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HAVE YOU SIGNED THE PETITION YET?

Improving mobile phone signals in rural Suffolk could be a matter of "life and death". That was the warning at the launch of a campaign urging the Government to bring forward a new round of funding to support new mobile phone masts in the county's worst affected hot-spots'.

Dozens of Benefice villagers turned out on Friday 5th February to show their support for a petition, which was launched in Boxford by South Suffolk MP James Cartlidge.

Alongside the campaign, Mr Cartlidge will be lobbying Ministers and the Chancellor in Parliament. Under the current Mobile Infrastructure Project, which ends in March, the Government has made funds available to improve mobile telephone infrastructure in the worst affected parts of the country. However, it is understood that by next month, only four masts will have been completed in Suffolk in four years - at Witnesham, Rattlesden, Bildeston and Coddtenham.

Mr Cartlidge said: "Lots of communities in this area have poor mobile signals, particularly in the more rural areas, and the priority is to target all of our worst affected villages.

"The only way we can have signal in a genuine 'not spot' is through Government subsidy or commercial opportunity, so our first priority is to lobby Government so another round of funding can be brought forward.

"We also need to have local support in the area, with a suitable site for a mast and planning applications ready.

"We want people to support the campaign and if it's obvious that another part of the community is a serious 'not spot' then we will try to push for masts in those areas too."

A copy of the petition has been sent to all of the parish councils in the area and constituents can sign by contacting their local authority.

If you have not yet signed the petition it is available in all Boxford village shops and the post office and an e-petition is available at:

www.jamescartlidge.com/campaigns/improved-mobile-telephone-signal

Sign the petition now



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BOXFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUN AND GAMES NIGHT



Our 25th Annual Fun & Games Night held on Saturday 30th January proved to be yet again a very enjoyable, sociable, hectic and at times very competitive evening, which seemed to be enjoyed by all, whether regular competitors or new this year. For those of you who may not have heard the outcome, the top three places were:

1st	KELLY'S ANGELS	580 Points
2nd	FADY DAFYS	554 Points
3rd	THIRD TIME LUCKY	538 Points

A very big thank you to everyone who helped with this event, which requires a lot of hard work: organising teams and helpers, buying all the food and drink, preparing the food, serving behind the bar, printing all the tickets, score sheets and rules, setting the games up, manning each game and clearing up afterwards. We are indebted to all who helped in any way, as we could not have done it without you. Thank you also to all the local businesses and individuals who kindly donated raffle prizes, which is much appreciated. Finally, thank you to the 16 teams who took part and



we hope you all enjoyed the evening, which is essentially about having fun. It also helps us with our fundraising, where the funds are then granted out to organisations in the local villages and help fund events such as the Senior Citizens Outing. We look forward to seeing you all again next year! *Ward Baker*, Chairman, Boxford Community Council
Visit our village website for events and contacts



FleeceJazz

at Stoke by Nayland Hotel

Friday 4 March 8.00 £15 Marc Cecil Quintet

Superb swinging bebop, bossa, salsa, lyrical ballads, the lot! Marc Cecil drums Paul Jayasinha trumpet James Arben sax Gunther Kurmayr keys Dominic Howles bass. Last time this band came, the five musicians on our stage had a great time, and a pile of fun, and therefore so did we. We got bop and salsa and ballads and fun watching the musicians enjoy themselves and each other. About their album, Digby Fairweather writes, Marc has revisited the music of Dizzy Gillespie with affection, skill and admirable attention to detail. The result is a live album in which both arrangements and solo outings would have prompted smiles of approval from Dizzy himself. With the storming James Arben, Gunther Kurmayr and Dominic Howles (last with us with Tim Richards), it will be a gig to savour.

Wednesday 11 March 8.00 £18 Marlene Ver Planck

"...She may be the most accomplished interpreter of popular material performing today..." - The New York Times
Marlene Ver Planck vocals Barry Green piano Paul Morgan bass Bobby Worth drums. Marlene Ver Planck is the finest Great American Songbook exponent I have ever heard live. Her articulation is so good that while you hear every nuance of every word, there is no exaggeration or falseness, and her storytelling is superb. And yet, she is willing to take risks with a new song. Throughout her career, Marlene has stuck to her guns, paying loving care to the great standards and new songs

from our finest composers. Songwriter Hugh Martin ("Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," etc.) expressed it well: "We know our songs are safe in the hands of Marlene VerPlanck, and she will sing them better than anyone else." She uses wonderful arrangements, mostly from her late husband, Billy. Billy did not write simple stuff, and only a band as good as the one she brings can play it to perfection.

Friday 18 March 8.00 £15 Oh La La

Charming and sophisticated acoustic trio
Fifi La Mer vocals/accordion Colin Oxley guitar tba violin

Friday 25 March 8.00 £18 Zoe Rahman

Hard bop and straight jazz in its most vibrant form. Renato D'Aiello sax Deelee Dubé vocals Sean Hargreaves piano Nicola Muresu bass George Esteves drums. has firmly established herself as one of the brightest stars on the contemporary jazz scene and most recently picked up the prize for the piano category in the 2015 British Jazz Awards. She has worked extensively throughout the UK and internationally with a diverse range of other artists, including Courtney Pine and Clark Tracey. Zoe's compositions are a confection of American, Bengali and Irish music, reflecting her classical background, her family roots and her study of Jazz piano in the U.S.A. What emerges is a 'melting pot' of beautifully fluid jazz."She loves musical conversations and her vivacious relationship with her regular trio often sparks memorable live shows." - John Fordham

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THE MARCH LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

Dear friends,

Striving for silver !



This month's letter takes a different format from usual, as I wanted to share with you the thoughts of a young person, Esther Gray. Esther, who is sixteen, has just completed six months' volunteering with me, helping with all kind of church work and activities towards gaining her Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. To do this, she had to spend a whole hour a week in my company - and yes, amazingly, she did survive the experience and even claimed to have enjoyed it ! For this, I felt she deserved a reward, and so, towards the end of her time with me, I treated her to coffee and a cake in the Coffee

Box. Here is the interview Esther kindly agreed to take part in. I hope you enjoy learning more about her and what was involved.

Esther, can you tell me a bit about the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

Yes, there are different sections which have to be completed, including volunteering, skills, physical activities and an expedition. Each award gets more demanding as you move up from bronze to silver to gold. The great thing about it is that it stretches your abilities. There's a lot to do and it really challenges you and tests you to the limit! It also helps prepare you for the real world and once you have gained the award, it opens up all kinds of doors and is something good to put on your CV.

Can you remind me of the kind of church activities and work you've been helping me with?

I've done everything - even helping to clean out cobwebs at Mary's House (the benefice cottage) ! I've packed boxes full of books, served coffee and welcomed people at Café Church, made banners for special church services, helped children at the services with art and craft work, and compiled packs of information for wedding couples and christening families.

Which are the parts of the award you have you enjoyed most?

The whole award has widened my social circle and I've made lots of new friends. I also like to keep fit, so the physical activities have been good. I've enjoyed gaining some cooking skills, too. Some of the challenges are tough and demanding, but afterwards you get a great sense of achievement - and that's the best feeling in the world. Helping out at Café Church really helped to build up my confidence. I loved the way I met all different kinds of people there, people I wouldn't normally have met and I've enjoyed getting to know them. It's broken down the stereotypes we have of younger and older people, on both sides. In fact Café Church has made me really feel as if Boxford is my church - I belong now!

If you could change one thing about our church services, what would it be?

I think Boxford's School Choir should join the church's choir for special services. It would bring the generations together and would help the children overcome any nervousness.

Finally, Esther, how will you receive your award?

It will probably take place in a whole-school assembly. I go to Hadleigh High School, and our teacher, Miss Helen Wing, is very committed to the award. She has helped so many pupils over the years.

Esther, thank you so much for talking to me - and thank you for all you've done for the church!

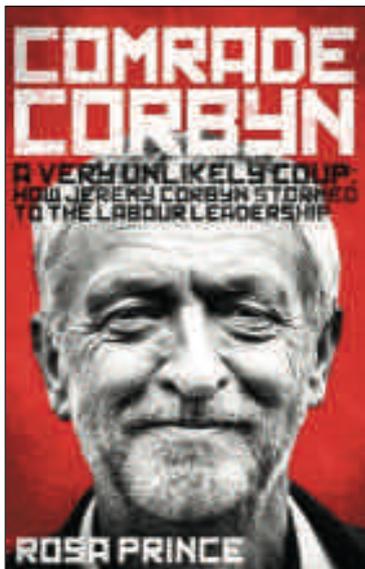
You're very welcome. Thank you too. I've enjoyed it!

Blessings, Revd. Judith



THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ

Comrade Corbyn by Rosa Prince



Rosa Prince's explosive new biography reveals why the Labour leader has not changed with the times

For Jeremy Corbyn's team, it was a fairytale moment. At the last possible minute, by the thinnest of margins, their candidate had scraped together enough nominations to get on to the Labour leadership ballot. As they hugged and cheered in a dingy Westminster corridor, Corbyn himself celebrated in the only way he knew: by heading outside to Parliament Square to join a small demonstration against the mistreatment of immigration detainees. This is the perfect Corbyn story, capturing the man's sheer implacability.

The schoolboy who protested against hunting in the middle of rural England is the same man who left his wife when she sent their son to a grammar school

A conventional biography shows you the formation of a personality over a long time, but Rosa Prince's biography *Comrade Corbyn* demonstrates that Labour's new leader was always as he is now. The schoolboy who protested against hunting and shooting in the middle of rural England is the same man who left his wife when she sent their son to a grammar school, the same MP who held himself aloof from the Parliamentary Labour Party for 30 years, ploughing his own lonely furrow.

Although Corbyn is hailed as the champion of anti-politics, the irony is that he might well be the most political person in the country. It is not that he is personally ambitious, but he is devoted to the point of mania: attending every meeting, handing out every leaflet, pursuing every lost cause.

Corbyn also values his privacy, and that of his family. Under such constraints, Prince - a former Telegraph political correspondent - has done a fine job of piecing together his past. Indeed, this biography shows few signs of the great haste in which it must have been written.

The figure that emerges is not the loony lefty of caricature, but someone who is too often blinded by his own sense of righteousness: failing to appreciate, for example, why people could object to his inviting the IRA into Parliament even as the final victim of the Brighton bombing lay dying of her wounds, or writing of the 9/11 attacks in a way that leaves you genuinely unsure whether he accepts al-Qaeda's guilt.

At the same time, however, the phenomenon of Corbyn-mania - the fact that an opportunity turned into a landslide - was due, in large part, to his character. Corbyn was so obviously an antidote to Blair and Miliband that he struck a chord. Not only that, but he had a surprisingly large base to draw on - all the thousands of people whose meetings he'd attended and complaints he'd listened to over the long, lonely decades.

There is nothing in this book to make you think that Jeremy Corbyn could, or should, be Prime Minister. But the story it tells is quite remarkable enough. In 1996, Blair condescendingly observed: "Ah, Jeremy. Jeremy hasn't made the journey." Instead, his party has turned back to meet him - just where he always had been, and always will be.

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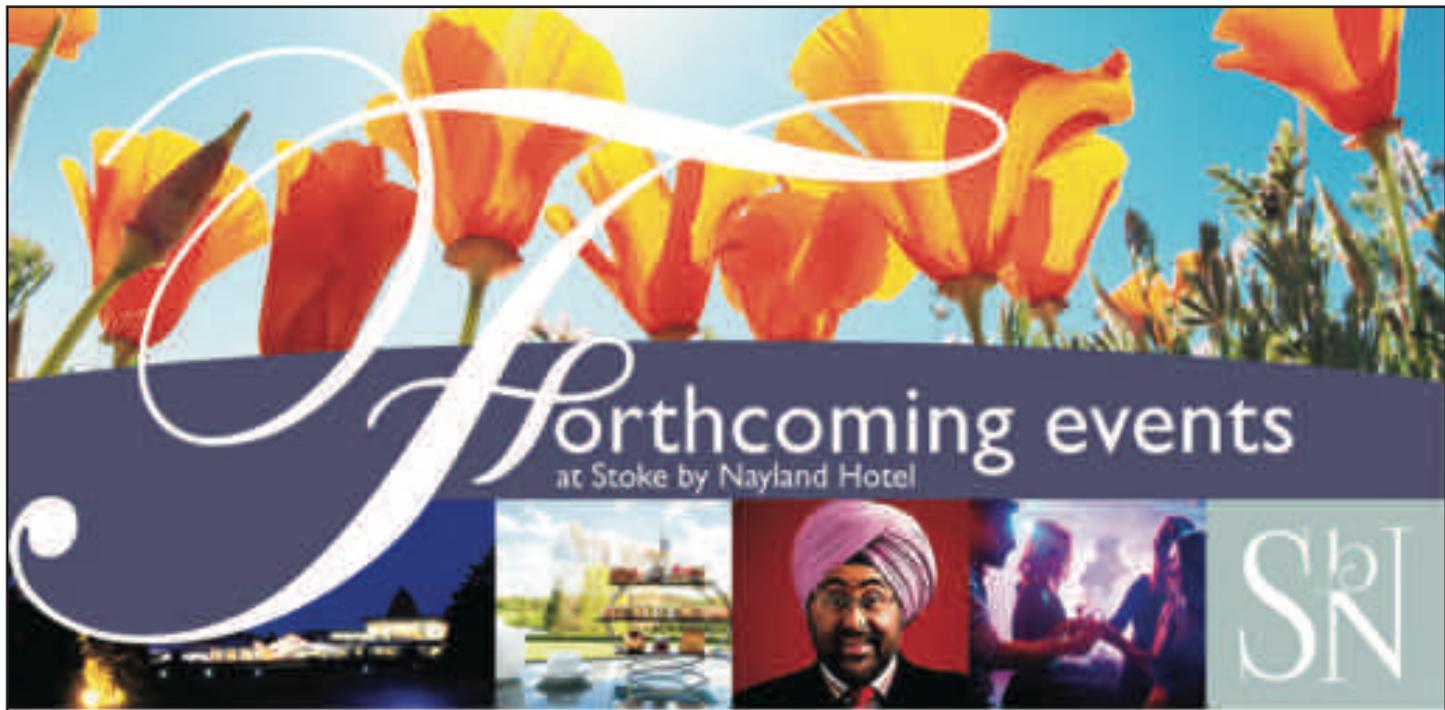
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<p>Party Like Its 1990s Friday 25th March - just £19.95pp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live DJ • 1-course buffet • Fancy dress welcome but not required 	<p>Easter Sunday Lunch Sunday 27th March</p> <p>Sunday Lunch - just £22.95pp*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-course carving • Easter Egg for all children • Afternoon Tea - just £18.95pp 	<p>An Evening with Hardeep Kohli Thursday 21st April - just £45pp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrity guest • 3-course Indian food • Welcome cocktail • Q&A session with Hardeep 	<p>Ladies Who Lunch Thursday 26th May - just £19.95pp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring/Summer fashion show • 2-course lunch <p><small>*Children's price available - please enquire</small></p>
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What this means is that once the last few casks of Mill Green beer are sold at the White Horse there will be no more brewed, I would like to apologies to our many supporters and customers both locally and those who were prepared to travel many miles for a pint of 'Green Goose' or 'Good Ship Arbella' (even one of these taken down to the American Embassy by the US ambassador) or one of the 20 odd other great beers brewed over the last eight years.

Sorry everybody! hopefully when our new beers are available they will be of interest to many of you, we already have a 'stock ale' brewed to a pre industrial recipe and a 'Baltic Porter' maturing in wooden barrels.

All of the 'Little Earth Project' beers will be made from malt and hops grown locally or gathered from the surrounding countryside and should be available in bottles later this year.

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AFFORDABLE HOMES AT SAND HILL, BOXFORD.



New Affordable Homes at Sand Hill, Boxford.

Work is progressing well on this exciting project to build 20 new affordable and 5 market sale homes at Sand Hill, Boxford. The project team of Suffolk Housing, Icen Homes (project manager for Suffolk Housing) Marfleet Construction Ltd, Sweett Group and Annard and Mustoe Architects are working on this project to ensure that it is on target for an anticipated completion of late 2016/early 2017 – some of you will have already noticed the buildings coming out of the ground and roofs going on!

The 20 new affordable dwellings will comprise a mix of two bedroom houses and bungalows, one bed flats and three bedroom houses. These are all built around a central 'green area' which also includes a wild flower area. Each home will have their own parking spaces and will be built to Code Level 3 rating of the Code for Sustainable Homes and feature air-source heat pumps. To be eligible for these homes you must be registered on the Gateway to Homechoice website (www.gatewaytohomechoice.org.uk) and demonstrate a local connection to the area.

The market sale homes are 2 semi-detached three bedroom houses, 2 semi-detached two bedroom bungalows and 1 detached two bedroom bungalow. Details of prices and specifications will be launched in Spring 2016 – look out for further details in the Box River News or contact Linnet Property on 01284 723332.



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NATIONAL AWARDS FOR BOXFORD CLINIC



Local success in National awards for Boxford clinic – for the second year running!

Local couple Dr. Anthony and Jenny O'Neill from Suffolk Medical and Beauty Clinic on Broad Street are celebrating with their team again this weekend after being recognised for the second year running with a prestigious National award for excellent customer service by private healthcare search engine WhatClinic.com.

The awards were based on feedback by customers over a twelve month period and, yet again, Suffolk Medical Clinic beat many far larger clinics across the country to win the title, which celebrates excellent customer service, superior satisfaction and consumer feedback.

WhatClinic.com CEO Caelen King congratulated clinic staff telling them: "It's the customers who select our winners, by their clinic ratings and the feedback they leave about service and experience. These awards honour clinics that are dedicated to the highest level of customer care and consistently putting the needs of the patient first."

Dr. O'Neill said today: "We are delighted to be recognised again for our ongoing commitment to customer service. As a practice, it is something we have always focussed on and to continue to receive such positive feedback from our patients is the best accolade we could receive".

Staff at Suffolk Medical Clinic are preparing for a busy summer ahead with business booming. Look out for this month's special offer later in the magazine.

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FEEDBACK FROM BRYN HURREN

Your Babergh District Councillor

Local Housing

Two very important things to bring to your attention this month. Firstly as you will have seen the Boxford Local Needs Houses are now well on their way.

Twenty of these houses are all for rent to Boxford people or those with a strong connection to the village. The remaining five are for sale and Boxford residents will have first claim on these houses. The board at the entrance to this site will have details of method of applying for these houses.

These twenty local houses are unless there is a change in legislation always going to be for local people and along with our other local developments should help provide a wide range of housing for those Boxford people who for a variety of reasons find it difficult to get on the housing ladder. If anyone wants to have a chat about whether they qualify or for any other reason please give me a call on 01787 210854 or E-mail bryn.hurren@babergh.gov.uk

I would like at this time to thank Boxford Parish Council for all the help they have given me on this issue.

Phone Mast

Another matter that is coming back into focus is the need within my ward for better mobile phone coverage. We all thought this matter was going to be addressed by now but alas the last attempt to have a mast that would provide a signal into Boxford and the surrounding villages met with a sudden and untimely death.

To try and get this project up and running again we need to prove the need, hence James Carlidge and myself are campaigning hard to persuade every one within our villages to sign the petitions that are in the shops of Boxford, please add your name when you go into any of them, I will be picking them up very early in March ready for presentation by James to the Chancellor in Parliament before Budget day. As yet we do not have a site but if we can prove a need and we are granted funding we will look again for an alternative site. These masts are usually about 20 mtrs high and are not pretty but if they provide good coverage then it is an essential part of modern living and business and could as has already been said save a life. It would certainly be an advantage to our brilliant 3PR team if they could contact the responders and be contacted by the residents in an emergency. Let's push this one forward together. All Best

Theatre trips

As previously advertised our next trip to the Quay will be on 4th March to see the thought provoking and humorous Shadowlands. This is a production by our own Sudbury Dramatic Society and I am sure will be enjoyed by all who come to see it.

Our trip in April will be to see The Lady in the Van a film by Alan Bennett, This film is still doing the rounds in the major cinema's and will be shown at the Quay on 20th April. I am trying to ring the changes and vary our programme to suit all tastes and in May I will try to organise a trip to see a musical show.

As always these trips are for people who under normal circumstances find it difficult to get out to see live theatre and shows. The community bus will leave from the Fleece around 6.45 pm and return around 10.00 pm. All Best Bryn. Tel 01787 210854

Bryn.



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"I find my counselling with my volunteer was very helpful indeed, at a time when I felt isolated and at times desperate."

DAD'S ARMY

Rob Wilton Reflects

No, the first day I got me 'ome guard uniform... I'm getting the trousers next year... but the first day I got... I went 'ome an' I slipped upstairs an' I put it on an' I came down into the kitchen an' the missus looked at me an' she said, "What are you supposed to be?"

I said, "Supposed t' be!..." I said, "I'm one of the home guards!"

She said, "One of the ho... what are the others like?"

And then the missus said, she said, "Well, what do you do in the home guards?"

I said, "I've got to stop Hitler's army landing!"

She said, "What... you?"

I said, "No... there's Harry Bates and Charlie Evans and..." I said, "there's seven or eight of us altogether." I said, "We're in a group..." I said, "We're on guard in a little hut be'ind 'The Fleece'"

She said, "Now what's the good of being on guard in a little hut behind 'The Fleece?'" she said, "I suppose that was your idea!"

I said, "Aye... and that Charlie Evans wants to claim it, as 'is!"

And then she looked at me an' she said, "Well, what're you doing with one stripe, you've only just got the uniform, how can you 'ave...?"

I said, "Wait a minute, an' I'll explain the whole posit..." I said, "as a matter of fact, " I said, "Charlie Evans, Harry Bates an' m'self have got one each."

She said, "Well, 'ow did you come by them? an' 'ow did they? they've only just...?"

I said, "Wait a minute an' I'll explain it..." I said. "Tom Briarley, the sergeant, got all browned off, fed up to the teeth, chucked it an' 'e gave us, one each. Oh Aye, we've all joined for the duration, that's unless it doesn't finish before then, we don't know, y' see."

But my missus, she gets on my... she asks such daft questions... she said, "Ere," she said, only this morning, she said, "What are you supposed to be guarding?"

I said, "Oh, don't start all that, again... we're guarding the British Isles." I said, "we're guarding all the millions of men, women and children... millions of them... and you!"

She said, "Oh, then you're on our side!"

I said, "Well, of course I'm on our..."

"Well," she said, "I

think we'd be a darned sight better off if you were on the other side!" she said, "Do you yo... do you know this Hitler? 'ave you ever...?"

"Do I know..." I said, "Now, don't talk rubbish, Rita... do I know Hitler, 'ow would... I'm not even in the paint business or anything, 'ow would...?"

"Well," she said, "Ow are you going to know which is 'im, if they do land?"

I said, "I've got a tongue in me 'ead, 'aven't I?"

But it's no good trying to reason when she just doesn't concentrate, only the other morn... ooh!!! good gracious me, look at the... I should have been on duty two hours ago, they'll be looking everywhere for me... you'll have to forgive me, I really have to....

Home Guard according to Percy Fletcher, Boxford

I may be the only person who actually served in the Home Guard in Boxford although of course maybe there are others in the other villages. By the time of the next publication I shall be 92!!

Upon reaching the age of 17 years I eventually joined the Local Defence Volunteers, later becoming the Home Guard. I recall that at that time the H.Q. of the Company was in the small room to the right of the Fleece Hotel as one faces it. Whether or not the proximity of the two main pubs in the village had any bearing on the choice of HQ will remain a mystery. Most of the members were old soldiers from the 1914/18 conflict who proudly wore upon their uniforms their medal ribbons. The officer in charge was a Mr Matthews, the local postmaster and shop keeper who to the best of my knowledge had no experience what so ever of a military nature. He was eventually replaced by Mr W. Wylie who resided in a bungalow on the Sudbury Road. Besides the old soldiers and we boys (stupid no doubt!) those persons who were exempt from the forces either because of their occupation or ill health, volunteered for the force.

I recall that one such person was Archie Rule (son of the bus proprietor) He and I one evening were sent down Stone Street to mount guard in a field known locally as '100 acres' belonging to Mr Pawsey of Peyton Hall. Having arrived in daylight we were supposed to return in the early hours of the morning - but we got lost! We were in this large field and could not find our way out. We walked round and round but could not find a hedgerow. I recall Archie saying that we should give it up as a bad job and wait for the dawn. We did just that, sitting in what turned out to be the middle of this large field. I also remember going on a battle training course at Dunmow.

Amongst other duties were - manning the Spigot gun position where the



Photo of me with my father in law in Special Police uniform. I am in uniform and around my waist attached to my belt is my bayonet - They didn't 'like it up 'em! The photo was taken just prior to my call up.

playing field is now and inspecting the various deterrents placed by farmers in the fields to deter glider landings. It was all very much 'Dads Army' but taken very seriously because the true threat of invasion of these shores was never far away. I was called into the Army in 1942 aged 18 - a life a little different to the Home Guard!

The Defence Medal was awarded to all civilians who fulfilled duties during the war, the Home Guard being amongst them. It is one of these queer facts of life that I qualified for the award in 1941 and last year was award by the French Government the 'Legion of Honour' in recognition of the part I played in the Liberation of France.



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A NEW WEBSITE FOR BOXFORD!

www.BoxfordSuffolk.com

We are pleased to announce a new website for Boxford!

www.BoxfordSuffolk.com has been designed to provide a useful source of information for both residents and visitors wishing to learn more about our community. It is intended to be a constantly evolving document - designed to record past and present life in our village.

But ... we need your help! If you have any ideas, suggestions, historical memories or pictures you'd like to share please do send them to hello@boxfordsuffolk.com.

Please take a look through your old photo albums and see if there are any old photographs of the village hiding that others might like to see - it's fascinating to see how the village has evolved.

Similarly, we'd love to flaunt the Boxford we know and love to the rest of the world - are you a budding photographer with any beautiful photos of the village as it is today you'd like to showcase?

Have you lived in the village for some time? Perhaps you have a tale about one of the many interesting characters from Boxford's past you would like to share. Maybe you will jog someone else's memory, make someone smile!

In addition, the launch of the website sees the revival of The K & S Cup, which celebrates Boxford's brilliant youngsters. In memory of Tony King and Neville Sargeant The K & S Cup aims to recognise and celebrate a young person from the village who has made a positive difference to the community over the last 12 months.

Do you know a young person who has campaigned, fundraised or given up their time to improve the lives of others? Nominate them at <http://www.boxfordsuffolk.com/kandscup.cfm> and they could win the cup and £50 prize money!



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NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

EDWARDSTONE ALMSHOUSES AND OTHER CHARITIES:

In days long gone by, money was left by generous people to help those of us who live in the Parish of Edwardstone. The charities were all amalgamated in 1968, under the Charities Act 1960, into one Charity called "Edwardstone Almshouses and Other Charities".

The Trustees:

There are five Trustees; two are nominated by Edwardstone Parish Council, two are co-opted because of their knowledge of the village and the Priest in Charge is a Trustee ex officio, or in other words just because he/she is the Priest in Charge. The Trustees administer the Charity, in confidence, "on behalf of the Charity Commissioners and cannot benefit from it themselves". They meet on a regular basis and also when occasion demands.

Money and the work of the Charity:

The Charity owns land and has financial investments. The annual income is about £2,500, but this of course varies. The Trustees spend most of the money on helping people in need and in emergencies, also on annual gifts to the elderly at harvest and Christmas, some re-investment and a very small bit on running the Charity. The accounts are presented annually to the Parish Council and the Charity Commissioners.

How the money is spent is dictated by the original trust deed sealed on 22nd March 1968. In effect it can be spent on the "relief of need" or when hardship or distress afflicts people who live in Edwardstone.

We try to help:

- those who are ill, either at home or in hospital;
- those who are disabled, mentally or physically;
- those who care for and visit the sick and the housebound;
- those who need extra funds during severe weather;
- those who are in education or are trying to find a job.

The Trustees do try to provide money quickly when needed.

The Future:

The purpose of this notice is twofold:

- To tell you about your Charity. All applications for assistance should be made, in confidence, to the Clerk to the Trustees.
- To attract new bequests. It is hoped that people who live in Edwardstone now might like to think of helping those who will live here in the future. Could you leave some money in your will? Details of how to give money to the Charity can be obtained from the Clerk.

The Clerk to the Trustees is: Les Clark, Rose Cottage, Edwardstone, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 5PX

☎ 01787 210698. email: leslie@clark-home.me.uk

The Charity exists to help people who live in Edwardstone

Little Waldingfield Church



Saturday 23rd January saw the next stage in the ongoing project to address the issue with damp in the walls of our much loved church. Fifteen hardworking villagers joined a working party to dig out up to 4 tonnes of spoil from around the base of the south aisle, tower and south & east side of the chancel. Replacing the removed earth with an equal weight of shingle to create a French Drain. Copious amounts of coffee together with bacon sandwiches and snacks were provided keeping the workers spirits raised throughout the day. This exercise will improve the run off and general drainage of rainwater away from the church and help to dry out the walls. Our longer term objective remains to address the issue of damp and damaged wall plaster within the interior of the church. Watch this space for more updates as the project continues.

BOXFORD CAR SCHEME

In January, volunteer drivers helped 15 residents attend appointments at hospitals, dentists, opticians, health centres, physio's & surgeries etc.,

CAN YOU HELP ?

To maintain this important resource for our local community we really need more volunteers. For information ring Sue Green 01787 210603

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

Boxford Post Office Opening Hours

The Post Office no longer shuts at lunch, is open from 830am and is open all day Wednesday now.

Saturday is still to 1230 as there is no collection Saturday afternoon.

"Quartet"

Boxford Drama Group are excited to present "Quartet" by Ronald Harwood. More recently a hugely successful film starring Pauline Collins, Billy Connolly, Maggie Smith and Tom Courtenay, this is the original play on which the film was based and it enjoyed a long run in the West End. The story concerns three ageing opera singers Cissy, Reginald and Wilfred who often worked together during their active careers but are now in a retirement home for musicians.

Their peace is soon to be shattered by the arrival of Jean. Jean was a huge star in her time and was once unhappily married to Reginald. Is there any chance that the four will ever sing together again? Do they even want to? Can they do it?

This is a lovely play, warm, witty, very funny and not without some "tough" moments as it looks at the ageing process in general. Inspiring and uplifting - don't miss it.

GARDENERS - WE NEED YOU!

Boxford Open Gardens last year saw around 20 gardens open in Boxford, Groton and Edwardstone - this year we want to beat this record!

Every kind of garden and gardener is wanted from manicured estates to simple small gardens. Our visitors are not horticultural experts but rather ordinary people who, like all of us, are keen to see how others live, curious about other people's gardens and love the casual informality and friendliness of Boxford's Open Garden Sunday. So whatever type of garden you have why not share it with the community and give pleasure to the 500 or so people who wander happily from garden to garden on this magical Sunday in June.

Contact Angela Tolputt (01787 212264) or Email angela@tollputt.com and add your name to the list!

"Little by little; bit by bit....."

(The urbanisation of our rural environment)

One plot at a time, in they dive like vultures on a carcass. First they rip out the hedgerows regardless of the wildlife that has sheltered there for decades. Then they chop down all trees and shrubs, anything that is alive and green and in their way and then they rip out the bungalow (or similar small dwelling). Down goes the concrete - as much as they can ooze into the plot so they can build their four and five bedroom "units" and then off they fly. Gardens? What are they - or do you mean the car park? They have no regard for rural Suffolk or the shortage of small homes for those at each end of the housing chain but then it would seem neither do our "Planners" for it is they who give their consent to these developments. The urbanisation of our hamlets and villages - carried out by "property developers" is shameful; they are nothing more than asset strippers. The only "exciting" aspect of their work is the speed with which they complete their projects. Just watch this space because it will soon be concreted over!

M Cooling



Above: An Albino Sparrow seen in a Groton garden

Wot's On

Great British Fish and Chip Supper -

Friday 20th May "Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury"

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2016 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

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

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. Just £50 could contribute towards the support from our Peer Support Service for one hour, in a district general hospital or Major Trauma Centre.

In 2016 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,000 from the suppers. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

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

Craft Fayre

Stoke by Nayland Village Hall

Craft Fayre Saturday 12 March 2016 10.00am - 1.00pm

Coffee, cakes, refreshments- homemade!

Free Entry but donations to hall fund gratefully received

For further details contact Chris Wright 01206 262473

The Caverners

Stoke by Nayland Village Hall

By Popular Demand **The Caverners**

Saturday 9th APRIL 2016 From 7.30pm

Tickets £12.50

Will be available from Open Road Bookshop SBN

Licensed Bar, Hot Supper, Prize Raffle

Milden Singers take it back to the 70's & 80's

Enjoy an evening of Disco and Pop with songs from The Bee Gees, ABBA, Queen and ELO to name a few plus a tribute to David Bowie.

Friday 6th May doors open 7.00pm show time at 7.30pm

Saturday 7th May 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 with a donation to a charity.

Come dressed to party!

MILDEN PAVILION & PLAYINGFIELD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2016 7.30pm



We are looking for support to help run and maintain this facility in our village. We usually have 3 meetings a year and some fund raising events from time to time.

The pavilion costs £5 per hour to hire and there is table tennis, croquet and carpet bowls available. It's a great venue to hold children's parties or family gatherings, with new crockery, cutlery, glasses and tables cloths all available. The cricket pitch and equipment can also be hired and a BBQ is available, for bookings call Pearl on 01449 741876

Golf Open Weekend

Saturday 5th March from 10am – 3pm

Sunday 6th March from 9am – 12noon



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www.stokebynayland.com

Stoke by Nayland Hotel, Golf & Spa, Peppers Lane, Leventhorpe, Caithness, CA20 4PT

TABLE TOP SALE

The "indoor car boot sale" will take place on Saturday 27th February between 10-1pm at Edwardstone Village hall. There will be all sorts of items for sale at bargain prices, including clothes, books, pictures, costumes jewellery, and bikes.



There will also be a yummy cake stall - all donations (of cakes or biscuits) happily accepted, and all proceeds from this stall will be going to St Mary's Church, Edwardstone

READY, STEADY, BAKE!!

Wot's On

Newton Village Hall Events REGULAR EVENTS: h 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)

MARCH 2016

Tuesday 1st 2.00 pm Fireside Club – Animal, Vegetable, Mineral

Saturday 5th 10.00 am Fireside Club coffee morning

Wednesday 9th 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 15th 12.30 for 1.00 pm Fireside Club – Fish and Chips

Thursday 17th 11.00am Wendy's Walk

Tuesday 29th 2.30 pm Fireside Club – Easter Quiz and Raffle

APRIL 2016

Friday 1st tba. Fireside Club – Lunch out

Saturday 2nd 10.00 am. Parish Council coffee morning

Wednesday 6th 7.30 pm. Village Hall AGM and committee

Tuesday 12th 2.30 pm. Fireside Club – Scrabble and games

Wednesday 13th 7.30 pm. Parish Council meeting

Saturday 16th 10.00 am. Art Club Exhibition

Wednesday 20th 7.30 pm. Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 26th 2.30 pm. Fireside Club – Grandparents photos and memories

Friday 29th 10.00 am. Fireside Club – outing tba




THE BEAVERS

April 23rd, 7.30pm Tickets £15.00



Boxford Village Hall

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In Aid of E.A.C.H
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BORFORD DRAMA GROUP PRESENTS

Quartet

A Beethoven Stage Play



March 17th, 18th & 19th
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Tickets £13.00 (including supper)
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Box River Lectures

The Glorious Revolution 1688

A series of five lectures by the historian Roger Cooke

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At Groton Village Hall at 2:30pm on the following Tuesdays:

23 February	The late Stuart monarchy leading up to 1688
1 March	William of Orange
8 March	Re-making the monarchy
15 March	The new fiscal state
22 March	A new power

£8 per single lecture or £35 for all five. Tea and biscuits included
New members are always welcome at Box River Lectures!

GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
PRESENTS



QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At
Groton Village Hall

On Friday April 8th 2016 7.30 for 8.00 Start

£10.00 per head (entry plus choice of curry & dessert)

Teams of four

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BONFORD
GARDENING SOCIETY

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**Tuesday 1st March
at 7.30pm**

Wot's On

BOXFORD WI

This month Janet Drake from Fun Dancing came to give us a demonstration of routines with an invitation to join in. Janet started Fun Dancing in 2010. She began dancing at 8 years old and attended Elmhurst ballet school learning lots of different dance styles. This was followed by theatre work and touring as a minstrel belle. When she married and had children, dancing was put aside to take an office job in the City. After being made redundant Janet took up health and wellness life coaching and eventually returned to dance. Fun dancing developed from this and covers many different styles including Latin American, ballroom and ballet. It is a good way to keep fit and active and we did indeed have great fun joining in, if not necessarily picking up the steps quite that easily! Hopefully with a little practice improvement will come.

2nd March Talking Textiles with Marie Paddon Village Hall 2pm

10th March Craft Club- Glass painting Kersey Mill

6th April A Turkish Wedding with Jenny Gibbs Village Hall 2pm

14th April Sudbury guided walk Sudbury 2pm

27th April Book Club Mary's House 3pm

4th May AGM & resolution meeting Village Hall 2pm

12th May Place for plants guided walk East Bergholt

ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON

An Illustrated lecture by Mark Mitchels on Saturday March 5th Groton Village Hall at 7.30pm

We are most fortunate to get Mark Mitchels visiting Groton again, and we look forward to another riveting lecture from him, this is how he describes it on his website:---

Women in the 19th century were expected to say nothing, look decorous and leave decision making to their husbands! But a young girl in Aldeburgh would upset this tradition and begin a revolution which today is taken for granted. Elizabeth Garrett wanted to become a doctor. When she was refused admission to medical school she studied on her own and gradually acquired the qualifications. She completed her course in Paris, and returned to England as the only woman doctor. Then she established a dispensary and hospital for women in London. Next she founded a medical school for the next generation of women doctors and when she retired she was elected Mayor of Aldeburgh - another first! This is an extraordinary story of a wonderful woman.

We know from experience that Mark is an excellent and entertaining lecturer, so do get your tickets soon for £7.50 which will include refreshments, for Pat Kennedy Scott [210319], Jayne foster [211360] or any member of Groton PCC. All proceeds to St. Bartholomew's church.

Fitball Class

Fitball Class Thursday Evenings 7.30-8.30 Boxford School. Own ball and mat required.

Cake Stall

Saturday 19th March at 9am in Mary's House

Cakes and Savouries, Marmalade and Jam, Raffle

Coffee and Scones

All welcome. Proceeds to support Mary's House.

Children's short story competition

Children's short story competition starting 6th Feb 2016 ending 5th March at Hadleigh library. For ages 7-9 and 10-12 up to a 1000 words about anything. Come to Hadleigh library to sign up with a parent £1.00 per entry you receive a writing book and choose a sticker.

We have judges to read all the stories and select the top three winners in both sets of age groups this will be announced at Hadleigh library on 2 April at 11.00. If we have enough entries we will look at putting a book together later in the year.

Hadleigh Choral Society

St. Mary's Church Hadleigh, Saturday March 19th 7.30pm

Handel: Overture to the Occasional Oratorio

Dettingen Anthem, Chandos Anthem No 11 'Let God Arise', Zadok the Priest

Dettingen Te Deum, Vivaldi; Concerto for 2 trumpets in C major.

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Tickets: £14, £12 (con), £2 (under 16)

from The Idler Bookshop Hadleigh or on the door

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LEAVENHEATH CINEMA SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

Tickets Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266)

£3.50 per adult and £2.00 per young person



POLSTEAD DIGITAL CINEMA FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

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

Wot's On

Little Waldingfield History Society

Programme of Events - 2016

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

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.

18th May, Marcia Whiting

The life of Sir Alfred James Munnings KCVO PRA, one of England's finest painter of horses, first world war artist and an outspoken critic of Modernism, including his associations with Sudbury and the Gainsborough Museum.

22nd June, Jenny Antill

The Bronze Horseman, a tale of St. Petersburg.

This extensively illustrated talk tells the history of the city as reflected in two iconic artworks - a bronze statue of Peter in Senate Square & the poem about the statue 'The Bronze Horseman' by Alexander Pushkin, the 19th C 'Russian Shakespeare'. We will all learn about madness, obsession, murder, exile, revolution and floods.

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QUARTET

17, 18, 19th March 2016

This March, Boxford Drama Group are staging Ronald Harwood's wonderfully poignant and very funny play Quartet.

We may not have the services of Maggie Smith and the other stars of 2012's film but our actors are all of an age to be residents of the retirement home, in which the play is set!

Performances are on Friday 18th and on Saturday 19th of March. Local caterers, Food Glorious Food will be serving a 2 course supper in the interval and there will be a bar each evening.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN BOXFORD POST OFFICE and cost £13.00 each

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.

Bargains Galore at the Edwardstone Table Top Sale

Come and bag yourselves a bargain at our table top sale, which will take place at Edwardstone Village Hall on Saturday February 27th, between 10-1pm. Lots of clothes (including ski wear), books, toys, children's bikes, household items, pictures - come and have a rummage! There will also be a cake stall full of tempting treats for the family. If you are interested in having a table at the sale (a £10 donation is required per table), please contact Liz Henderson on 01787 211417. All the money raised by the table hire and the cake stall will go to St Mary's Church, Edwardstone.

Talk: 'A Year in the Life of a Cottage Garden'

Tuesday 15th March by Andrew Sankey at Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland at 7.30 for 7.45pm.

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

Nayland Spring Flower Show

Saturday 19th March

Displays of spring flowers and refreshments. Cakes on sale & raffle. Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland from 10am-12noon, entry free.

Exhibits 8.15am-9am - schedules from www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or 01206 262807



A FESTIVAL OF ART 2016

at

St. Peter's, Market Hill, Sudbury CO10 2EH

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tuesday 1st March	12noon - 5pm
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Thursday 3rd March	10am - 5pm
Friday 4th March	10am - 5pm
Saturday 5th March	10am - 4pm
Sunday 6th March	10am - 4pm
Monday 7th March	10am - 5pm
Tuesday 8th March	10am - 5pm
Wednesday 9th March	10am - 5pm
Thursday 10th March	10am - 4pm
	FESTIVAL ENDS

Original Art & Sculpture for sale from over 70 Artists in support of S.A.S. (Success After Stroke)



Quiz Night ?

EDWARDSTONE

PARISH HALL

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £6.00 per person

(To include light refreshments)

Tables of up to 6 people

Licensed Bar & Raffle

Tickets available from Daphne Clark 01787 210698

In aid of Edwardstone Parish Hall Improvement

Forthcoming Events Diary

February

24 Boxford WI	Book Club	Mary's House	3 pm
27 Table Top Sale	St Mary's Edwardstone	Edwardstone Village Hall	10 - 1.00pm

March

1 Hardey Exotics	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
1 Box River Lectures	William of Orange	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
2 Boxford WI	Talking Textiles	Village Hall	2pm
5 Elizabeth Garrett Anderson	Lecture Mark Mitchels	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
5 Quiz Night	Edwardstone Village Hll Committee	Village Hall	7.00pm
8 Box River Lectures	Re-Making the Monarchy	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
10 Boxford WI	Craft Club – Glass painting	Kersey Mill	2pm
15 Box River Lectures	The New Fiscal State	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm
15 Milden Pavilion and playground AGM		The Pavilion	7.30pm
16 John Newman Recent excavations at Sutton Hoo., Ltl Waldingfield Hist Soc		Parish Room	7.30pm
17/18/19 Quartet	Boxford Drama Group	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
19 Cake Stall in aid of Mary;s House		Mary;s House	9.00am
22 Box River Lectures	A New Power	Groton Village Hall	2.30pm

April

6 Boxford WI	A Turkish wedding	Village Hall	2pm
8 Quiz and Curry Evening	Groton Village Hall Mgt Committee	Village Hall	7.30
14 Sudbury guided walk		Sudbury	2pm
23 Beavers Dance in aid of EACH		Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
27 th April Book Club		Mary's House	3pm
29 Pip Wright Plague in the 17th century Ltl Waldingfield Hist Soc		Parish Room	7.30pm

May

4 May WI AGM & resolution meeting		Boxford Village Hall	2pm
6/7 Milden Singers Back to the 70's's and 80's		Milden Pavilion	7.00pm Friday and 1.30pm Sat
12 Place for plants guided walk		East Bergholt	

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

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

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White Street Green. tel 210346



An **ALL AGE SERVICE** is to be held on **Sunday March 6th at 11.00 am**. All are very welcome at this service where we give flower posies to our mums. (These posies are made up for us by the Boxford Brownies)



EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25th at 2.00 pm – A Service of readings and reflections for Good Friday

EASTER DAY, March 27th at 11:00 am – A service of Holy Communion for everyone.



THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets at Russets, 47 Swan Street on 2nd and 4th Monday each month by kind invitation of Margaret and Peter Holden. We are presently looking at St. Mark's gospel. All are welcome to this hour of fellowship.

A **LENT LUNCH** will be held in St.Mary's Church on **Wednesday 24th February 12 noon to 2.00 pm**. All welcome. Proceeds will be to a designated charity. Please kindly let Jill Nation or Ruth Kingsbury know if you would like to come.

The ANNUAL REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL for Boxford, will take place during February and March prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **3rd April at 12:15 pm**. The revised roll will be placed on the church notice board two weeks before the meeting. Those on the roll are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting and stand for election to the PCC. If you would like to add your name to the roll please contact the Church Electoral Roll Officer, Mr Dennis Picton, or Revd. Judith.

HELP REQUIRED: Keeping the church going does require some help with the day to day tasks. If you can help in any way, do please speak to Revd. Judith.

BOXFORD GUIDES: A REQUEST FROM ELOISE BIRCHER, GUIDE LEADER. Please collect Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and donate them to the Guides. There is a collecting box in the church near the North Door. Thank you!

Box River Benefice

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Boxford Church
Sunday 6th March
11.00 am

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THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:
Vacant

TABLE TOP SALE: Come and bag yourself a bargain at our table top sale, which will take place at Edwardstone Village Hall on **Saturday February 27th, between 10.00 am and 1:00 pm.** Lots of clothes (including ski wear), books, toys, children's bikes, household items, pictures – come and have a rummage! There will also be a cake stall full of tempting treats for the family. Please contact Liz Henderson if you have any contributions for the cake stall on 01787 211417. All money raised by table hire and cake stall will go to the church.

LENT LUNCH, TUESDAY 15TH MARCH: There will be a joint Lent Lunch, hosted by Edwardstone, Groton and Newton at Pam and Antony Dodd's home, Mill Green End, Edwardstone, between **12 noon and 2.00 pm.** All are welcome but if you intend to join us please can you let us know on 210397.

PALM SUNDAY, 20TH MARCH: Following last year's Palm Sunday service, we are having another procession from Temple Bar Gate starting at **10.00 am.** We are hoping to be accompanied by a donkey as we walk from the Gate to the Church but this still to be confirmed. Do come and join us.

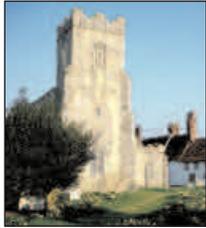
EASTER DAY, 27TH MARCH: Holy Communion 9.30 am

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Sidesman/Coffees Jan Paul / Frances East (20th March)
Jan Paul / Pam Dodd (Easter Day)

Flowers No flowers in Lent – All for Easter

Cleaning Justine Walters and Emma Driscoll



THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: *Jayne Foster:*
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PCC MEETING: TUESDAY 1st March, 7:00 PM at Mary's House. Items for the agenda should be notified to the secretary, David Lamming, by Sunday 21st February. (E-mail djlamming@hotmail.com)

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION: The annual revision of the church electoral roll is shortly to take place prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 12th April. The revision period will be from 3rd March to 24th March (Maundy Thursday). The revised roll will then be published by being exhibited on the church noticeboard from Easter Day until the date of the APCM. Forms must be returned to me by 24th March. Anyone qualified for enrolment is encouraged to apply and to take a full part in the life of their local church.

The roll is important as it is those whose names are on the roll who are entitled to attend the APCM and stand for election to the PCC. If your name is not currently on the roll, but you would like to be on the roll and think you qualify for enrolment, please get in touch and ask me for an application form. Likewise, get in touch if you are unsure whether or not your name is on the roll and/or whether you qualify for enrolment. David Lamming (Tel: 210360; e-mail: djlamming@hotmail.com).

LENT LUNCH: Please see the entry in the Edwardstone section for the joint lunch with Newton.



THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens
Vacant

7TH FEBRUARY Morning Worship saw a congregation full of friends from the Benefice. Reverend Judith gave us a lovely address telling the story of the Transfiguration.

Over the last three Saturdays a group of volunteers, headed by Ivan Carter driving Charlie Miller's digger, have removed soil from around the church walls and replaced it with gravel in order to improve the drainage. This had to be done before any repairs inside the church can be attempted. They willingly all gave their time, their expertise and their muscle power. Hot bacon butties, coffee and cakes were served in the porch by Felicity Gardiner and Nancy Roser. The P.C.C. is immensely grateful to them all.

We now have a working porch light with a sensor which will light up whenever anyone enters after dark.

PLEASE NOTE: LENT LUNCH at Newman's Hall Farm will be held on **1st March 12 noon to 2.00 pm.** All welcome.



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:
Christine Cornell,
"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton, Tel: 370331

24TH JANUARY: Our Service of Holy Communion was taken by Revd. Judith. The reading and the sermon spoke of the sense of one body but made up of many parts and each part has a different role to play to make the body whole. Revd. Judith held up a fist full of the leaflets from charities which come through our letter box. Making a choice is difficult. Just as separate limbs of a body, we can make a contribution to help a community as a whole body in any part of the world. Taking the Communion reminded us of the different parts of the one body of Christ. **LENT LUNCH:** Please see the entry in the Edwardstone section for the joint lunch with Groton.

BENEFICE NEWS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH: The lunch at Mary's House on 9th February raised £111.55, to be split roughly equally between Groton church and UNICEF for Syrian refugee relief. (The amount given to UNICEF will be doubled by an equivalent Government contribution.) Thanks to all who attended and to all who cooked and served the delicious pancakes.

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING: The Ministry Team meet at Mary's House at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th March.**

LENT LUNCHES: Please see the individual parish entries for the dates and times.

Palm Sunday 29th March There is only one service for all the Benefice on Palm Sunday. Please see the entry for Edwardstone for more details

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

ANNUAL 'JUSTICE' SERVICE AT ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL: On **Sunday 13th March** the regular service of Choral Evensong at 3.30 pm will be a special service for Her Majesty's Courts of Justice in Suffolk. The address this year is to be given by Baroness Hale of Richmond, the Deputy President of the Supreme Court.

DEANERY SYNOD: The synod meets next on Wednesday 9th March, at 7.45 pm at All Saints' Church, Sudbury. At 7.30 pm, immediately prior to the synod meeting, the Archdeacon of Sudbury, Revd. Dr. David Jenkins, will formally licence the Revd. Dr. Simon Gill as rural dean (in succession to the late Gregory Webb), and commission the Revd. Stephen Morley as assistant rural dean. All are welcome to this short service, and to stay on afterwards as observers at the synod meeting. Refreshments will be available from 7.00 pm in the church hall.

BISHOP MIKE COMING TO SUDBURY: Two dates for your diary. Bishop Mike Harrison (Bishop of Dunwich, as he will be by then) will be speaking at the Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 21st September. Bishop Mike will also be presiding at a Confirmation service in the deanery at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th October. More details later.

DIOCESAN SYNOD: The spring meeting of the diocesan synod is on Saturday 12th March at the St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich.

MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

There is now a new 2016 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 (including church and PCC bookings), 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 £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about new bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 01787 210360.

March 2018

Services in the Box River Benefice

Village Prayers ***Please note: there will be no village prayers during the week beginning 28th March***
 Each week, in the five churches, informal friendly services, 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith, we pray for those who are ill, concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do just let Frances (or Revd Judith) know if any people or situations for prayer. Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210081 or emailed v.c.judith.cox@btinternet.com. The winter month's rota is: Tuesday 9.00 Edwinstone, Wednesday 9.00 Groton, 10.00 Little Walsingham at Newman's Hall, Thursday 9.00 Newton, 11.00 Boxford.

Wednesday 2nd
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd David Abel

Thursday 3rd
 Lt Walsingham 10.00 Holy Communion - Newman's Hall (Reserved Sacrament) Lay Team

Sunday 6 th	Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)	(P)
Boxford	08.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Lt Walsingham	08.30 Mothering Sunday Service <i>Families welcome!</i>	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Mothering Sunday Service <i>Families welcome!</i>	Revd Judith

Wednesday 14th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Sunday 13 th	The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	(P)
Newton	09.30 Morning Worship	Revd Judith
Boxford	11.00 Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 16th
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion - Mary's House Revd Judith

Thursday 17th
 Lt Walsingham 10.00 Compline - Newman's Hall Lay Team

Sunday 20 th	Palm Sunday	(P)
Edwinstone	10.00 Five Villages Service with Holy Communion	Revd Judith
<i>**With Palm Sunday Procession - starting at Temple Bar at 10.00. Families welcome!**</i>		

Wednesday 23rd
 Boxford 10.30 Holy Communion Mary's House Revd Judith

Maundy Thursday 24th
 Groton 10.30 Informal reflective service with Holy Communion Revd Judith

Good Friday 25 th		
Lt Walsingham	08.30 Family Service <i>Hot cross buns and craft in parish room</i>	Revd Judith
Boxford	14.00 Reflective service "At the foot of the cross"	Revd Judith

Sunday 27 th	Easter Sunday	(W)
Lt Walsingham	08.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	Revd Judith
Edwinstone	08.30 Easter Holy Communion	Revd Judith
Groton	08.30 Easter Holy Communion (by extension)	David Lamming
Newton	08.30 Easter Holy Communion (by extension)	Chris Kingsbury
Boxford	11.00 Easter Holy Communion	Revd Judith

Wednesday 30th
 Boxford *** No Mary's House Communion today ***

Soap Box

Travelling into the single currency zone in Europe, as I do on a regular basis, I watch the value of the euro against the pound on a basis that some might describe as obsessive. Recently the pound has been falling steadily. From a value of around 1.42€ at the end of last year, it was trading at close to 1.26€ in early February. This means that for someone anxious to purchase the European currency, the cost of a euro has risen from 70p to 80p in little more than a month.

There are a number of reasons for why the pound has fallen out of favour. There has been an expectation that interest rates in this country would rise, given the more robust nature of our economic performance against other developed nations. The interest an investor can receive by depositing money in a particular currency is rather like the dividend that would be paid on a share. The higher it is in relation to the alternatives, the more attractive buying that currency becomes.

But an early increase in interest rates in this country appears to have been kicked into the long grass. A weakening global economic picture led the Governor of the Bank of England to announce that any rise was likely to be deferred until the outlook brightened – a point of view underlined by the decision of the one member of the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee – the body that sets interest rates in this country – who has been calling for a rate rise to change tack and agree now is not the time.

Then there is the increasing noise surrounding the in/out referendum on our membership of the European Union that many expect to be held this June. Much obviously depends on the nature of the deal that Prime Minister David Cameron will have secured from his European counterparts, the details of which may already be in the public domain as the summit at which they will be discussed should have passed by the time you read this, though not before I need to furnish my dear editor with this copy.

If the polls are to be believed, the outcome is finely balanced. This is unsurprising, given that there are powerful figures on both sides of the argument. Some equally influential people are staying their hand,

awaiting the detail of precisely what the rest of the EU has conceded. And it is far from clear as to whether we will be better or worse off outside Europe. The EU is our biggest market, but many will argue that it also represents an additional unnecessary cost through layers of bureaucracy and interferes with our rights as a sovereign nation.

Whichever side makes the strongest case and whatever the outcome, the reality is that it is the electorate – you and me, in other words – that will make the final decision. I suspect that immigration or, more correctly, fear of immigration that will weigh on many voters minds as they contemplate their ballot paper. While it has been an issue for some little while, it has become a significant aspect in the months since the referendum was built into the Conservative manifesto, thanks to the Syrian crisis.

You could argue that it is even now changing the outlook for the European Union as a whole. Border controls are already reintroduced between some countries and Greece is being criticized for not adopting stronger measures to stem the tide of those seeking a better life in Europe. Even Germany, which has adopted an open door policy in the past, is finding the indigenous population increasingly fearful of the flood of those wishing to reside there. This additional complication makes the final outcome of the referendum even harder to predict.

So, Brexit, or the fear of Britain exiting the EU, is causing the pound to sink. The trouble is that markets do not like uncertainty, so there are those who have decided to sit out the lengthy debate on the sidelines, preferring not to hold sterling until the votes have finally been counted. For me it complicates decision making over when to top up my euro account. I will be continuing to follow the relationship between the pound and euro with obsessive interest for some time, I fear.

Brian Tora is a local writer and broadcaster.

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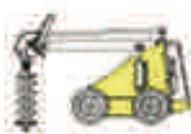
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CLIVE MADGWICK A Presentation by Guy Madgwick

Little Waldingfield History Society was thrilled to welcome Guy Madgwick and his sister Fiona Raymond to the Parish Room on Wednesday when, on an extremely cold and foggy night, 40 members came to hear about their artist father. Clive Madgwick was a well known and well loved dentist turned artist who lived in 'Churchside', in Church Road, Little Waldingfield for many years from 1965. As an added bonus, LWHS members played their part by bringing in their prints and original works of art by Clive for us to create a pop up Madgwick art gallery; over 40 paintings ranging from the fairly small to the really quite large appeared on the night; trustees are most indebted to members for their valiant efforts, achieved despite the most inclement frosty and foggy weather.

Sadly Fiona was feeling quite under the weather and, most unfortunately, had to leave before Guy could begin his talk; this was a great shame as he did a truly wonderful job describing Clive's upbringing, his family and his work, both as dentist and artist.

We heard that Clive Madgwick was born into a medical family in Surrey, in 1934, being the second of three sons; he was not interested in many sports but was keen on tennis, with what he described as his 'killer spin' serve. He was also interested in things that went bang, one day destroying the front doorstep of the family house after 'borrowing' some detonators and fuses from a Home Guard hut; it seems that after lighting the fuses, he only just dropped them in time to avoid serious injury.

Clive's artistic talent, which incredibly Guy told us was entirely self taught, first evidenced itself whilst he was at Epsom College, which he went to when aged 14. Later, and following in the family tradition, he read Dentistry at Guy's Hospital in London before joining the RAF as a dentist - National Service wasn't finally abolished until December 1960. Following marriage to Sara in 1960, Fiona was born at RAF Acklington, in Northumberland, whilst Guy was born a couple of years later at Clive's last RAF posting in Aden, South Yemen.

Family life in Little Waldingfield began in 1965 after Clive left the RAF and joined a dental practice in Friar's Street, Sudbury. Being a family man building his medical work, there was no artistic output at this stage, but when he was struck down by a serious bout of Glandular Fever in 1968, Clive rediscovered his artistic talents. To keep himself occupied he began sketching local houses, initially in pen and ink, then in watercolour and finally acrylics; the owners rather liked his drawings and the rest, as they say, was history.

In 1973 he married Joan and two more children followed later, Simon in 1974 and Charlotte in 1977, both being very much part of the community during Clive's time in Little Waldingfield.

By the mid 1970s, what had started out as a hobby was developing more and more with Clive having to juggle dental work, family life and an increasing demand for his art. Living and working in rural Suffolk, surrounded by beautiful countryside led to him focus upon agricultural, hunting and shooting subjects, including horses and sheep. As his reputation grew in the late 70s / early 80s, he began exhibiting more frequently, with regular spots at the Haste Gallery in Ipswich, the Phoenix Art Gallery in Lavenham and the Chimney Mill Gallery in Bury St Edmunds. He then became a member of the Society of Equestrian Artists, the United Society of Artists and the Royal Society of British Artists; along the way, he also won the Royal Landscape Prize in 1985.

Clive's ability to capture detailed landscapes secured major commissions from industrial clients including: Boots, Calor Gas, Abbey National Building Society (showcasing abbeys from around the UK) and Manns Claas (showing combines at work in farming environments). A huge personal achievement came in 1989 when the Queen saw a print of Buckingham Palace on a Christmas card and asked whether the original painting was available. As this had been sold to the card publishing company, with their permission, Clive then painted another copy, presenting it to her majesty in a private ceremony which, Guy told, us meant a lot to his father. The picture was hung in the private royal collection at Windsor castle, thankfully surviving the great fire there in 1992; it hangs there to this day, along with a couple of other Madgwick originals.

Clive then began to travel around Europe, painting scenes ranging from French street cafés to grand Italian vistas. Guy told us that at this point his father began producing his finest works with dentistry taking more and more of a back seat, and in 1992 Clive focussed solely on painting for a living - a brave decision for a successful family man. He went on to win further awards which continued to reinforce his reputation as one of Britain's most popular and successful landscape artists, being popularly known as the modern Constable, with his works selling around the world. Interestingly, Fiona later observed that her father had to add additional colour - for example red poppies - to his English landscapes when selling his paintings or prints into the US.



In order to create his art, Guy told us that Clive first took many photographs of potential scenes whilst also maintaining / building a library of interesting trees and other objects which he could then paint into a scene where he felt this would improve the overall composition. Like many artists, Clive Madgwick made full use of artistic licence, moving buildings, roads, trees and other objects to create precisely what he wanted; given his commercial success, this was clearly also what the public wanted. Guy also told us that his father could create a painting in two or three days, regularly completing three or more paintings in a week; apparently he could also paint whilst playing / talking / spending time with his children, something that amazed the audience.

Guy then estimated that his father created perhaps thousands of paintings in his lifetime, and most intriguingly appears to have created photographic records of many / all of his paintings, dating and keeping them in large binders similar to postcard albums. Guy and Fiona brought three binders with them, from the ten or so volumes very recently discovered at their mother's house, so that members could peruse and perhaps trace the record of their own paintings. It is possible that the family will in future do something more with this invaluable record of Clive Madgwick's work, something the History Society would love to see come to fruition.

Clive Madgwick R.B.A. died far too early and quite suddenly in 2005, aged just 70, well loved both by his family and by the legions of fans who continue to enjoy his skillful and accomplished artwork today.

Following the talk, trustees cleared away chairs, brought out the refreshments and members had the opportunity to closely examine the many examples of his work and truly appreciate the huge talent Clive Madgwick so clearly possessed; judging by the time members spent viewing the prints, original works of art and binders of his work, this was an opportunity fully grasped with both hands.

Our next event will be on 17th February at 7.30 in The Parish Room Little Waldingfield, when Robert Leader will take us 'In search of Secret Suffolk', an illustrated talk with over 100 images that covers the heritage and history of Suffolk.

Focusing on abbeys, castles, guildhalls & stately homes, Robert will take us on a fantastic journey that follows the course of major rivers to build a comprehensive picture of the county of Suffolk as a whole - it sounds amazing and we can't wait.

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GARDENING IN MARCH HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Complete the planting of new roses as early in the month as possible. If beds have not been prepared, dig them to a spades depth, incorporating compost or peat and a handful of bone meal to each square foot. Prune bush and standard roses before planting to make them easier to handle, also cut back any damaged roots and roots that are more than about a foot in length. The depth of planting should be so that the green stems are one inch below the surrounding soil level.

Chrysanthemums grow best in soil that contains plenty of organic matter, such as manure, moist peat or garden compost. They are not deep rooters so the organic matter should be mixed in the top six to eight inches of soil. They are also fussy about the pH level and will not do well in soil which is either very acid or very alkaline, a pH6.5 is about right. Beware of using spent mushroom compost which contains chalk unless the soil needs lime.

Dahlias are hard to beat for brilliant display of colour from July until November, with colours, shapes and forms to suit all tastes and occasions. Although, not gross feeders, they do like a soil which contains plenty of moisture holding material and position in the sun where they are not in competition with other plants. You can save your own seeds which are easy to germinate but they will not come true. The only way to increase stocks of your favourite varieties is by cuttings.

Weather permitting, towards the end of the month the first planting of Gladioli can be made and four further plantings at two week intervals should provide a supply of cut flowers until the end of summer. Plant 6 inches deep and 6 inches apart, using a trowel rather than a dibber which tends to compact the base of the planting hole.

Sweet Peas should be planted out as soon as possible. Autumn raised plants will probably have made roots ten or more inches in length, don't be tempted to make a hole that depth and putting the roots straight down, better to make a wide hole or trench and spread the roots out sideways at a depth of no more than five to six inches. If you didn't get round to making an October sowing there is still time to either make a sowing in pots or direct when the soil is in the right condition.

Cut back to ground level last years growth on Euphorbia varieties myrsinites and ephithymoides. Masses of new shoots are forming now which will produce an abundance of sulphur yellow heads on fresh green leaves in April and May.

The variety, Euphorbia amygdaloides robbiae will provide good ground cover in sun or shade with its rosettes of dark green foliage and showy yellow and green heads in April and May. Sap from Euphorbias can cause irritation to eyes and skin.

As soon as the ground is workable make s sowing of parsnips and carrots. Be generous with the parsnip seed as germination is often slow and erratic. Make the first sowing of peas, round seeded varieties are less liable to rot in the soil than the wrinkled seeded but do not have such a good flavour. Sow more broad beans, where space is limited the dwarf variety the Sutton is better than the tallest varieties. It is best to delay sowing of beet root until April, early sowings are liable to bolt.

Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Protect new spring shoots from slugs
- 2 Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes
- 3 Plant summer-flowering bulbs
- 4 Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials
- 5 Top dress containers with fresh compost
- 6 Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
- 7 Cut back Cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
- 8 Weeds come back in to growth - deal with them before they get out of hand
- 9 Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain; remove pond heaters
- 10 Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days

You will always find the odd shrub that you have not pruned, such as Buddleia, Caryopteris, Hydrangea and some of the Winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering can be pruned now.

Late March is a good time to carry out pruning on Evergreen shrubs that may have suffered frost damage such as Hebes with the young growing tips scorched by frost.

Never prune members of the Daphne family as they dislike pruning. Some climbing shrubs such as Jasminum and Chaenomeles can be pruned immediately after flowering.

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Parish Council Matters

EDWARDSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Edwardstone Parish Council at Edwardstone Parish Hall on Monday 18 January 2016 at 7.30pm. **Present:** S Norman, M Childs, P Clarke, P Baker In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk); Daphne Clark. The Minutes of the Meeting of 16 November 2015 were approved and signed.

Councillor vacancy – Councillors were still hoping to speak to any interested parishioners. The vacancy would continue to be advertised.

Highway and Footpath Matters - Footpath cutting – P Baker reported that the footpath sign at the Priory Green/Round Maple footpath has rotted through. The Clerk will report this to SCC. The Clerk will also chase SCC for a response to the request for further information about footpath cutting budgets and the identity of the contractors who cut paths in the village. Potholes – The Clerk has reported the pothole which has opened up again in Slabbs Lane. She will report the pothole outside Paul Clarke's house and one at Temple Bar at the bottom of the hill, and the culvert flooding there. It was noted that heavy vehicles are damaging the verges and the roads are very muddy.

Reports and questions from Councillors and Members of the Public – Daphne Clark reported that there was a problem in the Disabled Toilet in the Village Hall where a large crack has appeared. BDC surveyors have inspected and she is awaiting a structural engineer's report before she can obtain quotes for repair. If extensive repairs are required she may need to approach the PC to apply for a loan through the Public Loan Board. P Baker raised the issue of poor broadband signal in some areas of the village and queried whether all areas would be reached by the end of 2016. He proposed a survey to ascertain the extent of the problem. In view of J Finch's detailed knowledge of the subject, the Clerk will contact him once he is out of hospital and ask for an update and his views on the approach such a survey should take. P Baker also asked for further information on the phone mast funding issue. Boxford Community Council is looking into whether any further funding is available.

Planning Matters - Planning application received – B/15/01623, 01630, 01631, 01632 – Land south and west of Daking Avenue and west of Swan Street, Boxford – variations – no objections

Planning application received – B/15/01643 – 1 Mill Green, Edwardstone CO10 5PZ – erection of a single storey rear extension – no objections

Planning inspectorate - APP/D3505/W/14/2218072 – re-determination of appeal regarding change of use of agricultural land to use as a solar farm at Rogers Farm, Siam Hall Lane, Newton CO10 5LA – disappointment at the late notification of this by BDC was expressed.

Planning decisions received - B/15/01401 Borehouse Manor Farm, Groton Street CO10 5EE – change of use from agricultural barn to dwelling house to include change of use of agricultural land to residential and erection of 2 bay cartlodge and store – approved – noted.

Financial Matters

The Statement of Finances & Order for Payments was approved as under and the cheques were signed:

Business Saver Account as at 31 December 2015
£2516.52

Business Current Account as at 31 December 2015
£5041.44

Total
£7577.96

Precept for 2015-16 – at the November meeting the PC had resolved to keep the precept at £5625. The forms had now been received from BDC and the Council resolved to sign the forms seeking that sum. The forms were duly signed.

Purchase of a laptop for use by the Clerk following receipt of the Transparency Fund grant – as funding has now been received the PC resolved that the Clerk could purchase a suitable laptop for the Parish Council. Currently she uses an 8 ½ year old laptop shared with Groton.

Quotations for defibrillator in the phone box – the PC considered the quotations received from the Community Heartbeat Trust and resolved to obtain the defibrillator with a lockable cabinet, and the village emergency telephone. This is dependent on the adoption of the phone box which will take about another month. The Clerk will contact CHT.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence – the Clerk will obtain a password for the new SALC website for use by the Chairman. The door to the notice board in Sherbourne Street keeps blowing open and has to be jammed shut with paper. P Clarke offered to fit a hook and eye or similar fixing as soon as possible. B Hurren has the keys and the Clerk has asked him to let her have them and to check the stability of the notice board.

Future Agenda items – Defibrillator, potholes, footpaths, broadband, phone mast The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 21 March 2016

Groton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7 pm Wednesday 13 January 2016 at Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton

Present: C Fraulo (in the Chair), J Osborne (Vice-Chair), R Kelsey, P Roberts
In attendance: A Robinson (Clerk)

The Minutes of the Meeting of 4 November 2015 were approved and signed.

Casual Vacancy – no candidates had come forward and the position will continue to be advertised. Anyone interested is asked to contact the Clerk for further information..

Reports and questions from Councillors and members of the public – J Osborne had attended the Babergh Area Meeting on 30 November. There had been a presentation by the Head of Strategic Finance. He had also attended the Boxford

Community Council meeting on 11 January representing both the Parish Council and Groton United Charities. He had advised the meeting that GUC had had few applications for funding. Concern had been expressed regarding the lost opportunity for the phone mast. Eddie Kench had proposed a Welcome Pack for the villages and all had been in agreement, as were all those present at the Parish Council meeting - J Osborne will advise BCC accordingly.

Chairman's and Clerk's reports and correspondence – C Fraulo advised that Gwen Wilde, a long term resident of Groton, had sadly died recently at the age of 101 and she would be representing the Parish Council at the funeral.

Highway and Footpath matters – Potholes - the Clerk advised that she had reported the pothole halfway along Slabbs Lane that had reopened after the recent wet weather. There are several potholes in Howe Road and the road past Frogs Hall. The Clerk will check to see if these have been reported and if they have not, will do so. It was noted that the 30mph roundels in Groton Street/Slabbs Lane will need replacing once the planned resurfacing has been carried out later in the year. Drains - It was noted that David Elliott and Gerald Smith had very kindly been clearing drains in the parish for many years on a regular basis. It would be neighbourly if others were able to keep the drains near their own properties cleared, if at all possible.

Dog walkers - There had been reports of problems with professional dog walkers walking up to 6 dogs at a time, off their leads, in the parish. Other walkers and their dogs had felt intimidated by this. It was resolved that the Clerk should put a note in the BRN informing people that they are welcome to walk their dogs in the parish but that they should do so in a responsible manner. They should respect other walkers, with or without dogs, keep to the footpaths and clear up after their dogs. The situation will be monitored.

Planning Matters:

Local Housing update – Councillors have met with BDC and some progress has been made.

R Kelsey had brought the blank Community Emergency Plan forms for discussion and it was resolved that the Clerk would make a start on completing the forms with assistance from Councillors as required.

No planning applications had been received. Planning decision received – B/15/01327/LBC/JD – 3 Groton Place, Groton Street CO10 5EE – erection of side extension to outbuilding and internal alterations – approved.

Financial matters:

The Statement of Finances and Orders for Payment were approved and cheques signed (the bank statements to 31 December 2015 having not yet been received):

Reserve Account as at 30 November 2015	£3516.69
Current Account as at 30 November 2015	£3970.00

Total
£7486.69

C Fraulo advised that Bob Bowdidge had kindly repaired the Parish Council Noticeboard outside the Fox & Hounds, without charging for his labour. The repair cost noted below is the cost of the perspex fitted in the doors. The Council resolved to send Bob a note of thanks.

The Council resolved to confirm its decision at the November meeting to leave the precept at £4149 and the Precept Form, now received, was signed.

Date for next meeting – 2 March 2016.

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I used to use punishment as a form of training until I discovered that it didn't work. I would be correcting a dog months later because it was still displaying the behaviour I was trying to eliminate; it didn't know what I wanted it to do and this made me feel frustrated. I wanted more out of my training. I wanted to have fun, I wanted owners to have fun and I wanted dogs to have fun! It's not about being serious and controlling the animal. Now, having studied the latest research, I only use methods which have been scientifically proven to work, involving reinforcing desired behaviours with food, cuddles, ball games... whatever the dog finds rewarding. Behaviour which the owner finds undesirable can be changed either by ignoring it where appropriate, teaching an alternative behaviour or removing any reinforcement the dog has been getting for it. As a rule, dogs only act out the behaviours we don't like (jumping up, mouthing, pulling on the lead and so on) because they have been rewarded for it in some way, often accidentally with attention from the owner. Any attention is good in a dog's eyes. They would often prefer to gain attention being told off than to be ignored.

The dominance/pack theory that has prevailed in dog training for so long has been disproved and thrown out of the window. We are not competing in a hierarchy with our dog. All dogs want to do is live happily with their family; they are not looking to be 'in charge'.

I don't ever want a dog to feel scared of me or its owner so I no longer use any form of intimidation or punishment when working with dogs. When I talk about intimidation and punishment, this could be something as serious as hitting the dog to things which sadly still seems acceptable to some in the dog world, such as checking the lead or jabbing the dog. A check or jerk on a lead is proven to cause pain and possible injury to the dog, and all they will learn from that is to avoid the owner when practising the behaviour. They will not learn what you would like them to do. With positive training, we teach a dog step-by-step what we like. Undesirable behaviour can be ignored until the behaviour is extinguished or we can teach them an alternative, incompatible behaviour and reward that. For example, if a dog jumps up to greet us, we could teach him to sit and say hello instead, which is incompatible with jumping up.

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Meeting of Boxford Parish Council

Report of the Meeting held on 1st February

The next full meeting of Boxford Parish Council is scheduled for Monday 7th March at 7.30 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April.

Public Forum: Matters raised included plans to go live with a Village Website with a section for the Parish Council to provide posts and documents. The Community Council also intend to re launch their website. The County Council still haven't repaired the pot holes in the Wash Lane ford near Stone Street. It was agreed to urge them to take urgent action. In relation to the Stone Street Link footpath, it was agreed to research the original responsibilities for upkeep and insurance.

District Council Report: Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed that budget setting at the District Council continues in light of increasing financial pressures. The increase considered at this stage is just under 2%. The County Council are looking to increase their element this year to fund the increase in the living wage. Cllr Hurren is pursuing business signage for the by-pass. Following his report, Cllr Hurren was questioned on the plans at the District Council in relation to reducing the cost of their premises and also the option to charge for short stay parking in Sudbury and Hadleigh.

Finance: In addition to the usual business, a payment was authorised to reimburse the maintenance costs for the Community Defibrillator on the wall of the Fleece.

Correspondence: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members had noted the progress of each item. On-going concerns were reported at the bus shelter with the inadequacy of netting and the continuing bird mess problem. This was to be followed up. It was also agreed to arrange for the ivy and climbers to be cut back from the roof of the shelter.

LED Upgrades to Street Lighting: Further lantern upgrades were agreed for School Hill, Stone Street and Cox Hill. The lights in Ellis Street will not be changed at this stage in line with the County Council owned lights in the centre of the village.

Cemetery: The path had been treated for moss and the condition is now under review.

Reports from Chairman and Members: Parking issues were reported in Homefield during football matches. Cllr Moles had arranged a site meeting with County Highways to consider the road surface in Homefield which is deteriorating further. Expenses for emergency planning will be considered at a future meeting. There was a report of drainage issues resulting from the Goodlands Construction. It was agreed to follow up with Planning Enforcement.

Planning: The Parish Council had No Objections to the following applications: -

- a) Tree work at Riverhall, Ellis Street
- b) to fell oak behind the Village Hall
- c) to cut back hazel tree at 9 Broad Street
- d) the Listed Building Application to replace willow fence with a boundary wall at 32 Stone Street.

Meeting dates for Boxford Parish Council:

7th March and 12th April.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to Boxford Parish Council



Tuesday March 1st 2016, - Saturday March 5th 7:45pm Sudbury Dramatic Society presents Shadowlands Tickets: £10.00 No concessions £9.00 Tuesday & Wednesday

Sunday March 6th 2016, 7:30pm History Of Sudbury Tickets: £7.00 (Season of 6 for £35.00)

Monday March 7th 2016, 7:00pm NT Live - Picturehouse Entertainment presents Hangmen (Delayed Live), Play by Martin McDonagh Tickets: £15.00 No Concessions

Tuesday March 8th 2016, 2:30pm & 7.30pm Film Suffragette 12A Tickets: £5.00 (Friends £4.50)

Friday March 11th 2016, 7:30pm Liberation Management present Daniel Koek's West End Story Tickets: £13.00 (Friends £12.00)

Saturday March 12th 2016, 8:00pm Rory McGrath: Remembers (or is it Forgets...?) Tickets: £13.00 No concessions

Thursday March 17th 2016,-Saturday March 19th 7:30pm Robbie & Friends Tickets: £13.00 No concessions

Sunday March 20th 2016, 7:30pm History Sundays Tickets: £7.00 (Season of 6 for £35.00)

Wednesday March 23rd 2016, 7:30pm Eastern Angles presents Somewhere in England Tickets: £12.00 (Friends £11.00)

Saturday March 26th 2016, 12:00pm til late \$10 Chimp presents... Film Horrorthon!: Dead & Sudburied... Tickets: £19.50 No concessions

Tuesday March 29th 2016, 2:30pm & 7.30pm Film Room Tickets: £5.00 (Friends £4.50)

Thursday March 31st 2016, 3:30pm Film A Walk in the Woods (Film) Tickets: £5.00 (Friends £4.50)

THE NAMES ON OUR WAR MEMORIALS - MARCH 2016

During March we will be remembering the lives of three men from our villages who died in the First World War.

On the 11th March 1915 Private John Holmes, 3/9768, whose name appears on the Edwardstone memorial, was killed in action. On the 23rd March 1915 Private William Race, 10247, recorded on the Newton memorial, died of his wounds. Also on the Newton Memorial is the name of Private Leonard Hughes, 14354, who was killed in action on 13th March 1916.

John Holmes was born in Edwardstone and enlisted in Sudbury. He served in the 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment and is commemorated at the Wyttschaete Military Cemetery in Belgium, grave reference Plot III, Row C, Grave 17. John was probably originally buried at a small battle field cemetery called Rest and Be Thankful Farm, near the village of Kemmel. His remains were transferred to the Wyttschaete Military Cemetery after the war as part of the process of concentration, which purpose was to bring together the bodies of the fallen from the many small battlefield cemeteries or individual graves scattered across the theatre of the war and secure them permanently in the large scale cemeteries with which we are familiar today. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has very little information about him, however, there is a John Holmes recorded in the Censuses of 1881, 1891, 1901, and 1911 as a step son to Samuel Smith living variously at Mill Green or Priory Green. This John Homes was born in 1873 so he would have been about 41 at the outbreak of the war. He is recorded as a horseman on a farm and still single in 1911. It would appear his mother was called Rosa, and it would seem she was widowed with three children, including John, and remarried Samuel Smith. Whether this is Private John Holmes or not I cannot be certain, but there is no other John Holmes recorded in the Censuses for Edwardstone. If this John Holmes is our fellow villager recorded on our memorial, he would have been about 42 when he died. Private John Holmes will be remembered at the 09:30 service of Morning Worship at St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone on the 20th March.

William George Race was born in Long Melford in 1895 to William and Frances Race, who were both also born in that village. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's record for William lists him as being the son William and Frances of East Street, Sudbury, but the 1911 Census shows the family to have been living in Newton. William senior is recorded as a road labourer and William junior as a farm labour, though in 1901, when still in Long Melford, William senior was a stockman on a farm living at Stone Houses, Rodbridge Street. William enlisted in Colchester and served in the 2nd Battalion of the Essex Regiment. He is commemorated at the Strand Military Cemetery in Belgium, Plot X, Row F, Grave 7. William was originally buried near where he died at the LeBizet Convent Military Cemetery, in the grounds of the Assumptionist Convent near Ploegsteert, and his remains were transferred to the Strand Cemetery during the concentration process described above. William was about 20 when he died and was his parent's eldest child and he is recorded as having eight siblings in 1911. The Strand cemetery takes its name from that of one of the trenches nearby. (Most trenches were named, often using the names of places familiar to the troops). Private William Race will be remembered at the 09:30 service of Holy Communion at All Saints, Newton on the 13th March. (He would have been remembered on 27th March, but this year that is Easter Sunday and may require changes to the regular service pattern).

Leonard Hughes was born in Newton in 1896 to Harry and Clara Hughes. His father, also born in Newton, was a horse keeper on a farm and his mother came from St. Albans. However, by the time of the 1911 Census, Clara and Leonard are shown as living with her brother in law, Arthur Hughes, a baker and grocer of Newton Green. His father had died in 1905 aged 48. Leonard enlisted in Newton, presumably at one of the rallies held in towns and villages throughout the country. He served in the 9th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. He is commemorated at the White House Cemetery, St. Jean-Les-Ypres, Plot I, Row C, Grave 10. Leonard was about 20 when he died and was his mother's only child. Private Leonard Hughes will be remembered at 09:30 service of Holy Communion at All Saints, Newton on the 13th March.

It has not been possible to determine in which particular engagements these three men lost their lives. The 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, in which John served, was posted to the front line in Belgium within two weeks of the outbreak of the War, and it stayed for the entire duration of the War fighting in all the major battles along the northern part of the Western Front. The 2nd Battalion of the Essex Regiment, in which William served, like the 2nd Suffolks was posted to France in August 1914 and saw the whole war through to the Armistice in November 1918 fighting along front line in Belgium. The 9th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, in which Leonard served, entered the War in



August 1915 and fought along the northern part of the Western Front until February 1918.

Following on from my article in the February Box River

News, further research on Private Alfred Siggers of Newton, 14353, suggests that he was the younger of the two sons of Abraham and Elizabeth Siggers of Rectory Road, Newton born in 1894. His father was a farm labourer as was Alfred. In the 1901 Census he is just Alfred and is shown as being born in Newton. In the 1911 Census he is Alfred John born in Great Yeldham, but that seems to be an error of his mother's place of birth having been incorrectly carried down the page of the census form. So we now know he was about 22 when he died. He served in the same battalion as Leonard Hughes and possibly enlisted in Newton at the same time as Leonard. Perhaps they fought together, dying within a month of one another. They are buried in the same cemetery and they lie six graves apart.

Finally, going back to Private Frederick Death, 10509, also mentioned last month, his battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment, the 2nd, was, at the time of his death, engaged in the fierce action centered around the village of Hooze. Not far from Hooze, on the road to Ypres, is the notorious Hellfire Corner, which was understood to be one of the most dangerous places on this part of the frontline. Hooze was completely destroyed and only a scattering of houses has been built since. It was probably about the size of Newton.

As always, if you have any more information about anyone mentioned in this article, particularly anything that would confirm the identity of John Holmes, please do get in touch by contacting Revd. Judith, email or letter only please, and she will pass it on to me. *Rufus Sweetman*, The Rectory, Boxford.

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Once again, thank you. *Eileen Mann* Partridge Close, Groton

Sir

Christmas Tree Festival

I am writing to say a big Thank You to all the local business people from Boxford who donated over 60 prizes for the Christmas raffle.

I was overwhelmed by your generosity and the many people who bought raffle tickets.

£315 was taken at my table which has gone towards the upkeep of our lovely church

Once again many thanks *Anne Kingsbury*

Sir

MAISIE TRICKER

Linda, Sheila and Lorraine would like to thank everyone for the many cards and messages of sympathy received on the sad loss of mum. We would also like to say thank you to all those who attended her funeral and for all the kind donations given in her memory which will be forwarded to E.A.C.H. Thanks also to Reverend Judith for all the kindness, care and support given to us at a very difficult time.

Once again thanks to you all.

Linda, Sheila and Lorraine.

Sir

I would like to thank the new owners of the Boxford Stores and the Post Office for allowing me to continue having the box in the store for the collection of used stamps which in turn goes to raise funds for St Elizabeth Hospital, this is very much appreciated. Also thanks to Rhona

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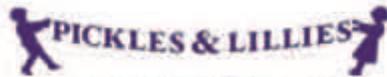
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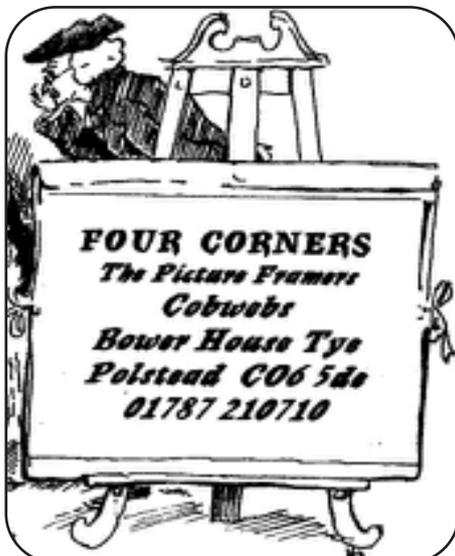
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NEWTON GOLF

NEWTON GREEN SENIORS HEADING FOR CENTURY

The membership of Newton Green Golf Club senior section for men is about to hit the 100 mark, it was reported at the group's annual meeting. Retiring captain Mike Barnes thanked members for supporting The Bridge Project during his year which, for the first time, had been a single charity effort with the club's male and female sections. A packed meeting included discussion on moving the seniors' day from mid- morning Tuesdays to early Monday mornings, but the proposition was narrowly defeated. The seniors will also continue to meet on Thursday mornings. New captain James Fraser announced he would be supporting the Kernos Centre in Sudbury, which specialises in offering professional counselling for people with emotional and personal problems. John Ford was elected vice captain. During the meeting Andrew Johnson outlined proposals to re-align the first hole in order to eliminate shots heading towards cottages to the right of the fairway.

NEWTON WOMEN AND GIRLS RECEIVE COUNTY RECOGNITION Newton Green's female friendly reputation has borne fruit with the club's women making an ever increasing impact on the affairs of Suffolk Ladies' County Golf Association.

The club has been conscious of the need to attract more girls and women into the game, and its inclusive policies have been paying dividends, says captain Sheila Walter.

She added: "As a result, for a number of years the number of women golfers at the club has been expanding, and we are delighted to be contributing at county level."

Now, former Newton ladies' captain Di Cunningham has been elected county secretary. With a handicap of 13, she is a member of the team that represents the club in the county's main inter club league contest, the Weston Trophy. She also plays in the Stearn knock-out team, and as a player and captain has been involved with Newton sides which have won the Cranworth Trophy.

Di follows onto the county committee fellow Newton member Rebecca Evans who a year ago became Suffolk's representative on the sports' national body England Golf.

Meanwhile, at the recent county annual meeting, Alice Barlow was awarded the Eva Harris Shield as junior golfer of the year, and named junior captain for 2016. During last season she won the county junior stroke and match play titles and the Suffolk girls' autumn meeting. She succeeds fellow Newton player Ellie Aldous as junior captain. Ellie was awarded her full county colours at the annual meeting, having won a number of matches during county golf week.

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