on the site, which will actually be very crowded when these 4 units are squashed in. Dormer and Velux windows are strictly forbidden within the conservation area, as recent applicants have found when applying for permission to install them. How can they be an acceptable solution in Cygnet Court which lies so close to the cottages of Swan Street? Black brick gable ends will not resemble the black timber cladding very occasionally found in the village and we believe they will not weather well.

The applicant states that "the aim is to preserve and enhance the conservation area through sensitive development, whilst embracing the

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character and appearance of the locality." These plans do not begin to achieve any of that. They show contempt for the planning process.

2. Access to and from Cygnet Court.

The narrow lane joining the site to Swan Street is not wide enough to take a refuse truck as the applicant claims, and egress onto Swan Street is blind in both directions for the extra eight or so vehicles leaving Cygnet Court on a daily basis.

3. Safety in Swan Street.

The recent house planning permissions already given for buildings accessed by car from Swan Street, including those in Homefield, Partridge Close and off Dakin Avenue (Goodlands), now greatly exceed those that Babergh District set when imposing its own limit for safety and congestion reasons some years ago. A firm line must surely be drawn at this point and further developments requiring car access to Swan Street refused, otherwise a precedent is set for future applications.

We cannot keep on accepting "its only four more houses with eight more cars" when the serious congestion and traffic in Swan Street is increasing noticeably by the year. Goodlands with 21 homes already being built will add another 40 cars to the current flow. Pedestrian safety in Swan Street is deteriorating fast. There has been a recent marked increase in speeding 4x4s and heavy trucks using it and there are several places where the pavement is too narrow for an adult walking alone to be safe, particularly as cars, vans and trucks frequently mount the pavement to pass one another. In these sections a parent cannot hold a child's hand or push a buggy without stepping off the pavement into the path of traffic.

Please would you formally register these objections. Thank you for taking them into account in your consideration of the application.

Yours sincerely,

P T S Loose (Mrs)

Chairman The Boxford Society

EDDYFEST 2015



For the 10th year running the Edwardstone White Horse hosted the Eddyfest Beer & Music Festival.

With day visitors and campers reaching into the thousands, it's no surprise that the 80 different real ales & ciders that were available from breweries and cideries far and wide, including the on-site Mill Green Brewery, had completely ran dry by the Sunday evening. That's approximately 6,000 pints of ale and cider!

With no entrance fee and the weather holding out over most of the Bank Holiday weekend (despite the forecasts), people were able to enjoy non-stop live music over 2 stages all weekend.

For more info about the White Horse, including up and coming live music and the fantastic food and drink available, visit their website: www.edwardstonewhitehorse.co.uk



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THE OCTOBER LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear Friends,

Not four candles...or even "fork 'andles" ...but five candles!



There is a saying that begins, "The best laid plans...". We all know that those words are going to lead to some tale of a time when things didn't turn out quite as planned and this was how it was at my last "Five Villages Service"!

On a small side table, I had arranged five small candles round one larger white candle, to represent the five villages, with the white one symbolising Jesus, who unites the churches and their people as a benefice, shedding on us his light and his love. My idea was that, very near to the end of the service, I would ask one person from each village to come and light a candle.

When it came to that part of the service, I started to explain to the congregation what we were about to do. As I glanced behind me at the candles, though, I discovered they were already alight! Much laughter (including mine) ensued. It turned out that, quite understandably – especially as it has been known before – someone thought I had forgotten to light the candles and, when I had gone up to the altar, had kindly slipped out and lit them!

As is often the case when something unplanned happens, I reflected afterwards that this small "change of plan" actually said something very important. If each of those candles represented the villages, the candle flames surely represented everything good that happens within them - good things where God's Spirit is at work. Jesus spoke time and again of the kingdom of God, and, in the prayer he taught his disciples, we are to pray that the kingdom of God comes on earth as in heaven.

That kingdom means anywhere where the values of justice, kindness, peace and love are being lived out in people's lives and in communities. So every time, in our villages, someone helps a neighbour fill in an official form they are struggling with or makes a phone call on their behalf; every time someone drives a neighbour to a hospital; every time someone takes a meal round to a neighbour who is sick or lonely; every time there is any act of kindness or thoughtfulness, however small, God's kingdom is brought into being, at that moment and in that place.

In the five villages service, I was going to light the candles, and there are times when the church should be lighting or relighting the "candles of the spirit" in people's lives: when they are going through dark or difficult times, when their hope has been extinguished, their energies exhausted, when they need to be shown extra love and care, when their faith falters or is being born.

But just as important for the church is to recognise the many places around them where God is already at work, where the candles of the spirit in the lives of individuals and communities are already burning, steadily and brightly, as they live out quiet lives of goodness and compassion.

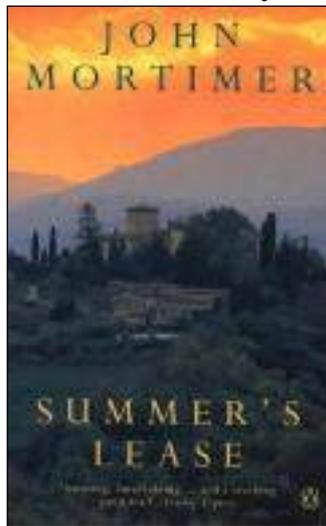
We can all give thanks for that, and do all we can to help keep those flames alight.

Blessings,

Judith

THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

Summer's Lease by John Mortimer



John Mortimer was an eminent barrister and distinguished dramatist, screenwriter and author. On leaving Oxford he was determined to write, but his father encouraged him to take up the law with the words, "Think of your poor unfortunate wife, she'd have you at home every day. Law gets you out of the house". This argument persuaded the young John Mortimer to take silk, and he was soon making a name for himself both in the law courts and as a novelist and playwright. He became the most famous dramatist to have defended a murderer at the Old Bailey!

Summer's Lease was published in 1988 and a year later it was made into a film for television. It is set in Mondano-in-Chianti, Siena and

written while John Mortimer was on holiday nearby. He captures the atmosphere of Tuscany and we are taken there to experience the charms of the grand Italian villa, La Felicita that Molly Pargeter rents for her family holiday. She is intrigued by S. Kettering, the owner of the villa, and sets off to learn what she can about this mysterious person. While she is chasing about, her husband is bored, yearning to return to his secret liaisons back home. The children have fun around the pool, until the water supply disappears, making everyone miserable. It is, however, Molly's father, Haverford Downes, who dominates the whole book with his rascally ways trying to rekindle a romance with an old flame from the 1960s. Without the witty and comedic Haverford, the novel would be less entertaining. As a side-line there are several references to the paintings by Piero della Francesca which make me want to follow the Piero Trail, as Molly did. As second best it is interesting to view them for yourself on your computer. I discovered that 'The Flagellation' in the Ducal Palace at Urbino is considered the greatest small picture in the world.

In my view, Summer's Lease does not match his earlier novels that brought him fame, such as A Voyage around my Father, and of course, Rumpole of the Bailey. This light hearted comedy, with a sort of mystery thrown in, is good fun, undemanding and perfect for us as summer moves into autumn.

John Mortimer is best remembered for creating a barrister named Horace Rumpole, inspired by his father Clifford, whose speciality is defending those accused of crime in London's Old Bailey. Mortimer created Rumpole for a BBC Play For Today in 1975. Although not Mortimer's first choice of actor (in an interview on the DVD set, he said he wanted Alistair Sim -- "but he was dead"), Leo McKern played the character with gusto and proved popular; accordingly, the idea was developed into a series Rumpole of the Bailey' for Thames Television, in which McKern again took the lead role. Mortimer also wrote a series of Rumpole books. In September–October 2003, BBC Radio 4 broadcast four new 45-minute Rumpole plays by Mortimer with Timothy West in the title role. Mortimer also dramatised many of the real-life cases of the barrister Edward Marshall-Hall in a radio series featuring former Doctor Who star Tom Baker as the protagonist.

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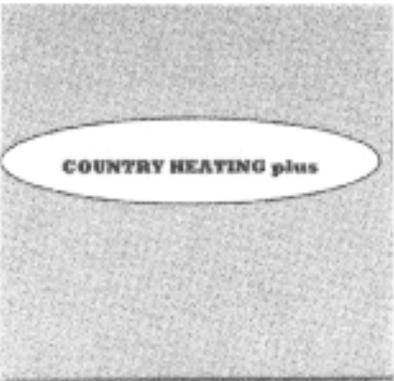


I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who contributed to this year's Autumn Show. Although it has been a 'bad year' for gardeners, there was still an impressive display of fruit, vegetables and flowers and the judge again commented on the quality of the exhibits. The cookery section was keenly contested with even more entries this year and the judge had the arduous task of tasting delicious pies, cakes, conserves and flavoured drinks. I was told that the standard was very high. The craft section had more entries this year with some colourful flower arrangements and imaginative photographs. Once again a big thanks to Joan and Carole for serving refreshments, the judges and their assistants: Harry, Jo, Dawn, Lee and Paul and those of you who stayed behind to help with the clearing up. The afternoon would not be complete without those who come to look around, and take part in the auction of produce. This and contributions raised just over £100. All in all, it was another great day. The hall looked amazing with a colourful array of fabulous exhibits. Schedules for 2016 will be available in the New Year. If you have any suggestions for new classes or other ideas, please do let me know. *Sue Presland*

Newton Green Autumn Show 2015 Results

CLASS	1ST	2ND	3RD
FRUIT	Judy Donnelly	Ann Furlonger	John Forth Marianne Anthony
VEGETABLES	John Turner	Alan Vince	Paul Presland
FLOWERS	Wendy Turner Carole Langley Judy Donnelly		
CRAFT	Marianne Anthony	Sue Presland	Anita French
COOKERY	Wendy Turner Sue Presland Anita French		
MOST POINTS OVERALL	John Turner		
MOST BEST IN CLASS	Judy Donnelly		
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HEAVIEST MARROW	Paul Presland		





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Since then we have not looked back and are loving every moment. With the added benefit of Newton golf course on our doorstep (Jon being a keen golfer) and plenty of space for our 4 year old labrador to run around. We still commute a couple of days each week to London to teach, but would welcome the opportunity to bring our playing and teaching skills into the local schools and community.

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...Take a Breath...

Summer's over, the kids are back at school and there's already a distinctly autumnal chill in the air. Time flies - and sometimes we all just need a minute to take a breath...

For most of us, life is non-stop. When was the last time you sat down, relaxed and had some proper 'me' time?

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THE COFFEE BOX



Mylee and Will Chaytor moved to the old newsagents in Boxford in September last year and managed to keep the village guessing their intentions for the building until recently when everyone was pleasantly surprised to find they now had a great new coffee shop to go to.

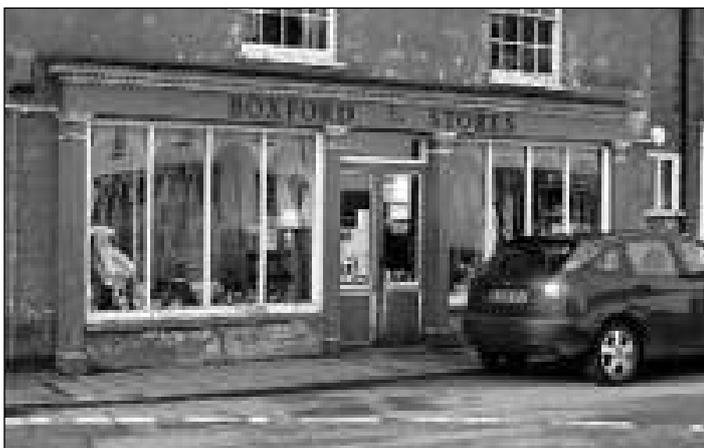
The former newsagents has been divided into two shops with one opening a few months ago as Country House Antiques run by proprietor Helen Miles of Boxford and now The Coffee Box has opened and is being run by Mr Chaytor.

The coffee shop sells locally produced goods including coffee, sandwiches, cakes and a selection of paninis. Fresh croissants and pain au chocolat will be available on Saturdays.

The interior of the shop designed and completed by Will and his mother is excellent, as is the coffee, and there has been a brisk trade every since it opened on 22nd August. Let us hope that this venture goes from strength to strength.



THE POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE STORE



Contracts have now been signed between the new owner, Mr Lawrence Mott and new Tennants for the Post Office and Village Stores to continue as a thriving business. It is believed that plans for the store are expected to include a greengrocers, newsagents, stationers, cards and sweets and possibly a delicatessen. The post office will continue to operate from the same premises

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Boxford Primary News



Toby Barkworth-Knight, Headteacher Boxford CEVC Primary School

A hard act to follow

Last week, when asked to continue the 'Boxford Primary News' column, I decided to start by re-reading some of Rob Giles' recent contributions. The phrase "hard act to follow" immediately springs to mind! The rich and varied education provided by Boxford Primary School during Mr Giles' leadership is so apparent wherever I look. Every conversation I've had with parents, staff, governors and the wider community have all reiterated how highly this approach is regarded. It was also the feature of Boxford Primary that captured my attention when applying for the position here.

Community

So, before I get ahead of myself, I would love to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the wider community.

I'm Toby! My career so far has developed through working in a range of schools in very contrasting situations. From city schools in Sheffield to Suffolk villages and, most recently, a community school on the island of Providenciales in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Each situation has taught me about the importance of a good Primary School in the development of young children, their families and the surrounding communities.

In taking this position my wife and I returned to Suffolk, after four years of working overseas, with our 2 year-old son. We have a special connection to Boxford, as this was my wife's childhood home. We are delighted to bring our son home to be closer to his grandparents and to experience a close community such as ours.

Future

What of the future here at Boxford School? Well, I look forward to overseeing the ongoing development and natural evolution of our provision as we prepare our students for their future academic and personal challenges.

One thing is for sure, though...
...we're starting from a great place!

Mr Toby

Snakes and Ladders from the Ltl Waldingfield Flower Festival



Photo David Lamming

FEEDBACK FROM JAMES FINCH Your Suffolk County Councillor for the Stour Valley

• Key Stage 2 results show significant improvements for Suffolk Schools. The percentage of pupils achieving the expected levels in reading, writing and maths in primary schools in Suffolk is continuing to rise.

Data released by the Department for Education this last month show that 77% of 11-year-olds achieved level 4 or higher in their SAT tests in the three subjects in 2015 – up from 73% in 2014. The Suffolk figure of 77% closes the gap to the national average, which stands at 80%. These results mean that Suffolk has improved on its ranking against all authorities, moving up 22 places to 118th and is now 118 out of 150. This is an improvement of 22 places from last year. Another positive figure emerging for Suffolk is the progress in writing between Key Stages 1 and 2. The percentage of pupils making the expected progress went up from 89% in 2014 to 91% this year. The percentage of children making expected progress from key stage 1 to 2 in Reading and Maths also increased. Both areas seeing a one percentage point rise. (NB: All results at this stage are provisional. The validated figures will be published in October.)

Driving up educational attainment levels remains our top priority. These results are a real vindication of the work being put in by everyone involved. In the past few weeks we have received very encouraging A-Level and GCSE results; the Key Stage 2 grades today continue that trend and show definitive progress is being made.

• Suffolk's broadband programme gets new cash injection as take up passes 20 per cent

Around £3.9 million is being made available to extend further the reach of high-speed fibre broadband across Suffolk as part of the Better Broadband for Suffolk Programme.

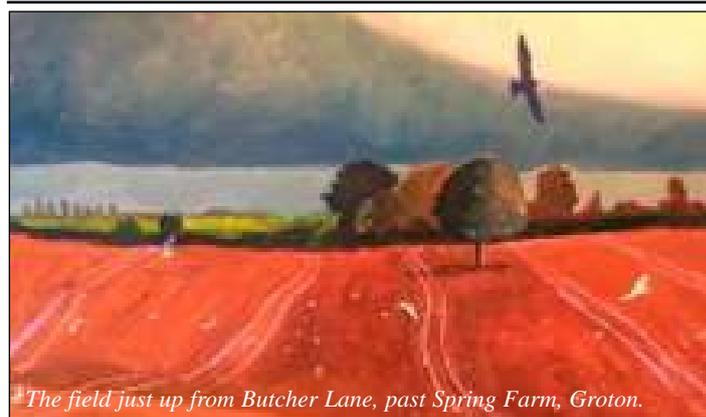
This additional amount is funding that BT is making available to extend Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) projects as a result of the success of the projects in achieving higher than expected take-up levels so far. The money is for SCC to re-invest in further superfast broadband coverage to more homes and businesses, earlier than originally planned. This cash injection into the roll-out programme is great news as we pass the 20% take-up rate. It will help us to maintain our current momentum in getting communities across Suffolk switched on. We are on course to hit our target of reaching 100,000 properties by the end of this year and entering our second agreed contract with BT to deliver even more coverage in 2016 and beyond. We are committed to reaching 100% of all properties by 2020. It is important for all residents and businesses to understand that where high speed broadband service is available, they must contact their service provider to make the switch. It is not an automatic process."

The roll-out of broadband across Suffolk is one of the most profound infrastructure projects we have seen for decades. We are committed to supporting this project through to completion: generating economic growth and jobs, but also having a major positive impact on the quality of life for people across the county.

My priorities for Suffolk

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth
Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength - all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax

James Finch 12th September 2015
County Councillor Stour Valley Division



The field just up from Butcher Lane, past Spring Farm, Groton.

'Mostly Coasterly' Solo Show of oil paintings by Suffolk artist Elizabeth Martland DeAlwis at The Edmund Gallery, Bury St Edmunds. Private View Friday October 23rd 5pm - 8.30pm. Exhibition until 29th October. See Facebook page Elizabeth DeAlwis to contact the artist or visit www.elizabethmartland.co.uk to see more work. Here is one of my recent paintings.

NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

PERCY FLETCHER RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS



After 25 years distributing the Boxford Newsletter and the Box River News, Percy Fletcher, our D Day Hero has decided it is time to retire. Percy delivers door to door in his part of Edwardstone. Our thanks go to Percy for such devoted service and grateful thanks to Bill Horne who has heroically volunteered to step into the breach.

BOXFORD CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS



This years charity Christmas Card is by a new artist Charles Evans who has a long connection with Lavenham and the Lavenham Society Art Group. Profit from this card will be donated to the Boxford Playing Field. They will be on sale in the Post Office from the 21st September.

GROTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Trustees will meet at 4.30pm on Thursday 3rd September, 2015 at Mary's House, Swan Street, Boxford to consider applications for grant aid from residents living in Groton and parts of Boxford which are included in the "area of benefit" as laid down by the Charity Commissioners - namely, Homefield, the east side of Swan Street and pockets of land in Stone Street south of Boxford Church, i.e. those parts which were included in the Tithe Map of Groton in 1881!

Details and application forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Scriven, Malting Lodge, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5ER Tel:- 01787 210263

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

WI September report

Our Speakers this month were Mary and Maureen from the Samaritans an organisation that was set up in the 1950's. The Samaritans offer a completely confidential service to anyone in emotional distress. They offer an active listening service and are never judgemental. Their role is not to give advice but to talk around the problem with the caller and help them to come to their own conclusion. Many callers will talk about their situation but not always express their feelings about it. The Samaritans do not offer opinions and respect the decisions of their callers who can be anybody and everybody. The reasons for calling the Samaritans are many and varied including depression, loneliness, mental health problems, alcoholism and suicidal thoughts. Nowadays the Samaritans also receive texts and emails especially from younger people as well as calls from Prisoners as most Prisons now have a direct line to the Samaritans. Last Year the Colchester branch took 17,330 calls. All the listening Samaritans are volunteers who go through a lengthy training process. There are many other areas where people volunteer including administration and fund raising for which the Samaritans are extremely grateful. We all agreed that Mary and Maureen gave us an insight into the wonderful work that they and their colleagues do.

Syrian Refugees

Why not set aside one of the new houses to be built on the Sand Hill estate for use by a Syrian Refugee family?

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust:

Helpers needed for a work party on the Millennium Green, Saturday, 10th October, at 9am onwards. Tools are provided. The work will include general tidying and maintenance of the Green. Please come along and help support the work of the Trust - the more, the merrier!

BOX RIVER CALENDAR 2016

Following the notice in the Box River News, photographs are coming in for, what we hope, will be a Box River Calendar 2016, featuring scenes from each of the five villages of the Box River Benefice.

Please send your pictures by e-mail by 30th September (though the earlier the better) to David Lamming (djlamming@hotmail.com)



Suffolk Cruise Retirement Care

We are a charity set up to help retired people to understand their pension and other benefits. We provide information, advice and support and offer advice, education and training courses. We also have a specialist Centre for Young People/Trainees.

For more information or to request a meeting, please contact us at: 01473 200652

For help or information please visit www.suffolkretirementcare.org.uk

South Suffolk & Great Framlingham 01473 200652

West Suffolk 01284 751324

Further information can be found at www.suffolkretirementcare.org.uk or email k.uttley@srcc.org.uk

Suffolk Retirement Care is a registered charity. All our services are provided free of charge.

Remember

The Box River News can be seen in full colour by downloading from the internet. Go to boxfordvillagehall.co.uk and click on the BRN icon. The Newsletter is usually available about two days after the published press date.



TRINITY SINGERS

Saturday 10th October 2015
7.30pm

St. Mary's Church, Glemsford.

AN EVENING WITH RICHARD RODGERS

Including selections from
The Sound of Music
South Pacific

WINE & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM
CAROL BUYER 01787 85788 & RIVINGTON HILL 01787
288208
MAYNTE HILL STORES AND ON THE DOOR



The Bell Inn

The Sreet, Kersey, Suffolk, IP7 6DY

Tel: 01473 823229

CHRISTMAS MENU OUT NOW.

We are now taking bookings for our Christmas menu. Please call or view our website for details. We are also offering very competitive prices for shoot parties and can offer private function rooms for special occasions.

Next quiz night Sunday October 4th. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

We have a certificate of excellence for our ales from cask marquee

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www.edwardthomaspubhouse.co.uk
www.oxfordford.com

Join our mailing list:
thesocialguyguy.com

Fleece Folk

O'Hoolley & Trow - Live
On Sunday 11th Sept @ The Edwardian White Horse, 100 St Mary's Church, Glemsford. Tickets available from 10.00. For more info & to purchase tickets, call 01787 85788 or 01787 288208. Tickets available from 10.00.

The Churchfilters - Live
Sunday 13th December 7pm @ The Bayford Fleace. Tickets available online now!

Edwards & Thomas Pub House
100 St Mary's Church, Glemsford. Tel: 01787 85788

Bayford Fleace
Tel: 01787 288208

John & Judith welcome you to

The Fleece
Serving Great Beer & Fantastic Food

Fantastic Fleece Food!

Thank you for your support. Tuesday - Friday, Main Course £8.99, 2 courses £12.99. Dinner Menu £12.99. Telephone orders in & out of hours. We will deliver to your home.

Normal Food Service by: We have fantastic special food nights, including curry night Fridays. See our website for full details or call us now on 01787 311181 to book.

Jazz at the Fleece!
We are proud of our jazz and blues nights, just at the Fleece & time to jazz again! Jazz (Great music in the pub for the next 40 years, usually the second Saturday of every month). From 8.00pm to 11.00pm. Tel: 01787 311181.

Christmas Party Menu
Offered from end of Nov to 31st Dec. This offer goes on your website! Book now for your work/friends/family Christmas get-together!

Karaoke Night
Times: 7th Friday 8th Sept. We have a regular evening in partnership with UK's Call. It is a fantastic night for a brilliant time in some style and in spirit of it!

Live Music - A Stone Above!
New band, Killing Time, playing on Friday 8th Sept.

Changing Menu
A menu of delicious meals for every day!

Tobacco Menu
Get your fix with the menu at the comfort of your own home. Tel: 01787 311181 or visit our website.

Down Mix night - Every 4th Wednesday
Everyone welcome to play at just 10pm.

Weekly Pub Quiz - Every Sunday 8:30pm
Win a prize weekly quiz nights. Test your knowledge against the best of local talent. Tel: 01787 311181

Rugby World Cup 2015

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Wot's On

Lantern Parade Workshops



Boxford Fireworks – Lantern Parade Workshops

Following last year's great success, Boxford Community Council will be running a fireworks display and lantern parade on Sat 31st October.

The lanterns were very popular last year and we have received a number of requests to hold workshops for people to make a lantern to carry on the parade.

Workshops will be organised at The Spinney Scout and Guide HQ as follows:

Sat 24th – Mon 26th Oct - Group Workshops (8 spaces available each day)

Tue 27th - Thu 29th Oct – Individual Workshops

Group workshops are for organised groups (Scouts, Guides, Cycle club...) who would like to make a large lantern to represent their group. Ideally 4-6 persons should help make the lantern. You may need additional time later in the week for finishing off.

Individual workshops are for family groups and individuals who would like to make a small lantern to carry on the parade. We will try and fit as many of these in as possible on Tue, Wed and Thu.

Before attending the workshop it would be helpful if you have some idea of the lantern you wish to make. You can make a lantern that represents your group or as it is Halloween you may choose to make something with a Halloween theme.

To book a workshop please ring Mark Miller on 01787 211596 and leave a message with your contact number, name and the details of your group. Mark will call you back with details of your allocated workshop.



THE MILDEN SINGERS CLASSICAL MIX

Enjoy a classical theme with a mix of music from classic pop songs, Opera and West Side Story

Friday 20th Nov Doors open 7.00pm
Show time at 7.30pm

Saturday 21st Nov Doors open
8.30pm Show time at 9pm

Friday night includes buffet & Saturday includes afternoon tea with performance with licensed bar.
Tickets £6 available from Press 01449 741876 at and in aid of Willets Pavilion



Wot's On

Newton Fireworks

The Newton Fireworks are being held again this year in the playing field on Saturday 7th November.

Tickets for the event will be available in September so watch out for more information on the notice boards and on the website.

Residents with firewood for the bonfire should contact Lee Parker in the first instance regarding collection.

Autumn Clean 24th October 2015

NPC will again be holding an Autumn Clean around the village on Saturday 24th October between 8.30am and 10am. If you can spare an hour or so please come down to the Village Hall where the litter picking equipment and hi-vis jackets will be provided but please bring your gloves.

Bacon rolls will be served to those taking part

Sounds of the Past OPEN DAYS

The new museum of sound and broadcasting with live performances.

Something for all the family, 1st Sunday Every Month all year. 10.30am to 4.00pm at The Old Chapel, Monks Leigh, Refreshments available.

Donations to Prostate Action and MacMillan Nurses

For more info telephone Paul Goodchild 01787 372478

BOAT TRIPS

organised by the River Stour Trust, Easter to end of October. Travel from Sudbury to Great Henny via Gt Cornard lock. Saturdays, Sundays and Bank holiday Mondays, plus mid week charters by arrangement. Have a great day out, or just a short trip, on the beautiful River Stour.

telephone for further details or to book 01787 313199

web address www.riverstourtrust.org

Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person

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

Arrive 7.00pm starts 7.30pm

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www.soundsandmovements.org.uk
www.leavenheathvillagehall.org.uk

SPECIALIST VALUATION DAYS

FREE EXPERT VALUATIONS

Tuesday 10th November, 1pm-5pm
 Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham, Suffolk, CO10 9QT (free parking subject to availability)

Wednesday 11th November, 10am-12pm The John Peel Centre,
 Church Walk, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1ET

Thursday 12th November, 10am-12pm Hadleigh Town Hall,
 Market Place, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP1 5DN

WE URGENTLY WISH TO BUY, IF YOU WISH TO SELL :

Coins (GB & World), Sovereigns, Kruggerands, Royal Mint, Proof Sets) Stamps, English & Foreign Banknotes, Antiques, Watches, Gold, Silver, Firearms, Cigarette-Cards, Models & Miniature, Scientific Instruments, Clocks, Jewellery, Swords, Bayonets, De-Activated Weapons, Pre-1900 Documents / Books & Maps, and Pre-1900 Sporting Programmes and Tickets

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Wot's On

Newton Village Hall Events REGULAR EVENTS: OCTOBER 2015

Tuesday 13th	12.30 for 1.00pm	Fireside Club – Alan's cottage pie
Wednesday 21st	7.00 pm	Youth Council
Saturday 24th	8.00 am	Autumn Clean up
Saturday 24th	10.00 am	Village Hall coffee morning and Gift Day
Tuesday 27th	2.00 pm	Fireside Club – feely bags!
Friday 30th	12.00 noon	Fireside Club – lunch out

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday mornings (term time only): Yoga class (phone Sophia on 313662 for details)

Monday evenings: (6.00 pm) Trayfit high intensity exercise class (call Tracy 07772 575325)

Monday and Thursday evenings: Western Partner Dance Club (call Chris 371006)

Tuesday evenings: JT Steppers Line Dance Club (call Jean on 377434)

Friday afternoons: Art and Craft club (call Anne on 312346)

Friday evenings: Sudbury and District Wargames Club (call Brian on 312160)

Boxford Fireworks

Sat 31st Oct. 2015

It's back! Boxford Fireworks returns on Sat 31st October. After last year's success, the traditional Fireworks evening will start with a Halloween Lantern Parade, led by the Bury Boys' Brigade Marching Band once again, at 6.30 from the centre of the village. Once on the Playing Field, there will be a Beer Tent, BBQ, Teas, Coffees, Cakes, Candy Floss and Pop Corn. The Boys' Brigade will entertain us before the Fireworks begin and there will be children's amusements and rides. The Fireworks begin at 7.45. Tickets are £5 for Adults and £3 for Children in advance, and £6 and £4 on the Gate. They will be on sale in the village shops

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

October 3rd at 7.30 at Groton Village Hall

How fast the seasons roll around, and here we are with our traditional Harvest Supper again; there will be a very good 2-course meal, Bar, Raffle, entertainment etc all for £10 each, and the tickets will soon be available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC; we look forward to seeing you there! All

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2015

Please come along to Mary's house on Tuesday 6th October at 2.00pm when we will be wrapping the boxes and on Tuesday 20th October at 2.00pm when we will be filling them with the toys.

Any donations of toys, games, pens and pencils, cuddly toys and toiletries will be most welcome to fit into a medium size box. They can be left at Mary's house on the day or beforehand.

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

If you would like us to wrap your boxes bring them along on 6th October and we will do them for you.

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

We would welcome anyone who would like to help us this year. It is great fun to be part of the team and you only need to do as much or as little as you wish.

If you are interested or want to know any more about us please phone: Ann Porter on 210581 Shirley Watling on 210024 Jennie Lindsley on 210520

Milden Singers Classical Mix

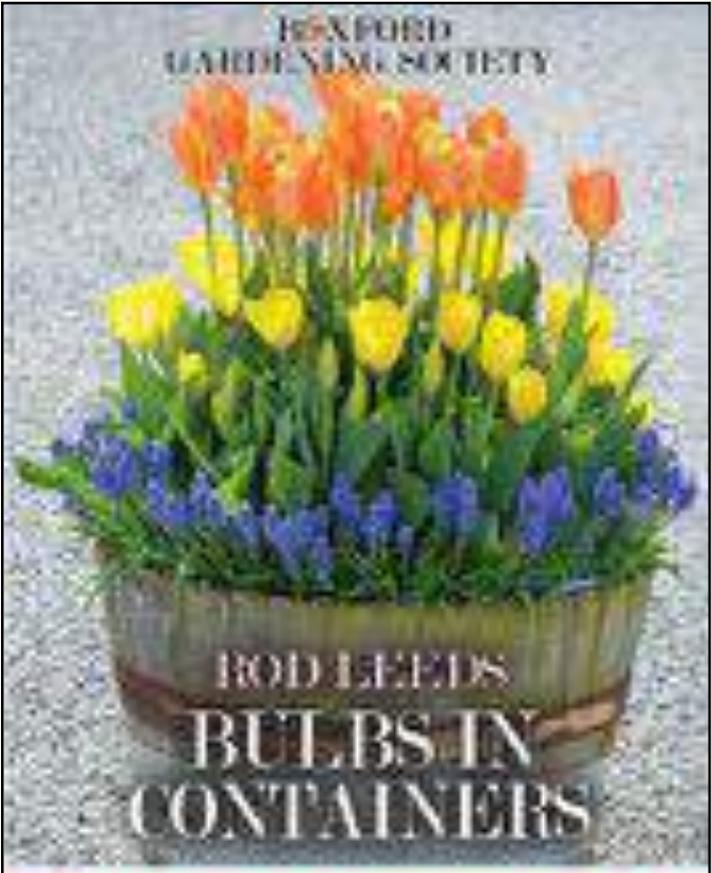
Enjoy a classical theme with a mix of music from classic pop songs Opera of Gilbert & Sullivan, Ivor Novello and songs from West Side Story

Friday 20th Nov doors open 7.00pm show time at 7.30pm

Saturday 21st Nov doors open 1.30pm show time at 2pm Friday night includes buffet & Saturday includes afternoon tea both performances with licensed bar. Tickets £6 available from Pearl 01449 741876 at and in aid of Milden Pavilion

BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Boxford Village Hall and guests (£5 each) are very welcome. See this months ad. Just turn up. .



ROD LEEDS
BULBS IN
CONTAINERS

Tuesday 6th October
at 7.30pm



BOXFORD FIREWORKS
Sat. 31ST
Oct

Halloween
Lantern Parade
6.30 from the village

Fireworks 7.45 on
The Playing Field

Tickets:
Adults £5
Children £3
in advance
from Boxford Shops

Adults £6
Children £4
on the gate
from 7.30pm

Wot's On

Milden Singers

Their next concert is on 20th and 21st November and will have a Classical Theme. An eclectic mix of music some classic pop songs along with Gilbert & Sullivan, Ivor Novello, Opera and a selection from West Side Story. We are now an all Girl Choir and would love to hear from any one who would like to join, the ability to read music is not essential just a love of singing and having fun! We start rehearsals at Milden Pavilion on Monday 7th September at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Pearl 01449 741876

Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029
Arrive at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. Friday

For October we have "Battle of Britain" on October 16th at 7-30 pm and "Tales of Beatrix Potter" on October 17th at 4-00 pm.

These films are Polstead's part of a "Villages Film Festival" with Dedham, Langham, Wivenhoe and East Bergholt. Ticketing and advertising for the films is the same as usual, but linked to the Festival which has a website: www.villagefilmfestival.co.uk

Yoga classes

Running Thursday mornings 9.00-10.00am and evenings from 5.45-6.45pm at Boxford Village Hall.

Come and enjoy an hour of stretching and relaxation. All levels welcome. To book a place call Marianne Marshall (trained Alexander Technique teacher and British Wheel of Yoga) 01787 210323 or email marianmarshall@fastmail.fm.

Boxford Society

Illustrated Talk by Dr. Frank Woodman, Friday 23rd October 2015 at 7.30 pm Boxford School Hall.

We had hoped for a long time to secure Frank for a talk as he is an expert on the European medieval period and a very entertaining speaker. Having been on two of his 6 week courses and single lectures, I strongly recommend you not to miss this opportunity to hear him. Frank Woodman has taught at a range of universities and now works at the University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education. The talk is entitled 'Medieval Pilgrim Inns of Canterbury'. We have references in the Boxford archive of village people who went on pilgrimage to Bury St Edmunds and as far away as the Holy Land, so no doubt to Canterbury as well. It will give us some insight into their experiences. Medieval pilgrims were representative of all social groups and classes, but came mainly from the middle class, like Chaucer's Canterbury pilgrims who rode on horseback. Poor pilgrims went on foot and all needed inns to rest up.

Frank will make this little known period of our history come to life in the most entertaining way. Do put the date in your diary now so that you do not miss this one chance to hear him and bring your friends. Admission for non-members £2. Boxford Society Members free.

Monks Eleigh Whist Drives 2015-16

Come and join a group who play whist every third Monday of the month (apart from December when it's the second!) in Monks Eleigh Village Hall. We play 12 hands, homemade refreshments are provided and we have a raffle.

We aim to have a social game of cards and a fun evening so beginners to experienced players are welcome.

7.30pm on Monday October 19th, £2.00 entrance Dates:

- Monday October 19th • Monday November 16th
- Monday December 14th • Monday January 18th
- Monday February 15th • Monday March 21st

Contact Angela Forrest on 01449 740414 for further details.

Gardeners' Delight Tuesday 20th October

Michael Warren will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Gardeners' Delight: vegetable gardens, mine and others'. Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4HY. 7.40 for 8pm

More info: 01206 262807 or www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks Wednesday 5th November

Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4JH. Hot Dogs, Sparklers, Luminous Necklaces, Soft Drinks & Adult Drinks available from 6.30, display at 7pm. Adults £4, Children £1. More info: 01206 262807 or www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING PLEASE COME!

FRIDAY 25TH SEPT, IN MARY'S HOUSE

9.30 - 12.00PM

Help us add to the national largest coffee morning ever for this worthwhile cause!

See you there!

NOTICE
GROTON WINTHROP MULBERRY SOCIETY
PUBLIC MEETING
with Trained Learning of the
Winthrop Mulberry Society to hold on
**Wednesday 18th November
2015**
at
**Groton Village Hall
7pm**
This is an open meeting where village residents
have an opportunity to air their views and
suggestions regarding the
**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT & VALUE
YOUR INPUT, SO PLEASE COME ALONG**

Girlguiding
Let's Achieve Greater
"Welcome to Bedfordshire Girlguiding in Bunting!"
This year, we celebrate 10 years of Bedfordshire Girlguiding and
are really, really, really proud to see our volunteers.
DATE: MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2015
TIME: 10.00 - 10.30 (doors open at 9.30am)
PLACE: THE STABLES HALL, 17th STREET, SOLETON, CO5 0SE
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
We intend to have a free raffle to be carried again in 2016 - please bring any Bedford
Guiding memorabilia you have!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
COME ALONG AND HELP SUPPORT OUR CLUB!
Please e-mail or call on 19th September to confirm numbers to Club Secretary, Unit Leader
"28 Laywell Court, Great Cornard, CO2 2Y" email: 28@pccnet.com " 01793 826296 "

Wot's On

Aladdin in Boxford

This years pantomime is Aladdin by Joe Barrett! With all the usual suspects from Widow Twankey, Wishy Washy and the Genie, to a pet Dragon.

Performances are on Wednesday 2nd December - Family Night - £8 adults and £4 children starting at 7.00pm (No supper)

Then Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th - With a 2 course supper served during the interval - Tickets £15 starting at 7.30pm. Licensed bar and raffle all evenings.

TICKETS ON SALE IN BOXFORD VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER FROM 9am to 10am.

Then any unsold tickets from Boxford Post Office.

There is 'Children at Play'. We will be serving our usual delicious refreshments in the Church, and lunches in the Parish Room. There will also be stalls, tombola and a raffle, so something for everyone! We look forward to welcoming you.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH ROOM QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2015

STARTING AT 7.P.M.

TABLES OF FOUR

£8.50 pp

TO INCLUDE A TWO COURSE SUPPER

LICENCED BAR ***** RAFFLE

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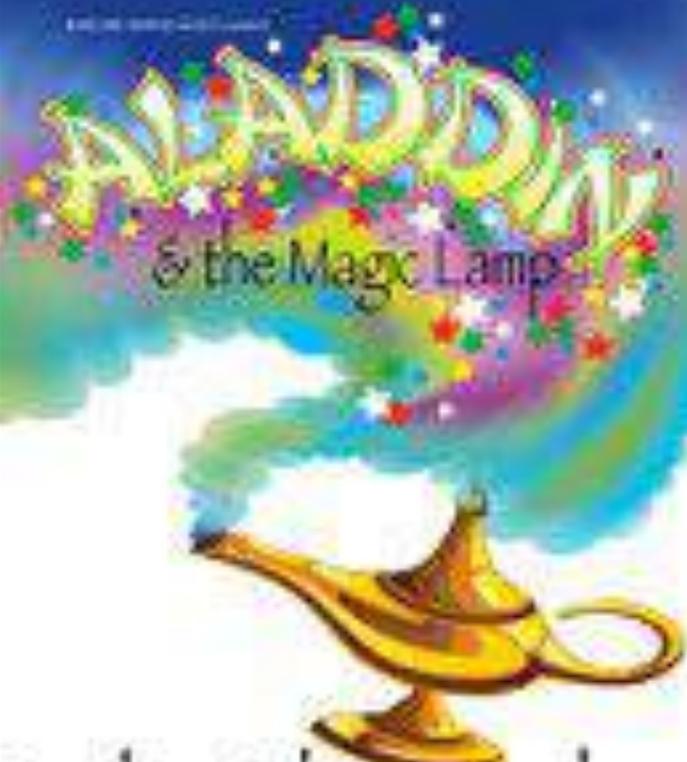
Polstead October 17th at 4.00pm



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SHOW
OF ORIGINAL ARTWORK FROM LOCAL ARTISTS
KATE ELLIS BELINDA NOTT
JUDY HARRIS ELIZABETH GARDINER



SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER AND
SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2015
10AM - 4PM
IVY COTTAGE, GROTON STREET,
GROTON, SUDBURY, CO10 3EE
For more information telephone: 01787 210060
Fees for the night of sales will be donated to Groton for the Grotonians and St Helena Hospice.
Please make payment by cash at the time only.
PLEASE TELL FRIENDS TOO!



2nd to 5th December
Tickets on sale Sat Oct 31st Boxford Village Hall from 9.00am
Then in Boxford Post Office
See the New Year News 'What's On' for full details

Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2015

All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp.

Please book & pay in advance to guarantee your place, as seats are limited.

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage

Phone: 01787 248298

Tickets, Members £2.00 Non Members £4.00

21st October, George Hodgkinson

Suffolk Apples and Orchards.

George will discuss climate & soil; give a brief history of commercial & traditional orchards, Suffolk Cyder, the greengage & give some words looking to the future.

18th November, Robert Halliday

Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings.

Robert has a long-standing interest in ghost stories, folklore & the paranormal and will share tales & anecdotes about the phantoms & paranormal seen across Suffolk.

16th December, Dave Steward

Hampton Court Palace and Gardens.

The finest Tudor building was 500 years old in 2014 - walk round the palace & gardens with Dave to see what Cardinal Wolsey started and Henry VIII cont'd.

13th January, Fiona Raymond

Member only event.

Fiona and her brother Guy will speak about their late painter father Clive Madgwick.

17th February, Robert Leader

In search of Secret Suffolk

Illustrated with over 100 images it covers the heritage and history of Suffolk. Focusing on abbeys, castles, guildhalls & stately homes, the talk follows the course of major rivers to build a comprehensive picture of Suffolk as a whole.

16th March, John Newman

Recent excavations at Sutton Hoo.

20th April, Pip Wright

Plague in the 17th century.

Plague was the most feared disease of the 17th century since its reappearance in western Europe in the 1340s - the Black Death. Come and hear Pip give an impression of the effects on the population of the time - grim but fascinating.

Nordic Walk in Polstead

Learn how to Nordic Walk in Polstead - New group starting in September
We are setting up a new Nordic Walking group in Polstead in September. There will be a free taster session on Wednesday 16th September at 10am, followed by an 8 week subsidised Nordic Walking course. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn something new and be active outside in your local area. There are many benefits of Nordic Walking. It tones the whole body and is great for neck, shoulder and back problems, while being easy on the knees and joints. Nordic walking burns 46% more calories than normal walking. Anyone can enjoy Nordic walking and you can take it at your own pace. Why not come and give it a go? The group is being set up by the Suffolk Sport "Fit Villages" project which aims to help rural communities set up sustainable physical activity sessions in their villages. We will provide the poles and the instructor, but there are limited spaces, so please contact us if you would like to book a place for the free taster session: Mary Baker (Nordic Walking UK Instructor): marybakernordic@hotmail.com 07730 421212

FROG RACE NIGHT.

The Shelley Centre Riding and Driving for the Disabled present an evening of fun and laughter at Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4JH on Saturday 17th October 2015. Tickets £12.50 to include fish and chip supper (vegetarian alternative available with advanced notice) and Raffle. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Place your bets, ride your frog and hopefully win!! For tickets send SAE and cheque payable to The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding to Diane Godfrey, Stable House, Tye Lane, Bramford Tye, Ipswich IP8 4JZ. All proceeds go to the Shelley Centre.

BOXFORD UNITED CHARITIES

Registered Charity Number: 207861

The Trustees of Boxford United Charities will meet on Monday 30th November 2015 and will consider applications for grant aid from residents living in the three parishes of Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone, for educational, medical and general charitable purposes. Applications from individuals or organisations (serving the above area) are invited and should be made in writing to Guy Godfray, Clerk to the Trustees, 17 Swan Street, Boxford, Sudbury CO10 5NZ.

The Boxford Study Centre presents

The Cold War

Five Autumn afternoons lectures by Dr John Greenacre

An intimate Village Hall on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm, starting 9th November - £15 for the series or £3 for each single lecture.

- 8 November: *States of Peace: The end of the Second World War, 1945 and 1946* - the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the Berlin Crisis 1948.
- 12 November: *Proxy Wars: Indochina, Cuba and the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the East-West divide, the Vietnam War, the Suez Crisis, Algeria, the Congo and Africa.*
- 19 November: *The Arms Race: The nuclear arms race, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the nuclear arms race, the Vietnam War, the Suez Crisis, Algeria, the Congo and Africa.*
- 26 November: *The Fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War.*
- 3 December: *The End of the Cold War: Russia and the West, the collapse of the Soviet Union, the end of the Cold War, the end of the Cold War.*

We welcome you to Dr John Greenacre for another fascinating series. Transport and lunch booking is advised. Tea and biscuits provided.

Boxford Study Centre Literature Group

An 8 week course on Monday afternoons 3.30 - 5.30pm

meeting in Green Village Hall, CO10 5DL.

Starting on Monday 12th October 2015

Tutor: Steven Trevitt

GODS THAT FAILED?

Certainty or Doubt.

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- The Middle of the Journey* : Lionel Trilling
- How Far Can You Go?* : David Lodge

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Further information from:

Mrs Euan Todd, 14th Farm Cottage, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PT.
Telephone: 01787 270744

Please contact Doreen when you possible if you are interested in attending.

Forthcoming Events Diary

October

3 Harvest Supper	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Shoebox Appeal	Wrapping Boxes	Mary's House	2pm
7 Savvy Shop	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
12 for 8 weeks Boxford Study Centre	Gods That Failed	Groton Village Hall	3.30pm
17 Boxford Guides 60th anniversary		The Spinney	2-6pm
21 Suffolk Apples and Orchards	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
23 Boxford Society	Illustrated Talk	Boxford School Hall	7.30pm
24 Newton Autumn Clean	NPC	Village	8.30-10am
24-26 Lantern Workshops	BCC Group Workshop	The Spinney Scout and Guide HQ	
26-29 Half term Holiday Club	Sunflower Childcare	The Cabin, Stone Street	9am-4pm
27-29 Lantern Workshops	BCC Individual Workshop	The Spinney Scout and Guide HQ	
31 Boxford Fireworks	BCC	PlayingField	Procession 6.30pm
31 Big Poppy Sale		Mary's House	9.30am
31 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room	Parish Room	7.30pm

November

4 Games Afternoon	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
5 And Thursday Afternoons for 5 lectures	Boxford Study Centre, The Cold War	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
7 Newton Fireworks		The Playing Field	TBA
18 Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm
18 Public meeting	Withrop Mulberry Trust	Groton Village Hall	7pm
20/21 Milden Singers		Milden Pavilion	

December

2 Christmas Party	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2 pm
5 Cheese and Wine	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
10 Christmas Decorations	Boxford WI	Mary's House	2 pm
16 Hampton Court Palace	Little Waldingfield History Society	Parish Room	7.30pm

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

The Box River Benefice
**Five Villages
Service**



St Aidan

St Lawrence's Church
Little Waldingfield

20th August 2015 at 10.00 AM.



THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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

Saturday 10th October from 9.30am- A Cake & Produce Stall in Mary's House- Donations would be gratefully received to Ruth or PCC members – do come along!

Saturday 24th October. A concert "All for your delight" by **The Serendipidy Singers** at 6.30pm, followed by light refreshments. Tickets £10.00 from the Post Office & PCC members

Boxford Church Calendar 2016- This will be available in village shops soon -£7.00 per copy- proceeds to St.Mary's Church

Bible Study Group – Meets at 47 Swan Street Boxford on 2nd & 4th Monday each month at 7.30pm -all are welcome to this time of fellowship.

An easy way to help raise funds for St.Mary's Church: Many of us buy things "on-line" so go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk Register, then follow a link to your favourite on line store eg Amazon. The retailers give a donation to the church & it costs you nothing extra!

Boxford Church Teatowels make a good gift- these are available in church or the Post Office stores £5.00 each or 2 for £8.00



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2015 We are planning another Christmas Tree Festival at St.Mary's this year- **Friday 11th December to Sunday 13th December.** More news about this soon, but if you would like to decorate a tree, or help in any way at all please get in touch with Ruth (211236) or

Boxford Church Teatowels make a good gift- these are available in church or the Post Office stores £5.00 each or 2 for £8.00.

Boxford Harvest Festival – Family Worship at 11:00am on 27th September. Everyone most welcome.

Saturday 10th October from 9:30am – a Cake & Produce stall in Mary's House. Donations gratefully received to Ruth or PCC members – do come along!

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2015 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 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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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

Benefice Choir at Christmas – please see Benefice News

Rota:

18th October 9.30 Morning Worship

Sidesman/Coffee David & Sheila Saddleton

Cleaning Sally Hoskyns & Diana Hawke

Flowers Ineke Morris



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*
Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360
Sue Knight:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

FROM THE REGISTERS:

INTERMENT OF ASHES: On 30 May 2015 – Ruth Barbara Rendell (Baroness Rendell of Babergh), aged 85 years.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL IN THE CHURCHYARD: On 19 August 2015 – Patricia Mary Bowdidge, aged 86 years.

GROTON'S HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday, October 3rd at 7.30 at Groton Village Hall

How fast the seasons roll around, and here we are with our traditional Harvest Supper again; there will be a very good 2-course meal, Bar, Raffle, entertainment etc all for £10 each, and the tickets will soon be available from Pat Kennedy Scott [210319] Jayne Foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC; we look forward to seeing you there! All proceeds to the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew.

Benefice Choir at Christmas – please see Benefice News

Rota:

Sidesman: Mrs Kennedy Scott

Flowers: Mrs Scriven

Cleaning: Mrs Scriven



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

30 August Our benefice service was very well attended. Instead of a sermon, Revd. Judith and the lay team gave readings from the life of St. Aidan and his work on the island of Lindisfarne. The congregation seemed to enjoy our informality, and stayed to chat over coffee afterwards.

5 and 6 September Our Flower Festival was a huge success. We were lucky to be sponsored by Holmes & Hills Solicitors, but the real support came from the village who turned out in force to help and to most generously donate items for the tombola, raffles and bric-a-brac. They baked cakes for the stall and the tea and coffee stall in the church. This did so well that more had to be made for Sunday. The lunches in the Parish Room were much appreciated and as good as ever.

The flower arranging team excelled themselves, depicting the theme of Children at Play. Our new Creativity Area behind the font was launched by Revd Judith, and we hope it will prove an attraction not only to children but adults too. The furniture and craft materials were all donated, and so we have not had to use any money from the Restoration Fund.

Our closing Songs of Praise with readings were much enjoyed, and at the end a cheque for £1,500 was presented by the History Society, £800 of this being proceeds from a concert given in May and the rest from further sales of our village history book.

Our closing Songs of Praise with readings were much enjoyed and at the end, Little Waldingfield History Society presented a cheque for £1,572.13, representing further sales of their recently updated history of the village and the profits from the recent Musical Soiree.

Rota

Oct 4

Oct 11

Oct 18

Oct 25

Benefice Choir at Christmas – please see Benefice News

Sidesman

Mrs Nicholls & Mr Duffy

Visiting

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Flowers

Mrs Eddington

Mrs Gregor-Smith

Mrs Roser

Mrs Duffy



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Christine Cornell,

“Opus”, Sudbury Road, Newton, Tel; 370331

23 August: Our Service of Morning Worship was taken by Revd Judith and the theme was of comparison of God's full armour and that of a soldier's armour to protect and that we can stand up, be strong and go forwards. The hymns chosen reflected this also. Thank you to our helpers for the refreshments when there is the opportunity to meet informally and talk about things.

30th August: St Lawrence Little Waldingfield was the venue for the Benefice Family Service and friends from the five parishes were warmly welcomed there. Revd Judith celebrated the life and work of St Aidan with two members of the congregation reading about St. Aidan. On a table there was a small woven stag and a glass with stags etched on it to represent St Aidan's emblem. A lit candle for each parish and a white one for Christ completed the visual display. Patrick Friend played the organ. Refreshments afterwards encouraged much chatting.

Benefice News

Benefice Choir - Christmas Carol Services. As Christmas appears over the horizon (only 3 months to go) the Benefice Choir is looking for anyone who would like to sing with us in the carol services at Edwardstone, Groton and Little Waldingfield. We have a small group at present, but would welcome any new singers who would like to join us for a few rehearsals and the services. Enthusiasm is the key ingredient, and no auditions are required. If you can read music then you are already ahead of many, and if you can't then you are more than welcome to follow along with the rest of us and enjoy the mulled wine with which we lubricate the vocal chords to warm up! We will sing all the carols in four parts and learn a choir solo during three or four rehearsals in the two months running up to Christmas, so there is no great time commitment. If you would be interested in joining us then please contact Jim Henderson on 01787 211417 or at jhenderson@russiaenergy.co.uk

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2015

Ballot papers went out on 18th September to the 592 lay members of the 18 deanery synods across the diocese who constitute the electorate for the election of members to the House of Laity of the General Synod - the Church of England's Parliament. There are 10 candidates for the three places allocated to our diocese. We also have three seats in the House of Clergy, and the 201 diocesan clergy who constitute the electorate for the election to that House have eight candidates to choose from. The names of all the candidates can be seen on the diocesan website, where election addresses of the candidates will also be posted: www.cofesuffolk.org. Please pray for those seeking election and for discernment for those who will be voting. The poll closes on 9th October, with the count in Ipswich on 14th October.

Refugee Crisis

Members of South West Ipswich Team Ministry (SWITM) are planning a trip to Calais at the beginning of October with winter supplies (clothes, toiletries, food etc.) for the residents of the “jungle” refugee camp. If you are able to support, either by the donation of supplies (for all ages) or financial donations to cover the cost of the trip, please get in touch. Financial donations can be made payable to SWITM PCC (Please clearly mark the envelope “Calais”) and sent to the SWITM Parish Office, 192 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ. E-mail the Revd Ali Chesworth, alichsworth@sky.com, or call 01473 688339, for more information.

The following items are urgently required and can be delivered to the above address or dropped off to the Diocesan Office, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ or via St Edmundsbury Cathedral: Mens' shoes / trainers (euro sizes 41-46/uk 7-10), jackets / jumpers (medium or small sizes), tracksuit bottoms / jeans, (waist 28-32), toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps), travel bags, tents / tarpaulins, sleeping bags, candles / torches.

Churches Together AGM and Open Forum

Wednesday 30 September, 7.30 pm at St John's Methodist Church Hall,

York Road, Sudbury, with refreshments from 7 pm. The AGM will receive the annual report, reflecting the many activities and associated groups. The agenda will also include elections, the latest news, and an

opportunity for questions and suggestions. Tim Harcourt Powell will talk about his time in Jerusalem among young Palestinians.

Box River Benefice The Church At Worship October 2015

Village Daily Prayers: informal, friendly service, lasting about 40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, for concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or about any situations for prayer: Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed to: rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com. The rota from **October to March** is normally: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, Wednesday 9.00 Groton; *16.00* Little Waldingfield, Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford but:

** Please note that there will be no Village Prayers between 12th and 23rd October **

**** Café Church – Boxford – 4th October – 11am ****
**** Harvest Festival – Little Waldingfield – 4th October – 3pm ****

Thursday 1st
 Lt. Waldingfield 19.00 Holy Communion at Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament) Lay Team

Saturday 3rd
 Edwardstone 13.00 Wedding of Joe Swain and Lucy Morgan Revd Judith
 Groton 15.30 Wedding of Rodney Skeet and Rowena Gallafant Revd Judith

Sunday 4th	Trinity 18		(G)
Boxford 8.00	Holy Communion		Revd Judith
Boxford 11.00	Café Church		Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield 15.00	Harvest Festival, followed by refreshments in church		Revd Judith

*** Please note - no service of Evensong at Boxford due to Suffolk Villages Concert ***

Wednesday 7th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 11th	Trinity 19		(G)
Newton 9.30	Holy Communion		Revd Gerald Drew
Boxford 11.00	Holy Communion		Revd Gerald Drew

Wednesday 14th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 15th
 Lt Waldingfield 19.00 Compline Lay Team

Sunday 18th	Trinity 20	St Luke The Evangelist	(R)
Edwardstone 9.30	Morning Worship		Revd Canon Philip Banks
Boxford 11.00	Holy Communion		Revd Canon Philip Banks

Wednesday 21st
*** Please note - no service of Holy Communion at Mary's House ***

Saturday 24th
 Edwardstone 12.30 pm Wedding of Aaron Chinnery and Stephanie Powling Revd Chris Ramsey

Sunday 25th	Last after Trinity		(G)
Groton 09.30	Holy Communion		Revd Gerald Drew
Newton 11.00	Morning Worship		Penny Thewlis
Boxford 11.00	Matins		Christopher Kingsbury

Wednesday 28th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith



Soap Box

My wife and I received remarkably similar letters recently on much the same topic from different, but comparable, financial institutions. The trigger appears to have been that we were both approaching important landmark birthdays (in my case, the landmark will already have been reached by the time our benefice magazine goes to print). In both cases, despite being several years apart in age, we were being invited to activate our occupational pensions.

Coincidentally, having decided that pensions were an appropriate topic for Soap Box, I heard a piece on the Moneybox programme on Radio 4 on the way in which several hundreds of thousands of female pensioners had been disadvantaged by changes to the State Retirement Benefit. As my wife had already remarked on the inequity of learning that, instead of receiving her State Pension at 60, she would have to wait until 66, the die seem cast for a pensions rant.

Or not, depending on your point of view. Personally, I consider the recent dramatic changes in the pensions system in this country to be a combination of the inevitable, the necessary and good sense. Having already shared my views (generally positive) on George Osborne's shake up of the personal pensions industry with you through the medium of this column, perhaps it is more appropriate on this occasion to concentrate on what is happening to State Pensions.

This is where the inevitability bit comes in. The State Retirement Benefit was introduced as part of the Welfare State reforms introduced in 1947 by the post-war Atlee government. The origins of the Welfare State itself can be found in the Beveridge Report, published in 1942, which also led to the establishment of the National Health Service, along with a system of benefits and a universal state pensions provision, thus transforming our social structures.

Back nearly 70 years ago, the age at which a State Pension could be claimed by a man was set at 65 and for a woman, 60. These criteria have applied until very recently and it was the Blair/Brown Labour government which first set out to delay the age at which these pensions could be drawn. However, the coalition government accelerated the harmonization of male and female retirement ages, leaving an estimated 500,000 women arguably out of pocket – one of which is my wife and leading to the coverage on BBC Radio 4.

I have a lot of time for Paul Lewis, the presenter of Moneybox – and not just because he has invited me onto his programme on more than one occasion. He is a true consumer champion, but was remarkably even handed in his handling of this particular conundrum. What cannot be argued against is bringing the age at which women become entitled to the State Pension into line with that of the men. More contentious is the speed with which this change took place, allowing those affected little time to make alternative provisions.

But look at it from the government's point of view – and I mean any government of whatever political persuasion – and you can start to realize why action was necessary. When the State Pension was introduced, the life expectancy for men in this country was just shy of 66. In other words, by setting the retirement age at 65, the government did not expect to be paying out for very long. True, this was an average figure, but it meant that many males would not even live to draw their State Retirement Benefit.

Today the picture is vastly different and the government can expect to be paying pensions for an increasing number of people living well into their 80s and beyond. Despite the introduction of so-called National Insurance as part of the Welfare State package, the reality has always been that State Pensions were unfunded, with the burden being borne by younger generations of taxpayers. Reversing this strategy has been a problem too far for successive governments, but the financial burden has now become so great that some action was inevitable.

Whether this action has been taken fairly or not is debatable, but the bottom line is that universal pensions and a health care service free at point of use to all have become financial nightmares for whichever government is in power. Withdrawing or restricting either would be a political hot potato, but that is just what happened in Greece. It seems likely to me that further tightening of the rules on State Pensions will eventually come. My generation may well be the last to benefit fully from the Welfare State.

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GARDENING IN OCTOBER HARRY BUCKLEDEE

October is the best month for planting most herbaceous perennial, the soil is still warm, not too wet, and plants make new roots to establish quickly before the cold weather sets in. The soil should be thoroughly broken up to a depth of twelve inches, incorporating any available manure or compost, and have two ounces per square yard of bone meal mixed into the top six inches.

When planting make sure the plant is upright and the soil is packed well between the roots. The plant when firmed in should be no more than an inch deeper than it was before it was dug up, the soil line of previous planting depth is indicated by a change of colour on the stem. Plants which have crowns like hostas should be no more than one inch deep. Too deep planting followed by a long spell of wet weather is often the cause of failure in new plantings, the plants rot instead of making root. Some kinds will not show growth until well into spring, those positions should be marked with a label attached to a cane. Should the soil be very dry as it sometimes can be in October, then the new plants should be watered in.

White fly can be a difficult pest to control in greenhouses, especially on tomatoes when the fruits get covered with a black sooty mould which is hard to wash off. About fifteen years ago I experimented by planting marigolds and mint amongst my tomatoes. After three years I left out the marigolds and during this last fifteen years I have seen no sign of white fly. Whether mint is a proven white fly control, it is hard to tell, as we all know mother nature has a habit of proving us wrong. Mint, itself, causes a problem by taking over the greenhouse, mine got so bad last autumn that some of it had to be treated with glyphosphate to get rid of it.

It is sometimes a problem what to do with fuchsias in pots during the winter if you are short of greenhouse space. They will come through most winters if the pots are sunk into the ground deep enough to cover the rim and covered with a double layer of fleece during severe weather.

Lift and store gladioli corms to protect them from frost. If left in the ground too long they may be damaged by slugs and other soil pests. Clean off excess soil and place the corms in a cool, airy place to dry, then dust with sulphur powder.

Cannas can be stored for the winter in much the same way as dahlias. Dry them off and store them in compost under the greenhouse staging, but never at any time allow the compost to become dust dry.

Dig over a small plot now that the soil is fairly dry to allow it time to settle ready for a sowing of broad beans at the end of November.

Evergreen shrubs and conifers should be planted early this month, while there is still some warmth in the soil. Root growth will begin almost immediately and they have a better chance of becoming established before the first severe frosts.

Although we may have had some warmer days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder. It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. Sometimes it may seem pointless raking, when the wind blows even more leaves onto the lawn, but just think of all the lovely leaf mould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Clear up fallen autumn leaves regularly
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns
- 4 Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into the greenhouse
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing roses
- 8 Order seeds for next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- 10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

Start your compost. If you haven't already done so, start your compost going by buying a bin or building a partially enclosed area for a heap. It is vital to replace the goodness in soil after a hefty growing season and autumn produces masses of garden waste that will put invaluable organic richness back into the ground for next spring. Add a variety of different materials; spent vegetable and bedding plants, herbaceous leftovers, thatch, moss and cuttings from the lawn, weeds (but not the roots unless they have been through a shredder), hedge clippings, kitchen peelings and tea bags are ideal.

Turn once a week or so if you can and NEVER add diseased or pest-ridden material (such as diseased rose petals - heinous culprits) to your compost - it is a warm and welcoming nirvana for unwelcome guests who will reappear with a vengeance next year! Onto the bonfire with them without a qualm...

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LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 4th August 2015

Little Waldingfield Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 19th May 2015 Series Page 13

Present: Councillors Andy Sheppard (Chairman), Stewart Braybrook, Barbara Campbell, Jeremy Coomber, Matt Foster and Tim Sheppard.

Attending: Margaret Mayberry and Frank Lawrenson (Babergh District Councillors), Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 9 members of public.

Apologies for Absence: Victoria Mound has today sent her notice of resignation to the Chairman. Colin Spence (Suffolk County Councillor) sent his apologies.

Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

15/054 Minutes of Meeting held on 30th June 2015

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

Public Forum: The reports are contained in Appendix A. Mrs Bye raised her concerns over the handling of the two planning applications for Spinney Cottage by BDC and stated that had she been shown LWPC's response to the first application, by BDC, she would not have submitted the second application without addressing the issues raised. Margaret Mayberry will discuss the handling of Mrs Bye's applications with BDC's Legal Department. Mrs Bye also questioned some of the wording used in LWPC's responses to the applications. Residents spoke on the reasons why they felt that the agricultural occupancy condition should not be lifted on Spinney Cottage.

Routine Correspondence (Appendix B): After the councillors reviewed the correspondence and the emails circulated by the Clerk it was agreed that no further action was required from the Clerk.

Clerk's Report (Appendix C): Following a review of the Clerk's report it was agreed that no further action was required from the Clerk.

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, the reconciliation of bank accounts against the bank statements, and the Statement of Accounts against the Budget.

b. The councillors resolved that the work to fix and reinstate the headstone in the churchyard should be awarded to Phil Scott at a cost of £70.

Planning:

a. The councillors noted the response sent by the Clerk to BDC on the 23rd July 2015, on behalf of the council, in relation to Planning Application B/15/00701/CEU Spinney Cottage, Humble Green - Application for Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use - Continued residential occupation of Spinney Cottage as a single dwelling house, in non-compliance with condition 2 of planning permission no. S/72/1394/M (agricultural occupancy condition).

b. The councillors reviewed Planning Application B/15/00705/FHA 2 The Street - Construction of vehicular access and resolved to support the application.

c. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

Highways and Footpaths: The councillors reviewed photographs of the overgrown hedges along parts of FP 3 between The Street and Church Road and requested the Clerk to ask SCC to review the issue.

Assets: The councillors were reminded that the costs of the electricity supply to the phone box would at some point in the next year be transferred from BT to LWPC.

Representative to the Playing Field Committee: The councillors resolved to replace Victoria Mound with Cllr Campbell as the LWPC representative on the Playing Field Committee.

Financial Regulations: The councillors reviewed the proposals for changes to section 4.5 and 11.1 of LWPC's Financial Regulations and resolved to accept the proposals as highlighted in Appendix E.

Communicating with residents: The councillors reviewed the existing methods of communicating with parishioners through the notice board, Box River News and the Little Waldingfield website and agreed that a copy of the Draft minutes from each meeting, once agreed by councillors, should be placed in the telephone box.

Policies and Procedures: The councillors reviewed the list of Policies and Procedures that a council of LWPC's size may wish to consider to adopt and resolved that the Clerk prepares drafts of the following, over the next 5 to 6 meetings, for their consideration:

- Complaints Procedure
- Training & Development Policy
- Disciplinary & Grievance Procedures
- Charitable Giving Policy
- Statement of Community Engagement Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Equality Policy
- Freedom of Information Request

Questions to the Chair: No questions were raised.

Next Meeting: The date of the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday 22nd September 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Comments Babergh DC Comments

Brookwood Manor Residential Care Home, Holbrook Hall Park Replace existing leaded windows with UPVC windows, as amended by updated drawings numbered and a Justification Statement. Permission Granted Surprise Cottage, Church Road Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed Use or Development - Erection of 1 No single storey outbuilding. Alteration to existing vehicular access. Will be decided by BDC Legal Department so no consultation on application.

Appendix A Reports: Margaret Mayberry updated councillors on the ongoing changes to the CIL proposals; BDC devolution plans; Possible closure of the **Police SNT meetings;** the Police Budgetary pressures; the increase in vulnerable crime; the Police consultation which will run till October 2015; the Police response to speeding; the Police web alert now working and the continued use of the Police helicopter. Frank Lawrenson updated councillors of BDC's "growth led" diversification of investments; a Green Infrastructure Plan for West Babergh; Auditing of BDC's Public Realm assets and issues on the collection of waste across Suffolk.

The Police Report showed that 3 crimes had been recorded in the parish during July 2015.

Appendix E Financial Regulations: In cases of extreme risk to the delivery of council services, the clerk may authorise revenue expenditure on behalf of the council which in the clerk's judgement it is necessary to carry out. Such expenditure includes repair, replacement or other work, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £300. The Clerk shall report such action to the chairman as soon as possible and to the council as soon as practicable thereafter.

Procedures as to contracts are laid down as follows:

a. Every contract shall comply with these financial regulations, and no exceptions shall be made otherwise than in an emergency provided that this regulation need not apply to contracts which relate to items (i) to (vi) below:

- for the supply of gas, electricity, water, sewerage and telephone services;
- for specialist services such as are provided by solicitors, accountants, surveyors and planning consultants;
- for work to be executed or goods or materials to be supplied which consist of repairs to or parts for existing machinery or equipment or plant;
- for work to be executed or goods or materials to be supplied which constitute an extension of an existing contract by the Council;
- for additional audit work of the external Auditor up to an estimated value of £500 (in excess of this sum the Clerk and RFO shall act after consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of council); and
- for goods or materials proposed to be purchased which are proprietary articles and / or are only sold at a fixed price.

b. Where it is intended to enter into a contract exceeding £10,000 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than such goods, materials, works or specialist services as are excepted as set out in paragraph (a) the Clerk shall invite quotations from at least three firms.

c. When applications are made to waive financial regulations relating to contracts to enable a price to be negotiated without competition the reason shall be embodied in a recommendation to the council.

d. Such invitation to tender shall state the general nature of the intended contract and the Clerk shall obtain the necessary technical assistance to prepare a specification in appropriate cases. The invitation shall in addition state that tenders must be addressed to the Clerk in the ordinary course of post. Each tendering firm shall be supplied with a specifically marked envelope in which the tender is to be sealed and remain sealed until the prescribed date for opening tenders for that contract.

e. All sealed tenders shall be opened at the same time on the prescribed date by the Clerk in the presence of at least one member of council. f. If less than three tenders are received for contracts above £10,000 or if all the tenders are identical the council may make such arrangements as it thinks fit for procuring the goods or materials or executing the works.

g. Any invitation to tender issued under this regulation shall be subject to Standing Order 18 and shall refer to the terms of the Bribery Act 2010. h. When it is to enter into a contract of less than £10,000 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than such goods, materials, works or specialist services as are excepted as set out in paragraph (a) the Clerk or RFO shall obtain 3 quotations (priced descriptions of the proposed supply); where the value is below £2,000 and above £250 the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates. Otherwise, Regulation 10 (3) above shall apply.

i. The council shall not be obliged to accept the lowest or any tender, quote or estimate.

j. Should it occur that the council, or duly delegated committee, does not accept any tender, quote or estimate, the work is not allocated and the council requires further pricing, provided that the specification does not change, no person shall be permitted to submit a later tender, estimate or quote who was present when the original decision making process was being undertaken.

k. The European Union Procurement Directive shall apply and the terms of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 and the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006 including thresholds shall be followed.

End of Appendices.

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Parish Council Matters

Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held on 7th September

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council is scheduled for Monday 5th October at 7.30 pm.

Public Forum: Representatives from the Playing field Management Committee and Boxford Society attended together with one other member of the public. The projects being undertaken at the Playing Field were out-lined and support was requested from the Parish Council towards new metal fencing around the play area and a new cricket wicket. Boxford Society confirmed their objections to the new planning proposal for Cygnet Court. Other topics raised included the formal decision notice and 106 agreement for the Sand Hill development, issues with HGV's turning right from Sand Hill to Cox Hill, school parking and speed enforcement on the A1071.

Police Report: The Clerk read from the Babergh West Report for July showing 3 crimes in Boxford. The Agreed Police Priority is to reduce anti social behaviour in Boxford at pub closing times.

District Council Report: Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and spoke of the need for further housing in the District, although he felt there was a good stock in Boxford. There is opportunity for devolution in the County and a collaborative bid is being prepared. There continues to be positive and reassuring developments regarding the future of Boxford Post Office. Cllr Hurren has been supportive of the process to restore a License at the White Hart which is still on-going. At Goodlands, the chimney was to be removed whilst wider issues were being investigated. Quay theatre brochures were circulated. Cllr Hurren has been liaising with the Playing fields Committee to support their various projects.

Finance: Further on-going work will be considered at the Jubilee garden and Cllr Impett will liaise in this respect. Approval of the Accounts had been received from the Internal Auditors and three recommendations had been made for this financial year.

Correspondence: Members had no objections to the proposal, from the school, to apply weed killer to the boundary between the school and the Churchyard. The broken sign on Brick Kiln Hill will be replaced. The new sign will have improvements to the wording. Cllr Impett will liaise with our County Cllr and investigate reports of parking issues with the school. Quotations are being obtained to net the bus shelter in order to deter birds. It will be investigated first whether bats are present in the bus shelter as this would influence any plans. Complaints had been received about newspaper deliveries being organised from the bus shelter.

Neighbourhood Planning: The level of interest was still awaited from residents. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved. An up to date survey is being considered presently.

Reports from Members: Trees in close proximity to the Village Hall are being investigated. Reports of an inadequate barrier near the brook on the footpath from Cox Hill to Fen Street will be reported. Cllr Moles is investigating Emergency Planning for the Village.

Planning: The Planning Authority approved applications for the following: -

- Tree work at 22 Stone Street and 20 Fen Street
- Planning permission to enclose porch and car port at 13-15 Church Street
- Listed Building Consent for bathroom alterations at 23 Swan Street

The Parish Council had No Objections to a proposal to reduce willow, birch, amelancher and cherry by 15% at 3 The Causeway. There was Objections to continued use of the field at 30 Cox Hill for storage of agricultural machinery.

Meeting dates : 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council



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Readers Letters

Sir

Robert John Moor

Margaret and family would like to thank everyone who sent messages of support and to those who attended Rob's funeral. Your generous donations of £496 will be split between Parkinsons UK and Suffolk Family Carers. Thankyou so much. To Rev'd Judith, thankyou for all your care and compassion.

Margaret and family

Sir

Plans! What Plans?

After reading about Roger and Pam's item in the Box River News I can only comment that they are in for a long fight. If they think it will not take some time before they get satisfaction, if any, on the plans for the Goodlands development.

How is it possible that amendments to the plans can be made and put in progress without consulting the residents of Daking Avenue? One might well ask. Will the Enforcement investigators make sure any Enforcement notice is served on the right date? One can only hope. Will our District Councillors pressure for resolution be pressure enough for the resident's satisfaction? Three Shredded Wheat might do the trick! Our Parish councillors do the best they can, but they are up against Babergh District Council Planning department who have the final say, no matter what.

Mr. and Mrs. Balls will need the tenacity of a Jack Russell after a rabbit. The rabbit in this case being the Planning department, extremely adept at misleading and dodging the Jack Russell's. I wish them a lot of luck and sincerely hope that Babergh will do the job they should and earn Boxford's trust again.

A Boxford resident of 45 years.

Name and address supplied

Sir

POST OFFICE UPDATE.

I read the article in the Box River News about the future use of the Boxford Post Office and Stores. I was very disappointed to see part of the suggestion for "possibly with sweets for the much enlarged Boxford School". Surely, with all the problems of tooth decay in young children today, promoting sweets is a retrograde step in the health and care of our children. Almost 40 years ago, my late husband, then Head of Boxford School, pioneered the banning of sweets in school.

Very best wishes for the future of the store.

Margaret Lowe.

Sir

Cygnets Court Development

What self respecting architect could possibly take pride in the houses it is proposed should be built in Cygnets Court. Slap bang in the middle of a conservation area, designed in the style of a post war barrack block and to be built with quite the wrong materials

If the Babergh planners approve this development they will clearly be showing their utter contempt for the residents of Boxford, but we should not be surprised by this, they have ignored our wishes for years. Perhaps we should let refugees from Syria occupy them until such time as they can find decent accommodation to live in

Your Humble Wordsmith.

Sir

On the 8th of August I had a 30th birthday party at the Boxford Village Hall and I would like to thank family and friends for their cards and presents. I would also like to thank Veronica, Alison and Tessa for doing the food. Robert for helping doing the hall. Rhona for making my birthday cake and to thank everyone for coming to my party.

It was a lovely party, Thanks to Paul Goodchild for the Disco during the evening. I also had a surprise birthday present which was arranged by Veronica and the Sudbury freemasons. It was tickets and a donation to go up to Liverpool Football Club to see Liverpool play West Ham.

We had a brilliant time. It was along day.

We went to see Liverpool on the 29th August

Thanks everyone

Chris Southgate Homefield, Boxford

Sir

Weavers House, 37 Swan Street
To Christine Thurlow DipEnvP MRTPI
Corporate Manager – Development Management
Babergh District Council

APPLICATION NO: B/15/01078

Dear Sirs

Thank you for informing me of the new application for erection of 4 dwellings at Cygnets Court.

I must stress my objection on the grounds of increased traffic through this narrow alley.

My original complaint stands – the adjoining Goodlands building site was given permission with the express condition that the alley adjoining my property would not be used by construction traffic. If this current application is approved, can I have the same assurance? As I reported to you, my house wall has been damaged by traffic, now repaired, and I am very anxious that I do not suffer more such trouble and that my listed property doesn't suffer.

On line I see that refuse lorries will have a turning circle on the site but I would like to point out that the collection lorries have never entered the alley and bins have to be brought out onto the Swan Street pavement. And what about fire engines?

The pedestrian access and cycle track through the alley will soon be in use as the Goodlands site is finished and I fear for the safety of children if more traffic uses this route.

I would be grateful if you would put these points before the Planning Committee bearing in mind the age of the listed buildings which we preserve for posterity.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Thorpe (Mrs)

Sir

"Bob Bowdidge, Diana, James and Richard would like to thank all the kind people of Groton and Boxford who have given so much support to the family, in so many ways, during Pat's illness and following her passing"

Many thanks

Bob Bowdidge, Diana, James and Richard

Sir

JIM ROBINSON

Following Jim's sudden and unexpected death at work on 21 August, Anita, Katy, Lisa and Matt would like to thank everyone for their kind messages, support, cards, attendance at the funeral and donations towards a community defibrillator for Edwardstone. Special thanks are due to friends who have given enormous support, Edwardstone, Groton and Stoke by Nayland Parish Councils for their assistance and understanding, Revd Judith for her kindness and help with the service, and all at the Edwardstone White Horse and Mill Green Brewery for their generosity and help with the wake.

Anita Robinson

Sir

Phyllis would like to thank all her family and friends for the lovely cards, flowers, and presents she received on her 92nd birthday. Also a big Thankyou to Rhona and Carol for the wonderful afternoon tea party.

Thank you all

Phyllis Rose

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Newton Green Golf Club achieved a new club first by retaining the Suffolk Hambro Cup. Until last year the club had failed to win the county's premier handicap, knock-out team event for 42 years – and now it has done it twice in successive seasons.

Haverhill was the latest team to be overcome. This year's final was held at Bury St Edmunds, and Haverhill gave Newton a much more difficult run for their money than Ipswich had done 12 months ago at Woodbridge. Newton led the morning foursomes by a narrow five holes, and the margin looked precarious as Haverhill fought back strongly after lunch. With the challengers knocking in a series of birdie putts mid-way through some of the closer matches, it began to look as if they had Newton on the run. At one stage they were a hole ahead across all the day's games. However, the Newton pairing of Simon Bearman and Mike Polley was putting a number of holes in the locker, eventually finishing eight up to Andy Fish and Paul Bartlett, having already led the pair by five in the morning. The follow up afternoon success provided the buffer for overall team success.

Although down in some of the other afternoon encounters, Newton held their nerve, but it was not until the finishing shots of the final games that it became clear the trophy had been maintained, with a one hole lead to add to the five of the morning. Despite having lost a couple of the big hitters from last year's line-up, Newton proved they had the strength in depth to pull off another significant win.

Newton non playing captain Ian Woodhead received the trophy from county president Phil Platten.

Results. Newton names first.

Morning: Russell Oakey and Harvey Watts one up to Dave Spittle and Jack Bligh; Connor Talbot and Bob Talbot three down to Gerry Scott and Matt Fairlie; Simon Bearman and Mike Polley five up to Andy Fish and Paul Bartlett; Jed Seeley and Greg Hill two up to Chris Vince and Jack Warwick. Newton five up.

Afternoon: Oakey and Watts four down to Spittle and Bligh; C Talbot and Lewis Woodhead two down to Fish and Bartlett; Bearman and Polley eight up to Fairlie and Scott; Seeley and Hills one down to Vince and Warwick. Newton one up.

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Lavenham won the match by 48 runs. Scores: Lavenham 191 for 8 wickets; Milden 143 all out.



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Tim Lucas bowled by Smith for 1



Six runs over midwicket for Milden's Tom Konopka